

# 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 15, 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.***

## New Members

Northwestern Toastmasters welcomes a returning member and a new member: Sha Tao has returned after an eighteen month absence in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We're delighted to have you back, Sha! Kim Studevent has joined us as a new member and we look forward to hearing much more from her.

## ICS Participants

In addition to Northwestern Toastmasters members, we also welcome Justin Newsome, Maurice Derbez, and Dawn Sicurezza to our Improved Communications Seminar.

## Guests

On May 1, Randy Wolfe and Beverly Mickle visited us. We look forward to seeing you again on May 15. Also present was District Officer Michael Beach.

## Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

Find the problem before you find the solution

Do not tolerate bad coffee.

Never drive black cattle in the dark.

If it breaks, fix it

On the internet you can be anything you want. It's strange that so many people choose to be stupid.

## Improved Communications Seminar ( Session 2 )

On May 8 we met at BSM&T for Session II of ICS. We learned, through Ice Breaker speeches, that Justin Newsome is an electronic technology addict with predictions for the future; Maurice Derbez is mechanical whiz from Mexico; Dawn Sicurezza is a goal-driven achiever less than half her former size; and Kim Studevent is a daycare owner with great plans for future accomplishments. Sha Tao told us a great deal about our genes for his fifth speech "Genes and You" from the CC manual.

A group discussion yielded some great ideas for honing our speech titles to make audiences more eager to hear our speeches. Joel Schanker gave us some great tips for controlling our fear for speech #5 from his CC manual. Everyone got involved in sorting out the appropriate information to include in speaker introductions. "Why this Speaker to this audience on this subject at this time?" is the key.

Speaking tips on these and many other subjects are available on our web site - NWTM.org. Jeff Walker, Butch Barney, and Marcia Barney helped with the evaluations, timing, and MC duties.

## In Las Vegas

There are over 15,000 miles of neon tubing There are more than 150,000 hotel rooms Hotels have an average annual occupancy rate of 90% Slot machines typically earn 60% or more of a casino's earnings. The Eiffel Tower in Las Vegas is half-scale of the original one. The four hotels at the Las Vegas Blvd and Tropicana (MGM Grand, Tropicana, Excalibur, and New York-New York) have more hotel rooms than all San Francisco.

## The Way it Was - May 1, 2012

By Elizabeth Stepp, Secretary



The meeting started at 6:40 p.m. with President Christa Neuhauser opening the meeting. In Committee Reports, Improved Communications Seminar Coordinator Marcia Barney noted that it was the first evening of the Improved Communication Seminar and asked everyone around the table to stand, introduce themselves and tell one fact about them. Finally, Christa announced the changes to the agenda.

Pam Christopher was the Toastmaster for the meeting. The theme of the meeting was "Speech Organization." She compared a speech's organization to the organization of the meeting and noted several items that a speaker should and should not do when preparing a speech.

The Vote Counter was Randy Wolfe. Timer for the evening was Allan Chavez. Our grammarian for the evening was District 37 Lieutenant Governor for Marketing Michael Beach. Our Wordmaster was Christa Neuhauser. The word for the evening was **lugubrious**, which means mournful.

The Table Topics session was hosted by Jeff Walker. He asked Marcia Barney what resources she used to decide upon a speech topic. Allan Chavez was asked what resources he used to research his speech topics. Craig Thrift was asked to provide his input on successfully picking speech topics.

Don Barnett gave speech #5 from the Special Occasion Manual, entitled, "A Retirement Speech." Don based it on the speech that he gave at his retirement party. He thanked those he worked with and challenged those in the office to consider leadership positions.

Joel Schanker presented #4 from the Competent Communication Manual entitled, "Tyranny of Perfection." He told the audience why he considered perfection to be detrimental and have a negative, rather than a positive result.

Butch Barney spoke from the Speaking to Inform Manual using project #3, "It's About Time." He spoke about the need for standardization of time and time zones. He shared the impetus for Daylight Saving Time. We learned that time varies by one minute every 13 miles.

Elizabeth Stepp was the General Evaluator for the evening. Craig Thrift evaluated Pam Christopher, John Clark evaluated Don Barnett, Marcia Barney evaluated Joel Schanker, and Christa Neuhauser evaluated Butch Barney.

Michael Beach gave the grammarian's report for the evening. **(Ed. Note: It was at this point Michael and Marcia concurred that since John Clark spoke sans errors, he would be exempt from the onerous quarter fine.)** Christa told us who used the word for the evening.

Marcia won for Table Topics, Joel won for his speech and Marcia won for the evaluation.

Christa asked for announcements. Marcia noted that there are several members who haven't yet paid their speaking fines. She also asked the Improved Communication Seminar attendees to meet with her after the meeting. Christa also thanked the visitors for the evening for attending. John provided the joke and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



## Who's Who?

The last issue contained a logic puzzle. If you want to verify that you are correct, then here are the answers.

Boris is 42, a farmer who plays the accordion and lives in Ottenbach.

Walter is 39, a policeman who plays the flugelhorn and lives in Alpanseer.

Wilhelm is 40, a hotel keeper who plays the tuba and lives in Obersdorf.

## Educational Awards

Congratulations to Christa Neuhauser for earning her Advanced Communicator-Bronze. Christa recently completed her 10th speech after earning her Competent Communicator Award. Christa is also this year's President of Northwestern Toastmasters.

Congratulations to Brian Davidson, DTM. Brian just completed the requirements for Competent Leader as he begins work on his second DTM award. Brian is the chair for the nominating committee for the 2012- 2013 officers.

## From the Church Bulletin

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

~~ 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 19

Member		05 / 15 / 2012	05 /29 / 2012	06 / 05 / 2012	06 / 19 / 2012
Don	Barnett, AC-B	Vote Counter	Table Topics		
Butch	Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Speaker	
Marcia	Barney, DTM	Speaker	General Evaluator	Joke Master	
Allan	Chavez		Joke Master		
Pam	Christopher, DTM	Evaluator	Evaluator	Table Topics	
John	Clark, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator	Toastmaster	Vote Counter
Brian	Davidson, DTM	Timer	Speaker		
Brian	Gravelly, CC		Evaluator	Speaker	Joke Master
Piyush	Gupta		Word Master	Speaker	Evaluator
Christa	Neuhauser, AC-B	General Evaluator	Evaluator		
Daniel	Parker	Word Master			Evaluator
Barbara	Schanker, AC-S				
Joel	Schanker, DTM	Table Topics	Toastmaster		Speaker
Kristin	Schokett	Joke Master			Speaker
Elizabeth	Stepp, CC	Toastmaster		Vote Counter	Table Topics
Kim	Studevent				
Sha	Tao	Speaker			Toastmaster
Craig	Thrift, CC/CL		Vote Counter		Evaluator
Jeff	Walker, CC	Grammarian		General Evaluator	
Elaine	Wiles, AC-G	Evaluator	Speaker	Word Master	Speaker

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

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