

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

March 6, 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)

- If the boot fits - make sure there's two of them.
- For better or for worse means for good.
- Fall in love only when you can't help it.

Here are some interesting & true facts:

- The Statue of Liberty's index finger is eight feet long.
- Rain has never been recorded in some parts of the Atacama Desert in Chile.
- A 75 year old person will have slept about 23 years.
- Boeing 747's wing span is longer than the Wright brother's first flight.
- One type of hummingbird weighs less than a penny.
- There are as many chickens on earth as there are humans.

Northwestern Notables

What caused TM-for-the-Meeting Joel Schanker to have outstanding introductions (as also noted by the GE)? According to one of the prepared speakers, approximately 10 days before the meeting he sent said speakers a very nice note asking that they send their introduction to him by Saturday before the meeting. When he humorously explained that he needed the time to prepare and how appreciative he would be it not only motivated us to prepare our introductions, but to work more diligently on our speeches. For every action there is an opposite and equal reaction?

Who has seen AJ Daoud's TV commercial? Well, done, AJ! However, I still hope none of us have to use your service any time soon!

The question from our last issue -

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 answer is, of course, the word incorrectly. Congratulations to Marcia Barney for being the first to answer the question.

Be prepared! In a future issue, we will be asking the question - "What word is almost always pronounced correctly?"

When I'm not in my right mind, my left mind gets pretty crowded.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

The Way it Was - February 21, 2012

By Elizabeth Stepp, CC/CL



The meeting started at 6:33 p.m. with President Christa Neuhauser opening the meeting. During Officer's Reports, Marcia Barney noted that a number of our members still owed dues for the upcoming 6 months. Dues are \$39.50. There were no committee reports or new business.

Joel Schanker was the Toastmaster of the meeting and the theme was "Owning Your Decisions." He told us about how what happens after you make a decision reflects your character.

The Grammarian for the evening was Craig Thrift, Timer was Butch Barney, Vote Counter was Achal Shah and the Word Master was Pam Christopher. The word for the evening was: *onus*, meaning duty or responsibility.

The Table Topics session was hosted by Don Barnett. Don asked Elaine Wiles how she went about making decisions; Brian Davidson to tell us about the best car buying decision he ever made; and Jeff Walker to discuss an earlier commitment that he continues to this day.

During the prepared speeches, Kristen Schockett gave her 4th speech from the Competent Communicator Manual, "All About Fracking." Fracking is the process of removing natural gas or petroleum from shale. Fracking may help reduce the cost of natural gas, reduce the cost of electricity or reduce the United States' dependence on foreign oil.

Christa gave speech #4 from the Speaking to Inform manual. "Show me the Readers!" was her title. The audience functioned as *RoadRunner* magazine's Board of Directors, while Christa updated the "Board" on the marketing efforts to grow readership. Later, the "Board" asked Christa questions related to those efforts.

Marcia Barney gave speech #6 from the Competent Communicator manual entitled, "Breathe!" She discussed the types of breathing and benefits of breathing.

Brian Davidson served as the General Evaluator for the evening. Jeff was the evaluator for Joel, Elaine evaluated Kristen, John Clark evaluated Christa and Elizabeth Stepp evaluated Marcia. Craig provided the grammarian's report for the evening and Pam let us know who used the word for the evening.

Marcia won best speech for the evening, Elaine won for best evaluator and Brian won for best table topics.

Christa asked for announcements. Marcia noted that pennies are not legal tender for the Grammarian fines. She also noted that the tip for your meal is not included in your bill, so be sure to tip the waitress appropriately. Joel noted that the Area 51 speech and table topics contest has been moved to March 31 at Industries for the Blind, from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon. Christa passed out bookmarks that remind the membership of the communication and leadership tracks.

Craig Thrift provided the joke and the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

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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Northwestern members extend their skills

by Don Barnett, ACS

I want to express my appreciation to members of the Northwestern Toastmasters club for their action to serve the mission of Toastmasters to a new club in the community. On Tuesday, February 14, six members of NWTM presented a demonstration of a Toastmasters meeting in the neighboring Area 54 at the Winston Salem State University Computer Science Department. Craig Thrift accepted the role of Toastmaster and showed leadership as he led the club through the steps of the meeting and explained the responsibilities of each role. Jeff Walker took charge for the Table Topics session and presented questions which provided good opportunity for members of WSSU to demonstrate their impromptu speaking skills.

Achal Shah and Piyush Gupta presented prepared speeches showing the value of organization and humor in their presentations. Pam Christopher served as General Evaluator and led the members in an evaluative and educational experience of each step of the meeting. This included Evaluations of the prepared speeches by Craig and me. We concluded the meeting with a new connection of fellow toastmasters within our community.

In my opinion, this group of six served our mission of Toastmasters. As I asked each club member, I was appreciative of their willingness to help and confident of their ability to serve their role. We should be proud as members of Northwestern in our willingness to extend time and skills for the community. As a reminder, I include the Mission Statement from Toastmasters International below:

Mission

Toastmasters International is the leading movement devoted to making effective oral communication a worldwide reality.

Through its member clubs, Toastmasters International helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening, and thinking – vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

It is basic to this mission that Toastmasters International continually expand its worldwide network of member clubs, thereby offering ever-greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from its programs

(ed. note: Don is a member of Northwestern, and is also Area Governor for Area 54.)

~~ 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	03/ 06/ 2012	03 / 20 / 2012	04 / 03 / 2012	04 / 17 / 2012
Don Barnett, AC-B	Annual International Speech and Table Topics Contests	General Evaluator		Speaker
Butch Barney, DTM		Vote Counter	Word Master	Speaker
Marcia Barney, DTM		Evaluator		Evaluator
Allan Chavez		Speaker		
Pam Christopher, DTM		Joke Master		Speaker
John Clark, DTM		Speaker	General Evaluator	Evaluator
A.J. Daoud			Evaluator	Joke Master
Brian Davidson, DTM		Timer	Grammarian	Word Master
Brian Gravely			Speaker	Table Topics
Piyush Gupta		Speaker	Evaluator	Timer
Scott Hill				
Lance Kull, DTM				
Christa Neuhauser, CC		Grammarian	Toastmaster	
Daniel Parker		Word Master	Speaker	
Jenny Patterson				
Jessica Pockey				
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM		Evaluator		Speaker
Kristin Schokett		Evaluator	Table Topics	Toastmaster
Achal Shah		Table Topics	Speaker	Vote Counter
Elizabeth Stepp, CC		Evaluator	Joke Master	General Evaluator
Craig Thrift, CC/CL			Evaluator	Grammarian
Jeff Walker, CC		Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator
Elaine Wiles, CC-G		Toastmaster	Vote Counter	Evaluator
Chuck Wooten				

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

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