

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 2011-201

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Next Meeting is on

August 30, 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.

New Members

Piyush Gupta has been a guest at our last few meetings. He has now changed his status to Member. Piyush - welcome to Northwestern Toastmasters.

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

While it's true that every person has a price, yours is the only one clearly labeled at the top of that waffle menu.

Make an Impression

Paddy has a big gash on his head, so he goes to the doctor to have it checked out. "That's a big slash cut on your head. How did that happen?" Asked the doctor. "Well you see, it's like this", says Paddy. "Me wife hit me on the head with some tomatoes." "Be Golly, that's incredible," says the doctor, "I can't imagine how any tomatoes would make a cut like that." "Sure they were still in the can," replied Paddy.

Help our VP of Education

When you are scheduled to be a speaker please do two things. The first is to let our Vice President of Education (also known as the man who prints the programs) the title of your speech, the time you are requesting and the manual from which you are speaking. This will allow him to create and print that information in the program. Oh! The second thing is to send the Toastmaster of the Meeting a copy of your introduction. This is for your own safety. If you don't provide guidance, you might wind up with an introduction like this "Our next speaker needs no introduction and that is exactly what he/she/it gets."

Did You Know?

Artifacts are a major portion of an Indian reservation's economy. Annually, thousands of tourists visit reservations, and most will not leave without purchasing at least one memento of the traditional Indian culture.

One enterprising Indian was able to outsell his competitors in the sale of wooden dolls by selling them at only a fraction of the cost others had to charge. Upon examining his dolls, they found that where hard wood was traditionally used, this Indian would use cheap pine on which he glued thin pieces of fine mahogany, thus being able to produce the dolls at only a fraction of the cost.

While he claimed his dolls were still authentic, his competitors complained that they were only Cheap Sioux Veneers.

My three unwritten rules -

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The Way it Was - August 16, 2011

By Elizabeth Stepp, CC. Secretary



The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. with President Christa Neuhauser asking for any officer reports. Vice President of Education Mark Perew noted that the

humorous speech contest and the evaluation contest would be held in three weeks and all Toastmasters should consider participating. During the Treasurer's Report, Marcia noted that semi-annual dues of \$40.50 are due now. Christa also welcomed guests Piyush Gupta and Harriet Clark to the meeting.

The meeting continued with Mark Perew as Toastmaster of the evening. The theme was "Excellence." Mark gave the "Delegate to Empower" speech from the Leadership Excellence Module, which defines delegating as the process of transferring the task to someone else and empowering them to do the task. He noted five benefits of delegation:

- 1) Allows team members to become more involved
- 2) Increases productivity while decreasing costs
- 3) Provides for more innovation, i.e., more ideas
- 4) Makes the task or project more effective
- 5) Increases commitment of team members

As the Wordmaster, Brian Gravely provided the word of the evening: herald, which means one that proclaims news or an official messenger. Elaine Wiles hosted Table Topics, asking Daniel to share whether he thought the word "excellent" was a legitimate word, Brian Gravely to tell us what qualities an excellent employee possesses, and Brian Davidson to explain what he thinks is an excellent job at cleaning the bathroom.

During the prepared speeches, Christa gave speech #5 from the Public Relations manual, entitled, "Shell Gannett-Alpha Platform Spill." Christa effectively addressed the issue and handled the "press" in the room quite well.

Marcia Barney gave speech #10 from the Competent Communications manual, entitled, "Dance Lessons." Throughout the speech, Marcia gave tips on life that she'd learned through ballroom dancing, including such gems as 'All glory comes from daring to begin' to 'Never be the weakest link' to 'Personality and creativity makes the difference.'

John Clark gave speech #8 from the Competent Communications manual, entitled, "Name that Note." He spoke about his love for Veronica, his B flat clarinet, and even performed a bit of "When the Saints Go Marching In" for the club.

During the evaluation session, lead by General Evaluator Brian Davidson, Jeff Walker evaluated Christa, Jessica Pockey evaluated Marcia, and Butch Barney evaluated John. Grammarian Daniel Parker helped the club understand the finer points of the spoken English grammar.

Brian Gravely was named the winner of Table Topics, John Clark won for best speech, and Jessica Pockey won for best evaluation.

During announcements, Mark noted that with the introduction of the new Toastmasters branding materials, we would be moving to a new agenda template for the next meeting.

(The Way it Was, continued)

Christa led the group in an agenda review for the next meeting and asked Elizabeth Stepp to close the meeting with a joke.

Dues Are Due

Your semi-annual Northwestern Toastmasters dues are due. Please bring a check or cash in the amount of \$40.50 to the August 16 meeting. If you would like to mail a check for said dues, please make it payable to "Northwestern Toastmasters" and mail it to Marcia Barney, 3501 Lakefield Court, Clemmons, NC 27012.

Questions Asked to Small Children

What's the difference between moms & dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them
3. Dads are taller & stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. My Mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did Mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my Mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

~~ 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.)

Club Evaluation Contest and Humorous Speech Contest will be September 6th

Member	08 / 30 / 2011	09 / 06 / 2011	09 / 20 / 2011	10 / 04 / 2011
Steve Albon				
Don Barnett, AC-B			Table Topics	Speaker
Butch Barney, DTM		Chief Judge		Timer
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator	TM of Contest		Vote Counter
Diann Boyette	Timer		Speaker	Evaluator
Pam Christopher, DTM			Speaker	Evaluator
John Clark, DTM	Table Topics		Evaluator	
Brian Davidson, DTM	Grammarian		Toastmaster	Table Topics
Brian Gravely	Speaker		Evaluator	
Piyush Gupta				
Scott Hill			Word Master	Evaluator
Lance Kull, DTM				
Barbie Morgan, AC-B				
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Evaluator			
Florian Neuhauser, CC				
Daniel Parker	Speaker		Joke Master	Evaluator
Jenny Patterson	Vote Counter		Timer	Word Master
Mark Perew, DTM			Grammarian	General Evaluator
Jessica Pockey	Evaluator			Speaker
Barbara Schanker, AC-S	Speaker		Evaluator	
Joel Schanker, DTM	Toastmaster			Grammarian
Kristin Schokett				
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	General Evaluator			
Persida Tahari				
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Word Master		Speaker	
Jeff Walker, CC	Joke Master		General Evaluator	Joke Master
Elaine Wiles, CC-G			Evaluator	Speaker
Nancy Wilson, CC				
Pam Windley, CC				
Chuck Wooton			Joke Master	Toastmaster

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

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