

# Northwest Words

The Official Publication of *Northwestern Toastmasters* Club 2946/37

We meet each first, third, and fifth Tuesday, 6:30 PM - Mayberry's, 50 Miller Street, Winston-Salem, NC

## OFFICERS for 2012-2013

Christa Neuhauser, CC/CL	President
Jeff Walker, CC	VP-Education
Brian Gravely, CC	VP-Membership
John Clark, DTM	VP-Public Relations
Paush Gupta	Secretary
Marcia Barney, DTM	Treasurer
Sha Tao	Sgt. at Arms
On the web at	<a href="http://www.NWTM.org">www.NWTM.org</a>

Volume 39 - Issue 3

Our Next Meeting will be on

**July 31, 2012**

(Next Tuesday)

For More Information, call

**Marcia Barney (336) 712-8183**



*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 Guest

Our guest at our July 3, 2012 meeting was our new Area 41 Governor, Kathy Morehead. We must have done something right because she promised to visit again.

## Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

Be kind to animals

Your value goes up or down every day, depending on how you treat others.

Water and Truth are freshest at the source.

If you start it, stop it.

If you open it, close it.

## Happiness

Sometimes we just need to look a little further to find happiness. Here are some examples (thanks to Johnny Carson.)

Happiness is having the machine that replaced you figure out that the man who bought it should be fired.

Happiness is discovering the giant plant that you gave your mother-in-law for her bedside is a meat eater.

Happiness is seeing the local head of the Ku Klux Klan light a cross and catch his sheet on fire.

Happiness is learning your daughter's boy friend has had his electric guitar repossessed.

Happiness is being stuck in an elevator and discovering that the ravishing blonde with you is a liquor salesman with a case of samples

## Contest Information

### Club Level

Our annual club-level Humorous Speech contest will be at the regular meeting on September 4. Our annual Evaluation Contest will be held on September 18. Please consider entering this contest; it will give you an opportunity to sharpen your evaluation skills

### Area 41 Level

Contests will be on September 29. More information will soon be available

### Division E Level

Contests will be on October 30. More information will soon be available.

### District 37 Level

Contests will be held during the conference on November 2 - 4, 2012 at the Crown Plaza in Hickory, NC

Please Note: This article will be updated each issue, as more information is available.

**I never run  
with scissors.**

**(Those last two words were  
unnecessary.)**

## The Way it Was - July 17, 2012

By Piyush Gupta, Secretary



The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with President Christa Neuhauser opening the meeting. There were no Officer or Committee reports. In new business, Marcia Barney made a suggestion to collect and update usage of Competent Leader projects in future. All Toastmasters were asked to provide the secretary a note of the project number and title that were used from CL manual. (See the Competent Leader article in next column) Joel Schanker made a motion to amend timer records to match those used in competition. (See the Times for . . . article in next column) - the motion was seconded and approved.

Don Barnett was the Toastmaster for the meeting. He used Project number four in the CC Manual for six minutes to tell us about "Education Vacations". Our Vote Counter & Timer for the evening was Sha. Our grammarian for the evening was Brian Davidson. The Wordmaster was John Clark. The word for the evening was **PLETHORA**, meaning superabundance; an excess.

The Table Topics master for the evening was Craig Thrift. He asked John if he were in charge of a high school team – where would he take them. Brian was asked which theme park he has visited and what he likes. Sha was asked for his opinion where he thinks would be a good place to go and get educated. Piyush was asked if he has given two choices – Washington DC and Island where he will go for vacation.

Our other prepared speakers were:

- Jeff Walker, who gave speech #2 for four minutes, from the Interpretative Reading manual, entitled "Autumn in the Garden".
- Pam Christopher gave speech # 8 (for six minutes) from the Competent Communication manual, entitled, "Get Comfortable with Visual Aids".

Marcia Barney was the General Evaluator for the evening.

- Christa Neuhauser evaluated Don Barnett
- Butch Barney evaluated Pam Christopher
- Joel Schanker evaluated Jeff Walker

Brian Davidson gave the grammarian's report for the evening. John reported the names of members who used the word PLETHORA for the evening.

