

# 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

**June 7, 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.***

## Meeting Guest

Valerie Pruitt was our guest at the May 31st meeting. All of us hope that you enjoyed the meeting and were able to see how Toastmasters can have a positive impact of your life. We look forward to seeing you again.

## Your Horoscope

Be sure to choose your words carefully this week as you've only got about seven of them left.

## Polishing the Evaluations:

As the final step of our Probe into Evaluations on May 31 Northwestern Toastmasters offered many pointers to the 6 evaluators at our meeting. These pointers were based divided into "What We Liked" and "What We Would Like to see Improved": Here, thanks to Marcia Barney, are those lists.

### What We Liked:

Gave purpose of speech  
Encouraging  
Personalized language  
Descriptive phrasing  
"Had a wonderful time listening to the speech."  
Positive tone of voice  
Reviewed goals of project  
positive strokes  
Provided only a couple of major points to improve  
Offered specific areas for improvement  
High energy  
Focused on the speech, not the speaker  
Sincerity  
Stayed with the Speaker's needs

Talked to the speaker before speech  
Knew the speaker's goals  
Gave their reaction to speech

### What Needed Improvement:

Told speaker he/she was nervous  
"You did..." (accused)  
Humor at expense of speaker  
Misquoted speaker  
"It happened to me..."  
Personal stories based on evaluator's experience  
Overuse of word-of-the-day  
Judgmental  
"but that's okay..."  
No examples  
limited points for improvement  
"criticism"  
too nice  
referred to upbringing  
talked down to speaker  
condescending gestures

In the men's room at work, the boss placed a sign directly above the sink. It had a single word on it, "THINK!"

The next day, when he went to the men's room, he looked at the sign and right below it, immediately above the soap dispenser, someone had carefully lettered another sign which read, "THOAP!"

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I told my friend "This morning I waded across a raging river, escaped from a bear in the woods, marched up and down a mountain, stood in a patch of poison ivy, crawled out of quicksand and climbed up an enormous tree." My friend said, "you must be some outdoorsman!" I replied, "No - I'm just a lousy golfer."

The Way it Was - May 31, 2011

By Pam Windley CC, Secretary



The business section was opened by Jeff Walker, VP - Membership. Jeff led a brief and efficient business meeting. He introduced our guest, Valerie Pruitt. Jeff recognized John Clark, VP-Public Relations, who reminded the members that Northwestern Toastmasters meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, so the next meeting will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Mayberry's on Miller Street.

This was the fifth session of the Improved Communications Seminar. Marcia Barney was Toastmaster of the meeting with a focus on "Effective Evaluation". Evaluations are the key to building better speakers and leaders.

Diann Boyette, Wordmaster, introduced esoteric, meaning obscure or known to only a select few. Esoteric was used often during the remainder of the meeting. Other club members participating in tonight's meeting included Jessica Pokey as Grammarian, Steve Albon as Timer and Elizabeth Stepp as Vote Counter.

Table Topics were selected by Barbara Schanker, who asked questions regarding the speaker's personal response to evaluations received. Craig Thrift described the most valuable advice he received during evaluations. Elizabeth Stepp was asked what was the worst advice received during an evaluation. She had difficulty thinking of "bad" advice but not she has received some questionable fashion advice.

John Clark responded to the question of how he used evaluation advice in the universe outside of Toastmasters. Scott Hill said that listening and heeding the evaluation was an important part of the process to make evaluations meaningful. **John Clark** was voted the **Best Table Topics Speaker** for the evening.

Daniel Parker opened the prepared speech section with Project 3 from the Competent Communicator Manual, titled "Performance Enhancing Drugs in Major League Baseball". Daniel gave a three point position on why the homerun derby can not be fueled by steroids. Daniel was evaluated by Jeff Walker.

Chuck Wooten presented Project 5 from the Competent Communicator Manual which he titled "Body Language". Using the CC Manual as his starting point, Chuck's speech included anecdotes, gestures, and tips for effectively using body movements to enhance a speech. Pam Windley evaluated Chuck. The meeting returned to ICS mode with a project from the Speaking to Inform Manual presented by Butch Barney. Butch identified the roles of the evaluator as well as methods of evaluation. John Clark evaluated butch.

Pam Christopher addressed the importance of self-esteem in her presentation of Project 2 from the Competent Communicator Manual. Pam's speech pointed out the ways to improve self-esteem through body language and practice. She noted that the evalua-

tor can bolster self-esteem with honesty, recognizing strengths, avoiding value judgments, and providing positive direction. Pam was evaluated by Brian Gravely.

