

# 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  
**June 19, 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.*

## Meeting Guests

Guests at our June 5, 2012 meeting were: A.J. Daoud, Angie Thomas, David Serge and Area Governor John Palmer. We hope that you enjoyed the meeting and look forward to seeing you again.

John Palmer, the Area Governor, David Serge, and Angie Thomas were guests for the evening

## Message from our Area Governor

John Palmer thanked members of Northwestern for assistance with the area contest in the fall and in planning for the spring area contest. He also brought a certificate to present to Brian Gravely for his work in the spring contest. He also extended an invitation to participate in the upcoming TLI workshops.

## Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

If you make a mess, clean it up.

A clean saddle blanket is more important than clean sheets.

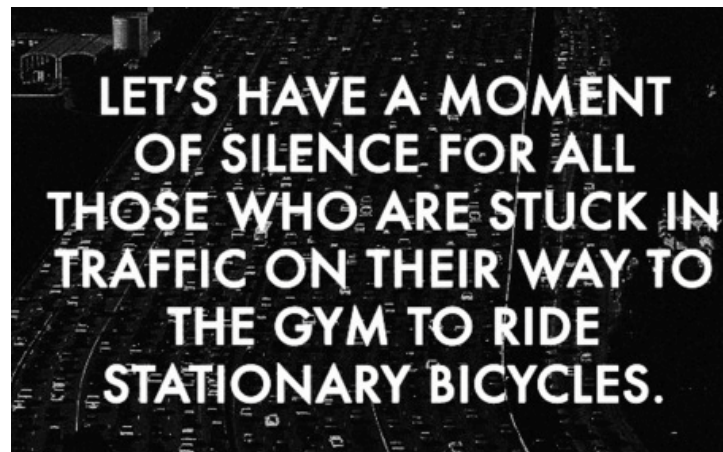
When experience talks, let your ears hang down and listen.

Things don't change as much as you do.

Dead ducks don't need killing.

The only reason to ride a bull is to meet a nurse.

If you don't know how to run it, leave it alone.



## New Speed Limit

The speed at which a woman says "Nothing!" when asked, "What's wrong?" is inversely proportional to the severity of the coming storm.

## Welcome to the Real World

Recently, when I went to McDonald's I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets.

'We don't have half dozen nuggets,' said the teenager at the counter. 'You don't?' I replied. 'We only have six, nine, or twelve,' was the reply.

'So I can't order a half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?' 'That's right.' So I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets.

## The Way it Was - June 5, 2012



By Elizabeth Stepp, Secretary

Jeff Walker, our Vice President of Education called the Business Session to order, then proceeded to demonstrate the efficient way to conduct a business session. Following the break, we began the Educational Session.

John Clark was the Toastmaster for our meeting and used "Use of Language in Oral Communication" as the theme. John pointed out that this information is available on our web site. It is listed under ICS, for Improved Communications Seminal. John used "Rules of Thumb" to help show the difference between oral and written communication. His first rule of thumb was that written language is static - a reader can re-read and study the text. Spoken communication is more dynamic and requires the speaker to show the listener the key points. One way to do this is to think about rule of thumb number two - think of a speech as tell them what you are going to talk about, talk about it and tell them what you talked about (as in opening, body and conclusion.)

Sha Tao was our Vote Counter. Area Governor John Palmer was our Timer. Joel Schanker was our Grammarian.

Wordmaster Elizabeth Stepp gave us the word **apoplectic**.

Pam Christopher was our Table Topics Master. She asked -

- Sha Tao - What do you think of speech titles in the program.
- Elizabeth Stepp - How do you create and prepare a speech in two weeks?
- A.J. Daoud - Do you like longer or shorter speech titles?

Richard Serge gave speech #2 from the Competent Communicator manual, entitled, "Promoting for a Better Tomorrow." He spoke about the non-profit he manages which helps teens in their sociological development.

Kim Studevent gave speech #2 from the Competent Communicator manual. Her speech was titled, "The Importance of Learning German." Kim told why learning German may be useful and the benefits of learning German.

Piyush Gupta gave speech #3 from the Competent Communicator manual called "Cut Your Use of Plastic." We learned that nearly 80% of water bottles end up in landfills.

