

Northwest Words

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We meet each first, third, and fifth Tuesday, 6:30 PM - Mayberry's, 50 Miller Street, Winston-Salem, NC

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Next Meeting is on

April 5, 2011

(Next Tuesday)

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The Mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which each member has the opportunity to develop and practice communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

Guests and New Members

Daniel Parker became our newest club member. This was the second meeting that Daniel attended as a guest and his first meeting as a member. Welcome!

Mark Your Calendar

The Division B International Speech & Table Topics Contests will be held on Saturday, April 16, at 1:00:00 PM. The location is the GMAC Insurance Building at 500 W Fifth Street in Winston-Salem.

Winners of the Division Contests will then compete at the District Spring Conference. The conference will be at the Embassy Suites at 201 Harrison Oaks Blvd in Research Triangle Park. The date is Friday May 13 through Sunday May 15.

School Daze

Take advantage of the soon to be announced Improved Communications Seminar. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a jump-start on your speaking skills. I have fond memories of my ICS days. Of course, things were a little different back then. In our class of '97 Marcia Barney would stand beside you as you spoke. Her wooden ruler always posed to crack knuckles if your hands were in the wrong position. Even worse was Butch calmly sitting there with that bucket and handful of marbles. Each filler word would cause him to drop a marble into the bucket.

But, I understand that while things aren't that strict anymore, the standards are just as high.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Davidson Wins Another

By Ace Reporter, Marcia Barney

Yes, our illustrious President has done it again. Brian Davidson has won another speech contest. This one was the Area 21 Table Topics Contest held on April 2 at Industries for the Blind. Brian's topic was "Describe the best day of your life" to which he responded "today."

Perhaps one of the reasons it was the best day of his life was that he was surrounded by 8 NWTM friends. Mark Perew was there representing us in the International Speech Contest and although he did not bring home the trophy, he made us proud. Craig Thrift, Area 21 Governor, was the Contest Chair and Marcia Barney was the Host Chair. Butch Barney was Chief Judge, Jeff Walker was a Judge. Pam Windley made sure we were all well fed (with help from Brian, Craig, Marcia, Elizabeth Stepp, Jeff, and Jessica), Steve Albon was Sgt.-at-Arms, Jessica Pockey was a Counter.

There were a number of last-minute changes due to illness, but the versatility of Northwestern Toastmasters made everything go smoothly.

Brian will next represent Area 21 in the Division B Contest on April 16 in Winston-Salem.

Why offer "A word to the wise" when it's the stupid that need it?

"Now and then we had a hope that if we lived and were good, God would permit us to be pirates." Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain

Why is it that all good things come to an end, but some mediocre things seem to last a very long time?

I didn't claw my way to the top of the food chain to eat roughage.

The Way it Was - March 29, 2011

By Pam Windley, Secretary



The business section was opened by Brian Davidson. The Treasurer, Marcia Barney, reported that all dues are in. The "Improved Communications Seminar", hosted by Marcia Barney and Lance Kull, is still in the planning stage.

Barbie Morgan, Toastmaster, began the educational portion of the meeting with "Do the Twist". Although the Twist was a dance created by Chubby Checkers, Barbie used it to describe a change in attitude and perception. Does it appear that life gave you lemons? Twist your thinking from negative to positive to see the opportunities hidden in the circumstance.

Brian Gravely, Wordmaster, introduced "accolade". An accolade is an award, honor, or an expression of praise. Accolades to Brian for selecting a word that can easily be incorporated into our daily vocabulary.

Elizabeth Stepp graciously "stepped" up and quickly put together Table Topic questions relating to the twist (the original Table Topics Master was absent). Pam Windley discussed a twist in life that brought her to the Pilot Mountain and the life outdoors. Christa Neuhauser answered a question about the effects of getting up to dance with Zumba. It revives not only the body but the mind as well. Jeff Walker spoke about learning something from the twists in life; especially how easy it is for bank reps to forget a promise of "no annual fees", after a year.

Steve Albon presented Project 5 from the Basic Manual on the differences between Eastern Orthodox Christianity and Western Christianity. Steve introduced us to his experience at St Anthanasuis in Isla Vista, CA and the traditions of the Eastern Orthodox Church Service.

