

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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Our Next Meeting will be on
September 20, 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.

Mark Your Calendar

by Mark Perew, VP/ED

October 1	Area 51 Contest
TBD	Division E Contest
November 1	District Conference

These contests are a great way to meet other Toastmasters and, at the same time, hear some great speeches and evaluations.

Your Horoscope

Sometimes it is best to simply let events unfold. However, doing so for the last 25 years was probably a mistake.

Think About This

The maharajah of an Indian Province issued a royal decree. He ordered that no one was to kill any wild animals while he was the country's leader. The decree was honored until there were so many Bengal tigers running loose, that the people revolted and threw the maharajah from power. This is the first known instance of the reign being called on account of the game.

Dear optimists and pessimists,
While you were all arguing over the glass being half full or half empty, I drank it.
Sincerely,
An opportunist

Waitress, "O.K., that's apple pie for dessert; anything else?"
General Sam Houston, "Remember the alamodel!"

Today's Answer

How many Toastmasters does it take to conduct a meeting? The answer is that it takes a minimum of two - one to speak and one to evaluate. If you only have one Toastmaster at the meeting, then that Toastmaster would not have anyone to evaluate.

Next week's question was going to be "What is the maximum number of Toastmasters to hold a meeting?" But the question was cancelled because the answer is so obvious - It depends on the size of the room.

Metric or Non-Metric

In addition to converting to the metric system, there are many addition units of measurement that need to be considered. These include - -

- Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
- 2000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won ton
- 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
- Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond
- Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
- Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knoffurlong
- 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
- Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon
- 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz
- Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
- Shortest distance between two jokes = A straight line
- 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
- 1 million-million microphones = 1 megaphone
- 52 cards = 1 decacards
- 10 rations = 1 decoration
- 100 rations = 1 C-ration
- 2 monograms = 1 diagram

The Way it Was - August 30, 2011

by Golly



The business portion of the meeting began at 6:30 p.m. with President Christa Neuhauser asking for any officer reports. Marcia Barney, reminded everyone that dues of \$40.50 are now due and checks should be made to "Northwestern Toastmasters."

The educational portion of the meeting continued with Marcia Barney as Toastmaster of the evening. This was our annual Evaluation and Humorous speech contest night. Marcia called on our Chief Judge, Butch Barney to explain the details of the contests.

Jenny Patterson did double duty. She gave speech number 2, "The Retirement Party" from the basic manual AND she served as the target speech for the Evaluation Contest. Our two contestants were Joel Schanker and Jeff Walker. Both contestants gave superlative examples of evaluations.

The humorous speech contest had one contestant - Jeff Walker, who told us about his "Wal-Mart Experience." Jeff opened with a question about Wal-Mart and the humor grew from there to the end of his speech.

Pam Christopher, John Clark, Craig Thrift and Elaine Wiles served as judges, while <redacted> served as the tie-breaking judge. Timers were Christa Neuhauser and Scott Hill. Counters were Chuck Wooten and Butch Barney. Elizabeth Stepp served as Sergeant at Arms.

Toastmaster Marcia Barney, called on everyone except our contestants with Table Topics questions while the judges were doing what judges are known for doing. At the end of Marcia's impromptu Table Topics she asked everyone to write down the names of the top three respondents. Marcia explained later that the ballots would not be collected, but everyone should feel better since they were allowed to vote.

The winners of our club level contest, Joel Schanker (Evaluation) and Jeff Walker (Humorous Speaking) will represent Northwestern at the area contest on October 1.

A waitress became violently ill while at work and was rushed by ambulance to the emergency room. In typical hospital ER fashion, she was placed on an examining table and then all but ignored for the next half-hour. Finally, she noticed a doctor out in the hall and yelled, "Please help me!" "Sorry... it's not my table."

Did You Know?

We (the staff and management of Northwest Words) are interested in finding out how many people actually read the newsletter. Here are the contest rules: If you have read this article, as well as the rest of the newsletter, then at our next meeting during the Grammarian's report, simply pass a slip of paper with your name to our VP of Public Relations

Be popular. Otherwise people might not like you.

Dues Are Due - LAST CALL

by Marcia Barney, Treasurer

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

Don't Mess with Seniors

A young man and an old man are sitting next to each other on a long flight. The flight has Wi-Fi and the young man decides to have a little fun with his travel companion.

The young man asks the old gentleman if he would like to play a game to pass the time. The old man responds that he is too tired and would just like to take a nap, but the young man presses and explains the rules of his game, "I'll ask you any factual question and if you get it wrong, you pay me \$1, then you ask me any factual question and if I get it wrong, I'll pay you \$100." The old man raises an eyebrow and agrees to play.

"What is the distance from the earth to the moon?" asks the young man. The old man reaches into his pocket and gives the young man a dollar.

"What goes up a hill with three legs, but comes down with four?" asks the old man.

The young man smiles and opens up his laptop. After many Google searches, he finds nothing. He tries other search engines, still nothing. He searches Usenet archives, nothing. He begins instant messaging all his friends, still nothing. At the end of the flight, the old man wakes up and the young man hands him a \$100 bill and says "OK, I give up! What goes up a hill with three legs, but comes down with four?" The old man reaches into his pocket and hands the young man a dollar.

New Member

Our newest member is Achal Shah who joined after our last meeting. Achal has been a guest for several meetings before his decision to join. Welcome Achal - we all hope that Northwestern and Toastmasters will help you meet your speaking and leadership goals.

Metric or Non-Metric (continued)

- 2 million bicycles = 2 megacycles
- 365.25 days = 1 unicycle
- 2000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbirds
- 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 Fig Newton
- 1000 milliliters of wet socks = 1 literhosen
- 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche
- 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
- 4 nickels = 2 paradigms
- 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 IV League
- 100 Senators = Not 1 decision

~~ 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	09 / 20 / 2011	10 / 04 / 2011	10 / 18 / 2011	11 / 01 / 2011
Steve Albon				
Don Barnett, AC-B	Table Topics		Evaluator	Speaker
Butch Barney, DTM		Timer	Grammarian	General Evaluator
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Vote Counter	Joke Master	Speaker
Diann Boyette				
Pam Christopher, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator	Table Topics	
John Clark, DTM	Evaluator			Toastmaster
Brian Davidson, DTM	Toastmaster	Table Topics	Speaker	Evaluator
Brian Gravely	Evaluator			
Piyush Gupta		Speaker	Timer	Vote Counter
Scott Hill	Word Master	Evaluator	Speaker	
Lance Kull, DTM				
Barbie Morgan, AC-B				
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Vote Counter		Word Master	Speaker
Florian Neuhauser, CC				
Daniel Parker	Speaker	Evaluator		Word Master
Jenny Patterson	Timer	Word Master		Speaker
Mark Perew, DTM	Grammarian	General Evaluator	Evaluator	
Jessica Pockey		Speaker	General Evaluator	Evaluator
Barbara Schanker, AC-S	Evaluator			Grammarian
Joel Schanker, DTM		Grammarian	Evaluator	
Kristin Schokett		Speaker	Vote Counter	Timer
Achal Shah				
Elizabeth Stepp, CC		Evaluator	Speaker	
Persida Tahari				
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Speaker		Toastmaster	Evaluator
Jeff Walker, CC	Speaker	Joke Master	Evaluator	Table Topics
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Evaluator	Speaker		
Nancy Wilson, CC				
Pam Windley, CC				
Chuck Wooton	Joke Master	Toastmaster	Speaker	Evaluator

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

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