

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 29, 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.

Correction

In the last issue, we stated that Brian Davidson had just completed the requirements for Competent Leader as he begins work on his second DTM award. While Brian is indeed hard at work on the Toastmasters plan - it was really Don Barnett, AC-B who just earned his Competent Leader. So, Congratulations Don. This demonstrates your work and enthusiasm in Northwestern.

Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

Never cut what you can untie.

If you can do it yourself, don't ask for help.

Be a good worker.

Never do anything that will make you afraid to look yourself in the eye.

GRANDMA'S AGE

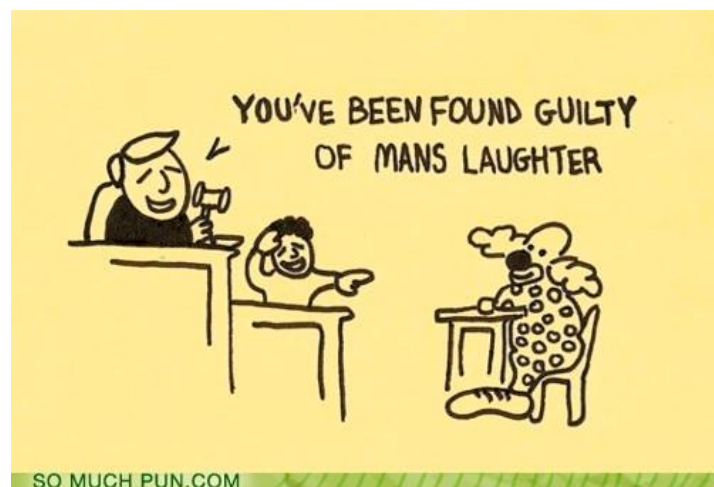
Little Johnny asked his Grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, "39 and holding." Johnny thought for a moment, and then said, "and how old would you be if you let go?"

Doctor's Advice

Doug goes to a doctor and says: "Doctor, my wife recently has lost her voice. What should I do to help her get it back?"

The doctor replies, "Try coming home at 3 in the morning!"

The Difference Between Manslaughter and . . .



THE WATER PISTOL

When my three-year-old son opened the birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol... He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink.

I was not so pleased. I turned to mom and said, "I'm surprised at you. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?" Mom smiled and then replied.... "I remember!!"

If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have ?

Very large hands

The Way it Was - May 15 2012

By Elizabeth Stepp, Secretary



The meeting started with President Christa Neuhauser opening the meeting. In Committee Reports, Marcia Barney, Improved Communications Seminar Coordinator, noted that it was the third evening of the Improved Communication Seminar. Christa announced the changes to the agenda.

Elizabeth Stepp was the Toastmaster for the meeting. The theme of the meeting was "Effective Listening" Our vote counter was Jeff Walker. Out timer was Brian Davidson. Our vote counter was Maurice Derbez. Our word master was Dawn Sicurezza. She provided us with an "insidious" word to improve our vocabulary.

The Table Topics session was hosted by Marcia Barney. She covered the Improved Communications Seminar section of using notes by asking note-related questions to Kristen Schockett, John Clark, Brian Davidson and Jeff Walker.

Our first speaker of the evening was Justin Newsome who used Project Number two in the Competent Communication Manual and spoke for five minutes. Justin was followed by Sha Tao, who used Project number six of the Competent Communication Manual to tell us about "Shake Well, Drink Often." Our next speaker, John Clark used Project Number four in the Competent Communication Manual to tell us "The Results may be Unpredictable." Our final speaker was Marcia Barney. She used Project number three in Competent Communication Manual to tell us about "Another Dimension."

General Evaluator for the evening was Christa Neuhauser. In addition to commenting on the quality of the meeting Christa called on:

- Piyush Gupta to evaluate Elizabeth Stepp.
• Daniel Parker to evaluate Justin Newsome.
• Jeff Walker to evaluate Sha Tao
• Brian Davidson to evaluate John Clark.
• Kristen Schokett to evaluate Marcia Barney

Christa called on Brian Davidson for the timers report. Jeff Walker gave the grammarians report. (Ed. Note: It was at this point Jeff and our Treasurer, Marcia Barney, agreed that John spoke with no discernable errors and, as a result, would be exempt from the onerous quarter fine.)

