

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 16, 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.

Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

Judge people by what they do,
not by what they wear.

Take pleasure in your business.

Don't borrow if you can buy.

Don't desire what you can't acquire.



Student, "Why are all of the Spanish nobility so ordinary looking?"

Professor, "The reign in Spain falls mainly on the plain."

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

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 in the Katherine Clay Edwards Library 420 Price Park Drive in Greensboro. (Results not available - our roving reporter fell asleep.)

District 37 Level

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

Two blondes find three grenades, and they decide to take them to a police station. One asked: "What if one explodes before we get there?" The other says: "We'll lie and say we only found two."

Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.

Velcro — what a rip off!

The Way it was - October 2, 2012



By P. Fantum, Asst. Secretary

Vice-President of Education Jeff Walker welcomed our return guest Martha Carter and conducted an efficient, effective business session. Webmaster John Clark

encouraged members to check their education profile on our fabulous website.

After the break he introduced Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Marcia Barney and her theme of "Our Communities." Wordmaster Don Barnett gave "extol," praise highly, glorify, as the Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Sha Tao gave topics to:

- Butch Barney told us about life experiences and bucket lists.
- Don Barnett proclaimed himself swamped by too many good causes to consider fundraising for any.
- Craig Thrift would give a \$500 windfall to the March of Dimes.
- Brian Gravely appreciates virtual communities.

Prepared speeches were given by:

- Marcia Barney gave #2 from her Advanced Public Relations Manual as her TM Warm up. "Y for I" was evaluated by Pam Christopher.
- Rex Fesler gave his Ice Breaker in which he declared plans to become a good lawyer. His mentor John Clark evaluated the speech.
- Elizabeth Stepp gave project #5 from her Advanced Storytelling Manual. "The Rebirth" was evaluated by Dawn Sicurezza.

Craig Thrift served as General Evaluator and suggested that we could use our Table Topics experiences as opportunities to practice using gestures. Butch Barney was the Grammarian and Jeff Walker was the Timer. Butch, Marcia, Pam, and John used "extol" during the meeting. Pam Christopher told the Joke. Brian Gravely was the Vote Counter.

Winners were



- Don Barnett - Best Table Topic Speaker
- Pam Christopher - Best Evaluator
- Elizabeth Stepp - Best Speaker

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
Marcia Barney	04 - Speaker
Marcia Barney	05 - Toastmaster
John Clark	03 - Evaluator
Dawn Sicurezza	02 - Evaluator
Sha Tao	04 - Table Topics Master
Craig Thrift	03 - General Evaluator

Getting the Most

Are you getting the most from your speaking experiences? How much are you really improving from speech to speech? Perhaps it is time to take stock of where you are going and how you're going to get there. A few signs that you may be missing the boat:

1. Your biggest thrill after a speech is checking off "one more project finished."
2. You neglect the reading of comments your evaluator wrote in your manual.
3. You sometimes read the manual project, but always *after* you've prepared your speech.
4. You consider evaluator's comments a mild form of grouching with just a touch of jealousy.
5. Your first practice of your speech is when you stand to deliver it at the meeting.
6. Editing a speech is foreign to your nature.
7. Your greatest goal as a speaker is to become just like _____ (you fill in the blank.)
8. The most important aspect of speaking is, to you, to win speaker-for-the-meeting.
9. You start to prepare you speeches the night before one is due.
10. You think of a great quote, a story, or a joke and build the speech around it.

Sure it takes time and effort to become a better speaker. However, the rewards are known to most of us. So why not get the most out of your effort by using the manuals, your evaluators, and your lectern time wisely?

Start your speech preparation by reading the next manual project. Prepare you speech in writing (face the fact that "preparing it in my head" is a cop out!), then practice it several times with editing bouts between practices.

Your evaluator can only help you effectively if you have prepared the speech well. You can only concentrate on the finer points of speaking if you are well prepared. Just do it!

(This article was published in Northwest Words during the last century. It is worth re-reading.)

A blond is in the bathroom when her husband shouts: "Did you find the shampoo?" She says, "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do...it's for dry hair, and I've just wet mine."

**Every time you make a typo,
the errorists win.**

~~ 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 / 16 / 2012	10 / 30 / 2012	11 / 06 / 2012	11 / 20 / 2012
Don Barnett, AC-B	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker	Toastmaster
Butch Barney, DTM	Evaluator		Speaker	
Marcia Barney, DTM	Vote Counter / Wordmaster	Speaker	Evaluator	Joke Master
Allan Chavez				
Pam Christopher, DTM	Grammarian	Joke Master		Speaker
John Clark, DTM	Speaker	Word Master		Timer
Brian Davidson, DTM	Speaker	Vote Counter	Toastmaster	Evaluator
Rex Fesler	Joke Master	Speaker	Joke Master	Evaluator
Brian Gravely, CC		Speaker	Evaluator	Word Master
Piyush Gupta	Toastmaster	Evaluator	Vote Counter	Speaker
Scott Hill				
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B	Timer	Table Topics	Speaker	
Daniel Parker				
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM			Evaluator	Vote Counter
Kristin Schokett				
Richard Serge	Evaluator	Grammarian	Word Master	Table Topics
Dawn Sicurezza	Speaker		Grammarian	
Gabe Smith	Speaker		Timer	Grammarian
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Evaluator	Toastmaster		
Kim Studevent				
Sha Tao	Speaker	Evaluator		Speaker
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator	Timer	Table Topics	Speaker
Jeff Walker, CC	Table Topics	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator
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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