

# 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  
**November 20, 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.***

## The Older Crowd

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. 'Is it true,' she wanted to know, 'that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?' 'Yes, I'm afraid so,' the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, 'I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'...'

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An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. 'Yes, Dad, what is it?' 'Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife....'

## But, My Name's not on the Program

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How many times have you been guilty of saying this, whether out loud or silently, about the meeting? "Well, there's no reason to go to the meeting tonight! My name is not EVEN on the list of assignments!"

This is definitely the wrong thing to say to yourself. EVERYONE is on the program, whether your name is in "the list" or not! It is important for you to be there, even if you do not have an assignment. After all, one of the major ways we learn is by observation.

If you would like to have MORE assignments, let our VP of education, Jeff Walker, know and he will make it happen! Jeff makes assignments based upon the needs of members. So, let him know what your needs are and he will take care of you!

## English is a funny language

An oxymoron is usually defined as a phrase in which two words of contradictory meaning are brought together:-

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1) Clearly misunderstood | 2) Act naturally    |
| 3) Exact Estimate        | 4) Found Missing    |
| 5) Small Crowd           | 6) Fully empty      |
| 7) Pretty Ugly           | 8) Seriously Funny  |
| 9) Only Choice           | 10) Original Copies |

And the Mother of all.....

- 11) Happily Married

## You may be from North Carolina if

- \* You measure distance in minutes.  
\* You've ever had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.  
\* All the festivals across the state are named after a fruit, vegetable, grain, insect or animal.  
\* You know what a "DAWG" is.  
\* You carry jumper cables in your car. For your OWN car.  
\* You only own five spices: salt, pepper, Texas Pete, Tabasco and Ketchup.  
\* The local papers cover national and international news on one page, but require 6 pages for local gossip and motorsports.

**The Way it was - November 6, 2012**



By P.Fantum, asst. Secretary

November 6 was a beautiful group effort illustrating the teamwork of which Northwestern Toastmasters was capable.

We had travel and illness absences for which the able-bodied members of our club covered - starting with VP-PR John Clark who provided the programs while VP-Education Jeff Walker convalesced. Treasurer Marcia Barney presided at the Business Meeting. Joel Schanker announced that he would run the District 37 Spring Conference Speech Contest Chair during the 2nd weekend in May 2013 and solicited input from NWTM members.

After the meal break Marcia introduced Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Brian Davidson. Brian gave speech #1 from the Humorously Speaking manual as part of his Warm-up. "Was it Worth It?" was the theme for the meeting in which we examined our system of electing public leaders. Sha Tao gave "ubiquitous" as the word for the day. Marcia, Joel, and John used the word during the meeting. Table Topics Master Craig Thrift gave topics to:

- John Clark discussed the best ways to let people know you as a candidate.
- Sha Tao finds negative campaign ads annoying.
- Joel Schanker suggested a new information format replace the debate system of getting to know national candidates.
- Marcia Barney strongly believes that the Electoral College needs upgrading.

Prepared speeches were also given by:

- ü Brian Gravely did Project #4 from the Persuasive Speaker Manual. "The Proposal" was evaluated by Marcia Barney.
- ü Butch Barney gave #4 from the Entertaining Speaker Manual. "What I Learned" was evaluated by Joel Schanker.

Elizabeth Stepp served as General Evaluator. Sha Tao was the Timer. Marcia "Madame Quarters" Barney was the Grammarian, and Craig Was the Vote Counter. John Clark told the Joke.

Winners were



- Marcia Barney - Best Table Topic Speaker
- Best Evaluator - Best Evaluator
- Best Speaker - Best Speaker

**Did You Hear About the Blonde?**

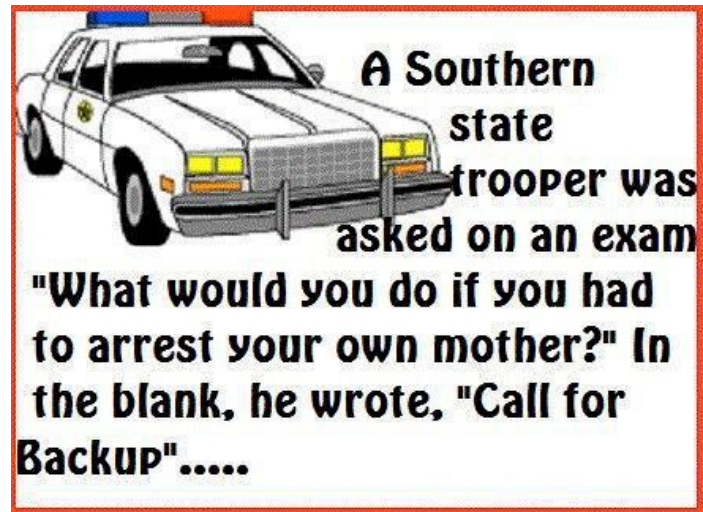
A blonde's dog goes missing and she is frantic. Her husband says "Why don't you put an ad in the paper?" She does, but two weeks later the dog is still missing. "What did you put in the paper?" her husband asks. "Here boy!" she replies.

Someone asks a blonde: "Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?" To which the blonde replies: "If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat."

**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 - Speaker
Marcia Barney	03 - Grammarian
Brian Davidson	04 - Toastmaster
Elizabeth Stepp	08 - General Evaluator
Sha Tao	04 - Timer
Craig Thrift	05 - Table Topics Master
Craig Thrift	07 - Befriend a guest
Jeff Walker	01 - Grammarian



**Did You Hear About the Blonde?**

A blonde goes to the vet with her goldfish. "I think it's got epilepsy," she tells the vet. The vet takes a look and says, "It seems calm enough to me". The blonde says, "I haven't taken it out of the bowl yet".

A blonde man spies a letter lying on his doormat. It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND". He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up

A blonde woman and her neighbor were talking...The neighbor said: "Close your curtains the next time you & your husband are having sex. The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday. "To which the blond replied: "Well the joke's on all of you because I wasn't even at home yesterday."

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!"

~~ 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 / 20 / 2012	12 / 04 / 2012	12 / 18 / 2012	01 / 01 / 2013
Cassandra Barnes	Speaker			
Don Barnett, AC-B		Evaluator	Joke Master	
Butch Barney, DTM	Table Topics	Timer		
Marcia Barney, DTM	Toastmaster	Grammarian	Evaluator	Speaker
Pam Christopher, DTM		Speaker	Evaluator	
John Clark, DTM	Timer / Joke Master		Speaker	
Brian Davidson, DTM	Evaluator			Speaker
Rex Fesler	Evaluator		Table Topics	
Brian Gravely, CC	Word Master / Evaluator	Toastmaster	Speaker	
Piyush Gupta				
Scott Hill				
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B, CC	Evaluator		Vote Counter	Speaker
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM	Vote Counter	Evaluator	General Evaluator	
Dawn Sicurezza	General Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator	
Gabe Smith	Speaker	Vote Counter	Grammarian	
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Grammarian		Speaker	
Sha Tao	Speaker	Joke Master	Toastmaster	
Craig Thrift, CC/CL		Speaker	Evaluator	
Jeff Walker, CC		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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