- Best Table Topics speaker was Brian Davidson
- Best evaluator was Butch Barney
- Best Speaker was Jeff Walker

Piyush Gupta provided the joke and the meeting and was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

## Trivia Tidbits:

ü The blue whale is the world's largest animal. It is so large that its tongue alone weights about 3 tons (or about 2,700 kilograms). For comparison's sake, the largest land animal, the African bush elephant -- the whole thing, not just the tongue -- weighs about six tons.

ü Mae West never kissed her leading men on screen.

ü The ball on top of a flagpole is called a "truck."

## Times for Table Topics & Evaluations

Northwestern Toastmasters will now use the contest guidelines for timing Table Topics Responses and Evaluations. These times are

**Table Topics™** contest speeches shall be from one minute to two minutes. A contestant will be disqualified if the speech is less than one minute or more than two minutes and 30 seconds. The green signal will be displayed at one minute and remain displayed for 30 seconds. The yellow signal will be displayed at one minute 30 seconds and remain displayed for 30 seconds. The red signal will be displayed at two minutes and remain displayed until the speech is concluded.

**Evaluation** contest speeches shall be from two to three minutes. A contestant will be disqualified if the speech is less than one minute and 30 seconds or more than three minutes 30 seconds. The green signal will be displayed at two minutes and remain displayed for 30 seconds. The yellow signal will be displayed at two minutes and thirty seconds and remain displayed for 30 seconds. The red signal will be displayed at three minutes and remain displayed until the evaluation is concluded.

## Competent Leader

All Northwestern Toastmasters are either working through the Competent Leadership Manual or strongly urged to do so. Our last meeting saw these members involved.

Member	Project / Activity
Don Barnett	4 - Toastmaster
Butch Barney	1 - Speech Evaluator
Marcia Barney	2 - General Evaluator
Pam Christopher	5 - Speaker
John Clark	1 - Table Topics Speaker
Brian Davidson	4 - Grammarian
Brian Davidson	1- Table Topics Speaker
Piyush Gupta	1 - Table Topics Speaker
Christa Neuhauser	1 - Speech Evaluator
Joel Schanker	1 - Speech Evaluator
Craig Thrift	4 - Table Topics Master

Photographers are violet people. First, they frame you. Then they shoot you. Finally, they hang you on the wall

- Anonymous

~~ 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 / 31 / 2012	08 / 07 / 2012	08 / 21 / 2012	09 /04 / 2012
				<b>Humorous Speech Contest</b>
Don Barnett, AC-B	Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker	
Butch Barney, DTM	Toastmaster	Timer	Speaker	General Evaluator
Marcia Barney, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator	Evaluator	Evaluator
Allan Chavez				
Pam Christopher, DTM		Evaluator	Evaluator	Joke Master
John Clark, DTM	Vote Counter / Table Topics	Speaker	Vote Counter	
Brian Davidson, DTM	General Evaluator	Speaker		Evaluator
Brian Gravely, CC		Speaker	Joke Master	Evaluator
Piyush Gupta	Evaluator	General Evaluator	Toastmaster	Evaluator
Scott Hill				
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B	Grammarian	Toastmaster	Evaluator	Timer
Daniel Parker			Grammarian	
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM				Speaker
Kristin Schokett	Speaker	Word Master	Table Topics	
Richard Serge	Timer	Speaker	Evaluator	Table Topics
Dawn Sicurezza	Word Master	Vote Counter		Speaker
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Speaker	Evaluator	Word Master	Word Master
Kim Studevent	Joke Master	Table Topics	Speaker	Vote Counter
Sha Tao		Joke Master	General Evaluator	Speaker
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator	Speaker	Timer	Toastmaster
Jeff Walker, CC		Grammarian		Grammarian
Elaine Wiles, AC-G				

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



Northwestern Toastmasters  
 4270 Mill Creek Road  
 Winston-Salem, NC 27106

( Label )