

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 21, 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 - May 7, 2013



by P.Fantum, asst. Secretary

President Christa Neuhauser conducted an efficient, effective business session which included introducing our guest, now newest member Kyle Barnes.

After a brief recess she introduced Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Butch Barney. Butch's theme was "A \$70 Million Science Quiz" (Marcia won the Quiz, but not the money.)

Wordmaster Loretta Norwood gave "serendipity," a pleasant surprise or an accidental fortune, as the Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Pam Christopher gave topics to:

- Loretta Norwood said that if she could travel fast she would go to Pluto.
- John Clark would find multiple sources of information.
- David Burbach would like gold coins to fall from the sky.
- Brian Davidson would label the Table Topics Master a Devil.

Prepared speeches were given by:

ü Maggie Majors gave #2 from her Competent Communicator Manual. "An Education in Possibilities" was evaluated by Don Barnett.

ü Christa Neuhauser gave #3 from the Persuasive Speaking Manual. Christa's "Speaking to the Board" was evaluated by Marcia Barney.

Joel Schanker served as General Evaluator. Brian Davidson was the Grammarian. Gayle Tuch was the Timer. Jeff Walker counted votes. David Burbach told the Joke. Joel, David, Marcia, and Loretta used the Word-of-the-Day.

Winners were:



Loretta Norwood - Best Table Topic Speaker

Marcia Barney - Best Evaluator

Christa Neuhauser - Best Speaker

Improved Communications Workshop

Jeff Walker, our Vice President of Education has announced that Northwestern Toastmasters will hold the next Improved Communications Workshop (Speechcraft) starting on July 2, 2013. This workshop will run for eight weeks. It will be held each Tuesday night, either as part of a normal meeting or as a "stand alone" class. Check our web site - NWTM.org for more information on ICS.

Toastmasters International, a non-profit, educational organization, developed this program, which has been training members in improved communications and leadership techniques for more than 80 years. Northwestern Toastmasters are the local sponsors of the program. The cost of materials for the program is \$25 per participant. (Note: This fee is waived for any member of Northwestern Toastmasters who is attending for the first time.) Any adult interested in improving his or her speaking, listening, and thinking skills is invited to participate.

Jeff Walker has asked Marcia Barney to coordinate the program. She, in turn, will be asking the many talented members of NWTM to assist with the educational presentations, evaluations, and group discussions.

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The brain is the most outstanding organ. It works for 24 hours a day right from your birth until you fall in love.

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Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

Distinguished Club Plan

The Distinguished Club Program and Club Success Plan helps clubs promote quality, ensure productive meetings, provide structure and guidance and increase the enthusiasm of the club. There are 10 criteria for the DCP. These are:

1. Two CCs
2. Two more CCs
3. One ACB, ACS, or ACG
4. One more ACB, ACS, or ACG
5. One CL, ALB, ALS, or DTM
6. One more CL, ALB, ALS, or DTM.
7. Four new members
8. Four more new members
9. Minimum of four club officers trained during each of two training periods.
10. One membership renewal report and one club officer list submitted on time

We have met or will meet this goals:

1. One CC, one member on track to receive a CC
2. Two members on track to receive CCs
3. Paperwork being submitted for Marcia Barney's ACB
4. Paperwork being submitted for John Clark's ACB
5. One or more members on track
6. One or more members on track
7. Completed
8. Completed
9. Completed
10. Will be completed when Jun officer report is filed

Abbreviations used:

- CC Competent Communicator
- ACB Advanced Communicator, Bronze
- ACS Advanced Communicator, Silver
- ACG Advanced Communicator, Gold
- CL Competent Leader
- ALB Advanced Leader, Bronze
- ALS Advanced Leader, Silver
- DTM Distinguished Toastmaster

Wordmaster Suggestions

In previous issues we have looked (Examined? Evaluated?) at words such as **Ironic** and **Enormity**. In this issue we will examine the word **Redundant**.

We frequently hear it used as something that is useless or unable to perform its task. (In the UK it is also used as a euphemism for downsizing.) The true meaning is much simpler. - - any speech that is needlessly wordy or repetitive

Hopefully, there will never be a speaker at Northwestern who is redundant, because we all write clearly and practice so our speech will never be redundant.

I tried to give my husband bridge lessons last week, but he just wouldn't jump!

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
Pam Christopher	05 - Table Topics Master

GREAT TRUTHS THAT CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground...
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional...
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions...
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

I failed my driver's test. The guy asked me, "What do you do at a red light?" I said, "I usually respond to texts, check my emails and facebook."

~~ 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 / 21 / 2013	06 / 04 / 2013	06 / 18 / 2013	07 / 02 / 2013
Kyle Barnes	Speaker			
Don Barnett, AC-B	Word Master	Table Topics	Evaluator	Joke Master
Butch Barney, DTM	Joke Master	Timer	Table Topics	Evaluator
Marcia Barney, DTM	Table Topics	Grammarian	Toastmaster	Word Master
David Burbach			Speaker	Grammarian
Pam Christopher, DTM	Grammarian	Toastmaster	General Evaluator	Evaluator
John Clark, DTM	Evaluator	Evaluator		General Evaluator
Brian Davidson, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator	
Rex Fesler	Speaker	Vote Counter		Speaker
Maggie Majors	Timer	Word Master	Speaker	Vote Counter
Christa Neuhauser, AC-B, CC	General Evaluator		Timer	Toastmaster
Loretta Norwood	Speaker	Joke Master	Grammarian	Speaker
Barbara Schanker, AC-S				
Joel Schanker, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator	
Gabe Smith				
Elizabeth Stepp, CC	Toastmaster	General Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator
Sha Tao, CC				
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator	Evaluator	Vote Counter	Speaker
Gayle Tuch	Speaker		Joke Master	Table Topics
Jeff Walker, CC	Vote Counter	Speaker	Word Master	

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

Improved Communications Seminar begins on July 2, 2013



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