

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 19, 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 Masthead

Take a look at our masthead and the names of our officers. These are the officers that will be serving us for the next year. All of these individuals have agreed to take the responsibility of serving in these offices. As members of Northwestern Toastmasters, we have two responsibilities involving these officers: To help these officers carry out their responsibility AND to make sure that these officers fulfill their responsibility.

Your Horoscope

All the evidence will soon point to you, as will all of the witnesses, each and every one of the jurors and most of the screaming chimpanzees.

Fun with Words

Camper: Look at that bunch of cows.
Farmer: Not bunch, herd.
Camper: Heard what?
Farmer: of cows.
Camper: Sure, I've heard of cows.
Farmer: No, I mean a cowherd.
Camper: So what? I have no secrets from cows!

After searching for a particular book on dinosaurs in the science section of our bookstore without luck, a customer went to the help desk and explained that she was looking for a book about a specific type of dinosaur. She showed the clerk a slip of paper with the name of the dinosaur - *Thesaurus*.

The same help desk person refused to tell a customer where the section on self-help was located. She claimed that doing so would negate the book.

Is this you?



Mis-Used Words

"Refute" means to "disprove with evidence" and yet it's commonly used, even by professional writers, to mean "rebut" which carries a similar meaning but isn't quite so strong, as it can also mean "argue against."

Working on the CL Manual?

If you are working in the CL manual (and if you are not, then why not?) talk with our Vice President of Public Relations, John Clark. He can always use help and that help will get you credit for helping with the newsletter (Northwest Words) or our web site, or both. John claims that the work is not difficult and it is mostly painless.

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "If an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR"

The Way it Was - July 5, 2011

By P.Fantum, asst. Secretary



Our well-seasoned President Brian Davidson opened the meeting, conducted the Business Session with his usual expediency, then called Past International Director Butch Barney to the lectern to install the 2011-12 officers. After getting strong commitments from Christa, Mark, Jessica, John (in absentia), Elizabeth, Marcia, and Brian G. to insure that Northwestern Toastmasters flourish during the coming year Christa took the reigns of our club for the coming year.

Jeff Walker, as Toastmaster-for-the-Evening, chose "Transitions" as the theme for the meeting. After some astute comments about the theme he called Wordmaster Joel Schanker to introduce a new word for our vocabularies. Diann Boyette led the impromptu speaking session and gave Table Topics to Mark Perew, Pam Christopher, and Marcia Barney. Elizabeth Stepp timed the proceedings.

Prepared speakers for the evening were:

ü Dan Parker gave #4 from his Competent Communicator Manual titled "Online Social Networking." The speech was evaluated by Brian Davidson.

ü Chuck Wooten gave #6 from his CC manual. His "Problem Solvers" was evaluated by Christa Neuhauser.

ü Jessica Pockey gave #8 from her CC manual. "Variety Vacation Land" ended with a tasty morsel for all and was evaluated by Elaine Wiles.

Craig Thrift served as General Evaluator and Brian Gravely was the Grammarian. Pam Windley announced the winners for the evening:

- Best Table Topic Speaker - Pam Christopher
- Best Evaluator - Brian Davidson
- Best Speaker - Jessica Pockey

After hearing interesting comments from our guests, Jessica's father-in-law and Achal Shah, we were entertained with a Joke from Butch Barney.

Smile

People are always smiling, especially in groups, but it doesn't just signal that they're happy, far from it. We use smiles for specific social purposes because they can send out all sorts of signals that can be useful for us. Over the next few issues, we will look at the way smiles can be used to our advantage by sending out messages about our trustworthiness, attractivity, sociability and more.

1. In a world where everyone is out for themselves, who should we trust? One signal that suggests we are trustworthy is a smile. Genuine smiles send a message that other people can trust and cooperate with us. People who smile are rated higher in both generosity and extraversion and when people share with each other they tend to display genuine smiles Economists even consider that smiles have a value. In one study by Scharlemann et al. participants were more likely to trust another person if they were smiling. This study found that a smile increased people's willingness to trust by about 10%.

Immutable Truths

Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible spot.

Murphy's Law of Lockers – If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

Oliver's Law of Public Speaking - A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Wilson 's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Bus Travel - A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are in it.

While on maneuvers, we came upon a stranded Humvee under the command of a lieutenant. The officer was gone, but his driver told us the engine had quit on them. We took a look and determined they had run out of gas. "Where's the Lieutenant?" I asked.

The driver responded "He drove off to get help in the fuel truck that was following us."

My husband is Irish and I'm Scottish, so communication problems abound. One evening, he switched on an old film as left the room. When I returned, I recognized one of the actors.

"Is that Stallone?" I asked. "It only just started," he snapped back.

I love sleep. My life has the tendency to fall apart when I'm awake. - Ernest Hemingway

No day is so bad it can't be fixed with a nap. - Carrie Snow

Never pass up a nap. - Sammy (5 years old)

~~ 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 / 19 / 2011	08 / 02 / 2011	08 / 16 / 2011	08 / 30 / 2011
Steve Albon				
Don Barnett, AC-B	General Evaluator			Vote Counter
Butch Barney, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator		Table Topics
Marcia Barney, DTM		Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator
Diann Boyette		Grammarian	Evaluator	Timer
Pam Christopher, DTM				
John Clark, DTM	Evaluator			
Brian Davidson, DTM		Speaker	General Evaluator	
Brian Gravely	Timer	Toastmaster	Word Master	Speaker
Scott Hill				
Lance Kull, DTM		Joke Master	Evaluator	Toast Master
Barbie Morgan, AC-B		Evaluator	Speaker	General Evaluator
Christa Neuhauser, CC			Speaker	Evaluator
Florian Neuhauser, CC				
Daniel Parker	Table Topics	Speaker	Grammarian	
Jenny Patterson		Speaker		
Mark Perew, DTM	Speaker	Timer	Toastmaster	Grammarian
Jessica Pockey	Joke Master		Vote Counter	Evaluator
Barbara Schanker, AC-S	Evaluator		Speaker	
Joel Schanker, DTM	Grammarian		Evaluator	Speaker
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Toastmaster	Speaker		
Persida Tahari	Word Master	Vote Counter	Timer	Speaker
Craig Thrift, CC/CL		Evaluator	Joke Master	Word Master
Jeff Walker, CC	Vote Counter	Word Master	Evaluator	Speaker
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Speaker		Table Topics	Evaluator
Nancy Wilson, CC				
Pam Windley, CC	Evaluator	General Evaluator		
Chuck Wooton	Evaluator	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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