

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
January 3, 2012
(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. Simply click on "Roles" from the menu on the left side of the page.

Ponder This - - -

Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people.

So overweight people are now average... Which means you have met your New Year's resolution.

Your Horoscope

Looking back on it now, it was probably a big mistake to let Sam Peckinpah direct your home movies.

The Procrastinator's Clock



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The Way it Was - December 20, 2011

By A. Volunteer



President Christa Neuhauser did her usual effective and efficient job with the business session before introducing Brian Davidson as Toastmaster for the Meeting.

The "Yuletide Yuks" theme set the stage for a fun meeting.

Achal Shah gave "eclectic" as the Word for the Day.

Table Topics Master Don Barnett gave topics to:

- Marcia Barney dreamed about sitting on Santa's knee.
-Achal Shah said that chocolate was his favorite food.
-Dan Parker enjoys seeing his grandmother at Christmas.
-Craig Thrift wishes for peace.
-Elaine Wiles creates peace for herself by being the best she can be.

Prepared speeches were given by:

- Brian's warm up speech was evaluated by Don Barnett.
--Allan Chavez's Ice Breaker was evaluated by Marcia Barney.
--Christa Neuhauser's "Successful Communications" was project #2 from her Speaking to Inform Manual. Craig Thrift evaluated the speech.
--Butch Barney's #3 from the Storytelling manual was "Never Give Up" and was evaluated by Jeff Walker.
Elizabeth Stepp served as timer. Jeff Walker was Vote Counter. John Clark listened very well as Grammarian. Dan Parker told the last NWTM Joke for 2011 (at least as heard during regular club meetings.) Winners were:
Best Table Topic Speaker - Marcia Barney
Best Evaluator - Marcia Barney
Best Speaker - Butch Barney

My new year's resolution is to improve my powers of concentra... oh look a butterfly

I made a new year's resolution to stop being so optimistic about everything. I'm 100% sure I can do it!

You know you have hit a new low when you celebrate New Year online on Facebook.

I stopped making New Year Resolutions once I realized they were lasting no longer than my New Year Hangovers.

My new year's resolution is to save enough to buy a Velcro wall. And I plan on sticking to it.

A dog's New Year's Resolution: I will not chase that stick unless I actually see it leave his hand!

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up. Middle age is when you're forced to.

Don't Drink and Drive this New Year's Eve - You might hit a bump and spill something.

Don't Puff Up your speech

Many times a "STUFF" phrase is used in place of more meaningful words, and even where no word is necessary. In each of the following examples, the speaker is committed to, is in agreement with, is in sympathy with, understands or has at least received information about the object of the sentence. Other possibilities include any combination of the above, including none of the above.

Error: "I (can) relate to that."

Error: "I (can) identify with that."

Error: "I have no problem with that."

Error: "The proposed mall will impact the quality of the lake."

Such statements are often not followed by any clarifying statements. The speaker has conveyed no more information than he could have by using the more honest, if more colloquial, "Yeah, I hear ya." If a speaker "relates to" or "identifies with" something, he could make his statements more informative by specifying the relationship.

Words are the smallest components of spoken language that contain meanings. The meanings in a speech or in a novel are ultimately dependent not only on the style and the syntax of the works, but ultimately on the meanings of the individual words. Misuse and mispronunciation of words are the simplest errors in spoken English. They are also among the more common errors.

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Last call for 2011 Puns

Two sea monsters were swimming around in the ocean, looking for something to do. They came up underneath a ship that was hauling potatoes. Bob, the first sea monster, swam underneath the ship, tipped it over and ate everything on the ship.

A little while later, they came up to another ship, again hauling potatoes. Bob again capsizes the ship and eats everything onboard.

The third ship they found was also hauling potatoes. Bob once again capsized it and ate everything.

Finally his buddy Bill asked him, "Why do you keep tipping over those ships full of potatoes and eating everything on board?"

Bob replied, "I wish I hadn't, but I just can't help myself once I start. Everyone knows you can't eat just one potato ship."

When you're right, no one remembers. When you're wrong, no one forgets.

~~ 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 Vice President of Education

Member	01 / 03 / 2012	01 / 17 / 2012	01 / 31 / 2012	02 / 07 / 2012
Don Barnett, AC-B	Speaker	Evaluator		
Butch Barney, DTM		Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator
Marcia Barney, DTM	Joke Master	Toastmaster		Evaluator
Allan Chavez	Word Master	Joke Master		Timer
Pam Christopher, DTM	General Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator	Toastmaster
John Clark, DTM	Evaluator		Timer	Evaluator
A.J. Daoud	Timer		Word Master	Vote Counter
Brian Davidson, DTM	Table Topics		Speaker	Evaluator
Brian Gravely	Speaker	Joke Master	General Evaluator	Speaker
Piyush Gupta		Table Topics	Joke Master	Grammarian
Scott Hill				
Lance Kull, DTM				
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Toastmaster	Evaluator	Speaker	
Daniel Parker	Grammarian	Speaker	Evaluator	Table Topics
Jenny Patterson		Grammarian	Table Topics	Speaker
Jessica Pockey				
Barbara Schanker, AC-S		Table Topics	Toastmaster	
Joel Schanker, DTM	Evaluator	Timer		Joke Master
Kristin Schokett		Speaker	Grammarian	
Achal Shah			Speaker	
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Evaluator	Evaluator	Vote Counter	
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Vote Counter	Speaker	Evaluator	
Jeff Walker, CC	Speaker	General Evaluator	Grammarian	
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Evaluator	Word Master	Timer	Speaker
Chuck Wooten		Vote Counter	Evaluator	Speaker

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

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