

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

March 5, 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 19, 2013



by P.Fantum, asst. Secretary

VP-E Jeff Walker served as

presiding officer for the meeting and welcomed guest, returning member, and - by meeting end - newest member Loretta

Norwood. After the meal break he introduced Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Marcia Barney with her theme of "Active Beliefs."

Sha Tao provided "caveat," a warning enjoining one from certain acts or practices or an explanation to prevent misinterpretation, as the Word-for-the-Day.

Table Topics Master Don Barnett gave topics to:

- Craig Thrift shared his belief in volunteering - especially for the March of Dimes.
- Gayle Tuch recommended action to overcome hunger problems.
- Jeff Walker discussed factors to consider if we want to change our beliefs.
- Sha Tao told us how a belief differs from a philosophy.
- Butch Barney pointed out differing beliefs about money.

Brian Gravely gave the prepared speech for the evening, Project #5 from his Persuasive Speaking Manual. "The Power of Perseverance." He was evaluated by Craig Thrift. Brian Davidson served as General Evaluator. Butch Barney was the Grammarian and Jeff Walker kept the times. Marcia Barney used the Word-for-the-Day. Gayle Tuch told the Joke for the Day. Butch Barney counted votes. Winners were:

Best Table Topic Speaker - Butch Barney

Best Evaluator - Craig Thrift

Best Speaker - Brian Gravely



New Timing Light

After the meeting Jeff Walker presented a \$75 Gift Certificate to the Toastmasters International Supply Store from District 37 for our President's Distinguished District Performance for 2011-12. A motion was made and passed to purchase a new Timing Light.

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	04 - Table Topics Master
Butch Barney	03 - Grammarian
Marcia Barney	07 - Toastmaster
Brian Davidson	02 - General Evaluator
Brian Gravely	05 - Speaker
Craig Thrift	08 - Evaluator
Jeff Walker	04 - Timer

New Member

Loretta Norwood had a triple role in the meeting. She was guest, returning member and newest. Welcome back Loretta.

Interesting Fact

According to a recent survey, replacing words with the names of musical instruments in a sentence often goes undetected.

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

Elementary Mistake

Last weekend, the drive up to London was improved by listening to a Sherlock Holmes audiobook on the car's CD player. I was amused by my inability to follow the plot as closely as I would have liked, and put this down to Middle age. It was only when I arrived at my destination that I realized the CD player was on "shuffle" mode.

A blonde, holding a baby, walks into a drugstore and asks if she can use the store's baby scale.

"Sorry, ma'am," says the storekeeper. "Our baby scale is broken. But we can figure the baby's weight if we weigh mother and baby together on the adult scale, then weigh the mother alone and subtract the mother's weight."

"Oh, that won't work," says the blonde. "Why not?" asks the man.

"Well," she says, "I'm not the mother - I'm the aunt."

Historians have recently discovered that Annie Oakley, famed sharp-shooter of the Old West, had a sister. The sister, Carrie, gained some renown in her day as a singer in various saloons throughout the West, but it was not until after her death that she was very widely known. Today, countless bars are dedicated to Carrie Oakley.

New Roster

Thanks to Marcia Barney, we will have a new one page summary roster. For those of you who read this article in the last issue, Marcia has updated the roster with our newest member. So, if you did download a copy, be sure to do it again and remain current.

Speak - The Movie

SPEAK will be shown Saturday, March 16, from 3 - 5 pm at the Forsyth Central Library, located at 660 West 5th Street. The admission is free. This movie is a great way to show others the value of Toastmasters.

SPEAK is a documentary film about the fear of public speaking, and the Toastmasters World Championship of Public Speaking. Filmmakers Paul Galichia and Brian Weidling embarked on an almost two year journey - conducting hundreds of interviews about public speaking anxiety, and capturing every stage of the tense, highly competitive World Championship of Public Speaking. It all culminates in a week of fascinating human drama in Calgary, Alberta, after which one person is crowned "World Champion of Public Speaking". Funny, inspiring, moving, and utterly absorbing, SPEAK follows the trail of those brave souls who take on the fear of public speaking - the world's #1 fear - and live to tell the tale.

Dues Are Due

It's that time of the year when Northwestern Toastmasters pay their spring semi-annual dues. Please bring a check or cash in the amount of \$39.50 to the March 5th meeting. If you are one of the unfortunates who will be unable to attend then please mail a check (payable to "Northwestern Toastmasters") in the amount of \$39.50 to Marcia Barney, 3501 Lakefield Court, Clemmons, NC 27012. Just as a reminder: This is probably the best investment you will make in the next six months

Spring Conference

Early Registration is now available for the District 37 spring conference. Both the conference registration and the hotel registration forms, as well as information about the conference is available on the district web site <http://toastmasters-nc.org/conference>.

By night, three violinists played in the symphony orchestra. During the day, to make a little money on the side, they used their musical talents by roving the city streets and having impromptu concerts wherever they thought they could make some money from the passersby. They called their act: A random act of violins

Two miners struck pay dirt with their latest claim, but began arguing over who should get what part of the treasure. Finally, the first miner asked, "Do you want the silver or the gold?" The second miner shrugged his shoulders and answered, "I don't care, either ore."

~~ 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	03 / 05 / 2013	03 / 19 / 2013	04 / 02 / 2013	04 / 16 / 2013
	International Speech Contest	Table Topics Contest		
Cassandra Barnes				
Don Barnett, AC-B	Wordmaster		Speaker	
Butch Barney, DTM		Speaker	Toastmaster	General Evaluator
Marcia Barney, DTM	Grammarians	Evaluator		
Pam Christopher, DTM	Table Topics	Evaluator		
John Clark, DTM	Vote Counter	Speaker	Evaluator	
Brian Davidson, DTM		Grammarians	General Evaluator	Table Topics
Tripp Evans				
Rex Fesler	Vote Counter	Timer	Timer	Vote Counter
Brian Gravely, CC		Table Topics		Speaker
Piyush Gupta				
Scott Hill				
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B, CC	Toastmaster	Joke Master	Evaluator	Speaker
Loretta Norwood			Speaker	
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM	General Evaluator	Speaker		
Dawn Sicurezza				
Gabe Smith				
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Joke Master	Speaker	Vote Counter	
Sha Tao, CC	Speaker	Evaluator	Joke Master	Evaluator
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker	Toastmaster
Gayle Tuch	Timer	Vote Counter	Grammarians	Speaker
Jeff Walker, CC	Timer	Toastmaster	Table Topics	

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

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