

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
January 15, 2013
 (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 Way it was - December 18, 2012



As heard and seen by Assistant Secretary-in-charge-of-Hearing-and-seeing.

President Christa Neuhauser conducted a brief and effective business session. She welcomed guests Gayle Tuch (now our newest member) and Tripp Evans. She also reminded us that our January 1 meeting was canceled due to the Holiday and celebration thereof. After our dinner break Christa introduced Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Sha Tao with his theme of "Back to the Future."

After Sha's opening speech - #10 from the Competent Communicator Manual - Wordmaster Brian Davidson gave ""assiduous" (constant, persistent) as the Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Don Barnett gave topics to:

- Christa Neuhauser told us how to bring hope back from the future.
- Sha Tao told us he would take an encyclopedia with him to the future.
- Marcia Barney disclosed her 2013 New Year's Resolutions.

In addition to Sha's speech, which was evaluated by Craig Thrift, prepared speeches were given by:

Brian Gravely gave speech #4 from the Persuasive Speaker Manual, "The Loop" and was evaluated by Butch Barney.

John Clark gave speech #2 from the Entertaining Speaker Manual, "Computer 1, John 0" and was evaluated by Marcia Barney.

Joel Schanker served as General Evaluator. Craig Thrift was the Grammarian. Brian Davidson was the Timer and Christa Neuhauser counted the votes. Winners for the Evening were:



Best Table Topic Speaker - Marcia Barney

Best Evaluator - Marcia Barney

Best Speaker - Brian Gravely

During closing remarks Jeff Walker and Brian Davidson admitted that they had no 2013 resolutions. Perhaps we should formulate some for them. Better yet - give them a couple of yours. Jokemaster Jeff Walker provided the parting humor.

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	05 - Table Topics Master
Butch Barney	08 - Evaluator
Brian Gravely	04 - Speaker
Sha Tao	10 - Toastmaster of Meeting
Craig Thrift	03 - Grammarian

Guests and New Members:

Our guests for the evening were Gayle Tuch (now our newest member) and Tripp Evans. We hope you enjoyed the meeting and look forward to seeing you again. It's always great to see new faces and even better to see new members.

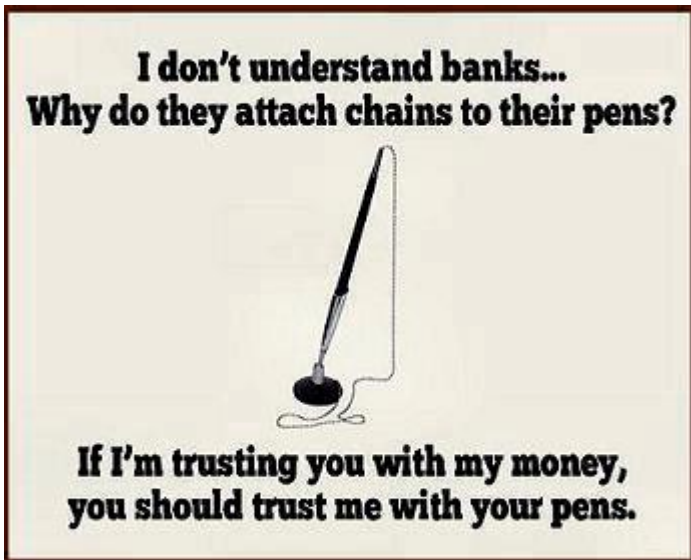
New Year Resolutions

Our Secretary requested suggestions for two members who are deficient in resolutions. Here are some ideas that have been suggested by our members - -

- q Bench press my moon weight
- q Stop billing cats for food and litter
- q Do a wheelie in my Camry
- q Take courses in martial arts and crafts
- q Invent solar-powered tanning bed
- q Find cure for common cold cut
- q Sort and recycle empty gestures
- q Learn how accordions are made and why

The Role of the Grammarian

Periodically, we need to step back and review meeting roles. In this issue, we will look at the role of the Grammarian. **The role of the Grammarian is NOT to collect 25 cents from each member!** (No matter what the treasurer tells you.) The purpose of this role is to point out filler words, pet words and phrases, mispronunciations, incorrect use of words, verbs and nouns whose tense do not agree and to point out Exceptionally good word selection and pronunciation. When done properly, the Grammarian will help us to curb bad habits and be more aware of how we speak. All of this needs, of course, to be done in a friendly and cheerful manner.



