

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

August 7, 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.

Help Make it Complete

Speakers, before you give your Communications Manual to your Speech Evaluator please write the title of the speech and the date of your speech on the written evaluation page of your manual. After the meeting review what your evaluator wrote and log the speech at the back of the manual for later initialing by the Vice President of Education. Evaluators, please sign your work. Any comments that you think would benefit the speaker, but might be inappropriate for others to hear should be included in your written comments in the speaker's manual.

While you are checking your written comments make sure to see that the title and date of the speech are also included on the page - and remember the title of the speech is an important part of the speech as it leaves the first impression with the audience. As such, pertinent comments about the title should be part of your evaluation.

Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

It's not so much what you call yourself that matters;
it's what you call others.

Take as good a care of your horse as you do yourself.

Don't go in, if you don't know the way out.

Good Manners go a long way toward making anybody more attractive.

Say what you like to hear.

Help what you can; endure what you can't.

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 these contests.

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.

Claustrophobia is the fear of closed spaces. For example: I am going to the liquor store and I'm scared that it's closed.

The Way it Was - July 31, 2012

By Piyush Gupta, Secretary



The meeting started at 6:40 p.m. with VP Public Relationship John Clark opening the meeting. There were no Officer/ Committee reports or new business.

Butch Barney was the Toastmaster for the meeting. The theme of the meeting was "**Spacing Out in Space**". Our Vote Counter for the evening was John Clark. Timer and Grammarian for the evening was Richard Serge. The Wordmaster was Dawn Sicurezza who gave us the word **MACABRE**, meaning horrifying; ghastly; horrible. The Table Topics master for the evening was John Clark. He asked:

- Richard Serge- Is space the final frontier? If not, what is or will be?
- Don Barnett – How would you deal with living in space without going insane? In other words, how would outer space affect the space between your ears?
- Piyush Gupta – Albert Einstein said that the only constant in the universe is the speed of light in a vacuum. Does this mean that everything else (including time) is variable?
- Dawn Sicurezza – Can sound travel in a vacuum? Or have the science fiction movies misled us?

In the prepared speeches:

- Butch Barney gave speech # 4 from the Speaking to Inform Manual, entitled "Spacing Out in Space"
- Marcia Barney gave speech # 4 from the Entertaining Speaker Manual, entitled "It's All In The Head"

Brian Davidson was the General Evaluator for the evening.

- Dawn Sicurezza evaluated Butch Barney
- Don Barnett evaluated Marcia Barney

Richard Serge gave the grammarian's report for the evening. Dawn reported the names of members who used the word for the evening.

- Best Table Topics speaker was Richard Serge
- Best evaluator was Dawn Sicurezza
- Best Speaker was Marcia Barney

John Clark provided the joke and the meeting and was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Trivia Tidbits: (There's a speech in here somewhere.)

- Cats don't have eyelashes.
- Most productive day of the workweek: Tuesday.
- Nearly all races on tracks are run counterclockwise.
- Aphids are born pregnant.
- The average can of cat food has the nutritional equivalent of five mice.
- A lion's roar is louder than a jackhammer.
- The Leave It to Beaver theme is called "The Toy Parade."
- Warren G. Harding was the first president to be voted for by women.

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	1 - Speech Evaluator
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Butch Barney	4 - Toastmaster
Marcia Barney	4 - Prepared Speaker
John Clark	5 - Table Topic Master
Brian Davidson	5 - General Evaluator
Piyush Gupta	1 - Table Topic Speaker
Richard Serge	1 - Table Topic Speaker
Richard Serge	1 - Grammarian
Richard Serge	4 - Timer
Dawn Sicurezza	1 - Table Topic Speaker
Dawn Sicurezza	2 - Speech Evaluator

Dora Evans made a nice living running her mobile concession truck. She would find out where the local movie company was shooting on location and park her truck, which she called simply "The Box", near-by. Technicians and actors alike would stop by for some pastry and coffee during breaks from shooting.

The director was shooting the most important scene in the movie. In this scene the lovers walking along a deserted beach decide to break off their relationship and return to their respective spouses to live the rest of their lives with only the memory of their short interlude to comfort them in the years ahead. He had shot the scene several times in order to insure that he had obtained the most dramatic effect.

That evening, on reviewing the daily takes, he was shocked to find every take was spoiled. As the stars were talking, the camera swept around the surrounding loneliness of the empty beach. But in every take, there was the concession truck with several people enjoying its wares.

He immediately called his cinematographer and shouted angrily, "I told you never to pan Dora's Box."

How to Speak Good

1. Avoid alliteration. Always.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. Avoid cliches like the plague. (They're old hat.)
4. Eschew ampersands and abbreviations, etc.
5. One should never generalize.
6. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
7. Be more or less specific.
8. Sentence fragments? Eliminate.
9. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.
10. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are unnecessary.
11. Who needs rhetorical questions?