Dawn Sicurezza told us who used the word for the evening.

Christa then returned control of the lectern to our Toastmaster of the meeting. After her Toastmaster wrap-up, President Christa Neuhauser, awarded "best of" ribbons to

- John Clark for Table Topics Response
• Kristen Schokett for best Evaluation
• Marcia Barney for best Prepared Speech.

Kristen Schokett served as our Joke Master and the meeting adjourned.

Advice for married men.

Never laugh at your wife's choices - you are one of them.

Improved Communications Seminar (Session 4)

Justin Newsome gave his third speech titled "My First World Problem" in which he discussed the challenges of his upcoming travels abroad. His speech was evaluated by Jeff Walker.

Dawn Sicurezza gave her second speech about something important to her (and us) titled "Food, Food Everywhere." She gave us some good suggestions for controlling our eating habits for a healthier lifestyle. Joel Schanker evaluated the speech.

Maurice Derbez gave his second speech "Business Intelligence" in which he discussed how to use it through existing methodologies and technology. Elizabeth Stepp did the evaluation.

Brian Davidson served as timer. Butch Barney gave an educational presentation in which he told us how to more effectively use our voice in oral communications. Marcia Barney led the group discussion on how to prepare and use Visual Aid. Sha Tao was the top listener at the meeting.

Some tips on visuals (also check www.NWTM.org for more tips):

- Prepare your visuals after you have prepared your presentation. Visuals can be anything that enhances your listeners ability to immediately comprehend your message. Some examples are books, sports equipment, flip charts (or any charts), Power point presentations.
• If equipment is need for your visual aids be sure that you know how to operate it and that you have a backup plan should it fail.
• Avoid "passarounds" or handouts that could distract during the presentation.
• Always look at your audience instead of your visual.
• Limit the amount of information contained on each visual - one thought and no more than 3 lines per slide, for example.
• Practice with your visual, practice again, practice several more times. Be sure the presentation could "stand alone" should the worst happen and your visuals malfunction.

John and Nancy were married for 40 years and decided they wanted to renew their vows and planned a second wedding. They were discussing the details with their friends. Nancy wasn't going to wear a traditional bridal gown and she started describing the dress she was planning to wear. One of her friends asked what color shoes she had to go with the dress.

Nancy replied, "Silver." At that point, her husband chimed in, "Yep silver...to match her hair." Shooting a glaring look at John's bald spot, Nancy's friend said, "So John, I guess you must be going barefoot?"

Keep the Dream Alive - Hit the Snooze Button.

~~ 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 / 29 / 2012 | 06 / 05 / 2012 | 06 / 19 / 2012 | 07 / 03 / 2012 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Don Barnett, AC-B | Table Topics | | Speaker | |
| Butch Barney, DTM | Speaker | Speaker | | |
| Marcia Barney, DTM | General Evaluator | Joke Master | | |
| Allan Chavez | | | | |
| Pam Christopher, DTM | Speaker | Table Topics | General Evaluator | |
| John Clark, DTM | Evaluator | Toastmaster | Vote Counter | |
| A. J. Daoud | Timer | Word Master | | |
| Brian Davidson, DTM | Speaker | | | |
| Brian Gravely, CC | | Speaker | Joke Master | |
| Piyush Gupta | Word Master | Speaker | Evaluator | |
| Scott Hill | | | | |
| Christa Neuhauser, AC-B | Evaluator | | | |
| Daniel Parker | Grammarian | | Evaluator | |
| Barbara Schanker, AC-S | | | | |
| Joel Schanker, DTM | Toastmaster | | Speaker | |
| Kristin Schokett | | | | |
| Elizabeth Stepp, CC | Joke Master | Vote Counter | Table Topics | |
| Kim Studevent | Vote Counter | | | |
| Sha Tao | | | Toastmaster | |
| Craig Thrift, CC/CL | Evaluator | | Evaluator | |
| Jeff Walker, CC | Evaluator | General Evaluator | | |
| Elaine Wiles, AC-G | | | | |

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

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