

# 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 30, 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 16, 2013

by P.Fantum, asst. Secretary



Vice President of Education Jeff Walker presided over a short but interesting business session. To start, Jeff introduced our guest, Sherie McCutcheon. Joel

Schanker gave information about both the Division and District contests and encouraged members to attend. A motion was made by John Clark and seconded by Brian Davidson that "In the absence of the Treasurer at the meeting tonight, the Grammarian shall be appointed as the assistant to the treasurer and collect all fines." After a brief discussion, it was pointed out that the Vice President of Education had the authority to appoint someone to this position. Armed with that knowledge, Jeff appointed John Clark who immediately abdicated to Joel. The seconded motion was left hanging.

After a brief recess Jeff introduced our Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Don Barnett with his theme of "Bluebirds and Spring." Don gave us a brief history of bluebirds as he pointed out the beauty of spring.

Wordmaster Rex Fesler gave us the word **SIREN**, "a state of uncertainty, a dilemma" as the Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Brian Davidson gave topics to - -

- Maggie Majors described her favorite flower.
- Rex Fesler described a garden that made an impression on him.
- Joel Schanker told us about the funniest thing that he has seen written in the pollen found on a car.

Prepared speakers for the evening were - -

ü Don Barnett (Toastmaster's warm-up) told us about "Bluebirds and Spring" based on project # 8 in the Competent Communications Manual.

ü Loretta Norwood gave her Icebreaker based on project # 1 in the Competent Communications Manual.

ü Gayle Tuch told us about "Water and Climate Change" using project # 2 in the Competent Communications Manual

Craig Thrift served as our General Evaluator. During his control of the lectern, Craig called on - -

- Jeff Walker to evaluate Don Barnett.
- John Clark to evaluate Loretta Norwood.
- Sha Tao to evaluate Gail Tuch

Rex Fesler served as our Timer and Maggie Majors served as our vote Counter. Joel Schanker was our General Evaluator and did an excellent job of observing grammatical shortcomings. In concluding his report, Joel announced that there would be no grammatical fines assigned, since the Treasurer was not present to collect. Joel prudently overlooked the misnomer used in the meeting to "turn over the lectern" even though the lectern remained right side up.

The meeting concluded with a brief reminder of the upcoming Division and District contests, kind comments from our guest plus a warm and humorous story about speaking from our Joke Master, John Clark.

Winners for the evening were:

Joel Schanker\* - Best Table Topic Speaker

John Clark\* - Best Evaluator

Don Barnett - Best Speaker



\* Class of '97

## Guests

Our guest for the meeting was Sherie McCutcheon. We hope that you enjoyed your visit and were able to see where Toastmasters can help you meet your goals. We also hope to see you again.

### 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 27, 2013, at the Southside Branch Library on 3185 Buchanan St. in Winston-Salem. The contests start at 11 am.

#### District Level Contests

May 18, 2013. For more information, visit the District web site - [www.toastmasters-nc.org](http://www.toastmasters-nc.org)

#### International Contests

August 21-24, 2013 in Cincinnati, Ohio For more information, see TI's web site at [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org)

### Spring Conference

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>.

A lawyer phoned the governor's mansion shortly after midnight. "I need to talk to the governor. It's an emergency!" exclaimed the lawyer. After some cajoling, the governor's assistant agreed to wake him up.

"So, what is it that's so important that it can't wait until morning?" grumbled the governor. "Judge Jones just died, and I want to take his place," begged the attorney.

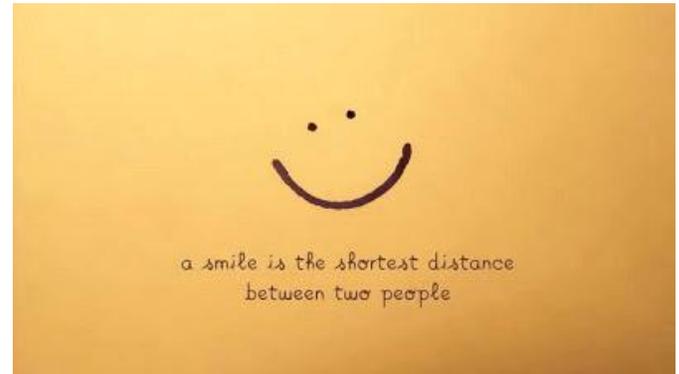
"Well, it's okay with me if it's okay with the funeral home," replied the governor.

Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss League records were destroyed in a fire, - -so we will never know for whom the Tells bowled.

### 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	08 - General Evaluator
Jeff Walker	08 - Evaluator
John Clark	08 - Evaluator



Two robins were sitting in a tree. "I'm famished," said the first one. "Me, too," said the second. "Let's fly down and find some lunch." They flew down to the ground and found a nice piece of plowed land with lots of fresh worms. They ate, and ate, and ate 'till they could eat no more. "I'm so full, I don't think I can fly up to the tree," said the first. "Me, either. Let's just lie here in the warm sun," said the first one. No sooner had they had fallen asleep when a big fat tomcat snuck up and gobbled them up. As the cat sat washing his face after his meal, he thought, "I love Baskin' Robins."

### Wordmaster Suggestions

There are some words that are frequently used incorrectly. This column will, over a period of time, list some of these words. Today we will look at the word **Enormity**. Most people think it means "Enormous in size." In reality, it means outrageous. For example, "Look at the enormity of his sandwich." The sandwich is not huge, but it has mustard, mayonnaise and catsup - which is an outrage to normal taste buds.

In future issues, we will look at words like ironic, unique and literally. See if you know the real meaning.

### Texas Trivia Tidbits

El Paso is closer to California than to Dallas The Capitol Dome in Austin is the only dome in the U.S. which is taller than the Capitol Building in Washington DC (by 7 feet). The State Mascot is the Armadillo. Dr Pepper was invented in Waco in 1885. There is no period in Dr Pepper.

~~ 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 / 30 / 2013	05 / 07 / 2013	05 / 21 / 2013	06 / 04 / 2013
Cassandra Barnes				
Don Barnett, AC-B	Speaker	Evaluator		
Butch Barney, DTM	Grammarian	Toastmaster	Joke Master	
Marcia Barney, DTM		Joke Master	Table Topics	
David Burgach	Vote Counter	Speaker		
Pam Christopher, DTM	Evaluator	Table Topics	Grammarian	Toastmaster
John Clark, DTM	Table Topics	Toastmaster	Evaluator	Evaluator
Brian Davidson, DTM	Evaluator		Evaluator	Speaker
Tripp Evans				
Rex Fesler		Speaker	Word Master	Vote Counter
Brian Gravely, CC			Speaker	Timer
Piyush Gupta				
Scott Hill				
Maggie Majors	Joke Master	Speaker	Timer	Word Master
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B, CC	Speaker	Grammarian	General Evaluator	
Loretta Norwood	Timer	Word Master	Speaker	Joke Master
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM	Word Master / Evaluator	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker
Dawn Sicurezza				
Gabe Smith				
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Speaker		Toastmaster	General Evaluator
Sha Tao, CC	Toastmaster		Speaker	Table Topics
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator	Evaluator	Evaluator	Evaluator
Gayle Tuch			Speaker	
Jeff Walker, CC	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Vote Counter	Speaker

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

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