

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
July 05, 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

Guests at our last meeting on June 21 were Jenny Patterson and Brian Bowles. All of us at Northwestern hope that you enjoyed your visit.

New Members

Our newest member is Jenny Patterson. Jenny joined after visiting at our last meeting. Welcome!

Your Horoscope

Your life has always resembled something out of a movie, which explains the scrolling end credits this week.

Our Masthead

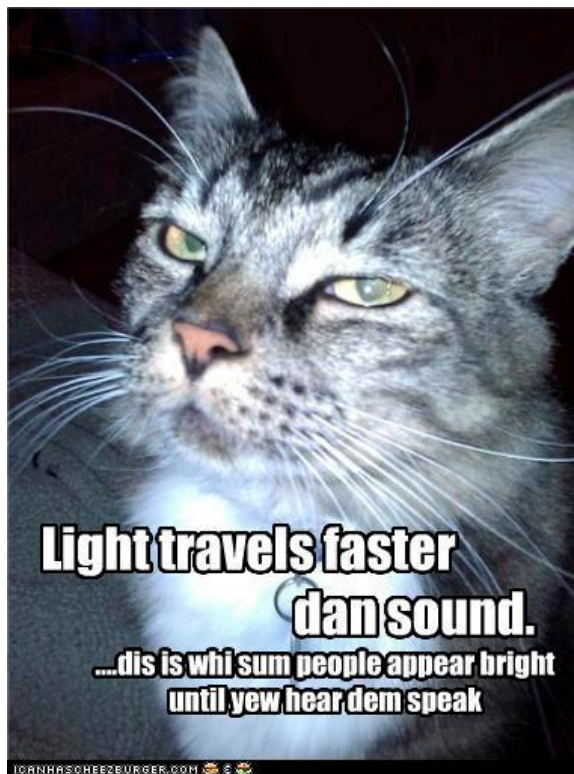
Take a look at our masthead and the names of our officers. By the next issue those names will have changed. At a recent meeting we elected new officers. At our next meeting, we will install those new officers.

Fun With Words

I've been to a lot of places but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've never been in Cognito either. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport. . You have to be driven there. I've made several trips.



From Icanhascheesburger.com

“Cogito eggo sum” – “I think, therefore I am a waffle.”

Everyone else my age is an adult, whereas I am merely in disguise.

The Way it Was - June 21, 2011



By Pam Wendley CC, Secretary

The business section was opened by President Brian Davidson with his usual flair. There were no Officer, Committee, or New Business Report. This is always a good sign that things are going well.

This was the final session of the Improved Communications Seminar. Jessica Pockey was Toastmaster for this meeting with a focus on "Graduation". Jessica's speech extended the typical notion of graduation from a completion of education to a movement through various life stages. Jessica was evaluated by Elizabeth Stepp. Pam Windley, Wordmaster, introduced the word sustainable, meaning capable of being continued. The word was used 3 times during the meeting. Other club members participating in tonight's meeting included Jeff Walker as Grammarian, Diann Boyette as Timer and Joel Schanker as Vote Counter.

Table Topics were led by Chuck Wooten, who asked questions regarding personal experiences in the senior year of high school. Elaine Wiles was asked to describe the best thing that happened her senior year of high school. Elaine was not able to name one specific event but described her overall experience. Elizabeth Stepp was asked about her career plans when she left high school. Elizabeth described the metamorphosis from the high school dream of journalism to the college experience that refined her career choice to communications. Jeff Walker recounted his first job after high school. The work in a cup and lid manufacturer's warehouse was great inspiration for success in the collegiate world. Joel Schanker was asked to discuss one thing he would have done differently during his high school year. Joel chronicled a legendary tale of revenge that landed the participants in hot water. **Joel Schanker** was voted the **Best Table Topics Speaker** for the evening.

Gwen Brown opened the prepared speech section with Project 3 from the Improved Communications Manual titled "How to Appeal Your Taxes". Gwen's informative speech outlined the records and process that are most effective for challenging the property value assigned by county officials. Gwen was evaluated by Butch Barney.

Craig Thrift presented Project 2 from the Specialty Manual titled "Yes I Can". Craig's inspiring speech recounted the drama of real people overcoming difficult circumstances. Craig was evaluated by Lance Kull.

Jessica Pokey, our Toastmaster of the meeting, was voted **Best Speaker** of the evening.

The General Evaluator for the evening was Marcia Barney. Marcia's general observations included the need to be aware when replying to e-mails. If the message is for all club members, use "reply all". If the message addresses a specific member, use "reply". Marcia also commented on the importance of using the Competent Leader Manual concurrently with the Competent Communicator Manual.

Jeff Walker addressed the specific grammatical errors of individual members. Not much gets past Jeff, so the kitties' coffers were stoked.

Elizabeth Stepp was voted the **Best Evaluator** of the evening. Joke Master, John Clark concluded the meeting with a story about a tardy Wal-Mart greeter.

From the Word Master

"Enormity" means "extreme evil", but it's often used to mean "enormousness". US President, George H.W. Bush missed this one when he said after being elected that he "Couldn't believe the enormity of the situation."

"Ultimate" is from the Latin and means the last in a list of items. But it's so widely used to indicate the best; that a google search for "ultimate phone" gives 307 million hits. I'd argue that the last phone has yet to be made. This is probably the most misused word on the Internet.

Five rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

Law of Probability – The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act

Law of Random Numbers – If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Law of the Alibi - If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters – The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theater and Hockey Arena – At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies, and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

The Coffee Law – As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

~~ 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	07 / 05 / 2011	07 / 19 / 2011	08 / 02 / 2011	08 / 16 / 2011
Steve Albon				
Don Barnett, AC-B	Speaker	General Evaluator	Evaluator	
Butch Barney, DTM	Joke Master	Speaker	Evaluator	Vote Counter
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Evaluator		Speaker
Diann Boyette	Table Topics	Speaker	Grammarian	Evaluator
Pam Christopher, DTM				
John Clark, DTM		Evaluator		
Brian Davidson, DTM	Evaluator		Speaker	General Evaluator
Brian Gravely	Grammarian	Timer	Toastmaster	Word Master
Scott Hill				
Lance Kull, DTM	Word Master	Grammarian	Joke Master	Evaluator
Barbie Morgan, AC-B			Evaluator	Speaker
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Evaluator			Speaker
Florian Neuhauser, CC				
Daniel Parker	Speaker	Table Topics	Speaker	Grammarian
Jenny Patterson				
Mark Perew, DTM		Speaker	Timer	Toastmaster
Jessica Pockey	Speaker	Joke Master	Speaker	Vote Counter
Barbara Schanker, AC-S		Evaluator		Speaker
Joel Schanker, DTM				Evaluator
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Timer	Toastmaster	Speaker	
Persida Tahari		Word Master	Vote Counter	Timer
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	General Evaluator		Evaluator	
Jeff Walker, CC	Toastmaster	Vote Counter	Word Master	Evaluator
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Evaluator	Speaker		Table Topics
Nancy Wilson, CC				
Pam Windley, CC	Vote Counter	Evaluator	General Evaluator	
Chuck Wooton	Speaker		Table Topics	Joke Master

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

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