

# 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 2011-2012

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Our Next Meeting will be on  
**September 6, 2011**  
(Next Tuesday)

For More Information, call  
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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 current Contest Rulebook can be downloaded from the link shown at the bottom of page 3. (You will need to sign in as a member first.)

## Your Horoscope

The good news is that you are dyslexic. The bad news, however, is that you switched the good news and the bad news around.

## Think About These

- The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
- If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
- A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
- How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
- Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
- Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

## Today's Question

How many Toastmasters does it take to conduct a meeting? I have my opinion and, hopefully it will never be a problem at Northwestern. But the question still remains. E-mail your answer, as well as your reasoning to the editor and the best answers will be published in a future issue of this amazing newsletter.

## Did You Know?



- Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.
- No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
- There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
- There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 AM. It could be a right number.

The Way it Was - August 30, 2011

By Elizabeth Stepp, CC. Secretary



The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. with President Christa Neuhauser pointing out that the club was using the new agenda template and asking for any officer reports.

John Clark, stepping in for Marcia Barney, reminded everyone that dues of \$40.50 are now due and checks should be made to "Northwestern Toastmasters." Vice President of Education Mark Perew asked the club for feedback on the new template and reminded the group of next week's humorous speech contest and the evaluation contest. He asked everyone to consider participating.

The meeting continued with Joel Schanker as Toastmaster of the evening. The theme was "I Love New York." Joel told the group about why he loved New York, including the knish at Coney Island, New Yorker's compliments of "it hasn't killed me yet," and the performance artists who have to audition for subway locations.

As the Wordmaster, Craig Thrift provided the word of the evening: feckless, which means careless or irresponsible. John Clark hosted Table Topics, asking Mark what part of New York City he loved and why, Kristen Schockett to tell us why anyone would not love New York City, Craig how anyone can love an object like New York City, and Piyush Gupta to explain what other city could be as great as New York.

During the prepared speeches, Brian Gravely gave speech #7 from the Competent Communication manual, entitled, "Top 5 Reasons I Hate NYC." His reasons were:

- 1) Congestion
2) Hype
3) Weather
4) Cost
5) NYC doesn't like you

Barbara Schanker gave speech #1 from the Public Relations manual, entitled, "Toastmasters International." Barbara postulated that the club may be misnamed and suggested that we consider, instead, "Communicators International."

During the evaluation session, lead by General Evaluator Elizabeth Stepp, Christa evaluated Brian and Jessica Pockey evaluated Barbara. Grammarian Mark Perew helped the club understand the finer points of the spoken English grammar.

Kristen was named the winner of Table Topics, Brian won for best speech, and Jessica Pockey won for best evaluation. During announcements, Mark reminded the club again that the fall contest is next week and that the contest rules are in the newsletter.

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

'Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain.'

A photographer was great at botany because he knew photosynthesis.

Dues Are Due - LAST CALL

Your semi-annual Northwestern Toastmasters dues are due. Please bring a check or cash in the amount of \$40.50 to the September 6 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

Why did God make mothers?

- 1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

- 1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did your mom marry your dad?

- 1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my Mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that Mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

- 1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

- 1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

Health Warning

When you drink Vodka over ice, it can give you kidney failure,

When you drink Rum over ice, it can give you liver failure,
When you drink whiskey over ice, it can give you heart problems,

When you drink Gin over ice, it can give you brain problems.
Apparently, ice is bad for you. - Warn all your friends

At a wedding party recently someone yelled, "All the married men please stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living." The bartender was crushed to death.

Procrastination - The art of keeping up with yesterday.

~~ 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.)

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Member	09 / 06 / 2011	09 / 20 / 2011	10 / 04 / 2011	10 / 18 / 2011
Steve Albon				
Don Barnett, AC-B		Table Topics		Evaluator
Butch Barney, DTM	Chief Judge		Timer	Grammarian
Marcia Barney, DTM	TM of Contest		Vote Counter	Joke Master
Diann Boyette				
Pam Christopher, DTM		Speaker	Evaluator	Table Topics
John Clark, DTM		Evaluator		
Brian Davidson, DTM		Toastmaster	Table Topics	Speaker
Brian Gravely		Evaluator		
Piyush Gupta			Speaker	Timer
Scott Hill		Word Master	Evaluator	Speaker
Lance Kull, DTM				
Barbie Morgan, AC-B				
Christa Neuhauser, CC				Evaluator
Florian Neuhauser, CC				
Daniel Parker		Speaker	Evaluator	
Jenny Patterson	Speaker (target)	Timer	Word Master	
Mark Perew, DTM		Grammarian	General Evaluator	Evaluator
Jessica Pockey			Speaker	General Evaluator
Barbara Schanker, AC-S		Evaluator		
Joel Schanker, DTM	Eval		Grammarian	Evaluator
Kristin Schokett			Speaker	Vote Counter
Elizabeth Stepp, CC			Evaluator	Speaker
Persida Tahari				
Craig Thrift, CC/CL		Speaker		Toastmaster
Jeff Walker, CC	Eval & Humor	General Evaluator	Joke Master	Evaluator
Elaine Wiles, CC-G		Evaluator	Speaker	
Nancy Wilson, CC				
Pam Windley, CC				
Chuck Wooton		Joke Master	Toastmaster	Speaker

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

Link to speech contest materials is - -

[www.toastmasters.org/MainMenuCategories/Shop/SpeechContestMaterials/AdditionalMaterials/1171DCD.aspx](http://www.toastmasters.org/MainMenuCategories/Shop/SpeechContestMaterials/AdditionalMaterials/1171DCD.aspx).

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