

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

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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.

Mark Your Calendar

Our club Evaluation Contest and Humorous Speech Contest will be September 6th. This allows time for the Area 51 (yes, that's our new area) contest tentatively scheduled for October 1st. There is no date yet for the Division E (yes, that's our new division) and the District Fall Conference, including the contests, will be November 11 - 13 in Fayetteville, NC.

The 2010-2011 Contest Rulebook can be downloaded from www.toastmasters.org/rulebook.aspx. As soon as the new rulebook is available, Mark Perew VP Education will give us the new link. However, last year's rules will should not be greatly changed this year.

Your Horoscope

The average human adult has a total of 32 teeth. Look behind the couch, beneath the coffee table and inside the dryer for the remaining 12 or so.

Fun With Words

Three men, Mr. White, Mr. Brown and Mr. Green, were in the habit of meeting in a local doughnut shop every morning for coffee and doughnuts. One morning as they were sitting at their usual table, Mr. White remarked, "Hey, will you look at that. We're each wearing a colored baseball cap today."

One white cap, one brown cap, and one green cap. But interestingly, no one was wearing a cap of the color that matches his name. At this, the guy wearing the green cap says, "Oh don't be silly, that doesn't mean anything, it's just coincidence. Shut up and eat your doughnut."

The question is: What color cap is each man wearing? At first it doesn't seem like it, but you have all the information you need to solve this puzzle. The answer will be in the next issue of Northwest Words. OR - be the first to give the correct answer to our editor and win a Grammarian Pass Card.

Help others get ahead. You will always stand taller with someone else on your shoulders. - Bob Moawd

The truth is that there is nothing noble in being superior to somebody else. The only real nobility is in being superior to your former self. - Whitney Young

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to sky dive twice.

Will Rogers said "I never met a man I didn't like." But then he never had to call Tech Support.

TIME is precious..

Waste it wisely

Life is a great big canvas; throw all the paint on it that you can. - Danny Kaye

The Way it Was - July 19, 2011

By Elizabeth Stepp, CC. Secretary



The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. with Mark Perew as Presiding Officer. He asked Jeff Walker to provide an update from the Distinguished Club Committee. Jeff noted the number of Competent Communicators, Advanced awards and members needed for the club to win Distinguished Club again this year.

The meeting continued with Elizabeth Stepp as Toastmaster of the evening. The theme was "Magic." As the Wordmaster, Marcia Barney provided the word of the evening: **conversant**, which means familiar with a topic.

Daniel Parker hosted Table Topics, asking Brian Gravely to tell us about an incidence of magic in his life, Jeff Walker to tell us what object brought him the most good luck, and Chuck Wooten to discuss how often he pulls a 'rabbit out of a hat.'

During the prepared speeches, Elizabeth used the first speech guide from the Speaking to Inform manual as she told a magical story about knowing when was the right time, who was the right one to focus on, and what the right thing was. She then asked members to think about magic as it presented itself in their lives, whether through a great story a friend tells or through the extraordinary.

Mark Perew gave a speech from the Leadership Excellence Series, entitled, "Value and Leadership," encouraging everyone in the room to participate in the speech. He reminded us that values are fundamental beliefs and ideals and those values can affect an organization, not just people. He challenged all members present to consider their values, write them down, discuss them with others, and then live according to those values.

Butch Barney told the story about Pestigo, the small town close to Chicago that burned on the same day as Chicago, Sunday, October 8, 1871. He shared how the drought had stricken the area, consumed the banks of the river, boiled the horses' water trough water and in general, caused the deaths of almost every living thing in the town. Butch used speech guide three from the basic manual.

Joel Schanker told a story about the links in his life that brought him and Barbara to work with kids, even though he's not particularly fond of kids. Along the way, he realized that these blind kids traded their sight for insight and asked each of us to be open to the links that life provides us. This was Joel's speech number eight from the basic manual.

During the evaluation session, lead by General Evaluator Don Barnett, John Clark evaluated Elizabeth; Barbara Schanker evaluated Mark; Scott Hill evaluated Joel; and Chuck evaluated Butch. Grammarian Craig Thrift helped the club understand the finer points of the spoken English grammar, but reminded the group that their conscious should be their guide when it came to paying their fines for misspeaking.

