

# 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  
**October 2, 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.**

## Christa Neuhauser receives CL Award

President Christa Neuhauser has received her Competent Leadership (CL) award. To receive this award Christa completed the 10 projects in the Competent Leadership Manual. Christa has her new CL manual and is now working on her Advanced Leadership Award. Congratulations, Christa.

## Elizabeth Stepp Is Top Evaluator

Elizabeth Stepp beat some very strong competition provided by Sha Tao, Brian Gravely, and Christa Neuhauser to win the 2012 Northwestern Toastmasters Evaluation Contest. This allowed Elizabeth (*shown with Toastmaster for the Contest Butch Barney*) to represent the club at the Area 41 Contest this past Saturday. Elizabeth also took top honors at the Area Contest last Saturday



Congratulations, Elizabeth!

## Want to Have Some Fun?

When you go to the Dixie Classic Fair this year, be sure to ride the roller coaster. But first, take some spare nuts and bolts with you.

Hand them to the person in front of you and say, "Excuse me, these just came out of your seat."

## Updated Contest Information

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

### Club Level

**Jeff Walker** won the Humorous Speech Contest on September 4, 2012

**Elizabeth Stepp** won the Evaluation Contest on September 18, 2012

### Area 41 Level

Firoz Pathon (VIPS) won the Humorous Speech Contest held on September 29, 2012. Northwestern's Jeff Walker placed 3rd.

Elizabeth Stepp (Northwestern) won the Evaluation Contest on September 29, 2012.

### Division E Level

Contests will be on October 13, 2012 at 2:15 PM. More details available soon.

### District 37 Level

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

## Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

If you say it, mean it.

Don't worry a good thing too hard.

Don't play with the cat, if you're the mouse.

Think twice before you put your two cents in.  
(Most times you won't have to spend a penny.)

**The Way it Was - September 18, 2012**



By P. Fantum, Asst. Secretary

President Christa Neuhauser handled the business session with her usual effective efficiency and welcomed guests Martha Carter and Cassandra Barnes. Treasurer Marcia Barney reminded us that our semi-annual dues are due and caused a very nice flurry of activity!

After the dinner break Christa introduced Toastmaster of the Contest Butch Barney. John Clark gave "literally" (in a literal manner) as the frequently used redundantly Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Marcia Barney gave topics to:

- Gabe Smith, speaking for his first Table Topic, told us the value of competition to him.
- Joel Schanker told us the value of winning a competition.
- Brian Davidson told us about enjoyable competitions he has entered.

Jeff Walker gave his winning humorous speech as the Target Speech for the evaluation contest and was evaluated by Brian Gravely, Sha Tao, Elizabeth Stepp, and Christa Neuhauser.

Craig Thrift served as Chief Judge and General evaluator. Judges were Joel Schanker, Marcia Barney, Brian Davidson, and John Clark.

Gabe Smith served as Assistant Timer. Don Barnett was the Grammarian.

Winners for the evening were:

**Best Table Topic Speaker: Joel Schanker**

Winner of the 2012 Northwestern Evaluation Contest: Elizabeth Stepp

Marcia Barney told the joke that closed the meeting.



A linguistics professor was lecturing to his English class one day. "In English," he said, "a double negative forms a positive. In some languages, though, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative." A voice from the back of the classroom piped up "Yeah, right."

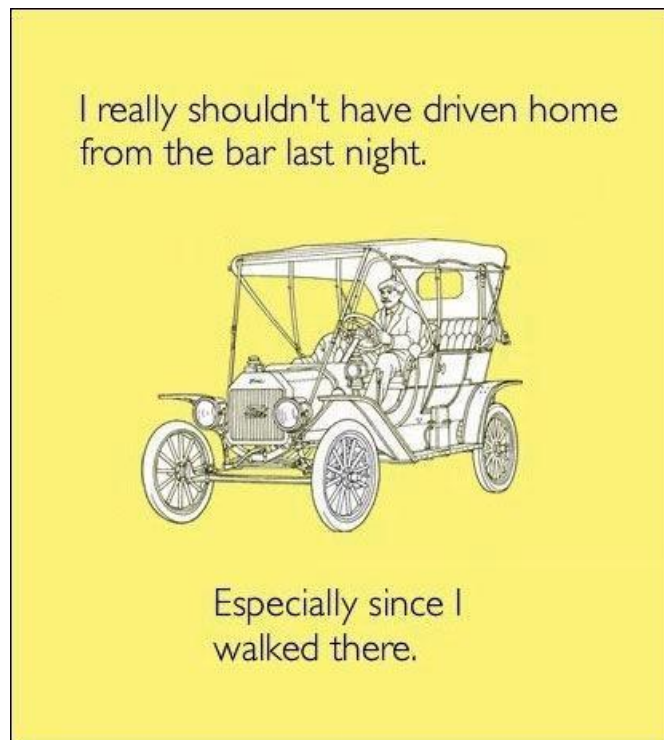
**Competent Leader Activity**

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

Member	Project - Activity
Butch Barney	05 - Toastmaster
Marcia Barney	05 - Table Topics Master
Christa Neuhauser	08 - Evaluator
Gabe Smith	01 - Table Topics Speaker
Gabe Smith	04 - Timer
Sha Tao	08 - Evaluator
Craig Thrift	02 - Evaluator
Craig Thrift	06 - Help with Special Event
Jeff Walker	06 - Help with Special Event
Jeff Walker	10 - Contest Chairman

**Dues Are Due - Last Call**

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 18 meeting. If you are one of the unfortunates who will be unable to attend the September 18 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!



I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

~~ 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	10 / 02 / 2012	10 / 16 / 2012	10 / 30 / 2012	11 / 06 / 2012
Don Barnett, AC-B	Evaluator	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker
Butch Barney, DTM	Grammarian	Evaluator		Speaker
Marcia Barney, DTM	Toastmaster	Vote Counter	Speaker	Evaluator
Allan Chavez				
Pam Christopher, DTM	Joke Master	Grammarian	Joke Master	Evaluator
John Clark, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Word Master	
Brian Davidson, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Vote Counter	Toastmaster
Rex Fesler	Speaker		Speaker	
Brian Gravely, CC	Vote Counter		Speaker	
Piyush Gupta		Toastmaster	Evaluator	Vote Counter
Scott Hill				
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B	Word Master	Timer	Table Topics	Speaker
Daniel Parker				
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM				Evaluator
Kristin Schokett				
Richard Serge	Speaker	Evaluator	Grammarian	Word Master
Dawn Sicurezza	Evaluator	Joke Master	Speaker	Grammarian
Gabe Smith	Speaker			Timer
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Speaker	Evaluator	Toastmaster	
Kim Studevent				
Sha Tao	Table Topics	Speaker	Evaluator	
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Timer	Table Topics
Jeff Walker, CC	Timer	Table Topics	Evaluator	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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