

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

May 1, 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.

Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

Never lose your way home.

A lot of getting by is gotten by doing things you would rather not do

When you get bucked off, get back on.

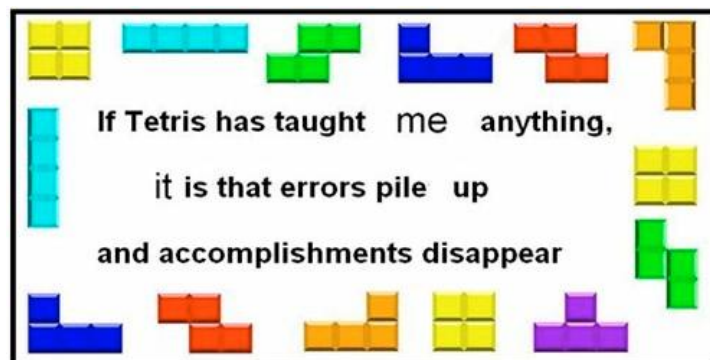
Help Make it Complete

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.

Plan Ahead

When you are scheduled to be a speaker (see page three) you, of course, want to start developing AND PRACTICING your speech. Part of your speech development should be writing an introduction. About a week before the meeting, email that introduction to the Toastmaster of the meeting. This will allow that person to practice and merge your introduction with their presentation. **AND** - email the VP of Education your manual, speech number, time and title in order for inclusion in the program.



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Improved Communications Workshop

Starting on May 1 (our next meeting) Northwestern Toastmasters will conduct our annual Improved Communications Workshop. The workshop will continue for 8 consecutive Tuesdays, with graduation on June 12.

This workshop is an ideal time to introduce friends and acquaintances who could benefit from improved communications to the concepts of Toastmasters. Cost of the Workshop is \$25 per person for those who are not members of NWTM. NWTM members may attend as part of their membership.

VP-Education Jeff Walker has asked Marcia Barney to coordinate the program. She, in turn, will be asking the many talented members of NWTM to assist with the educational presentations, evaluations, and group discussions.

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

The Way it Was - April 17, 2012



By Elizabeth Stepp, Secretary

The meeting started at 6:31 p.m. with Vice President of Education Jeff Walker opening the meeting. There were no Officer Reports, Committee Reports, or Old Business. In New Business, Marcia Barney discussed the Improved Communications Seminar. She asked members to consider speaking, being the Toastmaster of the evening or the Table Topics master. She passed a sheet for members to sign up for those evenings. She also has registration forms for ICS and requested that members share the form with those interested. She will share the form by email tomorrow and John Clark noted that the form was available on the web site. Jeff announced the changes to the agenda.

Christa Neuhauser was the Toastmaster for the meeting. The theme of the meeting was "Learning from Traveling." She gave speech #5 from the Speaking to Inform manual as she talked about planning her most recent trip to Warm Springs, GA. She told us about the food, locations and people that she met along the way.

The Vote Counter was Don Barnett. Jeff acted as the Grammarian for the evening. Timer for the evening was Pam Christopher. The Wordmaster was Butch Barney. The words for the evening were: *divisor*, *dividend*, *quotient* and *remainder*. These words are meant to remind everyone of the days when they learned long division. Joel Schanker hosted the Table Topics session. He asked

- Don Barnett to tell us about a trip where he returned home smarter than when he left
- Pam Christopher where she would most want to travel for the purpose of amazing herself, assuming that money was no problem
- Butch Barney whether he'd rather read about a dream vacation, watch a video about a dream vacation or talk to someone who'd been on the dream vacation
- Elizabeth Stepp if she would rather go to New York City or Yellowstone National Park.

Brian Gravely gave speech #2 from Persuasive Speeches manual, entitled, "The Cold Call." His cold call was to Pam, as a representative of Forsyth Memorial Gardens. After the pitch, he told the audience about what he learned from the cold call process.

Brian Davidson gave speech #2 from the Special Occasion Speeches, entitled, "MIL." He told about a poem that he gave his wife after her mother had passed away. The poem was entitled, "Miss Me, But Let Me Go." He related several memories about his mother-in-law.

John Clark was our General Evaluator for the evening. He called on

- Jeff Walker to evaluate Christa Neuhauser
- Marcia Barney to evaluate Brian Gravely
- Craig Thrift evaluated Brian Davidson.

Jeff gave the grammarian's report for the evening. Butch told us who used the word for the evening.

Elizabeth won for Table Topics, Christa won for his speech and Marcia won for the evaluation. Elizabeth provided the joke and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Did You Hear?

A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper, Guido, has cheated him out of \$10,000,000.00 His bookkeeper is deaf. That was the reason he got the job in the first place. It was assumed that Guido would hear nothing so he would not have to testify in court. When the Godfather goes to confront Guido about his missing \$10 million, he takes along his lawyer who knows sign language. The Godfather tells the lawyer, "Ask him where the money is!"

The lawyer, using sign language, asks Guido, "Where's the money?" Guido signs back, "I don't know what you are talking about." The lawyer tells the Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you're talking about." The Godfather pulls out a pistol, puts it to Guido's head and says, "Ask him again or I'll kill him!"

The lawyer signs to Guido, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him." Guido trembles and signs, "OK! You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house. The Godfather asks the lawyer, "What did he say?" The lawyer replies, "He says you don't have the guts to pull the trigger."

"Indira," Walter proposed, "Please, will you marry me?" Yes," replied Indira. "Of course I will. Why have you taken so long to ask me?"

Walter, the leading undertaker in the city, explained, "With your profession of snake charming, I was never sure if you would become my fiancé or my customer."

Indira laughed and set about planning the wedding. As with everything she did, the event was a great success and attended by many relatives and friends from both the herpetology and the morticians of the city.

Of course there were many, many wedding gifts although their favorite was a set of towels embroidered with the words ... "Hiss and Hearse"

Who's Who?

Three friends from different villages in Austria are members of the same Oompah band. Can you work out the age of each man (39, 40, 42), his occupation (one is a farmer), the instrument he plays and the name of his village (one is Obersdorf)? (Answers in next issue.)

1. Boris (who isn't the hotel keeper) is older than the tuba player (who isn't from the village of Alpanseel).

2. The man who plays the flugelhorn isn't the oldest band member.

3. The man aged 40 is from a village with the same initial letter as the village the accordion player comes from.

4. The policeman is younger than Wilhelm.

5. The man from Ottenbach is either the youngest or the oldest and may or may not be Walter.

I just read a list of "100 things to do before you die." I'm pretty surprised that "Yell for Help" is not one of them.

~~ 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

Improved Communications Seminar is May 1 through June 12

Member	05 / 01 / 2012	05 / 15 / 2012	05 / 29 / 2012	06 / 05 / 2012
Don Barnett, AC-B	Speaker		Table Topics	
Butch Barney, DTM	Speaker			
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Table Topics		
Allan Chavez				
Pam Christopher, DTM	Toastmaster			Table Topics
John Clark, DTM	Evaluator	General Evaluator		Toastmaster
Brian Davidson, DTM	Word Master			
Brian Gravely				Speaker
Piyush Gupta	Timer			
Christa Neuhauser, CC		Speaker	General Evaluator	Toastmaster
Daniel Parker	Vote Counter			
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM	Speaker		Toastmaster	
Kristin Schokett				
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	General Evaluator	Toastmaster		
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Grammarian			
Jeff Walker, CC	Table Topics			
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Evaluator			

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

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