Brian Gravely was named the winner of Table Topics. Butch Barney won for best speech. John Clark won for best evaluation.

Mark led the group in an agenda review for the next meeting and asked Brian Davidson close the meeting with a joke.

Smile

In the last issue we talked about people always smiling, especially in groups, but it doesn't just signal that they're happy, far from it. Here are more reasons for similes. Stay tuned our next issue will have more reasons.

2. Smile for leniency - When people do bad things they often smile when they are caught. Is this to their benefit? According to a study conducted by LaFrance and Hecht, it can be. We treat people who've broken the rules with more leniency if they smile afterwards. It doesn't matter whether it's a false smile, a miserable smile or a real felt smile, they all work to make us want to give the transgressor a break.

This seems to work because we find people who smile after breaking the rules more trustworthy than those who don't.

3. Recover from social slip-ups - Did you forget to buy your partner an anniversary present? Has an important client's name slipped your mind? Have you accidentally kicked a small child? If you've tripped on a social banana, embarrassment is your go-to emotion. The function of embarrassment is to get us out of tight social spots. The embarrassed smiles we display involve looking down and sometimes we emit a silly little laugh. This is designed to elicit fellow-feeling from other people so they think less of the slip and forgive us more quickly. So the embarrassed smile helps us get out of jail free(ish). Once again, the power of a smile.

4. Because otherwise I'll feel bad - Sometimes we smile both because it's polite and so that we can avoid feeling bad afterwards. Like when someone enthuses about how they saved a small amount of money with a coupon they found down the back of the sofa. It hardly seems to warrant a smile but you muster one anyway because it's polite. In one study people were asked to remain stony-faced after hearing someone else's good news. They felt bad afterwards and thought the other person would think worse of them as a result. So we nod and smile politely because otherwise we'll regret it afterwards. Women, though, seem to feel this pressure to smile at the happy news of others more than men.

A funny story circulated recently about Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of the fictional detective Sherlock Holmes. Doyle evidently told of a time when he climbed into a taxicab in Paris. Before he could utter a word, the driver turned to him and asked, "Where can I take you, Mr. Doyle?"

Doyle was flabbergasted. He asked the driver if he had ever seen him before. "No, sir," the driver responded, "I have never seen you before."

Then he explained, "This morning's paper had a story about you being on vacation in Marseilles. This is the taxi stand where people who return from Marseilles always come. Your skin color tells me you have been on vacation. The inkspot on your right index finger suggests to me that you are a writer. Your clothing is very English, not French. Adding up all those pieces of information, I deduced that you are Sir Arthur Conan Doyle."

"This is truly amazing!" the writer exclaimed. "You are a real-life counterpart to my fictional creation, Sherlock Holmes!" "There is one more thing," the driver said.

"What is that?" asked Mr. Doyle. "Your name is on the front of your suitcase."

~~ 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	08 / 02 / 2011	08 / 16 / 2011	08 / 30 / 2011	09 / 06 / 2011
Steve Albon				
Don Barnett, AC-B			Vote Counter	
Butch Barney, DTM	Evaluator		Table Topics	
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator	Toastmaster
Diann Boyette	Grammarian	Evaluator	Timer	
Pam Christopher, DTM				
John Clark, DTM				
Brian Davidson, DTM	Speaker	General Evaluator	Grammarian	
Brian Gravely	Toastmaster	Word Master	Speaker	
Scott Hill				
Lance Kull, DTM	Joke Master	Evaluator	Toastmaster	
Barbie Morgan, AC-B	Evaluator	Speaker	General Evaluator	
Christa Neuhauser, CC		Speaker	Evaluator	
Florian Neuhauser, CC				
Daniel Parker		Grammarian		
Jenny Patterson	Speaker			
Mark Perew, DTM	Timer	Toastmaster		
Jessica Pockey		Vote Counter	Evaluator	
Barbara Schanker, AC-S	General Evaluator	Speaker	Joke Master	
Joel Schanker, DTM		Evaluator	Speaker	
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Speaker		Evaluator	
Persida Tahari	Vote Counter	Timer	Speaker	
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator	Joke Master	Word Master	
Jeff Walker, CC	Word Master	Evaluator	Speaker	
Elaine Wiles, CC-G		Table Topics		
Nancy Wilson, CC				
Pam Windley, CC				
Chuck Wooton	Table Topics			

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

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