Brian Davidson presented Project 1 from the Public Relations Manual, which he titled "How to Effectively Evaluate". Brian defined the qualities of sincerity, focus on the individual project, use of qualifying statements, and evaluating the behavior, not the speaker. Scott Hill evaluated Brian.

Joel Schanker concluded the prepared speech section with Project 1 from the Speaking to Inform Manual which he titled "Helping the Helping Hand". Joel focused on the evaluation recipients behavior that would reap long term improvement. Those behaviors include acceptance of the advice, thoughtful speech preparation, participation, and responding to the evaluator. Joel was evaluated by Mark Perew. (Let it be known that **Joel Schanker** stayed within the estimated time for his speech, was eligible for the best speaker vote, and was voted **Best Prepared Speaker** for the evening.)

The General Evaluator for the evening was Lance Kull. Lance judged this speech-packed meeting efficient and smooth. Table Topic speakers, prepared speakers (with the exception of one), and evaluators kept within their allotted times. The Grammarian, Jessica Pokey, pointed out fillers of "um" or repeating the start of a sentence. These noted infractions are often used to give the speaker time to collect their thoughts. A pause of silence would be preferable and does not indicate lack of intelligence.

**Mark Perew** was voted the **Best Evaluator** of the evening. The Toastmaster concluded the Education section of the meeting with a group brainstorm session of the effective evaluation techniques and the useless points used by the evaluators this evening.

Joke Master, Brian Davidson, concluded the meeting with a story about a businessman and his faithful office manager. See you next Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

When the driver of a huge trailer lost control of his rig, he plowed into an empty tollbooth and smashed it to pieces. He climbed down from the wreckage and within a matter of minutes; a truck pulled up and discharged a crew of workers.

The men picked up each broken piece of the former tollbooth and spread some kind of creamy substance on it. Then they began fitting the pieces together. In less than a half hour, they had the entire tollbooth reconstructed and looking good as new.

"Astonishing!" the truck driver said to the crew chief. "What was the white stuff you used to get all the pieces together?" The crew chief said, "Oh, that was tollgate booth paste."

Alcohol may be man's worst enemy, but the Bible says to love your enemy.

## ~~ 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	06 / 07 / 2011	06 / 21 / 2011	07 / 05 / 2011	07 / 19 / 2011
Steve Albon	Speaker	Joke Master	Speaker	Evaluator
Don Barnett, AC-B			Speaker	General Evaluator
Butch Barney, DTM	Toastmaster	Evaluator	Joke Master	Speaker
Marcia Barney, DTM		General Evaluator		Evaluator
Diann Boyette	Speaker		Table Topics	Speaker
Pam Christopher, DTM				
John Clark, DTM	Timer			
Brian Davidson, DTM	Vote Counter		Evaluator	
Brian Gravely	Speaker	Table Topics	Grammarian	Timer
Scott Hill	Evaluator		Speaker	Grammarian
Lance Kull, DTM	Evaluator	Evaluator	Word Master	
Barbie Morgan, AC-B		Grammarian	General Evaluator	Speaker
Christa Neuhauser, CC			Evaluator	
Florian Neuhauser, CC				
Daniel Parker	Speaker	Word Master		Table Topics
Mark Perew, DTM	Joke Master		Speaker	Evaluator
Jessica Pockey	Evaluator	Toastmaster		Joke Master
Barbara Schanker, AC-S	Word Master	Speaker	Evaluator	
Joel Schanker, DTM	Table Topics	Vote Counter		Speaker
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Speaker	Evaluator	Timer	Toastmaster
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Grammarian	Speaker		Word Master
Jeff Walker, CC	Evaluator	Timer	Toastmaster	Vote Counter
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	General Evaluator		Evaluator	
Nancy Wilson, CC				
Pam Windley, CC	Speaker		Vote Counter	Evaluator
Chuck Wooton		Evaluator		

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

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A young clergyman, fresh out of seminary, thought it would help him better understand the fears and temptations his future congregations faced if he first took a job as a policeman for several months. He passed the physical examination; then came the oral exam to test his ability to act quickly and wisely in an emergency. Among other questions he was asked, "What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?" He thought for a moment and then replied, "I would take up a collection."

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A driver appeared in court on a charge of speeding. "I understand you were traveling at 65 mph in a 30 mph zone." said the judge. "That's not true." protested the driver. "I wasn't even doing 30, in fact I wasn't even doing 15, I was barely . . ."

"That's enough," interrupted the judge. "I'm going to hurry and fine you twenty dollars before you back into something."