

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

OFFICERS for 2010-2011

Brian Davidson, DTM	President
Christa Neuhauser, CC	VP-Education
Jeff Walker, CC	VP-Membership
John Clark, DTM	VP-Public Relations
Pam Windley, CC	Secretary
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Next Meeting is on

May 31, 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.

Our New Member

Our newest Northwestern Toastmaster is Persida Tahiri. Persida joined us on May 17 and gave her Ice Breaker on May 24. Persida's Mentor is Marcia Barney. Welcome, Persida!

Your Horoscope

You're no art expert but you know what you like which explains all the meatball sandwiches hanging on your walls.

10 of 10 Once Again

Northwestern Toastmasters Club has once again achieved 10 of 10 DCP (Distinguished Club Plan) points exceeding the necessary requirements for President's Distinguished Club. Northwestern Toastmasters has received this honor each year in recent history (that means longer than any of us can remember.) We achieved our educational goals on May 3 when Pam Windley qualified for her Competent Communicator Award. We achieved our membership goals on May 17 when Persida Tahiri joined our club. Congratulations to President Brian Davidson, Vice-President of Education Christa Neuhauser and Vice President of Membership Jeff Walker for their outstanding leadership this year. Congratulations to all Northwestern Toastmasters for keeping us a great club!

Did you know that William Tell's family once bowled in a league sponsored by a merchant? Alas records have been lost so nobody knows for whom the Tell's bowl.

Elizabeth Stepp Receives CC Award

Elizabeth Stepp is Northwestern Toastmasters latest Competent Communicator. At the new Wells Fargo Club meeting the week of May 8 Elizabeth gave her 10th speech in the Competent Communicator manual. While few Northwestern Toastmasters got to share this milestone with Elizabeth, we will surely get to enjoy many more of her speeches as she progresses through the *Speaking to Inform* and *Storytelling* Advanced Communications manuals. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

The Way it was at ICS on May 24

Three interesting prepared speeches were delivered by:

- ü Persida Tahiri gave her Ice Breaker and was evaluated by Butch Barney.
- ü Gwen Brown gave her second speech titled "Basic Training for Life" and was evaluated by Don Barnett. Don's evaluation was evaluated by Craig Thrift.
- ü Brian Gravely gave #3 from the CC Manual titled "Technology and Stress." Elaine Wiles evaluated the speech and Butch Barney served as General Evaluator for Elaine's evaluation.

Joel Schanker was timer. Steve Albon participated in the discussion and the workshop. A lively Speech Language Group Discussion followed the prepared speech and evaluation session. Some of the many important points offered in the discussion are listed on page three. . Highlights from an "Introduce the Speaker" workshop, led by Marcia Barney are on page two.

There are three kinds of people - those who can count and those who can't.

The Way it Was - May 17, 2011

By Pam Windley CC, Secretary



Brian Davidson, President, opened the Business Session. In Officer Reports, the Treasurer, Marcia Barney, announced that Northwestern

Toastmasters has made the Presidential Distinguished Club for the 2010-2011 club year. In New Business, Mark Perew described his experience at the District 37 Spring Conference in Cary, NC last weekend. He encouraged others to attend the next conference, which will be held in Fayetteville, NC on Veteran's Day weekend this November.

This was the third Improved Communications Seminar in the series. Elaine Wiles was Toastmaster for the evening and focused on "Effective Listening", using project 2 of the Competent Communicator Manual for the structure of her speech. Good listening requires practice and focus. Listening is as important as speaking when communicating with others. Don Barnett evaluated Elaine.

Mark Perew was our Wordmaster, he introduced **apprehend**, meaning to understand what the speaker said. For example, She did not apprehend the significance of his speech until after the election. Other club members participating in tonight's meeting included John Clark as Grammarian, Elizabeth Stepp as Timer and Don Barnett as Vote Counter.

Table Topics were selected by Marcia Barney, who gave a brief lesson on "Use of Written Notes." Is speaking without note a goal for Diann Boyette? Diann described ways that she would try to wean herself from using notes. Elizabeth Stepp described how she prepares and uses notes for a speech. John Clark let us know how to keep speech notes from becoming the attention getter of a speech. Elizabeth Stepp was voted the best Table Topics speaker for the evening.

Steve Albon opened the prepared speech section with Project 7 from the Competent Communicator Manual, "Do No Harm". Steve told us how he learned to evaluate a situation before recommending a solution in his natural cleaning business. Pam Windley evaluated Steve.

Diann Boyette completed Project 2 from the Competent Communicator Manual with her speech on "Benefits of Yoga". Diann gave a brief history of yoga and the personal benefits she received from the practice of yoga. Barbie Morgan evaluated Diann.

