

# 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

**December 6, 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.***

## Public Service Announcement

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Please review your program assignment before the meeting so that you can do your assignment for the greatest benefit of all members. A description of all meeting roles can be found on our web site - [www.nwtm.org](http://www.nwtm.org). Simply click on "Roles" from the menu on the left side of the page.

## Your Horoscope

If you laugh a lot, when you get older your wrinkles will be in the right places.

## Special Thanks

Marcia Barney, DTM deserves special thanks for her willingness to provide the Secretary's Report ("The Way It Was") for the last few issues of our newsletter. In return for her efforts, Marcia receives both credit for helping with the newsletter in the Competent Leader manual **AND** the grateful thanks of newsletter readers everywhere. Thank You Marcia!

## Guests and New Members

**A.J. Daoud, Sandy Elias, Jon Pace and Denis Lachapelle** (President of the North Wilkesboro TM Club) were all guests at our last meeting. A.J. became our newest member and is scheduled to give his ice breaker at the meeting this Tuesday.

A backward poet writes inverse.

## Things not to say

### when hanging Christmas Lights.

"Up a little higher. You can reach it. Go on, try."

"What do you do to these lights when you put them away every year? Tie them in knot?"

"Come away from that aluminum ladder, kids. I'm going to fry that sucker."

"If you're not going to do it right, don't do it at all. Don't just throw them on, like you do the icicles. You're worse than your father."

"You've got the whole thing on the tree upside-down. The electric pluggee thing should be down here at the bottom, not up at the top."

"I don't care if you have found another two strings, I'm done!"

"You've just wound 'em around and around - I thought we agreed it shouldn't look like a spiral this year?"

"Give me that!"

"Have you been drinking?"

"Where's the cat?"

My friend's wife left him last Thursday; she said she was going out for a pint of milk and never come back! I asked him how he was coping and he said 'not bad, I've been using that powdered stuff'

The Way it was - November 29, 2011

By Marcia Barney DTM, Treasurer



President Christa Neuhauser welcomed our 4 guests: Jon Pace, Denis Lachapelle (President of the North Wilkesboro TM Club), A.J. Daoud (who became our newest member) and Sandy Elias (a guest of A.J.). Joel Schanker invited everyone to Blue Moon Toastmaster's open house. (Contact Joel for details.)

Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Don Barnett chose "Self Discovery" as his theme for the meeting. Don's warm up was also his Ice Breaker speech (not the first, of course.) Jeff Walker gave "risible" (laughable, related to laughter) as the Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Butch Barney gave topics to:

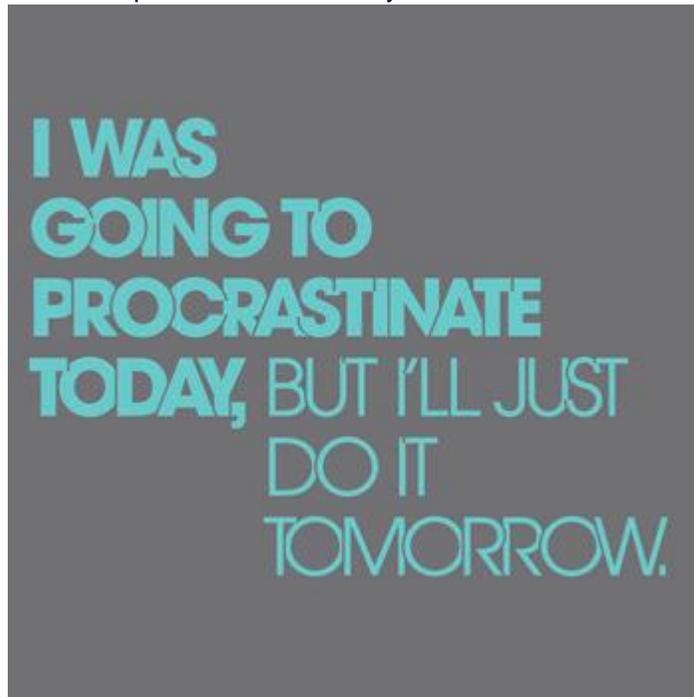
- Jeff Walker told us what he did the last time he forgot his speech.
- Kristin Schockett explained how to help kids avoid eating their Mother's Day present of chocolates.
- Pam Christopher got passionate about renaming the 7 dwarfs.
- Joel Schanker introduced us to Marriage Anonymous.

