

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 21, 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.

Speaking Guidelines

When you see that you are scheduled to speak, there are several things that you need to keep in mind. This, of course, is in addition to writing and practicing your speech.

As you practice your speech, write an introduction and send it to the scheduled Toastmaster of the Meeting. A good introduction should make the audience want to hear your speech.

While you continue to practice, send the VP of Education the Title of your speech. Be sure to include the project number, the manual name and the time. This will allow it to be listed on the program.

As you continue to practice, make sure to add the name and date in your manual.

With all that practice, your speech will go fine. Just remember - everyone in the audience has been where you are and want you to succeed - they are on your side!

Finally, listen to your evaluation and check the written comments. With those suggestions, you should be ready to start preparing for your next speech.

Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

Suspicion ain't proof.

Don't leave spur marks on a horse.

Brace your backbone and forget your wishbone.

If you climb in the saddle, be ready for the ride.

Don't build the gate until you've built the corral.

Do things when you first know they need doin'.

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.

Now What?

A young man called his mother and announced excitedly that he had just met the woman of his dreams. Now what should he do?

His mother had an idea: "Why don't you send her flowers, and on the card invite her to your apartment for a home-cooked meal?"

He thought this was a great strategy, and a week later, the woman came to dinner. His mother called the next day to see how things had gone.

"I was totally humiliated," he moaned. "She insisted on washing the dishes."

"What's wrong with that?" asked his mother. "We hadn't started eating yet."

The Way it Was - August 7, 2012

By Piyush Gupta, Secretary



We started the meeting with an unusually lively business session in which we practiced our parliamentary procedure a little. The purpose of the parliamentary exercise was to clarify the timing for evaluations and Table Topics speeches. The result was that we will use the contest timing and we will continue to have no disqualification based on time for either speech evaluations or Table Topics. However, the necessity for good time management when speaking as a Table Topic speaker or as a speech evaluator continues to be emphasized. President Christa Neuhauser led the business meeting.

Christa also served as Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting with a theme of "Be Prepared." Wordmaster Jeff Walker gave "wheedle" (to entice by soft words) as the Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Marcia Barney gave topics to:

- Pam Christopher gave us suggestions for preparing as speakers at our meetings.
- Sha Tao told us how he prepared for a vacation.
- Jeff Walker gave us some pointers on preparing for a parliamentary procedure exercise.
- Butch Barney told us we could improve our leadership skills by becoming more assertive, learning parliamentary procedure, and using our Competent Communicator (CL) Manuals.

Prepared speeches were given by:

- Brian Davidson gave a Special Occasion Speech #4 "Thank You, John" and was evaluated by Marcia Barney
- John Clark accepted the award Brian presented by giving a Special Occasion Speech #5 "My Pleasure, Brian." Pam Christopher evaluated the speech.

Don Barnett served as General Evaluator. Jeff Walker was the Grammarian. Butch Barney was the Timer. Sha Tao was the Vote Counter.

Winners for the evening were:

- Best Table Topic Speaker - Pam Christopher
- Best Evaluator - Marcia Barney
- Best Prepared Speaker - Brian Davidson.

Sha Tao entertained us with a Joke.

NB: Don't forget to check out the CL activity as listed in the next column

Trivia Tidbits: (This issue, it about the Octopus.)

A female octopus lays as many as 100,000 eggs in its two week fertile period.

An octopus' suckers are arranged in two rows down each arm.

The third right arm serves as its reproductive organ.

An octopus sees the same thing upside down as right-side up.

A hungry adult octopus might eat other young octopuses.

Competent Leader Activity

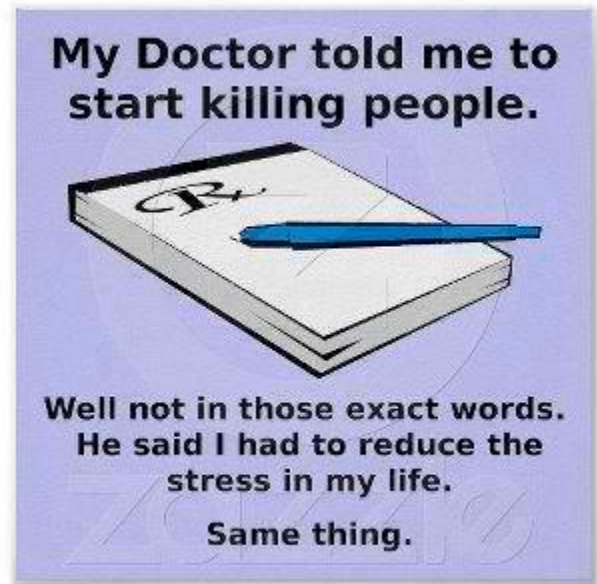
All Northwestern Toastmasters are either working through the Competent Leadership Manual or strongly urged to do so. Our last meeting saw these members involved.

Member	Project / Activity
Don Barnett	2 - General Evaluator
Butch Barney	1 - Table Topics Speaker
Butch Barney	4 - Timer
Marcia Barney	3 - Evaluator
Marcia Barney	4 - Table Topics Master
Pam Christopher	1 - Table Topics Speaker
Pam Christopher	2 - Evaluator
John Clark	5 -Speaker
Brian Davidson	4 - Speaker
Christa Neuhauser	8 - Toastmaster of Meeting
Sha Tao	1 - Table Topics Speaker
Jeff Walker	1 - Table Topics Speaker

Using the Competent Leader Manual

By Marcia Barney, DTM

It is delightful to see so many of our members using the Competent Communicator Manual! This author is most appreciative of the comments provided by the evaluators in the manual and finds them quite helpful in improving many aspects of leadership abilities.



My life is based on a true story.

If each day is a gift, I'd like to know where I can return Mondays.