Brian Gravely's speech, "Why the Arts Matter in Education: Work Ethic", was Project 3 from the Competent Communicator Manual. Brian told the tale of the daily activities of a drum corp during summer camp, using the technique of repetition in his speech to emphasize the repetition required of the musician to raise a performance from fair to extraordinary. Brian Davidson evaluated Brian.

Daniel Parker completed Project 2 from the Competent Communicator Manual with a speech titled. "Change in Film Technology". Daniel's speech gave a

history of film from reel to digital, discussing the benefits of each medium. Jeff Walker evaluated Daniel.

Jessica Pokey's, "I go to Dunkin' Donuts" was for Project 5 from the Competent Communicator manual. Jessica's speech describes a foray into the southern culture's focus on religion and how it is different from the culture of New England. Mark Perew evaluated Jessica.

The General Evaluator of the evening was Barbara Schanker. Barbara suggested choosing Table Topic speakers based on their role in the meeting. Members with minor or no role for the evening should be selected. Barbara also pointed out the order of the prepared speakers. The order of prepared speakers should be from the least experienced to the most experienced. John Clark was the grammarian for the evening.

~ Elizabeth Stepp was voted best Table Topic Speaker.

~ Mark Perew was voted best Evaluator.

~ Diann Boyette was voted the best Speaker.

Barbie Morgan closed the educational section with a story about a man and his missing his teeth.

After the conclusion of the education portion of the meeting, our President, Brian Davidson, opened the floor for the election of club officers. The Club Officers for Northwestern Toastmasters for 2011-2012 are:

President:	Christa Neuhauser
VP – Education:	Mark Perew
VP – Membership:	Jessica Pockey
VP – Public Relations:	John Clark
Secretary:	Elizabeth Stepp
Treasurer:	Marcia Barney
Sgt. at Arms:	Brian Gravely
Congratulations to all - Serve well.	

NWTM Mentor Program

Some of our members seem to have questions about the NWTM mentor program. Each new Toastmaster is assigned a mentor for 6 months when they join the club. After 6 months the two Toastmasters become "buddies." Most new members choose their mentor; however, some ask that an appropriate one be chosen for them. Mentors are experienced Toastmasters who have earned at least a CC Award.

ICS - "Introduce the Speaker" Key points - -

-Always write the Introduction of you as the speaker.

-Be honest, but don't be too modest.

-Keep the introduction brief. For a 5 - 10 minute speech the introductions should be 30 to 45 seconds.

-The purpose of an introduction is to build a bond between the speaker and the audience.

-Establish your credibility as a speaker on the subject when you write your introduction.

Most importantly answer the question: **Why this speaker, to this audience, on this subject at this time?**

~~ 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 / 31 / 2011	06 / 07 / 2011	06 / 21 / 2011	07 / 05 / 2011
Steve Albon		Speaker	Joke Master	Speaker
Don Barnett, AC-B	Grammarian			Speaker
Butch Barney, DTM	Speaker	Toastmaster	Evaluator	Joke Master
Marcia Barney, DTM	Toastmaster		General Evaluator	
Diann Boyette	Word Master	Speaker		Table Topics
Pam Christopher, DTM	Speaker			
John Clark, DTM	Evaluator			
Brian Davidson, DTM	Speaker	Vote Counter		Evaluator
Brian Gravely	Evaluator	Speaker	Table Topics	Grammarian
Scott Hill		Evaluator		Speaker
Lance Kull, DTM	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Evaluator	Word Master
Barbie Morgan, AC-B	Evaluator		Grammarian	General Evaluator
Christa Neuhauser, CC				Evaluator
Florian Neuhauser, CC				
Daniel Parker	Speaker	Speaker	Word Master	
Mark Perew, DTM	Evaluator	Joke Master		Speaker
Jessica Pockey	Grammarian	Evaluator	Toastmaster	
Barbara Schanker, AC-S	Table Topics	Word Master	Speaker	Evaluator
Joel Schanker, DTM	Speaker	Table Topics	Vote Counter	
Elizabeth Stepp	Vote Counter	Speaker	Evaluator	
Craig Thrift, CC/CL		Grammarian	Speaker	
Jeff Walker, CC	Evaluator	Evaluator		Toastmaster
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Joke Master	General Evaluator		Evaluator
Nancy Wilson, CC				
Pam Windley, CC	Evaluator	Speaker		Vote Counter
Chuck Wooton	Speaker		Evaluator	

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

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**ICS Speech Language Group Discussion**

- There is a great deal of difference between the written and the spoken word.
- The spoken word must be easily and quickly understood by the intended listeners.
- Know the strength of the words spoken.
- Get words in the correct order.
- Be aware of potential differences between what the speaker says and what the listeners may understand.
- Avoid jargon.
- Know your pronunciation limitations.
- In case of doubt, leave it out.
- Create good word patterns
- Only use as much detail as necessary to transmit your message.