

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

April 16, 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 - April 2, 2013

by P.Fantum, asst. Secretary



President Christa Neuhauser presided over a bit-longer-than-normal business session which included an address by our Area Governor. The AG's remarks were information about the upcoming International Speech Contests and the District 37 Conference. After a brief recess Christa introduced Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Craig Thrift with his theme of "Hidden Talents." Craig's pleasantly surprising opening remarks were Project #3, the Demonstration Report in the Speaking to Inform manual. This speech sure rang this author's bells! Wordmaster Elizabeth Stepp gave **QUANDARY**, "a state of uncertainty, a dilemma" as the Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Jeff Walker gave Table Topics to:

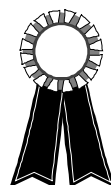
- Loretta Norwood said she was respected for her creativity when she was in school.
- Christa Neuhauser was fascinated by bicycles when she was young. (Now you must put a motor on them to get her attention.)
- Elizabeth Stepp developed a habit of going to bed late when she was young.
- Don Barnett would like to develop a habit of getting away from television.

Prepared speeches (in addition to Craig's which was evaluated by Christa Neuhauser) were given by:

- David Burbach gave his Ice Breaker and was evaluated by John Clark.
- Maggie Majors gave her Ice Breaker and was evaluated by Don Barnett.

Brian Davidson served as General Evaluator. Gayle Tuch was the Grammarian. Elizabeth reported that Jeff, Maggie, Brian, John, Don, and Gayle used the Word

"quandary" during the meeting. Sha Tao told the Joke. Marcia Barney counted votes. Winners for the evening were:



Loretta Norwood - Best Table Topic Speaker

John Clark - Best Evaluator

Craig Thrift - Best Speaker

More Exciting News

It's been a busy two weeks for Maggie Majors. Maggie has just received her Ph.D., given her ice breaker speech and selected Marcia Barney to be her mentor. Congratulations, Maggie.

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
Craig Thrift	07 - Toastmaster
Gayle Tuch	01 - Grammarian
Jeff Walker	05 - Table Topics Master

I do five sit-ups every morning.

That may not sound like much, but there's only so many times you can hit the snooze button.

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.
1st Place winner was Sha Tao.

Club Level Table Topics Contest

March 19, during regular meeting
1st Place winner was Gayle Tuch.

Area Level Contests

The Area 41 contests were held Saturday - April 6, 2013 from 9 to 11 am at the Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind and was hosted by the VIPS club. Joel Schanker was the Toastmaster and Pam Christopher was the Chief Judge. Both Northwestern contest participants performed admirably.

Division Level Contests

April 20, 2013, at the Southside Branch Library on 3185 Buchanan St. in Winston-Salem. The contests will start at 11 am.

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

Spring Conference

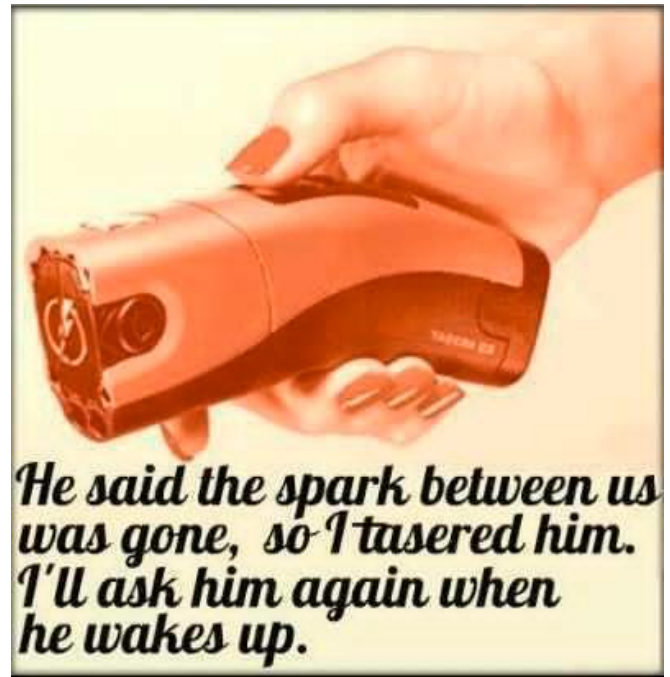
Early Registration is now available for the District 37 spring conference. Both the conference registration and the hotel registration forms, as well as information about the conference is available on the district web site <http://toastmasters-nc.org/conference>.

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Why do you never hear father-in-law jokes?



- New York Times columnist William Safire compiled a list of "Fumblerrules of Grammar" - rules of writing, all of which are humorously self-contradictory - and published them in his popular column, "On Language." These can be found in his book - *Fumblerrules: A Lighthearted Guide to Grammar and Good Usage*. Here are some examples:
- § Remember to never split an infinitive.
 - § A preposition is something never to end a sentence with.
 - § Avoid run-on sentences they are hard to read.
 - § Don't use no double negatives.
 - § Do not put statements in the negative form.
 - § Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
 - § No sentence fragments.
 - § Proofread carefully to see if you words out.
 - § Avoid commas, that are not necessary.
 - § If you reread your work, you can find on rereading a great deal of repetition can be avoided by rereading and editing.
 - § Eschew dialect, irregardless.
 - § And don't start a sentence with a conjunction.
 - § Don't overuse exclamation marks!!!
 - § Place pronouns as close as possible, especially in long sentences, as of 10 or more words, to their antecedents.
 - § Hyphenate between sy-llables and avoid un-necessary hyphens.
 - § Writing carefully, dangling participles must be avoided.
 - § It is incumbent on us to avoid archaisms.
 - § Steer clear of incorrect forms of verbs that have snuck in the language.
 - § Take the bull by the hand and avoid mixing metaphors.
 - § Avoid trendy locutions that sound flaky.
 - § Never, ever use repetitive redundancies.
 - § Everyone should be careful to use a singular pronoun with singular nouns in their writing.
 - § If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times, resist hyperbole.

~~ 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	04 / 16 / 2013	04 / 30 / 2013	05 / 07 / 2013	05 / 21 / 2013
Cassandra Barnes				
Don Barnett, AC-B	Word Master	Speaker	Toastmaster	
Butch Barney, DTM			Evaluator	Joke Master
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Joke Master	Table Topics
David Burgach	Timer	Vote Counter	Speaker	Word Master
Pam Christopher, DTM	Evaluator		Table Topics	Grammarian
John Clark, DTM	Joke Master	Table Topics	Speaker	
Brian Davidson, DTM	Table Topics			Speaker
Tripp Evans				
Rex Fesler				
Brian Gravely, CC	Speaker			
Piyush Gupta				
Scott Hill				
Maggie Majors	Vote Counter	Joke Master	Speaker	Timer
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B, CC	Evaluator	Speaker	Grammarian	General Evaluator
Loretta Norwood	Speaker	Timer	Word Master	
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM	Grammarian	Word Master	General Evaluator	Speaker
Dawn Sicurezza				
Gabe Smith				
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Speaker	Grammarian		Toastmaster
Sha Tao, CC	Evaluator	Toastmaster		Speaker
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	General Evaluator		Evaluator	
Gayle Tuch	Speaker			
Jeff Walker, CC	Evaluator	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Vote Counter

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



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