

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

October 18, 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.

Area 51 Contest

By Brian Davidson, DTM

Saturday morning provided a lot of excitement for several of our members. Thanks to all that came out to support Jeff Walker and Joel Schanker at the Area 51 Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contest.

Mark your calendars because Jeff and Joel are both moving on to the Division Contest. Jeff took home first place in the speech contest with his "Wonderful Wal-Mart" speech. It just keeps getting better and better. Joel also showed the Northwestern stuff by winning the evaluation contest. Best of luck at the Division in a couple of week guys. The hard work is paying off!!

Second place in the Humorous Speech Contest went to Kathy Morehead of VIPS. Second place in the Evaluation Contest was won by Nancy Guenther of Forsyth Club.

Otis D. Prince of Speakerpreneur Toastmasters of Greensboro delivered the target speech for the evaluators. The host club, Mercury Toastmasters, provided both a white elephant gift exchange and refreshments. Northwestern provided the Toastmaster of the Contest, Brian Davidson, DTM and Chief Judge, Pam Christopher, DTM.

Your Horoscope

When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. Then, when life least expects it, throw the lemonade right in its spiteful face.

I failed my English literature exam. Apparently, the answer to question 2b) was not 'or not 2b).'

I'm a pretty good Ventriloquist. Even though I say so myself

Ronald McDonald House

At our last meeting Elaine Wiles gave a public relations speech presentation with the purpose of promoting an organization (The Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem). The information included the history of the Ronald McDonald House (RMH), the purpose, funding, volunteer opportunities, which families may stay at the house, benefits to the community, and contact information.

The RMH of Winston-Salem has assisted families from 40 NC counties and 14 other states. These are families with children who receive care at local medical facilities. Families must be referred by a doctor, nurse, or social worker. When the RMH of Winston-Salem opened in 1984 it could accommodate 10 families. After the most recent expansion in 2010 it can now service 35 families per night which costs a total of \$2,870.

If anyone is interested in assisting in this charitable organization (monetary donations and/or volunteer services), you may use the following contact information.

419 South Hawthorne Road

Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Phone: 336.723.0228

Fax: 336.723.0302

www.rmhwinstonsalem.org

MindyB@rmhwinstonsalem.org

Mindy Bloom (Director of Development) has stated that a tour of the facility is available for anyone who is interested.

I went to get my palm read the other day, but as I was sitting down at the table I managed to knock over her crystal ball. Ended up costing me a fortune

I just bought some second hand binoculars for \$200. The guy must have seen me coming from a mile away.

The Way it Was - October 4, 2011

By Golly Gumdrop



The business session, led by President Christa Neuhauser, included introduction of our guest A. J. Daoud. Pam Christopher reported that our gift basket for the Fall Conference was coming together nicely, but it is not too late to make additions.

The meeting continued with Chuck Wooten making his debut as Toastmaster of the Meeting. Chuck's theme was "Fall of the year and what it means to you." Our Wordmaster was Jenny Patterson. She gave us the word "Severy." Our Table Topics Master was Christa Neuhauser who asked - -

- Don Barnett - What does Fall represent to you?
- Jenny Patterson - What do you dislike about Fall? Jenny's response received best Table Topics award.
- Craig Thrift - What keeps you busy in the Fall?
- Barbara Schanker - How would you spend a day at the Dixie Classic Fair?

Our meeting continued with the prepared speeches.

The speakers were:

- § Kristen Schockett giving project Number 1, the Ice Breaker from the basic manual.
- § Jell Walker, project number 5 from the basic manual entitled "Wonderful Wal-Mart" received Best Speaker award.
- § Marcia Barney used Speaking on Television for her speech, which included a Telephone interview of Elaine as she presented her speech.
- § Elaine Wiles presented Project 2 from the Public Relations Manual as she told us about the Ronald McDonald house.
- § Brian Davidson used Project 4 from the Special Occasion Manual to present this years "President's Outstanding Club" award.

Barbara Schanker was our General Evaluator. In addition to her insightful review of the meeting, she called on:

- ü Pam Christopher evaluated Kristen Schockett.
- ü Elizabeth Stepp evaluated Jeff Walker
- ü John Clark evaluated Elaine Wiles
- ü Craig Thrift evaluated Brian Davidson.
- ü Don Barnett received Best Evaluation Award for his evaluation of Marcia

Joel Schanker, as grammarian, was able to count all of our errors without resorting to higher math. Butch Barney served as our Timer. Marcia Barney was Vote counter and John Clark served as Joke Master.

Think about this. No one ever says, "It's only a game" when his team is winning.

I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.

Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

Guests

Our guest at the October 4th meeting was A. J. Daoud. We hope you were able to see where Toastmasters (and Northwestern Toastmasters Club) will be able to help you meet your communication and leadership goals.

I saw my friend floating about 4 feet off the ground yesterday. He didn't seem the slightest bit bothered. He obviously didn't understand the gravity of the situation.

Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of OLD LADIES running around with tattoos? (And RAP music will be the Golden Oldies!)

And That's the Truth



"Don't worry... the fact that you asked for directions will remain a secret with me."

It's the tortoise life for me.

1. If walking were good for you, the postman would live forever.
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water and is fat.
3. A rabbit runs and hops but only lives for 15 years.
4. A tortoise doesn't run and does nothing yet it lives for 450 years.

Always forgive your enemies - Nothing annoys them so much.

~~ 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	10 / 18 / 2011	11 / 01 / 2011	11 / 15 / 2011	11 / 29 / 2011
Don Barnett, AC-B	Evaluator	Speaker		
Butch Barney, DTM	Grammarians	General Evaluator	Toastmaster	
Marcia Barney, DTM	Joke Master	Evaluator	Speaker	
Pam Christopher, DTM	Table Topics	Toastmaster	Grammarians	
John Clark, DTM			Evaluator	
Brian Davidson, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator		
Brian Gravely		Speaker		
Piyush Gupta	Timer	Vote Counter	Speaker	
Scott Hill	Speaker		Evaluator	
Lance Kull, DTM				
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Word Master	Speaker	Evaluator	
Daniel Parker		Word Master	Timer	
Jenny Patterson		Speaker		
Jessica Pockey	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker	
Barbara Schanker, AC-S		Grammarians		
Joel Schanker, DTM	Evaluator			
Kristin Schokett	Vote Counter	Timer		
Achal Shah				
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Speaker		Grammarians	
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Toastmaster	Evaluator	Table Topics	
Jeff Walker, CC	Evaluator	Table Topics	Vote Counter	
Elaine Wiles, CC-G			General Evaluator	
Chuck Wooten	Speaker	Evaluator		

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

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Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo.

After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead.