

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
February 19, 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 - February 5, 2013



by P.Fantum, asst. Secretary

President Christa Neuhauser

conducted the business session which included welcoming Sha Tao's guest Karen Boggess and discussion of TLI Lite. Four of

our officers registered for the February TLI Lite that was held at the Little Red Schoolhouse of Industries for the Blind. After a recess for dinner she introduced Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Pam Christopher.

Pam's theme and title for her fourth speech from the Competent Communicator Manual was "Monopoly." Wordmaster Tripp Evans gave "appraise" (to assess the worth, value, quality of or to make a valuation of) as the Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Elizabeth Stepp gave topics to:

- Brian Gravely imagined playing Monopoly for 70 days.
- Joel Schanker has found Monopoly sets in several countries.
- Gayle Tuch purchased and ate a chocolate chess set made by Neiman Marcus.
- Butch Barney would spend Monopoly Money on something that would grow.

Prepared speeches (in addition to Pam's) were given by:

ü Christa Neuhauser gave speech #2 from the Persuasive Speaking Manual. John Clark evaluated "The Frog."

ü Craig Thrift gave #2 from the Speaking to Inform Manual. Sha Tao evaluated "Holiday Reflection."

ü Don Barnett gave project #1 from the Discussion Leader Manual. Butch Barney evaluated "Food for All - A Discussion."

ü Marcia Barney gave #2 from the Entertaining Speaker Manual. "We Perceive and Believe" was evaluated by Jeff Walker.

Joel Schanker served as General Evaluator. Elizabeth Stepp evaluated Pam's "Monopoly." Brian Gravely served as Grammarian. John Clark was the Timer. Gayle Tuch counted votes. Joel, Pam, Marcia, and Butch used the Word for the Day during the meeting while the absent Brian Davidson probably used it several times a day during the week. Winners were:



Best Table Topic Speaker - Gayle Tuch

Best Evaluator - Butch Barney

Best Speaker - Marcia Barney

The theme for the February 19 meeting will be "Active Beliefs."

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
Marcia Barney	09 - Mentoring
Pam Christopher	05 - Toastmaster
John Clark	04 - Timer
Christa Neuhauser	07 - Welcome a guest
Elizabeth Stepp	02 - Evaluator
Sha Tao	02 - Evaluator
Craig Thrift	04 - Speaker
Gayle Tuch	01 - Table Topics Speaker
Jeff Walker	02 - Evaluator

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 Contest

March 5, during regular meeting.

Club Level Table Topics Contest

March 19, during regular meeting.

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 Contests

For more information, see TI's web site at www.toastmasters.org.

International Contests

August 21-24, 2013 in Cincinnati, Ohio For more information, see TI's web site at www.toastmasters.org/Members/FutureConventions.aspx



I have decided to start calling my bathroom Jim. Then when talking to friends, I can say, I was just on my way to the gym.

Two old friends are playing golf when they get to the 9th tee, where there is a rest area overlooking a lake. Larry looks at Kenny and says, "Hey Ken, check out those two idiots fishing in the rain."

New Roster

Thanks to Marcia Barney, we now have a new one page summary roster. The most current version of this roster can always be found in the members only section of our web site. It is in a "PDF" format.

Post Valentine Day News

As most of you know, last Thursday or February 14 was Valentine's day. Most articles are written before the date, usually as a reminder for those who might be absent minded. Here, however, are some post-valentine thoughts.

In answer to the Valentines Day card I received from my girlfriend this year:

I'm afraid you were wrong when you wrote that love causes the tide to turn. It is actually the result of the changing positions of the Moon and Sun relative to the Earth, coupled with the effects of Earth rotation and the bathymetry of oceans, seas and estuaries.

In addition to this, it is not love which makes the stars shine. Instead, a star shines as a result of a thermonuclear fusion in its core releasing energy that traverses the star's interior and then radiates into outer space.

Also, it is not love that makes flowers grow. It is, in fact, a complex electron transfer process known as photosynthesis, when chlorophyll reacts to the light created by the sun.

Finally, kisses, believe it or not, are not rain drops. Rain drops are, as it happens, liquid precipitation. It is the condensation of atmospheric water vapor into drops heavy enough to fall, not kisses.

To conclude, this relationship is not working. As nice as you are, I can not stand to listen to your drivel any longer.

Jim asked his friend, Tony, whether he had bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day.

'Yes,' came the answer from Tony who was a bit of a chauvinist, 'I've bought her a belt and a bag.' 'That's nice of you,' Jim added, 'I hope she'll appreciate them.' Tony smiled as he replied, 'So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now.'

I think my girlfriend's sick of me getting the wrong presents for her for Valentine's Day. As a hint, she's written down her dress and bra sizes onto a bit of paper for me. I don't know how helpful they're going to be when I'm in K-Mart buying her a new kettle...

My wife just called me. She said, "Three of the girls in the office have just received some flowers for Valentines Day, they are absolutely gorgeous.

" I said, "That's probably why they've received flowers."