Member Advances

Congratulations to Sha Tao. At our last meeting, he completed the 10th and final speech in the Competent Communications manual. This means that Sha is now our newest CC or Competent Communicator. Keep up the good work.

The older we get, The fewer things Seem worth waiting in line for.

What do I talk about?

(Adapted from an original work by Joel Schanker)

I sit here trying to think of something slightly interesting to write for this diverse group of bright informed people. It finally dawns on me that this brain freeze is from the questions and doubts gnaw at my self confidence. **WHAT DO I TALK ABOUT?**

Being somewhat genetically inclined anyway, let's answer a question with a question. What do you talk to anyone about? What do you tell your friends over drinks? What do you say to your coworkers around the Coke machine? What do you exchange with you neighbors over the proverbially neighborhood fence? You talk about *Life, gossip, love, hate, news, views, confidences, rumors, and speculations. How to do anything, Who did something, Why do anything, Should have done something, Must do this and Won't ever do that again,*

Here's where we can get some ideas:

1. What did we do.

We travel to and work in different places. We see people doing the weird and the wonderful. Each one is a story with moments of unintended humor and examples of exceptional bravery. Stories come from our life experiences and our observations.

2. What do we care about.

We care about politics, laws, morals, and tradition. We have positions on important public issues and superficial social trends. All deserve to be heard. Speeches can come from the need to inform others of our beliefs.

3. What are we interested in.

We play sports, participate in clubs, and invest time in hobbies and crafts. All may be different but all share our time. Speeches can be chances to share what we value with others.

4. What did we read or see.

Humans have the unique ability to learn from others' experiences without direct participation. Speaking gives you the chance to pass on someone else's experiences to a wider audience than yourself.

We live in a richness of speech material. How could anyone not have something to say in a country like ours?

Mind Trick

Think of a number. Double it. Add eight. Divide by 2. Subtract the number you started with. Close your eyes.... It's dark isn't it?

Looking at graffiti on a bridge Some people say "That's vandalism!" Others say "That's art!" I say "How did they get that up there?"

~~ 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		01 / 15 / 2013	01 / 29 / 2013	02 / 05 / 2013	02 / 19 / 2013
Cassandra Barnes		Speaker	Joke Master	Grammarian	Speaker
Don Barnett, AC-B				Speaker	Table Topics
Butch Barney, DTM		Joke Master		Evaluator	Vote Counter
Marcia Barney, DTM		Table Topics	Speaker		Toastmaster
Pam Christopher, DTM		Speaker	Grammarian	Toastmaster	General Evaluator
John Clark, DTM		Evaluator	Table Topics	Timer	Evaluator
Brian Davidson, DTM		Speaker	Vote Counter		Speaker
Rex Fesler		Vote Counter	Timer	Vote Counter	Timer
Brian Gravely, CC				Joke Master	Speaker
Piyush Gupta		Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator	
Scott Hill					
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B, CC		Speaker	Timer	Speaker	Evaluator
Barbara Schanker, AC-S					
Joel Schanker, DTM		Toastmaster	Evaluator	General Evaluator	Evaluator
Dawn Sicurezza		Grammarian	Evaluator	Vote Counter	
Gabe Smith					Grammarian
Elizabeth Stepp, CC		Evaluator	Speaker	Table Topics	Joke Master
Sha Tao, CC		Timer	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker
Craig Thrift, CC/CL		General Evaluator	Speaker		Evaluator
Gayle Tuch					
Jeff Walker, CC		Word Master	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator

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

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