

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
September 4, 2012
(Next Tuesday)

For More Information, call
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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 Wanted

Our very own Pam Christopher is Registration Chair for the Fall Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Hickory, NC. This event will feature 2012 World Champion Ryan Avery. Dates are November 2-4.

If you are willing to help Pam with the registration on that weekend, please email her at foothills@yadtel.net or see her at one of our meetings.

Volunteer duties will include sitting at the registration desk to help guests register and get their conference materials! It is fun and allows you to meet all kinds of TMs across the state! PLEASE HELP!

Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

Weigh your words - don't count 'em.

Work hard to leave a big hole when you die.

Don't put your religion in your wife's name.

Take your "take home" pay home.

Sit the pace by the distance.

Put off 'till tomorrow what you shouldn't be doing anyway.

Last night my girlfriend and I watched three DVDs back to back. Luckily I was the one facing the TV.

"I'm good friends with 25 letters of the alphabet ... I don't know why."

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. It's not too late to enter.

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.

Dues Are Due

It's that time of the year when Northwestern Toastmasters pay their fall semi-annual dues. Please bring a check or cash in the amount of \$39.50 to the September 4 meeting. If you are one of the unfortunates who will be unable to attend the September 4 meeting, please mail a check (payable to "Northwestern Toastmasters") in the amount of \$39.50 to Marcia Barney, 3501 Lakefield Court, Clemmons, NC 27012. Just as a reminder: This is probably the best investment you will make until March, 2013!

Procrastination has its good side . . .

You always have something to do tomorrow.

The Way it Was - August 21, 2012

By Piyush Gupta, Secretary



President Christa Neuhauser led an uneventful business session before the dinner break and her introduction of Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Jeff Walker.

Jeff's theme was "A Special Time of Year." Wordmaster Elizabeth Stepp gave a challenging word "*velleity*" (a want without action) as the Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Dawn Sicurezza gave some thought provoking and interesting table topics to:

- John Clark maintained that it is not what you think but how you react to Valentine's Day that is important.
- Elizabeth Stepp discussed the association between music and emotional events.
- Marcia Barney discussed what different colors mean in different cultures.
- Christa Neuhauser says that New Years is a good "recap time" when we can assess how to improve.

Prepared speeches were given by:

ü Don Barnett gave CC-9 "Soft Spoken Power" and was evaluated by Marcia Barney.

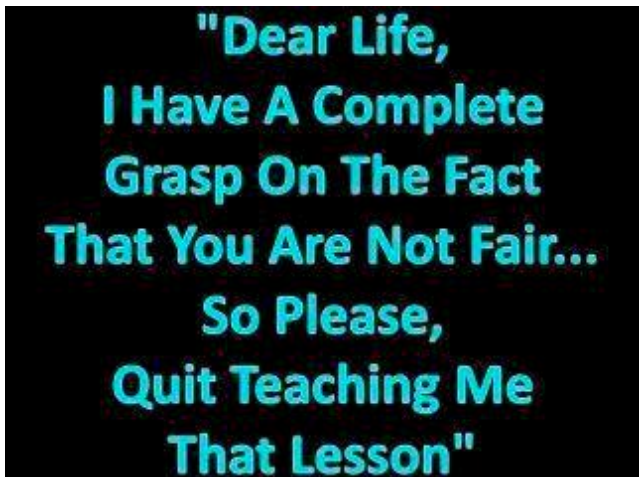
ü Hubert Barney gave Project #1 from the Storytelling Manual. His "Goldie Fox and the Three Bears" was evaluated by Christa Neuhauser.

Sha Tao served as General Evaluator (his first time in the role.) Craig Thrift kept the times, Joel Schanker served as Grammarian, and John Clark counted the votes.

Guests (now our 2 newest members) Gabe Smith and Rex Fesler told us a little about themselves. Ribbon winners for the evening were:

- Ø Best Table Topic Speaker - Marcia Barney
- Ø Best Evaluator - Marcia Barney
- Ø Best Speaker - Don Barnett

Joel Schanker sent us home with the Joke-of-the-Day.



I saw a documentary on how ships are kept together - Riveting!"

I was raised as an only child, which really annoyed my sister.

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	4 - Speaker
Butch Barney	4 - Speaker
Marcia Barney	8 - Evaluator
Christa Neuhauser	2 - Evaluator
Sha Tao	2 - General Evaluator
Craig Thrift	4 - Timer
Jeff Walker	4 - Toastmaster

Me? A Speech Tonight?

By Pan Christopher, DTM

"I do not believe this! I am supposed to do a speech tonight!" How many times have you REREAD your club reminder email, newsletter, or agenda schedule, only to find that YOU are "on deck" at the meeting TONIGHT?

You do not have to be surprised about meeting roles. Each meeting night, the back of our agenda shows assignments for the next four (4) meetings. As soon as you see this, get your planner and update it with your assignments. It is just that simple.

Also, next time you are the Toastmaster, call ALL of you meeting participants to remind them of their role. Charles Batch once said, "Proper preparation prevents poor performance." THAT sounds like an evaluator's dream!

The Three Stages of Life

Teen Age:

Have Time and Energy,
but No Money

Working Age:

Have Money and Energy,
but No Time

Old Age:

Have Time and Money,
but No Energy

Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most, never use it.

I changed my iPad's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

