

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
May 7, 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 30, 2013



by P.Fantum, asst. Secretary

VP of Education Jeff Walker again served as Presiding Officer and ran an efficient business session. The Northwestern Toastmasters who attended and competed in the Division Contest were recognized: Pam Christopher and Brian Davidson were judges; Don Barnett was Sgt.-at-Arms; Gayle Tuch competed in the Table Topics Contest; Joel Schanker was the friend, coach, arranger for the contest; Barbara Schanker and Maggie Majors attended. Joel reminded us of the District 37 Conference in Greensboro on May 17-19. After a short recess Jeff introduced Sha Tao as Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting.

Wordmaster Joel Schanker gave "avarice," extreme greed or lust for material things, as the Word for the Meeting. Table Topics Master John Clark gave topics to:

- Maggie Majors would ask that Spring inspire students to turn in their work on time.
- Pam Christopher thinks that Fall weather is better than Spring weather.
- Joel Schanker would let Rhododendron and Azalea bloom all year.
- Loretta would take the pollen out of Spring.

Sha's Toastmaster of the meeting warm-up speech "Toast to Roast" was # 3 from the Advanced Special Occasions Manual. It was evaluated by Joel Schanker.

Don Barnett gave #3 from the Special Occasions Manual. "A Roast - Joel Schanker, Man of Laughter Award." Brian Davidson was Don's evaluator.

Jeff Walker served as General Evaluator. Butch Barney was Grammarian. Marcia Barney was Timer. Maggie told the Joke for the meeting and was also the only one to use the Word-for-the-Day. Pam Christopher was Vote Counter.

Worst news of the meeting (and the year): This was Sha's last meeting with us. He will be moving to New York on Friday. We will miss Sha!!

Winners for the evening were:

Joel Schanker - Best Table Topic Speaker

Brian Davidson - Best Evaluator

Sha Tao - Best Speaker



Correction

In the previous meeting notes (for April 30, 2013) Joel Schanker was listed as the General Evaluator. It is true that Joel is a great General Evaluator; however, he should have been listed as the Grammarian. After all, he did uh, like find all of our uh grammatical type errors. Thanks, Joel - keep up the good work.

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>.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

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

International Contests

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

Walking into the bar, Mike said to Charlie the bartender, 'Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman.' 'Oh yeah?' said Charlie, 'And how did this one end?' 'When it was over,' Mike replied, 'She came to me on her hands and knees.' 'Really,' said Charles, 'now that's a switch! What did she say?' She said, 'Come out from under the bed, you little chicken.'

Trivia Tidbit:

A can of Coke, in a tank of water, sinks. A can of Diet Coke, in the same tank of water, floats. It takes a lot of sugar to make Coke as sweet as it is, but it takes a lot less aspartame (the artificial sweetener in Diet Coke) to accomplish a similar effect. But the extra sweetener in regular Coke makes the entire product denser than water, causing the can to sink.

Everyone makes mistakes. The trick is to make mistakes when nobody is looking.

Competent Leader Activity

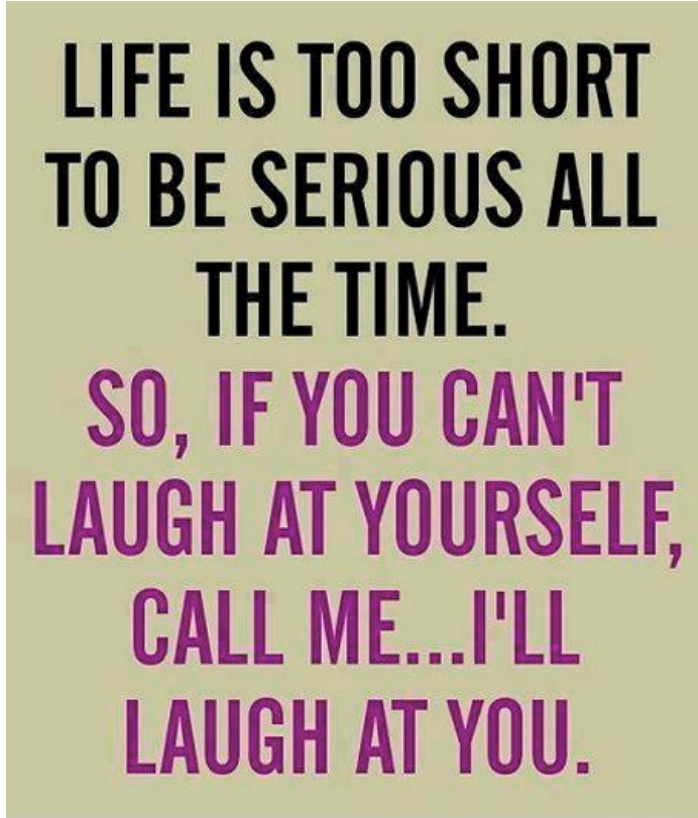
All Northwestern Toastmasters are either working through the Competent Leadership Manual or are strongly urged to do so. Our last meeting saw these members involved.

Table with 2 columns: Member, Project - Activity. Rows include Don Barnett (04 - Speaker), Butch Barney (04 - Grammarian), Marcia Barney (04 - Timer), John Clark (05 - Table Topics Master), Pam Christopher (01 - Table Topics Speaker), Brian Davidson (02 - Evaluator), Sha Tao (05 - Toastmaster), Jeff Walker (07 - General Evaluator).

Wordmaster Suggestions

In the last issue we looked at (Examined? Evaluated?) the word Enormity. In this issue we will examine the word Ironic.

We frequently hear it used as any type of amusing coincidence. It actually means the opposite outcome of what was expected. Think about the statement "It is ironic that he tripped over his feet as he walked up to accept the graceful dancer award." We might think that it was funny for him to trip, but it is ironic that we did not expect him to trip.



~~ 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	05 / 07 / 2013	05 / 21 / 2013	06 / 04 / 2013	06 / 18 / 2013
Cassandra Barnes				
Don Barnett, AC-B	Evaluator	Word Master	Table Topics	Evaluator
Butch Barney, DTM	Toastmaster	Joke Master	Timer	Table Topics
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Table Topics		Toastmaster
David Burgach	Joke Master			Speaker
Pam Christopher, DTM	Table Topics	Grammarian	Toastmaster	General Evaluator
John Clark, DTM		Evaluator	Evaluator	
Brian Davidson, DTM	Grammarian	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator
Tripp Evans				
Rex Fesler		Speaker	Vote Counter	
Brian Gravely, CC				
Piyush Gupta				
Scott Hill				
Maggie Majors	Speaker	Timer	Word Master	Speaker
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B, CC	Speaker	General Evaluator		Timer
Loretta Norwood	Word Master	Speaker	Joke Master	
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator
Dawn Sicurezza				
Gabe Smith				
Elizabeth Stepp, CC		Toastmaster	General Evaluator	Speaker
Sha Tao, CC				
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator	Evaluator	Evaluator	Vote Counter
Gayle Tuch	Timer	Speaker		Joke Master
Jeff Walker, CC	Evaluator / Vote Counter	Vote Counter	Speaker	Word Master

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

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