In addition to Don's Ice Breaker, which was evaluated by Elaine Wiles, prepared speeches were given by:

- Brian Gravely gave #9 from the CC Manual. "Discovery" was evaluated by John Clark.
- Marcia Barney gave one of the Excellence in Leadership Series presentations. "Resolving Conflict" was evaluated by Jeff Walker.

Elizabeth Stepp served as General Evaluator / adjunct speech evaluator for the meeting. Christa Neuhauser was Grammarian. Piyush Gupta was Timer. Joel Schanker told the Joke for the Day. Vote Counter was Brian Davidson President Christa Neuhauser announced the winners:

- ⇒ Best Table Topic Speaker - Pam Christopher
- ⇒ Best Evaluator - Jeff Walker
- ⇒ Best Speaker - Brian Gravely



Common Misuse of English

Many times words are added because the author or speaker felt that they were necessary "fill out" a statement but, instead simply allow the speaker to complete a sentence without completing a thought. An example is **Situation** "Many employees are facing an unemployment situation."

"Speeding can lead to a collision situation."  
 "Emergency situation"  
 "Situation" serves no purpose in any of these examples. A proper use might be - -  
 "Many employees are facing unemployment."  
 "Speeding can lead to a collision."  
 "Emergency"

Another frequent filler word is ""**Process**"  
 Error: "Recent bombings have threatened the peace process."  
 Proper: "Recent bombings have caused the treaty negotiations in Paris to be suspended."  
 Adding "process" to words such as "peace", "healing", "grieving" and "planning" does not advance the thought.

Less frequent but equally egregious is the misuse of the word "**Individual**"  
 Error: "There was an individual on my porch."  
 Proper: "There was a salesman on my porch."

"Individual" is not a fancy synonym for "person" or "human being". "Individual" is an adjective, not a noun. When "individual" is used as a noun, the context must clearly answer the question, "Individual what?" For example: "Legislators must strive for a balance between the good of society and the rights of the individual." This sentence is clear (but not necessarily correct) because "Individual what?" can be answered, "Individual member of society."  
 - Paul Brians, Washington State University

A girl went to an ophthalmologist for an eye examination. After he had completed his' tests, the doctor said, You do need glasses. Be sure to come back after your wedding." "Why can't I have them now?" the girl asked. "Because, Miss," said the doctor sternly, "I don't believe in specs before marriage."

Paddy announced that he was going to start a diet to lose some pounds he had put on recently. "That's great," Mick exclaimed. "I'm ready to start a diet too. We can be dieting buddies and help each other out. Whenever I feel the urge to drive out and get a burger and fries, I'll call you first." "Wonderful," Paddy replied. "I'll go with you."

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

~~ 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	12 / 06 / 2011	12 / 20 / 2011	01 / 03 / 2012	01 / 17 / 2012
Don Barnett, AC-B	Speaker	Table Topics	Timer	Evaluator
Butch Barney, DTM	General Evaluator	Speaker		Evaluator
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Evaluator		Toastmaster
Pam Christopher, DTM	Evaluator	Evaluator	General Evaluator	Speaker
John Clark, DTM	Speaker	Grammarians	Evaluator	
Brian Davidson, DTM	Evaluator	Toastmaster	Table Topics	
A.J. Daoud	Speaker			
Brian Gravely			Speaker	Joke Master
Piyush Gupta	Word Master	Speaker	Evaluator	Table Topics
Scott Hill			Speaker	Word Master
Lance Kull, DTM				
Christa Neuhauser, CC		Speaker	Toastmaster	Evaluator
Daniel Parker	Vote Counter / Joke Master	Joke Master	Grammarians	Speaker
Jenny Patterson			Speaker	Grammarians
Jessica Pockey				
Barbara Schanker, AC-S			Speaker	Table Topics
Joel Schanker, DTM			Evaluator	Timer
Kristin Schokett	Timer	Vote Counter	Joke Master	Speaker
Achal Shah	Joke Master	Word Master		
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Grammarians / Table Topics	Speaker		Evaluator
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Speaker	Evaluator	Vote Counter	Speaker
Jeff Walker, CC	Toastmaster	Evaluator	Speaker	General Evaluator
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Speaker	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Word Master
Chuck Wooten	Evaluator	Speaker		Vote Counter

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

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