

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
July 30, 2013
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 – July 16, 2013

by Craig Thrift, AC-B/AL-B, Secretary



President-Elect Jeff Walker presided over the business session. Jeff welcomed past NWTM visiting member Van Sherrill.

After a brief recess, Jeff announced the changes to the agenda then proceeded with the introduction of the Toastmaster-of-the-meeting, Christa Neuhauser. Christa told us about a motorcycle event over the weekend of July 13-14 that her company sponsored. The event was held in Maggie Valley, NC and was themed "We Celebrate Life". She used the event's theme as our theme for the night's meeting.

Christa explained the roles of the Toastmasters who were assisting during the meeting.

Word Master - Patti McCormick provided us the word 'Gratitude'
Timer - Kyle Barnes
Vote Counter - Carla Barnes
Grammarian - Jeff Walker

The Table Topic Master, Loretta Norwood, challenged fellow Toastmasters with thoughts of how Relationships are part of Celebrating Life.

1 – Joel Schanker explained that he would pick his father, who passed away when Joel was 10, in response to the question, "If you could choose a family member to be a friend who would it be and why?".

2 – Brian Davidson responded to the question, "Describe a relationship that you have/had with a pet". He explained about his dog that he had for 14 years who he could not figure out what caused him to bark.

3 – Kyle Barnes explained that he had been in his neighborhood for a year and still does not know his neighbors, no welcome wagon, in response to the question "Describe a relationship with a neighbor..

4 – John Clark responded to the question, "Describe a humors relationship with a co-worker" by telling us how the co-worker knew more jokes than him and who introduced him to his wife of now 26 years

Our prepared speakers were as follows:

- Pam Christopher presented 'Sunday School at Sea' using project #9, from the Competent Communication Manual.
- Butch Barney presented 'North by Northwest' using project #2 from the Special Occasion Manual.

During Butch's speech, he also sworn the 2013-2014 NWTM Officers into office.

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Joel Schanker led a discussion on an International Toastmaster's project on Revitalization of the Education Program. Toastmasters is looking for input from the members on what we like, don't like, would like to see changed, removed or added to the Education Program.

Our General Evaluator for the meeting was Don Barnett. He called on:

- Gayle Tuch to evaluate the speech given by Pam.
- Craig Thrift to evaluate the speech given by Butch.

Before the close of the meeting, Joel reminded everyone of the upcoming TLI-West training to be held July 20 in Charlotte.

Our visitor, Van, gave us brief comments about our club and meeting.

Meeting ended with Joke Master for the evening, Joel Schanker.



John Clark - Best Table Topic Speaker

Craig Thrift - Best Evaluator

Pam Christopher - Best Speaker

Guests



Van Sherrill, former Northwestern Toastmaster member, visited. During his remarks, Van remembered what a great club NWTM was when he was a member. He was happy to see that the club has continued to thrive and strive for excellence.

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
Don Barnett	Project 7 – Gen. Evaluator
Christa Neuhauser	Project 5 – Toastmaster

Remember to bring your CL manual to all meetings. You will usually be able to mark off at least one requirement toward your Competent Leadership Award. Any member needing a CL manual please contact Marcia Barney. Manuals are free for members. Marcia's contact information is available at www.NWTM.org.

Improved Communications Seminar

 Starting
September 3, 2013

This series of seminars is open to club members and guests. Presented by NWTM, these workshops will boost anyone's communications skills. Go to our website at www.NWTM.org for more information on the Improved Communications Seminar (I.C.S.). Home Page's top left menu – I.C.S.

A glimpse into what makes John Clark, DTM, and Harriet Clark, NWTM Honorary Guest, chortle!

Why We Love CHILDREN!!

A kindergarten pupil told his teacher he'd found a cat, but it was dead. "How do you know that the cat was dead?" she asked him. "Because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move," answered the child innocently. "You did WHAT?!!" the teacher exclaimed in surprise. "You know," explained the boy, "I leaned over and went 'Pssst!' and it didn't move."

It was that time, during the Sunday morning service, for the children's sermon. All the children were invited to come forward. One little girl was wearing a particularly pretty dress and, as she sat down, the pastor leaned over and said, "That is a very pretty dress. Is it your Easter Dress?" The little girl replied, directly into the pastor's clip-on microphone, "Yes, and my Mom says it's a b*tch to iron."

One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room." A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

When I was six months pregnant with my third child, my three year-old came into the room as I was preparing to get into the shower. She said, "Mommy, you are getting fat!" I replied, "Yes, honey, remember Mommy has a baby growing in her tummy." "I know," she replied, "but what's growing in your butt?"

