

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 17, 2012
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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.

Congratulations -

Craig Thrift & Brian Gravely

Two Northwestern Toastmasters have achieved milestones in Communications! Craig Thrift has received his Advanced Leader-Bronze Award (AC-B) and Brian Gravely is now a Competent Communicator (CC)!

In order to achieve the AC-B Award Craig completed his CC plus two additional Advanced Communications Manuals. Craig chose "Specialty Speeches" and "Special Occasion Speeches" for his advanced projects.

Brian Gravely completed his CC award one year after he joined Northwestern Toastmasters. Along the way he picked up a number of "Best Speaker" Ribbons and made fellow members think with his messages. Brian has chosen the Persuasive Speaking and The Professional Speaker as his first 2 Advanced Manuals.

Congratulations, Craig and Brian on jobs well done!

Your Horoscope

You've never paid much attention to abandoned offshore oil platforms before, but suddenly everyone seems to think they'd be perfect for you.

Preview of Coming Attractions

Because one of our member provided a new reference manual, we will soon be replacing the "Your Horoscope" article with "Words of Wisdom from a Cowboy Philosopher." Be sure to check these out in future issues.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Who Did What?

Records-Be-Us held auditions to find four singers for a new band. The four singers are now stars, but can you work out each person's previous day job, his age (19,20,21,22) and hometown?

1. Greg is exactly two years younger or older than the guy from Cleveland who used to be a truck driver.
2. Either Darren or the guy from Seattle (who may or may not be Patrick) used to deliver pizzas.
3. The guy from New York is younger than Daniel but older than the one who used to be a carpenter.
4. The 22 year old from San Francisco isn't the one who used to be a waiter.

(Answer in next issue, provided I can figure it out.)

The Absent minded Professor

One morning as Professor Jones was leaving for the university his wife told her absent-minded husband, "Don't forget we are moving today. If you come to this house this afternoon it will be empty." Predictably, he didn't remember until he found the house vacated that afternoon. He mumbled to himself, "And where was it we were moving to?"

He went out in front of the house and asked a little girl, "Did you see a moving van here today, little girl?" "Yes," she replied. "Would you know which way it went?" She looked up at him and said, "Yes, Daddy, I'll show you."

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Xerox and Wurlitzer will merge to produce reproductive organs.

The Way it Was - January 3, 2012

By P. Fantum



How nice it is when we have officers who switch roles with the greatest of ease! VP-Ed. Jeff Walker effortlessly conducted the business session with efficiency even though there seemed to be some indecisiveness by others concerning announcements. After dinner he introduced Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting President Christa Neuhauser. Christa's thought provoking "New Years Resolutions" was also a prepared speech.

Table Topics Master Brian Davidson gave topics to:

- Elizabeth Stepp spends some time with her resolutions while not under the influence.
Marcia Barney makes resolutions when and as needed.
Allen Chavez's 2011 resolution lasted a couple of months so he is considering monthly resolutions.
AJ Daoud declared losing weight at the primary ridiculous resolution.

Prepared speeches were given by:

- Brian Gravely gave his 10th speech from his Competent Communicator Manual. "A Year of TM Lessons" was evaluated by Don Barnett.
Joel Schanker gave #1 from the Specialty Speeches Manual. "My Addiction" was evaluated by John Clark.
Christa's warm-up speech was evaluated by Elaine Wiles.

Allen Chavez gave "anecdote" and "anecdotal" as the Word for the Day. Dan Parker served as Grammarian. AJ Daoud was the Timer. Vote Counter Craig Thrift announced the winners:

- Best Table Topic Speaker - Marcia Barney
Best Evaluator - John Clark
Best Speaker - Joel Schanker

Two of our members - Butch Barney and Achal Shah - listened astutely during the meeting and laughed at Jokemaster Marcia Barney's Joke of the Evening.

