

# 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  
**June 4 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 21, 2013

by P.Fantum, asst. Secretary



VP-ED Jeff Walker conducted the usual efficient, effective business session which included the announcement that our Improved Communications Seminar will

begin the first meeting in September and the Nominating Committee report (see related article.) After a short break he introduced Elizabeth Stepp as Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting. Elizabeth's theme was "Something for Everybody." Don Barnett gave "exceed," extend outside of or be greater than, as the Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Marcia Barney gave topics to:

- Craig Thrift addressed the question of importance of mental flexibility.
- Butch Barney discussed breathing essentials.
- Pam Christopher told us about her meditation experiences.

In addition to Elizabeth's prepared speech, additional prepared speeches were given by:

- ü Loretta Norwood gave project #2 from her Competent Communicator manual. "Have Some Fun" was evaluated by Marcia Barney.
- ü Gayle Tuch gave project #3 from her CC manual. "Decisions, Decisions, Decisions" was evaluated by Jeff Walker.
- ü Rex Fesler gave project #2 from his CC manual. "How to be Nice" was evaluated by Craig Thrift.
- ü John Clark gave project #3 from his Interpretive Reading Manual. "How Big Is Time" was evaluated by Butch Barney.

Don Barnett evaluated Elizabeth's speech. Pam Christopher served as Grammarian. Maggie Majors was the Timer. Harriet Clark was Vote Counter and Marcia Barney was General Evaluator. Elizabeth, Marcia, Gayle, Rex, and Pam used the Word-for-the-Day. Butch Barney told the Joke.



Pam Christopher - Best Table Topic Speaker

Craig Thrift - Best Evaluator

Loretta Norwood - Best Speaker

## Improved Communications Seminar

At the last meeting, the starting date for the workshop has been changed to September 3, 2013. This will allow seminar students to plan their summer vacations without worry about missing a session. Check our website - NWTM.org for more information on ICS.

## Officer Elections

Northwestern Toastmasters are scheduled to elect their 2013 - 2014 officers at our June 4 meeting. The Nominating Committee Chaired by Brian Davidson and comprised of the other DTMs of the club offer the following nominations for office:

- For President .....Jeff Walker
- For VP-Education .....Don Barnett
- For VP-Membership .....John Clark
- For VP-Public Relations .....Brian Davidson
- For Secretary .....Craig Thrift
- For Treasurer .....Marcia Barney
- For Sgt-at-Arms.....Gayle Tuch

They say hard work never hurts anybody, but why take the chance.

## 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 these goals:

1. Completed (a)
2. Two members on track to receive CCs
3. Completed (a)
4. Completed (a)
5. One member on track
6. One member on track
7. Completed
8. Completed
9. Completed
10. Under review (b)

Notes:

- (a) Submitted to TI, waiting for conformation
- (b) The officer list criteria is a goal for the following year. We are working with Toastmasters International to determine why we did not receive credit for our officer report submitted in June 2012.

We are on track to accomplish either 9 or 10 of the DCP goals. This will make Northwestern Toastmasters a President's Distinguished Club. Each member of our club should take pride in the fact that Northwestern has earned the highest DCP award each year. At the same time it is important to remember that obtaining this award is not our goal. Our goal is to become better speakers and leaders. This award reflects the achievement of those goals.

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 Toast master

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 Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, It was called witchcraft... Today, it's called golf.

## Wordmaster Suggestions

Nude and Naked are two words that are often used incorrectly. Nude means without clothing, while naked means defenseless.

There are some situations that could be described with either word. Usually, however, only one applies. An easy way to keep them separated is to remember the phrase "The Naked Truth . . ." As we all know, truth requires no defense.

A prude would like to put a pair of pants on the nude statue of David. On the other hand, a defenseless cowboy would leave his six-shooter at home when he went out to fight the cattle rustlers.

## 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 |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Jeff Walker | 03 - Evaluator     |



## 10 Lazy Rules

- 1.
2. If you have to say something more than once, it's not worth the energy.
3. If you spill water, it will eventually dry.
4. I'll tell you later.
5. Don't charge your phone until it says "5% Remaining."
6. Forget the "Terms and Conditions" - just hit accept.
7. If it's not on the 1st search page of Google, it doesn't exist.
8. Why make your bed when you're just going to get back in it again?
9. If you are late, don't go.
10. If you drop the ice cube, just kick it under the fridge.

~~ 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    |                     | 06 / 04 / 2013           | 06 / 18 / 2013    | 07 / 02 / 2013    | 07 / 16 / 2013    |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Kyle      | Barnes              | Speaker                  | Timer             |                   | Speaker           |
| Don       | Barnett, AC-B       | Speaker                  | Evaluator         | Joke Master       | General Evaluator |
| Butch     | Barney, DTM         | Table Topics / Evaluator |                   | Evaluator         | Timer             |
| Marcia    | Barney, DTM         | Speaker                  | Toastmaster       | Word Master       | Joke Master       |
| David     | Burbach             |                          | Speaker           | Grammarian        | Speaker           |
| Pam       | Christopher, DTM    | Toastmaster              | General Evaluator | Evaluator         | Speaker           |
| John      | Clark, DTM          | Timer                    |                   | General Evaluator |                   |
| Brian     | Davidson, DTM       | Grammarian               | Evaluator         | Speaker           | Toastmaster       |
| Rex       | Fesler              | Vote Counter             |                   | Speaker           |                   |
| Maggie    | Majors              | Word Master              | Speaker           | Vote Counter      | Grammarian        |
| Christa   | Neuhauser, AC-B, CC |                          | Table Topics      |                   | Toastmaster       |
| Loretta   | Norwood             | Joke Master              | Grammarian        | Speaker           | Table Topics      |
| Barbara   | Schanker, AC-S      |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Joel      | Schanker, DTM       | Speaker                  | Evaluator         |                   | Evaluator         |
| Gabe      | Smith               |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Elizabeth | Stepp, CC           | General Evaluator        | Speaker           | Evaluator         | Vote Counter      |
| Sha       | Tao, CC             |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Craig     | Thrift, CC/CL       | Evaluator                | Vote Counter      | Toastmaster       |                   |
| Gayle     | Tuch                | Evaluator                | Joke Master       | Table Topics      | Evaluator         |
| Jeff      | Walker, CC          | Evaluator                | Word Master       | Speaker           | Grammarian        |

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

The theme for this meeting is **M.A.P. It**

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