

# 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

**February 21, 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.***

## Schedule of Contests (updated)

Each spring we have an International speech contest and a Table Topics contest. Each Toastmasters club holds a contest for these two events. Club level winners compete in Area contests. Those winners go on to compete in a Division contest. Division winners compete at the District contest. Those winners go to the regional contest and, finally, the International Contest. The schedule for Northwestern Toastmasters is --

Club Contests	March 6, 2010
Area Contests	March 24, 2012
Division Contests	April, 15, 2012
District Contests	May 3, 2012

Corrections, updates and other details, such as time and place, will be included in the newsletter.

## Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

Never wear out your horse.

Spread happiness where you go, not when you go.

If you don't feel like smiling, give it a shot.

(It'll help the general scheme of things.)

Police were called to a day care center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Red meat is not bad for you. Fuzzy green meat is bad for you.

A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.

A consultant is someone who takes a subject you understand and makes it sound confusing.

## More Accolades for Northwestern

Northwestern Toastmasters has received more awards from District 37 for our outstanding work. As an award for being one of the first Clubs to attain President's Distinguished level last year, we received a gift certificate for \$75 that can be used at the Toastmasters International catalog. This will allow us to continue to provide supplies including the "best" award ribbons, voting ballots and advanced manuals for our members.

The second award we received from the District is a laser pointer (see the description on page four.) No one seems to remember why we were awarded this prize, although I seem to recall that it had something to do with our outstanding newsletter.

These awards, while well intentioned, are not awards that members and officers have worked to earn. Instead, they reflect the attitude of all Northwestern Toastmasters. The attitude that says, "If you build it, they will come."

For several years our officers have concentrated on building the communication and leadership skills of our members. The approach of "How can we help" rather than "How can we earn awards" is the true mark of Northwestern. As long as we maintain that attitude and force our presiding officers to maintain that attitude, we will continue to acquire awards - but more importantly, we will continue to be an outstanding Toastmasters Club.

What word is almost always pronounced incorrectly? (Answer will be published in the next issue.) Be the first to answer the question correctly and win a prize from our newsletter editor.

## The Way it Was - February 7, 2012

By Elizabeth Stepp, CC/CL



The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with President Christa Neuhauser opening the meeting. During Officer's Reports, Treasurer Marcia Barney noted that dues in the amount of \$39.50 are due in March.

During Committee Reports, Vice President of Education Jeff Walker proposed March 6 for the date of the club contest, although the contest is solely his and the club contest committee's decision. Marcia moved that the club contest be held on March 6, seconded by John Clark, and the motion failed. John moved that we amend the motion to recommend that the VP of Education consider March 6. Butch Barney moved to table the motion to recommend the date of March 6 to the VP of Education. Don Barnett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jeff subsequently decided that March 6 would be the date of the club contest.

During New Business, John moved that the club increase dues to \$40 from \$39.50 to make payment of dues more efficient. Marcia noted that a change in dues requires a change in by-laws and a two week notice to the membership. Brian Gravely seconded the motion. Joel Schanker moved that we table the motion until the formal process to increase the dues could be started. Butch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Educational portion of the meeting began when Christa announced the changes to the agenda. Pam Christopher was the Toastmaster of the meeting and the theme was "Have a Heart." She noted that cardiovascular death rates declined more than 30% between 1998 and 2008. Additionally, only 1% of adults eat an officially healthy diet.

The Grammarian for the evening was Jeff Walker, Timer was Allan Chavez, Vote Counter was Don Barnett, and the Word Master was John Clark. The word for the evening was *crux*, meaning the central or essential point.

The Table Topics session was hosted by Craig Thrift. Craig asked John Clark how he would reveal a crush on someone; Don Barnett to explain his ideal valentine date; Allan Chavez to explain how he, as cupid, would convince Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift to fall in love and marry; Joel Schanker how he would make Lady Gaga and the Pope fall in love.

During the prepared speeches, Achal Shah gave his icebreaker speech, "Gentleman With a Splash of Badass." We learned about his dancing exploits, his hiking, running and affinity for jumping out of airplanes, among others.

Brian Gravely gave speech #1 from the Persuasive Speaking manual, entitled, "Health is Wealth." He pitched Carnation Breakfast Essentials as the product with the optimum blend of protein, vitamins and minerals. He then told the audience about what he learned from the sales pitch.

Elizabeth Stepp gave speech #3 from the Storytelling manual, entitled, "The Moral." She told the audience about two friends who didn't establish the crux of their business—the basic marketing communications protocols.

Christa Neuhauser served as the General Evaluator for the evening. Butch Barney evaluated Achal Shah, Brian Davidson evaluated Brian Gravely, and Marcia Barney evaluated Elizabeth Stepp. Jeff Walker then provided the grammarian's report for the evening and John Clark let us know who used the word for the evening.

Achal Shah was presented a ribbon for his Icebreaker. Elizabeth Stepp won best speech for the evening, Marcia Barney won for best evaluator and Joel Schanker won for best table topics.

Christa asked for announcements and Joel Schanker provided the joke for the evening. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

## Dues Are Due

Your semi-annual dues are due in March. Five NWTMs have already paid their \$39.50 to remain a member of our outstanding organization. If you would like to get yours in early and prevent further "reminders" from our zealous Treasurer bring cash or check for \$39.50 to our February 21 meeting or mail a check (payable to **Northwestern Toastmasters**) to:

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For the third consecutive year, "whatever" was dubbed the most annoying word in the English language.

Remember - Alcohol and Calculus don't mix, so don't drink and derive.




This tool is available for the use of any member of Northwestern Toastmasters. See the Club President for details. Also, note that it makes a wonderful aid as you help your cats to exercise.


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