

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 29, 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 - January 15, 2012



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

During the business session competently conducted by President Christa Neuhauser two guests were introduced: Sue Zenger, a Toastmaster from California, and a repeat visitor Tripp Evans. Joel Schanker announced the dates for the Area (April 6), Division (April 20) and District (May 18) International Speech and Table Topics Contests. After the dinner break Christa introduced Toastmaster-of-the-Meeting Joel Schanker. Joel chose "It's Good to Be the King" as his theme and gave speech #5 from his Competent Communication Manual. Joel's speech was evaluated by Elizabeth Stepp during the Evaluation Section of the meeting.

Jeff Walker gave "restive," impatient, resisting control, stubborn, as the Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Marcia Barney gave topics to:

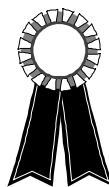
- Butch Barney who discussed the change in TV programming over the years.
- Gayle Tuch who proclaimed the value of royal and official portraits.
- Sha Tao who disclosed changes he would make if he were ruler of China.
- Jeff Walker told us the potential value of being a monarchy.

In addition to Joel's speech, other prepared speeches were given by:

- ü Christa Neuhauser gave Project #1 from her Persuasive Speaking Manual. "What Do You Ride" was evaluated by John Clark.
- ü Pam Christopher gave Project #7 from her Competent Communication Manual. "A New Resolution" was evaluated by Jeff Walker.

(The Way it was, continued from previous column)

Craig Thrift served as General Evaluator. Butch Barney was Grammarian. Sha Tao was Timer and Gayle Tuch counted the votes. Joel, Jeff, and John used "restive" during the meeting. Butch Barney ended the meeting with our Joke-for-the-Meeting.



- Butch Barney - Best Table Topic Speaker
- Elizabeth Stepp - Best Evaluator
- Pam Christopher - 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
Butch Barney	01 - Grammarian
Christa Neuhauser	04 - Speaker
Craig Thrift	07 - General Evaluator

Guests and New Members:

Our guests for the evening were Tripp Evans (a returning guest) and Sue Zenger (a California Toastmaster who just moved here.) 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.

It's Contest Time

Each year Toastmasters International holds both an International Speech Contest and Table Topics Contest. The contests are held at the Club level. Winners then proceed on to the Area, Division, District, Regional and International levels. This article will remain in place and be updated as new information is available.

Club Level International speech - date to be determined.

Club Level Table Topics - date to be determined.

Area Level Contests - April 6, 2013 details available soon.

Division Level Contests - April 20, 2013, details soon.

District Level Contests - May 18, 2013.

For more information, visit the District web site -

www.toastmasters-nc.org

Regional Level - to be announced

International Level - August 21-24, 2013 in Cincinnati, Ohio

For more information, see TI's web site at

www.toastmasters.org/Members/FutureConventions.aspx

**Be Honest,
if people could hear
what you are thinking,
you would be in a
mental hospital.**

The company where I work is getting serious about security. They sent out this memo yesterday. "Please create a password. Your password needs to contain a capital letter, a number, an emoji, eight elements from the Periodic Table and a plot containing a protagonist with some character development and a twisted ending."

Taking his seat in his chambers, the judge faced the opposing lawyers. "So," he said, "I have been presented, by both of you, with a bribe."

Both lawyers squirmed uncomfortably. "You, attorney Leon, gave me \$15,000. And you, attorney Campos, gave me \$10,000."

The judge reached into his pocket and pulled out a check. He handed it to Leon ... "Now then, I'm returning \$5,000, and we're going to decide this case solely on its merits."

New Roster

Thanks to Marcia Barney, we will have a new one page summary roster. Our webmaster is scheduled to move it to our website on Sunday, January 27. This will be in time for our next meeting on Tuesday.

Pass the Biscuits

(A friend sent this to me a few days ago.) When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now & then & I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits." Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your momma put in a long hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides... A burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!" You know, life is full of imperfect things... And imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each others faults and choosing to celebrate each others differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship. So...please pass me a biscuit. And yes, the burned one will do just fine! And please pass this along to someone who has enriched your life...I just did! Life is too short to wake up with regrets... Love the people who treat you right and forget about the ones who don't. ENJOY LIFE - IT HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE!

I was visiting my son and daughter-in-law last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

'This is the 21st century, old man,' he said. 'We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPod.'

I can tell you, that fly never knew what hit it.

**The past,
the present
and the future
walked into a bar.
It was tense.**

~~ 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 / 29 / 2013	02 / 05 / 2013	02 / 19 / 2013	03 / 05 / 2013
Cassandra Barnes				
Don Barnett, AC-B	Toastmaster	Speaker	Table Topics	
Butch Barney, DTM	Word Master	Evaluator	Vote Counter / Grammarian	
Marcia Barney, DTM	Speaker	Speaker	Toastmaster	
Pam Christopher, DTM	Grammarian	Toastmaster	General Evaluator	
John Clark, DTM	Table Topics	Timer	Evaluator	
Brian Davidson, DTM	Vote Counter		Speaker	
Rex Fesler	Timer	Vote Counter	Timer	Vote Counter
Brian Gravely, CC		Joke Master	Speaker	
Piyush Gupta				
Scott Hill				
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B, CC	Joke Master	Speaker	Evaluator	
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM	Evaluator	General Evaluator	Evaluator	
Dawn Sicurezza	Evaluator	Vote Counter		
Gabe Smith			Grammarian	
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Speaker	Table Topics	Joke Master	
Sha Tao, CC	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker	
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Speaker	Speaker	Evaluator	Toastmaster
Gayle Tuch	Speaker			
Jeff Walker, CC	Evaluator	Evaluator	Evaluator	

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

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