

# 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

**May 3, 2011**

(Next Tuesday)

For More Information, call

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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

Our guest at the April 19 meeting was Mike Beach, brother of former NWTM President Peggy Beach. Mike is already a Toastmaster and is visiting clubs in North Carolina (District 37.)

## Your Horoscope

You may not be a wealthy man, or a rich man, or even a prosperous man, but then you do have a mastery of English-language synonyms

## District Spring Conference

The District 37 Spring Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites in Research Triangle Park. The dates are Friday, May 13 through Sunday May 15. For more information, contact any District Officer or go to the districts web site - [www.toastmasters-nc.org](http://www.toastmasters-nc.org).

## Some Riddles for you.

Answers are somewhere in the newsletter.

- 1) What is Santa's favorite pizza?
- 2) On which side do chickens have most feathers?
- 3) What kind of paper likes music?
- 4) What's white and goes up?
- 5) What do you call a woman who stands between two goal posts?
- 6) Did you hear about a man who bought a paper shop?
- 7) What's furry and minty?
- 8) How do snowmen get around?
- 9) Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?
- 10) What do you call a penguin in the Sahara desert?

## Improved Communications Seminar Will Begin May 3, 2011

Northwestern Toastmasters is offering an Improved Communications Seminar (ICS) beginning May 3. This 8-session workshop will run for 8 consecutive weeks from May 3 through June 21. During the 8 sessions each participant will make at least 3 prepared speeches, answer at least 2 impromptu questions, participate in at least 2 group discussions, give at least one evaluation, and receive training sessions on all major aspects of speaking. Five of the sessions will be in conjunction with our regular NWTM meetings, including the one on May 31 that is devoted exclusively to Evaluations. The other three will be held at another location.

Reservation forms for the workshop have been mailed to all Northwestern Toastmasters. The reservation form is also available on our web site - [www.NWTM.org](http://www.NWTM.org).

## Do you understand English?

The insurance was invalid for the invalid.  
There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.  
They were too close to the door to close it.  
The buck does funny things when the does are present.  
A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.  
To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.  
The wind was too strong to wind the sail.  
After a number of Novocain shots, my jaw got number.  
Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.  
I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.  
How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?  
I spent last evening evening out a pile of dirt.

The Way it Was - April 19, 2011

By P.Fantum, asst. Secretary  
President Brian Davidson



dispatched the business session with only a few important items of business: Welcoming guest Mike Beach, brother of former NWTM President Peggy Beach, and the appointment of the nominating committee. Immediate Past President Don Barnett will chair the committee with all NWTM DTMs as members of said committee. A slate of officers will be nominated at our May 3 meeting. Our Improved Communications Seminar will begin on May 3. All NWTM members who have not already participated in this seminar are expected to do so at no charge. Members are encouraged to invite others to participate in the program at a cost of \$25 per person.

Florian Neuhauser chose "Teamwork" as the theme of the meeting. This was Florian's last meeting with us for a while as he is moving to Ohio for a year. His performance as Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting was a reminder of why we will miss him! Jessica Pockey gave *edacious* as the Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Mark Perew gave topics to:

- Diann Boyette discussed challenges of teams that excel.
- Brian Davidson discussed communicating the mission of a team.
- Mike Beach discussed the "I" and "me" of teamwork.
- Brian Gravely made us think about teamwork.

Christa Neuhauser was the timer. Anyone who remembers to bring 4 AA batteries for our timer to the meeting on May 3 will be rewarded.

Prepared speeches were given by:

⇒ Steve Albon gave #6 from the Competent Communicator Manual. "Life with Roxie" was evaluated by Don Barnett.

⇒ Elizabeth Stepp gave #6 from her Competent Communicator Manual. "The Knock on the Door" was evaluated by Marcia Barney.

⇒ Jeff Walker gave #4 from his Advanced Entertaining Speaker Manual. "The Walker" was evaluated by Craig Thrift.

⇒ Butch Barney gave #2 from his Advanced Speaking to Inform Manual. "As We Venture Outside" was evaluated by Elaine Wiles.

John Clark served as General Evaluator, Brian Davidson was Grammarian, and Daniel Parker counted the votes. Brian Gravely told the Joke for the Day. Winners were:

- ü Best Table Topics Speaker - Brian Gravely
- ü Best Evaluator - Marcia Barney
- ü Best Speaker - Elizabeth Stepp

From the Wisdom of Will Rogers: After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him... The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

Things to think about

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

I discovered I scream the same way whether I'm about to be devoured by a great white shark or if a piece of seaweed touches my foot

Some cause happiness wherever they go.