Jessica Pockey presented Project 3 from the Basic Manual with "Pass It On". Jessica shared the importance of passing on talents and skills from one generation to another by describing how her grandmother took the time to teach her to quilt.

Chuck Wooten's "Voicemail...Love it or Hate it" was Project 4 from the Basic Manual. Chuck's speech gave us tips on voicemail etiquette.

Barbara Schanker led us in a simulated training class for Project 5 from the Communicating on Television Manual, "How to Pick the Right Cruise." It may have been a training speech, but I learned a lot about how to go about the overwhelming task of selecting a cruise.

Joel Schanker's speech, "The Debate of the Federal Budget", was from Basic Manual Project 5. From Joel's perspective, the right questions regarding government need to be addressed before the discussion regarding raising revenue and cutting programs can begin.

The General Evaluator of the evening was Brian Davidson. Brian reminded us that if the Toastmaster of the meeting is going to begin the educational section with an extended opening, then it would behoove the Toastmaster to have that opening evaluated as a prepared speech. Brian gave accolades to the evaluators this evening because they met with their speakers prior to the meeting and learned what the speaker was hoping to accomplish in their speech. Individual evaluations were performed by:

- ü Marcia Barney evaluated Steve Albon
- ü John Clark evaluated Jessica Pockey
- ü Elaine Wiles evaluated Chuck Wooten
- ü Butch Barney evaluated Barbara Schanker
- ü Mark Perew evaluated Joel Schanker

Florian Neuhauser served as the grammarian for this evening.

§ Pam Windley was voted the best Table Topics Speaker.

§ Mark Perew was voted the best Evaluator.

§ Jessica Pockey was voted the best Speaker.

Butch Barney closed the meeting with a story regarding the substitutes at the symphony.



Your tax-dollars at work.

Two Hispanic detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez. 'How was he killed?' asked one detective. 'With a golf gun,' the other detective replied. 'A golf gun! What is a golf gun?' The second detective replied 'I don't know. But it sure made a hole in Juan.'

The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

~~ Meeting Schedule ~~

Please Note: The Vice President of Education is continually adjusting the schedule to meet the requirements of the members. So, if you need to see the current schedule, contact our VP of ED (see the top of the newsletter for contact information.)

Member	04 / 05 / 2011	04 / 19 / 2011	05 / 03 / 2011	05 / 17 / 2011
Steve Albon		Speaker	Evaluator	Speaker
Don Barnett, AC-B	Speaker	Evaluator	Toastmaster	Vote Counter
Butch Barney, DTM	Evaluator			Speaker
Marcia Barney, DTM			Speaker	Evaluator
Diann Boyette	Timer	Table Topics	Joke Master	
Pam Christopher, DTM				
John Clark, DTM		General Evaluator		
Brian Davidson, DTM	Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker	
Brian Gravely	Speaker	Joke Master	Table Topics	
Scott Hill	Toastmaster			
Lance Kull, DTM	Vote Counter	Grammarian	Evaluator	
Barbie Morgan, AC-B	Evaluator	Speaker	Word Master	Joke Master
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Joke Master	Toastmaster	Speaker	Evaluator
Florian Neuhauser, CC	Speaker	Vote Counter	Evaluator	
Daniel Parker				
Mark Perew, DTM	Grammarian	Speaker		Word Master
Jessica Pockey	Evaluator	Word Master	Timer	Speaker
Barbara Schanker, AC-S			Evaluator	General Evaluator
Joel Schanker, DTM			General Evaluator	Evaluator
Elizabeth Stepp		Speaker	Evaluator	Timer
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	General Evaluator			Evaluator
Jeff Walker, CC	Evaluator	Speaker	Grammarian	Evaluator
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Word Master	Evaluator	Speaker	Table Topics
Nancy Wilson, CC				
Pam Windley	Speaker	Timer		Toastmaster
Chuck Wooton	Table Topics		Vote Counter	Speaker

Don't forget - March 1 is the Club level Table Topics Contest and March 15 is the Club level International Speech Contest.

Remember: All roles are important! If you can not attend the meeting, then contact our VP of Education.

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