

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
September 17, 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 – September 3, 2013

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



President Jeff Walker presided over the business session. VP-E Don Barnett reminded everyone of the upcoming Evaluation contest on Sept. 17. He encouraged everyone to sign up. Treasurer, Marcia Barney announced that club dues are due, \$39.50. Jeff welcomed our visitors: Kara Morrison, Maigen Bethea, Clyde Robinson, Ron Davenport, and Chris Bowman.

After a brief recess, Marcia Barney announced the changes to the agenda then proceeded with the kick-off of the Improve Communication Session. She asked everyone to stand and give two facts about themselves. She then introduced the Toastmaster-of-the-meeting, Craig Thrift. The topic of the evening was 'Speech Organization'.

Craig announced the Toastmasters who would be assisting him during the meeting:

- Word Master – Scott Bjork provided us the word 'Unique'
- Timer – John Clark
- Vote Counter – John Clark
- Grammarian – Don Barnett

The Table Topic Master, Pam Christopher challenged experienced Toastmasters with questions on selecting speech topics.

- In response to 'What process do you go through to select your speech topic?', Don Barnett explained that he first panics, then uses experiences and interest in selecting speech topics.
- Responding to 'If your boss told you that you needed to do a presentation to your co-workers on motivation, where would you find information?' John Clark stated that a lot of people use the internet, but he would also use books and talk to other people to find out what motivates them.
- Responding to 'What is one of your favorite speech topics?', Butch Barney explained that he finds people the most interesting topics to write a speech about.

Our prepared speakers were as follows:

- Craig Thrift presented 'Speech Organization' using project #5, from the Communicating on Television Manual.
- Patti McCormick presented 'Life Lessons' giving her Ice Breaker, project #1 from the Competent Communication Manual.
- Daniel Andrews presented 'Daniel's Story' giving his Ice Breaker, project #1 from the Competent Communication Manual.

Our General Evaluator for the meeting was Butch Barney. He called on:

ICS, Session 2, September 10, 2013

The Improved Communications Seminar Session II featured 5 Ice Breaker speeches:

- Chris Bowman's "Chris' Journey" was evaluated by Jeff Walker
- Scott Bjork's "Now for the Rest of the Story" was evaluated by Marcia Barney
- Maigen Bethea's "Impromptu" was evaluated by Craig Thrift
- Kara Morrison's "Detours to My Happiness" was evaluated by Butch Barney.
- Ron Davenport's "Life" was appropriately evaluated by Joel Schanker.

We participated in a group discussion about Speech Titles so expect to hear some really good ones in the future. Schanker gave a presentation on "Overcoming the Fear." Jeff Walker covered Preparing an Introduction. Patti McCormick kept the times and Marcia served as Toastmaster.

Assignments for September 24 are: Patti, Scott, and Chris will make #2 from their CC Manual. On October 1 Ron, Kara, and Maigen will make their second speech.

Everyone should try to attend on both dates as the 8th will feature educational presentations on Use of Humor (Joel) and Using Written Notes (Butch.) On September 24 the theme for the meeting will be Use of Voice and Table Topics will be all about Using Visual Aids.

- Marcia Barney to evaluate the speech given by Craig
- Pam Christopher to evaluate the speech given by Patti
- Jeff Walker to evaluate the speech given by Daniel.

Marcia reminded everyone that the next ICS would be held at Butch's office in Clemmons.

Meeting was ended with Our Joke Master for the evening, Butch Barney.

Awards



Butch Barney - Best Table Topic Speaker

Marcia Barney - Best Evaluator

Craig Thrift – Best Speaker

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	Project 2 – TT Master
Pam Christopher	Project 5 – Evaluator
Craig Thrift	Project 10 – Toastmaster
John Clark	Project 4 – Timer

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.

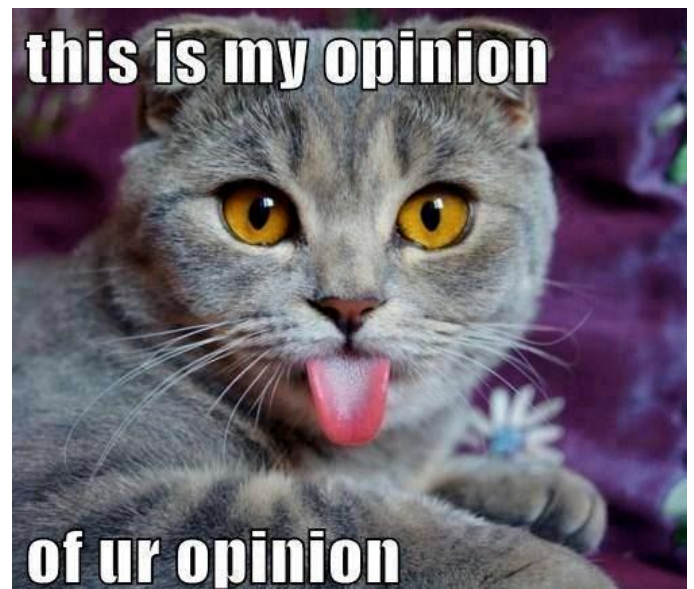
Example of a Spoonerism

A poor Australian sheep farmer migrated to Texas. Nearly bankrupt, more misfortune befell when several of his lambs tumbled into large vats of vegetable dyes reserved for the local Navajo weavers.

Fortunately for him, a wealthy woman who was passing by in her Cadillac was enthralled by the sight of the colorful lambs cavorting about and ordered a dozen for pets.

Word soon spread of her find and the Aussie could hardly keep up with the demand for these unique "status symbols." He soon became known as the biggest lamb dyer in all of Texas!

How not to do an evaluation



Speaking Tip

In speech, a pause takes the place of a comma. If you don't think commas are important, then consider this sentence with the commas removed:

I like cooking my family and pets.

~~ 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	October 1, 2013	October 15, 2013	October 29, 2013	November 5, 2013
Andrews, Daniel	Vote Counter	Speaker		
Barnes, Karla				
Barnes, Kyle				
Barnett, Don		Toastmaster		
Barney, Butch	Toastmaster			
Barney, Marcia	Grammarian	Evaluator		
Bjork, Scott	Timer	Speaker		
Bowman, Chris				
Burbach, David		Speaker		
Christopher, Pam		General Evaluator		
Clark, John	Evaluator	Joke Master		
Davidson, Brian	Evaluator	Grammarian		
Fesler, Rex	Evaluator	Vote Counter		
McCormick, Patti	Speaker			
Neuhauser, Christa	Joke Master	Evaluator		
Norwood, Loretta				
Schanker, Barbara		Speaker		
Schanker, Joel	Evaluator	Table Topics		
Thrift, Craig	Table Topics	Evaluator		
Tuch, Gayle				
Walker, Jeff	General Evaluator	Evaluator		

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

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