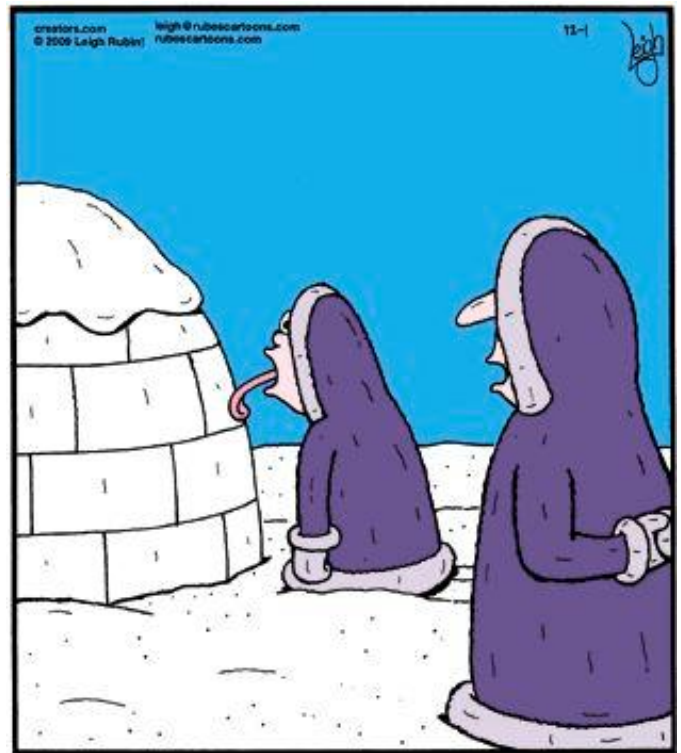
Others whenever they go.

There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.

I always take life with a grain of salt, plus a slice of lemon, and a shot of tequila.

When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water

You're never too old to learn something stupid.



"There are many words for snow in our language, son ... but only one for moron."

- 1) One that's deep pan, crisp and even
- 2) On the outside
- 3) (W)rapping paper
- 4) A confused snowflake
- 5) Annette
- 6) It blew away.
- 7) A polo bear
- 8) They ride an icicle
- 9) A mince spy!
- 10) Lost

~~ 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.)

Improved Communications Seminar runs from May 3 through June 21. See Lance Kull or Marcia Barney for role assignments on the non-regular (ir-regular?) meeting nights.

| Member                 | 05 / 03 / 2011    | 05 / 17 / 2011    | 05 / 31 / 2011    | 06 / 07 / 2011    |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Steve Albon            |                   | Speaker           |                   | Speaker           |
| Don Barnett, AC-B      | Toastmaster       | Vote Counter      | Grammarian        | Evaluator         |
| Butch Barney, DTM      | Table Topics      | Evaluator         | Toastmaster       | Toastmaster       |
| Marcia Barney, DTM     |                   | Table Topics      | Speaker           |                   |
| Diann Boyette          | Joke Master       | Speaker           | Word Master       | Speaker           |
| Pam Christopher, DTM   |                   | Evaluator         | Speaker           |                   |
| John Clark, DTM        | Evaluator         | Grammarian        |                   |                   |
| Brian Davidson, DTM    | Speaker           | Evaluator         | Speaker           | Vote Counter      |
| Brian Gravely          |                   | Speaker           | Evaluator         | Speaker           |
| Scott Hill             |                   |                   |                   | Evaluator         |
| Lance Kull, DTM        | Evaluator         |                   | General Evaluator | Evaluator         |
| Barbie Morgan, AC-B    | Word Master       | Joke Master       |                   |                   |
| Christa Neuhauser, CC  | Speaker           |                   |                   |                   |
| Florian Neuhauser, CC  |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Daniel Parker          | Speaker           | Speaker           | Evaluator         | Speaker           |
| Mark Perew, DTM        |                   | Word Master       | Evaluator         | Joke Master       |
| Jessica Pockey         | Timer             | Speaker           | Grammarian        | Evaluator         |
| Barbara Schanker, AC-S | Evaluator         | General Evaluator | Table Topics      | Word Master       |
| Joel Schanker, DTM     | General Evaluator | Evaluator         | Speaker           | Table Topics      |
| Elizabeth Stepp        | Evaluator         | Timer             | Vote Counter      | Speaker           |
| Craig Thrift, CC/CL    |                   | Evaluator         |                   | Grammarian        |
| Jeff Walker, CC        | Grammarian        |                   | Evaluator         | Evaluator         |
| Elaine Wiles, CC-G     |                   | Toastmaster       | Joke Master       | General Evaluator |
| Nancy Wilson, CC       |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Pam Windley            | Speaker           |                   | Evaluator         |                   |
| Chuck Wooton           | Vote Counter      | Speaker           |                   | Speaker           |

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

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