

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
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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.

New Membership Roster

The latest (and most current) roster is attached to the email for this newsletter. If (when?) you misplace it you can always go to our web site and download a copy. Just go to the member section and select the link that says "One Page Roster." While you are there, take a look at your section in the on-line roster. Should you see anything wrong, please let our webmaster or the VP of Public Relations know.

Watch the fine print

A clown moved into an apartment block reserved solely for circus performers. He liked everything about the apartment.

The kitchen was modern, the bedroom was comfortable and the lounge was spacious. And there were plenty of facilities — cooker, Hoover, refrigerator, washing machine.

The only thing that was missing was an ironing board, something on which he could press his circus uniform after washing it.

"Why is there no ironing board?" he asked the agent. "The lion tamer and the juggler have both got one."

"You use the window ledge, like the other clowns," explained the agent. "It's in your contract. Every clown has a sill for ironing."

Your Age

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Words of Wisdom (from an old Cowboy)

Sing, don't cry.

Never miss a chance to dance.

Act right, behave yourself, do your job
and things will turn out all right

Take care of your knees,
you're going to need them all your life.

Don't wait 'til the gates closing
to get out of the corral

Put away your horse before you put away your dinner.

The Tour Guide

They were looking down into the depths of the Grand Canyon. "Do you know," asked the guide, "that it took millions and millions of years for this great abyss to be carved out?"

"Well, I'll be darned," exclaimed the traveler. "I never knew this was a government job."

What was the Question

A blonde man shouts frantically into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor. "No", he shouts, "This is her husband!"

The Way it was - October 30, 2012



By P.Fantum, asst. Secretary

VP of Education Jeff Walker ably conducted the business session, recessed for dinner, then introduced Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Elizabeth Stepp with her theme of *War and Peace*. Wordmaster John Clark gave "flummox" (confuse or perplex) as the word for the day. Table Topics Master Pam Christopher gave topics to:

- Jeff Walker spoke to Vietnam Veterans.
- John Clark would like to judge beauties on intellectual exercises.
- Joel Schanker remembered our wars.

Prepared speeches were given by:

⇒ Elizabeth Stepp gave #1 from the Public Relations Manual during her TM Warm up. Craig Thrift evaluated the speech.

⇒ Brian Davidson gave #5 from the Entertaining Speaker Manual. "The Wind Down Dinner" was evaluated by Don Barnett.

⇒ Marcia Barney gave #3 from the Entertaining Speaker Manual. "Looking Forward" was evaluated by Sha Tao.

Butch Barney was General Evaluator. Jeff Walker served as Grammarian, Craig Thrift was Timer and Joel Schanker counted the votes. John, Elizabeth, Pam, Joel, Butch, Marcia, Don, and Jeff used the Word-for-the-Day.

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Winners were



- Joel Schanker - Best Table Topic Speaker
- Craig Thrift - Best Evaluator
- Marcia Barney - 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     | 02 - Evaluator           |
| Butch Barney    | 02 - General Evaluator   |
| Pam Christopher | 04 - Table Topics Master |
| Elizabeth Stepp | 10 - Toastmaster         |
| Sha Tao         | 01 - Evaluator           |
| Craig Thrift    | 03 - Evaluator           |
| Jeff Walker     | 01 - Grammarian          |

## Fun Facts

There are 200,000,000 insects for every one human.

It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery had in it to begin with.

The world's largest Montessori school is in India, with 26,312 students in 2002.

## Ready, Aim, Fire.

(This is an editorial from 2001. It was written by Joel Schanker, DTM and is just as true today as it was when first written.)

There is an interesting conversation in Alice In Wonderland between Alice and the Cheshire Cat. "Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"

"That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the Cat. "I don't much care where --" said Alice. "Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat

I do not believe that your experience will be much different in Toastmasters. If you do not have an idea of what you want to accomplish, then it really doesn't matter how you go about it. However, if you take a moment to consider why you are in Toastmasters, then you can successfully translate the *why* into *what*. What do you want to accomplish that will satisfy why you joined Toastmasters?

Once you have specific goals in mind, you can start planning how to get them. Whatever your goals are, Toastmasters has one or more manuals that will deliver the skill set necessary to make it happen. If you want to develop leadership skills, you might set goals that include holding club level office, then area, then division or district. If you want to speak more effectively at work, you might select the manual on Technical Presentation. If you want to be less stiff, you could try the Humorous Speaker manual. With specific goals you can complete manuals that target appropriate aspects of speaking. If you are not sure how to get there, talk to someone who has already been down the path and let them share their experiences.

After you set your goals, this best is now in front of you. Hard work and fun rarely mix in this day and age,. but in Toastmasters you are working in front of people who are on the same path you are. They have made every one of the mistakes you will make but they still succeeded. They will applaud before you utter one word because they know what it takes to stand up there. Where else can you guarantee that unsuccessful efforts are not only unpenalized but get you the advice and feedback that will allow you to improve.

Life is rarely as complicated as we think. The old processes still work. Know where you want to go. Pick specific paths to get you there. Then, step out and move resolutely forward, stopping along the way to check your position and admire the scenery around you.

~~ 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                  | 11 / 06 / 2012    | 11 / 20 / 2012    | 12 / 04 / 2012    | 12 / 18 / 2012    |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cassandra Barnes        |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Don Barnett, AC-B       | Speaker           | Toastmaster       | Evaluator         |                   |
| Butch Barney, DTM       | Speaker           | Table Topics      | Timer             |                   |
| Marcia Barney, DTM      | Evaluator         | Joke Master       | Grammarian        | Speaker           |
| Pam Christopher, DTM    |                   |                   | Speaker           | Evaluator         |
| John Clark, DTM         | Joke Master       | Timer             | Speaker           |                   |
| Brian Davidson, DTM     | Toastmaster       | Evaluator         | Speaker           | Vote Counter      |
| Rex Fesler              | Speaker           | Evaluator         |                   | Table Topics      |
| Brian Gravely, CC       | Speaker           | Word Master       | Toastmaster       | Speaker           |
| Piyush Gupta            | Vote Counter      | Speaker           |                   | Evaluator         |
| Scott Hill              |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Christa Neuhauser, AC-B | Speaker           |                   | Evaluator         | Speaker           |
| Daniel Parker           |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Barbara Schanker, AC-S  |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Joel Schanker, DTM      | Evaluator         | Vote Counter      | Evaluator         | General Evaluator |
| Dawn Sicurezza          | Grammarian        | General Evaluator | Speaker           | Evaluator         |
| Gabe Smith              | Timer             | Speaker           | Vote Counter      | Grammarian        |
| Elizabeth Stepp, CC     | General Evaluator | Grammarian        | Speaker           | Joke Master       |
| Sha Tao                 | Word Master       | Speaker           | Joke Master       | Toastmaster       |
| Craig Thrift, CC/CL     | Table Topics      | Speaker           | Evaluator         | Evaluator         |
| Jeff Walker, CC         | Evaluator         | Evaluator         | General Evaluator | Speaker           |

**Remember: All roles are important! If you can not attend the meeting, then PLEASE contact our VP of Education.**

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