

# 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 30, 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.*

## Welcome New Member

Our newest member is Cassandra Barnes. Welcome to Northwestern Toastmasters, Cassandra. We are all looking forward to your Ice Breaker speech.

## Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

Do it today, tomorrow is promised to no one.

Keep Cool, but don't freeze.

Don't approach bulls from the front, or horses from the rear.

The loser in a fight ain't necessarily wrong.

## Mark Your Calendar

**October 30** - Our fifth Tuesday meeting.

**October 31** - Halloween. Be sure to bring samples of your Halloween Candy so that our Vice President of Public Relations can run quality assurance before you pass them out to the "ghosts and goblins." Let's be sure to put the "Treat" back into "Trick or Treat."

**November 2 - 4** - District 37 Fall Conference. Visit the District web site, [toastmasters-nc.org](http://toastmasters-nc.org), for details

**November 4** - Daylight Savings Time ends. At 2:00 am set your clock back one hour (to 1:00 am.)

**November 6** - Election Day - vote early and vote often.

**November 6** - Our first Tuesday regular meeting. Note that this is one week, instead of two, after our last meeting. This happens when we have a fifth Tuesday meeting.



If you're wrong and you  
shut up,  
you're wise.

If you're right and you  
shut up,  
you're married.

**The Way it was - October 16, 2012**

By Piyush Gupta, Secretary



The meeting started at 6:40 p.m. with President Christa Neuhauser opening the meeting. There were no Officer Reports, or Committee reports or new business. Christa, after the break, introduced Piyush Gupta as the Toastmaster for the meeting. Piyush used speech #1 from the Entertaining Speaker Manual as he introduced "**Election 2012**" for his Toastmaster Warm-up.

Our Vote Counter for the evening was Cassandra Barnes, serving her official first duty in Northwestern. Timer for the evening was Christa Neuhauser and Grammarian and Wordmaster for the evening was Marcia Barney. The word for the evening was: URBANE, meaning polite, refined, and often elegant in manner. The Table Topics master for the evening was Jeff Walker gave topics to:

- Rex Fesler discussed national financial problems and solutions.
- Craig Thrift would help people get back to work if he were President.
- Don Barnett discussed the accountability of the President's track record.
- Elizabeth Stepp discussed politician's term limits at all levels of government.

In the prepared speeches:

Ø Piyush Gupta gave speech # 1 from the Entertaining Speaker manual, entitled "Essential strategies for winning an Election"

Ø Sha Tao gave speech # 9 from the Competent Communications manual, entitled "Eyes Off"

Ø Dawn Sicurezza gave speech # 4 from the Competent Communications manual, entitled "LOSE While Eating Out"

Ø John Clark gave speech # 1 from the Special Occasion Speeches manual, entitled "Put the Toast in Toastmasters"

Ø Gabe Smith gave "Ice breaker" speech, # 1 from the Competent Communications manual

Don Barnett was the General Evaluator for the evening.

- Christa Neuhauser evaluated Piyush Gupta
- Craig Thrift evaluated Gabe Smith
- Elizabeth Stepp evaluated Dawn Sicurezza
- Butch Barney evaluated Sha Tao
- Jeff Walker evaluated John Clark

John Clark informed us that the grammarian had to leave early (what could be more important than a Northwestern Toastmasters meeting?) As a result, the Grammarian's report will be in the next newsletter. John also provided a list of members who used the word for the evening. Rex Fesler provided the joke and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.m.

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Winners were

- Elizabeth Stepp - Best Table Topic Speaker
- Elizabeth Stepp - Best Evaluator
- Sha Tao - 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        |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Don Barnett       | 01 - Table Topics Speaker |
| Don Barnett       | 02 - General Evaluator    |
| Butch Barney      | 02 - Evaluator            |
| Marcia Barney     | 01 - Grammarian           |
| John Clark        | 04 - Speaker              |
| Rex Fesler        | 01 - Table Topics Speaker |
| Piyush Gupta      | 04 - Speaker              |
| Piyush Gupta      | 04 - Toastmaster          |
| Christa Neuhauser | 04 - Timer                |
| Dawn Sicurezza    | 04 - Speaker              |
| Gabe Smith        | 04 - Speaker              |
| Elizabeth Stepp   | 01 - Table Topics Speaker |
| Elizabeth Stepp   | 01 - Evaluator            |
| Sha Tao           | 04 - Speaker              |
| Craig Thrift      | 01 - Evaluator            |
| Craig Thrift      | 01 - Table Topic Speaker  |
| Jeff Walker       | 01 - Evaluator            |
| Jeff Walker       | 04 - Table Topics Master  |

**The Grammarian's Report**

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Several members still us the dreaded filler words "uh," "an," and "uf." Don't be afraid to simply pause for a breath or to look as a friendly member of your audience rather than utter the unutterable. Such fillers can create the illusion of a lack of confidence.

Many of us sprinkle unnecessary words into our sentences: "He talked for 15 minutes." is preferable to "He was talking for 15 minutes." "I did like" could better be said with "I liked." "Decide" is preferable to "decide on." When someone says they "planned ahead" I can't help thinking about the possibility offered by "planning behind."

One person compensated for those who added extra words by leaving off key words: "Most of time" was used for "most of the time." "Imagine you" was used when "imagine that you" would have been preferable.

We also have favorite phrases, sometimes repeated frequently: "this thing," "coupla" and "at any rate" were example heard at the October 16 meeting.

Finally, let's avoid contractions such as "gonna." A lack of confusing phrases was noted at the meeting. That's okay, your grammarian will find others things to make her laugh.

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~~ 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 / 30 / 2012          | 11 / 06 / 2012 | 11 / 20 / 2012 | 12 / 04 / 2012 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Don Barnett, AC-B       | Evaluator               | Speaker        | Toastmaster    | Evaluator      |
| Butch Barney, DTM       | General Evaluator       | Speaker        | Table Topics   | Timer          |
| Marcia Barney, DTM      | Speaker                 | Evaluator      | Joke Master    | Grammarian     |
| Allan Chavez            |                         |                |                |                |
| Pam Christopher, DTM    | Joke Master             |                |                | Speaker        |
| John Clark, DTM         | Word Master             |                | Timer          | Speaker        |
| Brian Davidson, DTM     | Speaker                 | Toastmaster    | Evaluator      | Speaker        |
| Rex Fesler              | Speaker                 | Joke Master    | Evaluator      |                |
| Brian Gravely, CC       | Speaker                 | Evaluator      | Word Master    | Toastmaster    |
| Piyush Gupta            |                         | Vote Counter   | Speaker        |                |
| Scott Hill              |                         |                |                |                |
| Christa Neuhauser, AC-B | Table Topics            | Speaker        |                | Evaluator      |
| Daniel Parker           |                         |                |                |                |
| Barbara Schanker, AC-S  |                         |                |                |                |
| Joel Schanker, DTM      | Evaluator               | Evaluator      | Vote Counter   | Evaluator      |
| Kristin Schokett        |                         |                |                |                |
| Richard Serge           |                         |                |                |                |
| Dawn Sicurezza          |                         | Grammarian     |                | Speaker        |
| Gabe Smith              | Grammarian              | Timer          | Speaker        | Vote Counter   |
| Elizabeth Stepp, CC     | Toastmaster             |                | Grammarian     | Speaker        |
| Kim Studevent           |                         |                |                |                |
| Sha Tao                 | Evaluator               | Word Master    | Speaker        | Joke Master    |
| Craig Thrift, CC/CL     | Timer /<br>Vote Counter | Table Topics   | Speaker        | Evaluator      |
| Jeff Walker, CC         | 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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