

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

July 17, 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

Dawn Sicurezza is our newest member and our first member of the new Toastmasters Year. Dawn joins others who have joined us. The staff and management of this newsletter hope that you will have a long and fruitful voyage in the pursuit of your goals.

Meeting Guest

Our guest at our July 3, 2012 meeting was Nick Dawson. We hope that you enjoyed the meeting and look forward to seeing you again.

Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

Make apologies, not excuses.

Hold your piece until you're sure you know what you're talking about.

Don't get even - get over it.

Don't waste good money on cheap boots.

Bet you didn't know

Upper- and lower-case letters are named 'upper' and 'lower' because in the time when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the Upper case' letters were stored in the case on top of the case that stored the smaller, 'lower case' letters.

Blessed are we who can laugh at ourselves
for we shall never cease to be amused.

Request for e-mail

One thing that our Toastmaster failed to mention in her warm-up speech at the last meeting was that the electrical problems also affected her computer. This means that Marcia must trek over to Butch's office to check her e-mail. To help Marcia repair her computer, please send her an email along the lines "Marcia - I understand your computer is ill, please get it fixed so that you can absolve my quarter fine at the next meeting." Don't forget to sign your name. Marcia's e-mail address, if you need it, is HMBAR@aol.com.

Welcome to the Real World

I live in a semi rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road. The reason: 'Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.' From Kingman, KS

My daughter and I went through the McDonald's take-out window and I gave the clerk a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her a quarter. She said, 'you gave me too much money.' I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar bill back. She sighed and went to get the manager, who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the quarter, and said 'We're sorry but we could not do that kind of thing.' The clerk then proceeded to give me back \$1 and 75 cents in change. Do not confuse the clerks at McD's.

The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it. - Albert Einstein

The Way it Was - July 3, 2012

By Elizabeth Stepp, Secretary



The meeting started at 6:37 p.m. with Vice President of Education Jeff Walker opening the meeting. There were no Officer or Committee reports. In new business, Butch Barney made a motion to donate \$50 to a fledging Statesville club, *Crossroads of the Carolinas*. Marcia seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote

Marcia Barney was the Toastmaster for the meeting. The theme of the meeting was "Beneath the Surface." Our Vote Counter was Jeff. Timer for the evening was Joel Schanker. Our grammarian for the evening was Pam Christopher. The Wordmaster was Joel Schanker. The word for the evening was: **cacophony**, meaning harsh discordant of sound.

The Table Topics master for the evening was John Clark. He asked Jeff whether it was true that we judged others on surface qualities. Joel was asked whether the phrase inner beauty implied that outer beauty was nonexistent. Elizabeth was asked what the phrase "Still waters run deep" could mean. Pam was asked whether those still waters could run deep and still be considered still water

In the prepared speeches, Richard Serge gave speech #3 from the Competent Communication manual, entitled, "Looking Beneath the Surface of Tomorrow's Leaders." He discussed several teen development items that should be of interest to every adult.

Craig Thrift presented project #1 of the Communicating on Television Manual, entitled, "Guilty." He presented an editorial on the Jerry Sandusky trial and advocated for the removal of the Joe Paterno statue and review of all games in which Jerry Sandusky participated.

Butch Barney was the General Evaluator for the evening. Elizabeth Stepp evaluated Marcia, Jeff evaluated Richard, and Pam evaluated Craig.

Pam gave the grammarian's report for the evening. Joel reported the names of members who used the word cacophony for the evening.

- Best Table Topics speaker Joel Schanker
- Best Evaluation Pam Christopher
- Best Speaker Marcia Barney

Joel made an announcement for an alternate TLI for the division. Elizabeth provided the joke and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Welcome to the Real World

I work with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the sake of her life, couldn't understand why her system would not turn on. A deputy with the Dallas County Sheriffs office, no less.

The man who impulsively got a cat despite his allergies later realized that it was a rash decision.

The Difference Between

Boss

- Drives employees
- Depends on authority
- Inspires fear
- Says "I"
- Places blame for breakdowns
- Knows how it's done
- Uses people
- Takes credit
- Commands
- Says "Go"

Leader

- Coaches employees
- Depends on goodwill
- Generates enthusiasm
- Says "We"
- Fixes the breakdown
- Shows how it's done
- Develops people
- Gives credit
- Asks
- Says "Let's go"

More Welcome to the Real World

We had to have the garage door repaired. The Sears repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one Sears made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said, 'Lady, you need a 1/4 horsepower.' I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4. He said, 'NO, it's not.' Four is larger than two.' We haven't used Sears repair since.

At a good-bye luncheon for an old and dear coworker who was leaving the company due to 'downsizing,' our manager commented cheerfully, 'This is fun. We should do this more often.' Not another word was spoken. We all just looked at each other with that deer-in-the-headlights stare. - - This was a lunch at Texas Instruments.

Several years ago, we had an Intern who was none too swift. One day she was typing and turned to a secretary and said, 'I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?' 'Just use paper from the photocopier', the secretary told her. With that, the intern took her last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier and proceeded to make five 'blank' copies. (Brunette, by the way!!)

I used to work in an art supply store. We sold artists' canvas by the yard and you could get it in either of two widths: 36 inches or 48 inches. Customer: "Can you please cut some canvas for me?" Me: "Certainly, what width?" Customer: (confused and slightly annoyed) "Scissors?"

The food stamp program, part of the Department of Agriculture, is pleased to be distributing the greatest amount of food stamps ever. Meanwhile, the Park Service, part of the same government, asks us to "Please Do Not Feed the Animals" because the animals may grow dependent and not learn to take care of themselves.

~~ 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 / 17 / 2012	07 / 31 / 2012	08 / 07 / 2012	08 / 21 / 2012
Don Barnett, AC-B	Toastmaster	Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker
Butch Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Toastmaster	Timer	Speaker
Marcia Barney, DTM	General Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator	Evaluator
Allan Chavez				
Pam Christopher, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator	Evaluator	Evaluator
John Clark, DTM	Word Master		Grammarian	Vote Counter
Brian Davidson, DTM	Evaluator	General Evaluator	Speaker	
Brian Gravely, CC			Speaker	Joke Master
Piyush Gupta	Joke Master		General Evaluator	Toastmaster
Scott Hill				
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B		Grammarian	Toastmaster	Evaluator
Daniel Parker	Timer	Speaker	Vote Counter	Grammarian
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM	Evaluator	Timer	Speaker	
Kristin Schokett	General Evaluator	Speaker	Word Master	Table Topics
Richard Serge			Speaker	Evaluator
Dawn Sicurezza				
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Speaker	Vote Counter	Evaluator	Word Master
Kim Studevent	Grammarian	Joke Master	Table Topics	Speaker
Sha Tao	Vote Counter	Table Topics	Joke Master	General Evaluator
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Table Topics	Evaluator	Speaker	Speaker
Jeff Walker, CC	Speaker			
Elaine Wiles, AC-G				

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

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