First Puns of the Season

A neutron walks into a bar. "I'd like a beer" he says. The bartender promptly serves up a beer. "How much will that be?" asks the neutron. "For you?" replies the bartender, "no charge"

It was a doctor's regular habit to stop off at a bar for a hazelnut daiquiri on his way home and, aware of his habit, the bartender would always have the drink waiting for him at precisely 5:18 PM. One afternoon as the end of the work-day neared the bartender was dismayed to find he was out of hazelnut extract but, thinking quickly, he threw together a daiquiri made with hickory nuts and set it on the bar. The doctor came in at his regular time, took one sip of the drink, then exclaimed: "This isn't a hazelnut daiquiri", to which the bartender replied, "No, I'm sorry, it's a hickory daiquiri, doc."

Grammatical Errors to avoid

from www.11points.com

- Try and. The correct phrase is "try to." It really does make sense logically -- the trying is part of the action. I don't try and say goodbye and I choke, I try to say goodbye and I choke. (I also try to walk away and I stumble.)

- Hopefully. Hopefully means "with hope" and describes a subject who feels hopeful. It does not mean "it is hoped that."

- Could care less. If you "could care less," technically, that means you DO still have some modicum of caring left toward the subject. "I could not care less" is correct.

- You've got mail. Ya' know, America Online, if I'm going to pop in the floppy you sent me and use my 500 free hours... at least your announcer could greet me with the proper grammar - You have mail.

Heart-wrenching. "Heart-wrenching" is a term that shouldn't be. The correct term is "heart-rending." Rending means tearing, so when something makes you feel deeply saddened, it's heart-rending.

Anxious versus eager. You can be anxious about something, but not anxious to do something. That's eagerness. Anxious suggests a sense of nervousness or fear.

Lay low. "Lay low" is an action, using the definition of lay meaning "to knock or beat down." It's regularly mistaken for "lie low," which means to conceal yourself or bide your time.

Collide. For things to collide, they both have to be in motion. You can't have a head-on collision with a pole -- unless you're talking about driving your car into someone named Kowalski.

Help Make it Complete

Speakers, before you give your Communications Manual to your Speech Evaluator please write the title of the speech and the date of your speech on the written evaluation page of your manual. After the meeting review what your evaluator wrote and log the speech at the back of the manual for later initialing by the VP of Education.

Evaluators, please sign your work. Any comments that you think would benefit the speaker, but might be inappropriate for others to hear should be included in your written comments in the speaker's manual. While you are checking your written comments check to see that the title and date of the speech are also included on the page - and remember the title of the speech is an important part of the speech as it leaves the first impression with the audience. As such, pertinent comments about the title should be part of your evaluation.

~~ 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 / 17 / 2012	01 / 31 / 2012	02 / 07 / 2012	02 / 21 / 2012
Don Barnett, AC-B	Speaker	Toastmaster		Table Topics
Butch Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator	Speaker
Marcia Barney, DTM	Toastmaster		Evaluator	Speaker
Allan Chavez	Joke Master	Speaker	Timer	Vote Counter
Pam Christopher, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator	Toastmaster	
John Clark, DTM		Timer	Evaluator	Evaluator
A.J. Daoud		Word Master	Vote Counter	Grammarian
Brian Davidson, DTM		Speaker	Evaluator	
Brian Gravely	Word Master	General Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator
Piyush Gupta	Table Topics	Joke Master	Grammarian	
Scott Hill				
Lance Kull, DTM				
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Evaluator			Speaker
Daniel Parker	Speaker	Evaluator	Table Topics	Timer
Jenny Patterson	Grammarian	Table Topics	Speaker	Evaluator
Jessica Pockey				
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM	Timer		Joke Master	Toastmaster
Kristin Schokett	Speaker	Grammarian		Speaker
Achal Shah		Speaker		
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Evaluator	Vote Counter		Speaker
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator	Evaluator		Joke Master
Jeff Walker, CC	General Evaluator	Grammarian		Speaker
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Word Master	Timer	Speaker	Evaluator
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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