

# 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 15, 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.***

## Fall Conference

This is the weekend of the District 37 Fall Conference. Be sure to attend the next meeting or read the next issue of this newsletter for all the exciting results, courtesy of Northwest Word's roving correspondents.

## Your Horoscope

Avoid staring directly at the stars this week, as a rider in their contract forbids anyone from making eye contact with them.

There was a young student who had included a course on computer operation in his curriculum the coming year. Autumn rolled around sooner than he expected and he found himself enrolled in the computer class. "Now, class," his teacher said, "We will address the simple matter of booting up today. Then getting into Windows, and a program for what you intend to do. Word for typing, Lotus for accounting, and so forth as the year continues." The kids were anxious to learn about a new realm of media.

The teacher then said, "Class, I want you all to obtain a new mouse to use for the course this year. How many of you already have gotten a new mouse?" All the students except a few raised their hands. The teacher said, "Next time you report for class, I want you to have a new mouse. Understand?"

Monday, five of the six students showed up with a brand new mouse, still wrapped. But Jason said, "Mom told me just to bring this mouse from home." The teacher replied, "Now, Jason, that was nice of your Mom. But she should know by now that you can't teach an old mouse new clicks."

## Officers Meeting

Club President Christa Neuhauser has called an Officers Meeting. It is scheduled for 5:30 pm, 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."

## If the truth be told.



Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

## The Way it Was - November 1, 2011

By Marcia Barney, Treasurer



The business session was conducted with usual expedience by Vice President of Education, Jeff Walker. One request: If you would like to have your cell phone number added to the club roster please send it to Marcia Barney at [HMBBar@aol.com](mailto:HMBBar@aol.com).

Toastmaster of the Meeting John Clark chose "Bumper Sticker Philosophy or Life Lessons from Dad" as the theme from the meeting. His opening salvo was also Project #3 from the Competent Communicator Manual. Wordmaster Dan Parker gave "redoubtable" (causing fear or alarm; worthy of respect) as the Word-for-the-Day.

Table Topics Master Jeff Walker gave topics to:

-Elizabeth Stepp gave an example of when a real-life bird in the hand was worth 2 in the bush.

-Craig Thrift's job was to compare his father to an animal.

-Piyush Gupta, speaking for his first Table Topic, compared himself to a bear.

In addition to John's speech, other prepared speeches were given by:

- Don Barnett gave #3 from the CC Manual titled "Performance Appraisals." His speech was evaluated by Marcia Barney.
- Brian Gravely gave #8 from the CC Manual. His "Everything I've Learned about People" was evaluated by Elizabeth Stepp.
- Jenny Patterson gave #2 from the CC Manual. "Acorn Patch" was evaluated by Craig Thrift.

Joel Schanker evaluated John's speech. Butch Barney served as General Evaluator. Barbara Schanker was both the Timer and the Grammarian. Marcia Barney counted votes. Winners for the meeting were: -

ü Best Table Topics Speaker: Craig Thrift

ü Best Evaluator: Marcia Barney

ü Best Speaker: Jenny Patterson

Elisabeth Stepp provided the Joke Master touch of humor to end the meeting.

Highlights from the Toastmaster of the Meeting included these thoughts - -

- ✓ If you can't give good sound reasons, then give reasons that sound good.
- ✓ It is better to know something and not need to know than the other way around.
- ✓ -After all is said and done, more is said than done.
- ✓ He was borderline for years, then he crossed the border

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road, and was cited for littering.

## Common Misuse of English

**MALALPROPISMS:** Errors caused by choosing a ludicrously inappropriate word. You may never hear these specific examples, but the tendency is widespread.

"I am diabolically (devilishly) opposed to the motion."

The speaker may have meant "diametrically" (as remote as possible), but the statement still wouldn't make much sense.

"What promulgated (declared, forced) you to join our club?"

"I want to preempt (to take for oneself, to replace by priority) a blessed event."

"I'm a very prolific (productive, especially related to producing offspring) reader."

"I am reticent (inclined to silence) to file charges."

"I wanna minute tuh masticate wid yuh." - The Bowery Boys

**TOO MANY WORDS:** In each error below, there are too many words. This apparent redundancy reduces clarity.

Error: "There is a convoy heading northbound on I-81."

Proper: "There is a convoy heading north on I-81."

Proper: "There is a northbound convoy on I-81."

Error: "Save 50% off."

Proper "Save 50 %." - or - "Take 50% off."

Error: "Residents may now return back to their homes."

Proper: "Residents may now return to their homes."

Proper: "Residents may now go back to their homes."

Error: "Prepare for bad weather before it happens."

Proper: "Prepare for bad weather."

**REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS,** - "Myself", "yourself", "himself", "herself", "itself", "ourselves", "yourselves", "themselves" (There is no "hissself", "themself", "ourself", "theirsself", or "theirselves".) "I" and "me" are precise and useful words, but there is a drift toward substituting "myself" for these.

Error: "Please give your ticket money to Susan or myself." (Use "me" or "to me" for "myself".)

Error: "Larry, George and myself visited the Adirondacks last week." (Use "I" for "myself".)

Error: "Myself visited the Adirondacks." (While this is obviously wrong, it is equivalent to the above example.)

Error: "It seemed that way to myself." (... "to me")

Rule: The reflexive pronoun is used as a direct or indirect object when the object is the same as the subject.

Proper: "I bought myself a radio." "He injured himself." "I was talking to myself."

- Paul Brians, Washington State University

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

~~ 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 / 15 / 2011	11 / 29 / 2011	12 / 06 / 2011	12 / 20 / 2011
Don Barnett, AC-B	Jokemaster			
Butch Barney, DTM	Toastmaster	Table Topics	Speaker	
Marcia Barney, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator		
Pam Christopher, DTM	Grammarian	Evaluator		
John Clark, DTM	Evaluator			
Brian Davidson, DTM	Evaluator	Vote Counter	Evaluator	
Brian Gravely		Speaker	Table Topics	
Piyush Gupta	Speaker	Timer	Speaker	
Scott Hill	Evaluator	Speaker		
Lance Kull, DTM		Toastmaster	Joke Master	
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Evaluator		Evaluator	
Daniel Parker	Timer	Speaker	Vote Counter	
Jenny Patterson			Evaluator	
Jessica Pockey				
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM		Evaluator		
Kristin Schokett	Speaker	Evaluator	Timer	
Achal Shah	Speaker			
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Grammarian	General Evaluator	Speaker	
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Table Topics	Speaker	General Evaluator	
Jeff Walker, CC	Vote Counter	Evaluator	Toastmaster	
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	General Evaluator	Table Topics	Speaker	
Chuck Wooten	Word Master	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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