Jeff Walker was our General Evaluator for the evening. Pam Christopher evaluated John Clark. Craig Thrift evaluated Richard Serge, Brian Davidson evaluated Kim Studevent and Joel Schanker evaluated Piyush Gupta.

Joel Schanker was our Grammarian. (Obviously filled with the power radiating from the leadership vacuum generated by the absence of the CAQ, Collector of All Quarters) stated that fines for grammatical errors would be levied but immediately pardoned. So it was done, so it was written, so it was greeted with thunderous applause. Elizabeth Stepp gave the Word Masters report. Joke Master Jeff Walker provided humor to conclude the meeting.

Joel Schanker was Best Evaluator

A.J. Daoud was Best Table Topics response.

Kim Studevent was Best Prepared Speaker

## Week 7 of the I.C.S. (June 12, 2012)

It's summer time and we had more experienced Toastmasters than ICS participants at the June 12 Improved Communications Seminar! I guess that means that the "old hands" have learned that it is always the season for self-improvement! Sha Tao gave speech #7 Research Your Topic titled "Cut your gas expenses by 50%." The speech was evaluated by Don Barnett.

We enjoyed three educational presentations:

-Brian Gravely gave an insightful "A funny thing happened.." speech from the Persuasive Speeches Manual. Some tips from Brian included: use the right amount of humor, use humor as an ice breaker to relax both the speaker and the audience; the humor should help make a point humor and jokes are not the same nor is a speech and a comedy routine; make humor relevant to the subject; humor can be un-scripted. Brian Davidson evaluated the speech.

-Don Barnett did a group discussion from his Group Discussion Manual. We learned that we can never know too much about our audience and should seek detailed information before the presentation begins. Butch evaluated the discussion.

-Marcia Barney gave a speech covering listening "Listen!" as speech #2 from her CC Manual. Jeff Walker evaluated this organize your speech speech which completed another CC for Marcia.

## Welcome to the Real World

I was checking out at the local Wal-Mart with just a few items and the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of those 'dividers' that they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed. After the girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the 'divider', looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it.

Not finding the bar code, she said to me, 'Do you know how much this is?' I said to her 'I've changed my mind; I don't think I'll buy that today.' She said 'OK,' and I paid her for the things and left. She had no clue to what had just happened.

A woman at work was seen putting a credit card into her floppy drive and pulling it out very quickly. When I inquired as to what she was doing, she said she was shopping on the Internet and they kept asking for a credit card number, so she was using the ATM 'thingy.'

I recently saw a distraught young lady weeping beside her car. 'Do you need some help?' I asked. She replied, 'I knew I! should have replaced the battery to this remote door unlocker. Now I can't get into my car. Do you think they (pointing to a distant convenience store) would have a battery to fit this?'

'Hmmm, I don't know. Do you have an alarm, too?' I asked. 'No, just this remote thingy,' she answered, handing it and the car keys to me. As I took the key and manually unlocked the door, I replied, 'Why don't you drive over there and check about the batteries. It's a long walk...'

~~ 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**

<b>Member</b>	<b>06 / 19 / 2012</b>	<b>07 / 03 / 2012</b>	<b>07 / 17 / 2012</b>	<b>07 / 31 / 2012</b>
Don Barnett, AC-B	Speaker	Joke Master	Toastmaster	Evaluator
Butch Barney, DTM	Evaluator/ Joke Master	General Evaluator		Toastmaster
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Timer	Speaker
Allan Chavez				
Pam Christopher, DTM	General Evaluator	Grammarian	Speaker	Evaluator
John Clark, DTM	Speaker		Joke Master	
Brian Davidson, DTM	Evaluator		Evaluator	General Evaluator
Brian Gravely, CC		Toastmaster	General Evaluator	
Piyush Gupta	Evaluator	Evaluator		Speaker
Scott Hill				
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B				Grammarian
Daniel Parker	Evaluator			Speaker
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM	Speaker	Word Master	Evaluator	Timer
Kristin Schokett		Evaluator		Speaker
Richard Serge	Timer / Word Master	Vote Counter		
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Table Topics	Table Topics	Speaker	Vote Counter
Kim Studevent	Speaker	Speaker	Grammarian	Joke Master
Sha Tao	Toastmaster	Timer	Vote Counter	
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator	Speaker	Table Topics	Evaluator
Jeff Walker, CC	Grammarian	Evaluator	Speaker	Table Topics
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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