

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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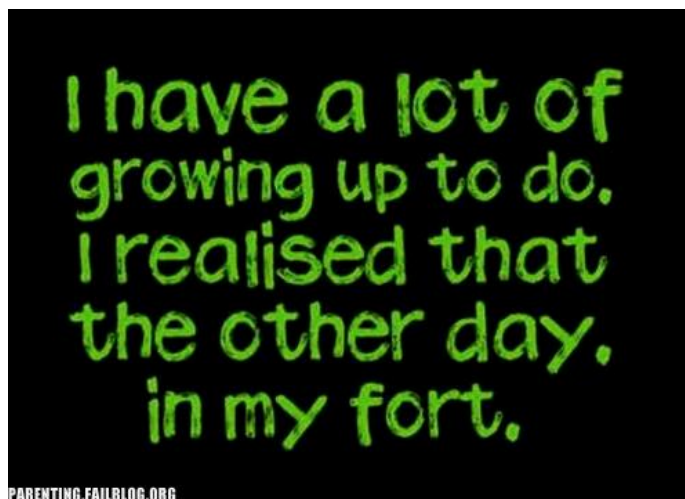


The Mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which each member has the opportunity to develop and practice communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

Meeting Guests

Guests at our June 19, 2012 meeting were: Rosie Zhang, Harriet Clark and David Serge. We hope that you enjoyed the meeting and look forward to seeing you again.

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Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

Don't get your spurs tangled

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Talk less and say more.

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Never Betray A Trust.

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Don't talk down to anyone, even if you have to get off your horse

## New Officers - Same Standards

Each year seven of our fellow Toastmasters agree to serve as officers of our Club. They don't do it for the money. I'm pretty sure they don't do it for the glory. Part of the educational process is passing on what you have learned to others. Our officers pass on what they have learned, not by lecture, but by example. This, I believe, is one of the many attributes that make Northwestern Toastmasters a great example of what a Toastmasters Club should be. In Northwestern, the goal of all members and officers is improvement of the member - not the accumulation of awards. In other words, as they said in the movie, "If you build it, they will come."

As proof of that, Toastmasters International offers an award each year called "The Presidents Distinguished." This award recognizes Clubs based on 10 criteria and was first offered in the 2001-2002 Toastmasters Year. Each year, including the year just finished, Northwestern has won this award.

Give yourself a pat on the back - your hard work to help your self-improvement has spilled over and given our club the recognition that it deserves.

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Welcome to the Real World

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. 'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'it's open!' His reply: 'I know. I already got that side.'

The Way it Was - June 19, 2012



By Elizabeth Stepp, Secretary

The meeting started at 6:32 p.m. with Vice President of Education Jeff Walker opening the meeting. There were no Officer or Committee reports. There was no new business. Jeff announced the changes to the agenda.

Sha Tao was the Toastmaster for the meeting. The theme of the meeting was "Graduation." He gave speech #8 from the Competent Communication manual, entitled, "Lessons Everywhere." He spoke about learning lessons from many places within nature, such as a peach orchard or the time that banana takes to ripen.

Our Vote Counter was Elizabeth Stepp. Timer for the evening was Richard Serge. Our grammarian for the evening was Jeff Walker. The Wordmaster was Richard Serge. The word for the evening was: **exultant**, meaning triumphant, jubilant.

The Table Topics master for the evening was Elizabeth Stepp. She asked Butch Barney to tell us what he considers to be self-improvement, Pam to tell us about a self-improvement book she's read, Brian to share a time when practice made perfect and Richard to share one thing he would like to challenge himself to do.

Dawn Sicurezza gave speech #3 from the Competent Communication manual, entitled, "Let's Change." She discussed habits that were beneficial or detrimental to our lives and how to change habits through repetition. She shared how to change a habit:

Don Barnett gave speech #3 from the Professional Speaker Manual, entitled, "Your Learning Edge." He noted that the learning edge was at the boundary of what you are and what you want to become. He told the story about when he became Area Governor for Area 54, which turned out to be at his learning edge.

John Clark gave speech #8 from the Competent Communication manual entitled, "The Joy of Anticipation and the Agony of Curiosity." He shared a story from his childhood where he learned about the joy of anticipation and agony of curiosity.

Joel Schanker gave our final speech for the evening from project #10 of the Competent Communication manual, "Just Ask." He spoke about the leadership positions that Toastmasters provides and encouraged the members to ask how they can assist.

Pam Christopher was the General Evaluator for the evening. Marcia Barney evaluated Sha Tao, Butch Barney evaluated Dawn Sicurezza, Brian Davidson evaluated Don Barnett, Craig evaluated John Clark and Marcia Barney also evaluated Joel Schanker. Jeff gave the grammarian's report for the evening. Richard shared the names of members who used the word for the evening.

Pam won for Table Topics, John won for his speech and Marcia won for the evaluation. In the Announcements, Joel suggested that the club send the new club leadership to the TLI session. It's only \$5 and the club officers can attend in either the morning or afternoon on June 30. Butch provided the joke and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Congratulations to the ICS Class

At the end of the June 19 meeting, Marcia Barney recognized Sha Tao, Richard Serge and Dawn Sicurezza for completing the Improved Communications program and congratulated them for graduating.

New Definitions to Old Words

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR: A place where women curl up and dye.

CANNIBAL: Someone who is fed up with people.

CHICKENS: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage.

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN: Grape with a sunburn.

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW: One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES: Something other people have, Similar to my character lines.

Welcome to the Real World

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.' He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce. -- From Kansas City

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?' To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?' He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.' -- Happened in Birmingham, Ala.

The spotlight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged coworker of mine. She asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, 'What on earth are blind people doing driving?!'

She was a probation officer in Wichita, KS

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'

~~ Meeting Schedule ~~

Please Note. The Vice President of Education is continually adjusting the schedule to meet the requirements of our members. So, if you need to see the current schedule, contact our Vice President of Education

Member	07 / 03 / 2012	07 / 17 / 2012	07 / 31 / 2012	08 / 07 / 2012
Don Barnett, AC-B		Toastmaster	Evaluator	Evaluator
Butch Barney, DTM	General Evaluator		Toastmaster	Timer
Marcia Barney, DTM	Toastmaster	Timer	Speaker	Evaluator
Allan Chavez				
Pam Christopher, DTM	Grammarians	Speaker	Evaluator	Evaluator
John Clark, DTM	Table Topics			Grammarians
Brian Davidson, DTM	Vote Counter/ Timer	Evaluator	General Evaluator	Speaker
Brian Gravely, CC				Speaker
Piyush Gupta	Evaluator	Joke Master		General Evaluator
Scott Hill				
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B			Grammarians	Toastmaster
Daniel Parker			Speaker	Vote Counter
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM	Word Master	Evaluator	Timer	Speaker
Kristin Schokett	Evaluator	General Evaluator	Speaker	Word Master
Richard Serge	Speaker			Speaker
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Joke Master	Speaker	Vote Counter	Evaluator
Kim Studevent	Speaker	Grammarians	Joke Master	Table Topics
Sha Tao		Vote Counter	Table Topics	Joke Master
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Speaker	Table Topics	Evaluator	Speaker
Jeff Walker, CC	Evaluator	Speaker		
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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