

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 18 2013

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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 - June 4, 2013

by P.Fantum, asst. Secretary



Our Vice-President-Education Jeff Walker presided at the opening business session and at the concluding business session. We welcomed guests Karla

Barnes who became our newest member after the meeting and Elaine Wiles, elected officers (see related article), announced the two District 37 Toastmaster Leadership Institutes, and reminded everyone of the September Improved Communications Workshop that begins on September 17. After the recess, Jeff introduced Pam Christopher as Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting. Pam's theme was "MAP It!"

Wordmaster Maggie Majors gave "**venture**," an undertaking involving uncertainty, a business enterprise, taking a risk, as the Word-for-the-Day. The adjective, verb, and noun use were all popular: Kyle, Don, Pam, Marcia, John, Joel, Elizabeth, and Jeff used it during the meeting. Table Topics Master Butch Barney gave topics to:

- Rex Fesler disclosed his favorite cause was the power to teach.
- Maggie Majors told us how she would convince someone to give to a cause.
- Brian Davidson convinced us to go streaking.
- Elaine Wiles tried to convince Butch to finish a project.
- Everyone was asked to think about how they would answer letters to Santa.

In addition to Pam's prepared speech, which was evaluated by Craig Thrift, other prepared speeches were given by:

ü Kyle Barnes gave his Ice Breaker, Competent Communicator #1. The speech was evaluated by Brian Davidson and thoroughly praised by his Mentor Marcia Barney.

ü Don Barnett gave #5 from his CC manual. "Commencement Speeches" was evaluated by Jeff Walker.

ü Joel Schanker gave #9 from his CC Manual. "Pikes Peak" was evaluated by John Clark.

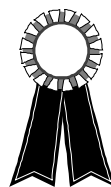
ü Marcia Barney gave #5 from her Advanced Public Relations Manual. "Healthy Living" was evaluated by Butch Barney.

Elizabeth Stepp served as General Evaluator. Elaine Wiles was the Timer. Brian Davidson was Grammarian. Rex Fesler counted votes. Winners for the evening were:

Brian Davidson - Best Table Topic Speaker

John Clark - Best Evaluator

Joel Schanker - Best Speaker



Officer Elections

Officers for the next Toastmaster year (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014) were elected at our last meeting.

President	Jeff Walker
Immediate Past President ...	Christa Neuhauser
VP-Education	Don Barnett
VP-Membership	John Clark
VP-Public Relations	Brian Davidson
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The best argument against democracy is a five minute conversation with the average voter.

- Winston Churchill

Wordmaster Suggestions

A word frequently misused is "Unique." Many people think of something that is extraordinary, that is beyond ordinary. What we really mean is something that is one of a kind. Think of it as quantity rather than quality.

Member Accomplishments

Don Barnett has earned his second Competent Communicator award. Marcia Barney and John Clark have each completed another Advanced Communicator - Bronze award.

New Members

We are doing a great job of keeping Marcia Barney busy. Every time she publishes an updated roster, we add a new member which forces her to, once again, update the roster. Our newest members are Karla and Kyle Barnes. Kyle gave his icebreaker at the last meeting and Karla is scheduled to give hers soon.

Old Members

Two of our members have moved out of this area and, as a result, have moved to other Toastmasters Clubs. We will miss Sha Tao and Maggie Majors. Sha and Maggie - remember that we will always have room for you when you move back.

Visiting Members

Elaine Wiles, a former member, came for a visit and was put to work as our timer for the meeting. Elaine - it was great to see you again.

A lawyer was briefing the witness before he was scheduled to give testimony. The lawyer said, "You must swear to tell the truth. Do you understand?"

The witness replied, "Yes, I swear to tell the whole truth." The lawyer then asked, "Do you have any idea what will happen if you don't tell the truth?"

The witness gave a confused look and answered "I'm guessing our side will win."

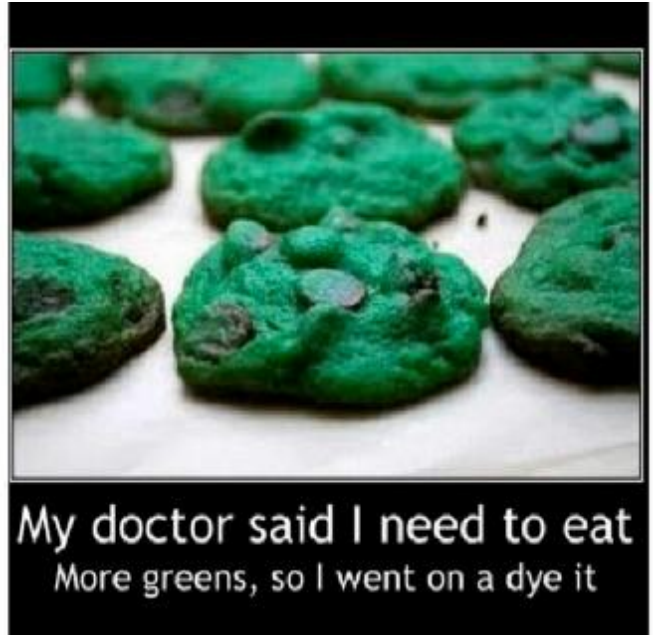
A man goes into a bar very thirsty. He sits down waiting for the bartender to see him. The man next to him calls for the bartender saying, "I'll have another Waterloo." The bartender gives him a tall ice cold drink, then asks the newcomer what he would like to drink. Wanting to try this new drink he says, "I'll have a Waterloo too." The bartender gives him a tall ice cold drink.

He takes a big drink and says, "Hey! This isn't any good. It tastes just like water!" The man next to him looks at the bartender and says, "Well, it is water. Right, Lou?"

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. Row 1: John Clark, 01 - Evaluator



This has not been a good day. This morning I was sitting in my doctor's examination room. He walked in, looked at me and said, "You have to stop eating pizza." Of course, I asked him "Why?" He replied, "So I can examine you."

New Newsletter Editor

One of my mentors told me, "If it's not fun, then don't do it." For the last eight and a half years we have had fun being the newsletter editor. I've tried to make the newsletter look professional. I have attempted to provide news and activities about Toastmasters both inside and outside of our Club. I have looked for articles that would provide insight on writing, speaking and leadership skills. Heck, I've even looked for humor. If nothing else, I've used the newsletter as a reminder that there will be a meeting on the next Tuesday.

It has been fun and I hope that you have enjoyed my effort. The really good news is that, with the election of officers, we have a new newsletter editor. Brian Davidson will take the helm, starting with the next issue. I have every confidence that Brian will do a great job. It should be easy for Brian; all he has to do is to avoid my mistakes. (Not that I've made any.)

Honesty is the best policy, but insanity is the best defense.

