

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
November 1, 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.

Division E Contest

By **Brian Davidson, DTM**
and **Pam Christopher, DTM**

The day proved to be challenging in different ways for both Joel Schanker and Jeff Walker. Joel literally ran into a truck and Jeff faced brutal judges.

It is this reporters opinion that Jeff won the crowd over with his finely crafted and polished presentation. The judges saw things a little differently and awarded Jeff third place. It was such a pleasure to watch Jeff proudly and skillfully represent Northwestern Toastmasters.

It is true that Joel was involved in an automobile accident before the contest today and of course was unable to attend. Joel indicated that no one was seriously injured (other than his pride.) When contacted, Joel said that he was resting at home and in good spirits. There will undoubtedly be a speech about this in the near future.

Just as a recap, the first place winner received 15 audience laughs, the second place winner received 12 laughs, but Jeff received 22 audience laughs! Jeff's speech at the Area Contest can be seen on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/kIBI4inR56A>)

Congratulations Jeff on an outstanding presentation and watch out because Joel will be back on the road again soon.

Your Horoscope

That bottle of whiskey might help you sleep, but then, there's probably an easier way than smashing it over your head.

At My Age

I huffed and I puffed and I got up out of my chair.

Update Your Calendar

Three events you need to remember are:

q **Halloween** - October 31. I suggest that you try what I used to do before I got married and my wife made me stop. I would put an empty box on the front porch with a note that said "Attention Kiddies - Put your goodies in the box, go quietly and no one gets hurt."

q **Daylight Savings Time ends** on November 6. Those of us who remember Will Rogers will recall his famous definition of DST - "I cut a foot off the end of my blanket and sewed it to the top. Now my blanket is a foot longer."

q **District 37 Fall Conference** starts on November 11 and runs through the weekend. Here is an opportunity to meet Toastmasters from all over the state and hear some great speeches.

Officers Meeting

Club President Christa Neuhauser has called for an Officers Meeting. It is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., just before our November 15, 2011 meeting. All officers are requested to be present. All members are welcome to attend, but are requested to not "point and laugh."

What is your Outlook on Life?

Meddle not in the affairs of Dragons, for you are crunchy and good with Ketchup.

Life is like a bagel - you're either in the dough or in the hole.

Ketchup is like a tomato wine that's good with everything.

The Way it Was - October 18, 2011

By Elizabeth Stepp, CC Secretary



The meeting began at 6:31 p.m. with Presiding Officer Vice President of Education Jeff Walker asking for any officer reports. There being no officer reports, Jeff

called for new business and received none. During old business, Pam Christopher announced that the club pride basket for the upcoming conference currently contained \$60, a digital picture frame, two picture-themed DVD's and two picture-themed card games. She noted that any member wishing to provide additional donations for the basket was welcome to do so.

The meeting continued with Craig Thrift as our Toastmaster of the evening. The theme was "The Roast." Craig gave speech #3 from the Special Occasion Speeches Manual in which John Clark was roasted. John has earned two DTMs, has been Division Governor, has been Area Governor, as well as Club President, Vice President of Education and Vice President of Public Relations. Craig continued to regale those in attendance with great stories about John.

As the Wordmaster, John provided the word of the evening: unique, which means *one* of a kind. John emphasized that unique can only mean one thing. Pam Christopher hosted Table Topics, asking Kristen to convince John to come to an upcoming Northwestern Toastmasters meeting, Piyush Gupta to convince John it's time to move onto another officer position, and Jenny to convince John that he must do something differently at home so that Harriet (John's wife) will continue to be entertained.

During the prepared speeches, Chuck Wooten gave speech #8 from the Competent Communication manual, entitled, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Your Lawn and Why Your Lawn Looks Like Crap." During the speech, we learned that there are 373 types of cool season grasses, that most warm season grasses go dormant during the winter in North Carolina, and that turfgrass is the third largest crop in the United States. Additionally, Chuck shared his recipe for keeping his lawn perfectly green throughout the year:

- 1 lb./1000 sq. ft. of 18-24-12 fertilizer
- 6 lbs./1000 sq. ft. of overseed
- 4.4 lbs./1000 sq. ft. of lime
- Application of a pre-emergent in the spring

Brian Davidson gave speech #3 from the Special Occasions manual, continuing the theme of roasting John. Brian begged John to never reveal what a great man wears under his kilt.

During the evaluation session, lead by General Evaluator Marcia Barney, Jeff evaluated Craig; Elizabeth Stepp and Elaine Wiles evaluated Chuck; and Jeff evaluated Brian. Grammarian Butch Barney assisted in helping the members learn where they could improve their speaking opportunities by improving their grammar.

Kristen won Table Topics for the second meeting in a row, Brian won for best speech, and Elizabeth won for best evaluation. Brian Gravely closed the meeting with a joke.

Guests

Our guest at the October 18th meeting was Sue Evans. 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.

Commonly Misused Words

Try replacing the example of misuse with the actual meaning of the word. The results are defiantly NOT what the speaker had in mind.

"Ado" (strife) misused as "idle time-wasting" "So, without further ado, I introduce to you our next speaker"

"Agenda" (list of tasks), misused as "program" "Next on the agenda, Miss Brown will sing "Poor Butterfly."

"Appalled" (pale; about to faint) misused as "mildly annoyed" "I am appalled that the city has inadequate parking near the library."

"Anxious" (extremely uneasy) misused as "eager" "We are anxiously awaiting Miss Jones's next recital."

"Decimate" (kill every tenth member) misused as annihilate. For example, "The battalion was decimated to the last man."

"Enormity" (greatly deviated from the norm; great wickedness) misused as great size. For example "We thank the ladies in the Auxiliary for the enormity of their efforts."

"Misnomer" (wrong name) misused as misunderstanding. For example "It is a common misnomer that government spending creates wealth."

"Portion" (one's share) misused as "section" or "part. For example "The business portion of the meeting is now closed.

Unique" (one of a kind) misused as unusual, For example "... one of New York's most unique restaurants."

-- Paul Brians, Washington State University



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~~ 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	11 / 01 / 2011	11 / 15 / 2011	11 / 29 / 2011	12 / 06 / 2011
Don Barnett, AC-B	Speaker			
Butch Barney, DTM	General Evaluator	Toastmaster	Table Topics	Speaker
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator	
Pam Christopher, DTM	Timer	Grammarian	Evaluator	
John Clark, DTM	Toastmaster	Evaluator		
Brian Davidson, DTM			Vote Counter	Evaluator
Brian Gravely	Speaker		Speaker	Table Topics
Piyush Gupta		Speaker	Timer	Speaker
Scott Hill	Vote Counter	Evaluator	Speaker	
Lance Kull, DTM			Toastmaster	
Christa Neuhauser, CC		Evaluator		Evaluator
Daniel Parker	Word Master	Timer	Speaker	Vote Counter
Jenny Patterson	Speaker	Joke Master		Evaluator
Jessica Pockey				
Barbara Schanker, AC-S	Grammarian			
Joel Schanker, DTM	Evaluator		Evaluator	
Kristin Schokett		Speaker	Evaluator	Timer
Achal Shah		Speaker		Joke Master
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Joke Master	Grammarian	General Evaluator	Speaker
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator	Table Topics	Speaker	General Evaluator
Jeff Walker, CC	Table Topics	Vote Counter	Evaluator	Toastmaster
Elaine Wiles, CC-G		General Evaluator	Table Topics	Speaker
Chuck Wooten	Evaluator		Joke Master	Evaluator

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



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