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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
October 1, 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 – September 17, 2013

by Marcia Barney, DTM, Treasurer



Jeff Walker presided at the efficient and effective business session. Peter Gross was introduced as our guest for the evening. Business included announcement of the Area Contest and fair warning that dues are past due.

President Jeff introduced Marcia Barney as Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting after a brief recess. The entire educational session was devoted to perfecting the art of evaluations.

For her warm-up, Marcia made speech #2 from her Advanced Speaking to Inform manual. The speech was later evaluated by John Clark. Pam Christopher made #3 from her CC manual as she told us how to evaluate effectively. Butch Barney evaluated Pam's speech. Loretta Norwood gave her winning Humorous Speech "It Wasn't Funny Then" as the target for a group discussion evaluation led by General Evaluator Joel Schanker.

Jeff Walker gave "Speaker Responsibilities in an Evaluation" #3 from his CC manual, as the target speech for the evaluation contest. The following contestants evaluated Jeff's speech.

Evaluation Contestants:

- Scott Bjorg
- Patti McCormick
- Chris Bowman
- Ron Davenport

Butch Barney served as Chief Judge for the Evaluation Contest. Daniel Andrews served as Timer for the evening and Maigen Bethea served as assistant Timer for the contest.

Chris Bowman was the Grammarian. Patti McCormick gave "eloquent" as the Word for the Day. Pam, Marcia, and Joel used the word during the meeting.



Evaluation Contest Winner!

Ron Davenport

Congratulations Ron!

Words to live by:

When a man tells you that he will do something, you can depend on his word. You do not need to keep reminding him every six months.

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
Butch Barney	Project 6 – Assist Contest
Marcia Barney	Project 10 – 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.NW\(TM\).org](http://www.NW(TM).org).

A Halloween Treat All the Kids will Love...



The Way It Was – Fourth Session of ICS September 24, 2013

by Marcia Barney, DTM, Treasurer



The fourth session of our Fall '13 Improved Communications Seminar (ICS) was held at BSM&T on September 24.

Two interesting and informative CC #2 speeches were presented:

- Chris Bowman told us a great deal in "The Heat Pump". Evaluated by Don Barnett.

- Patti McCormick gave us some advanced help with the Holidays in "Stress Free Holiday Travel". Evaluated by Jeff Walker.

Marcia Barney gave an educational presentation on the effective Use of Humor. This third speech from her Speaking to Inform Manual was evaluated by Scott Bjork.

Butch Barney gave an educational presentation on Using Written Notes. This third speech from his CC manual was evaluated by Ron Davenport.

Maigen served as Timer for the evening.

Assignments for October 1 (at Mayberry's) were made: Ron, Kara, Maigen, and Scott will make their second speech.

On October 8 (at BSM&T) Ron, Chris, Maigen, and Scott will make prepared speeches. Scott, Patti, Kara, Ron, Chris, and Maigen will tell a funny story suitable for use in a speech.

Thought for Improved Communications:

The purpose of our communications manuals are to help us work on some aspect of our speaking skills with each speech we make. To prepare a speech THEN decide which manual it "fits" is wasting the manuals. The reason we require manual speeches in Northwestern Toastmasters is to be sure we have meaningful guidance for preparation of each speech.

Life's Little Ironies

- Online pop-ups offering to help you get rid of online pop-ups advertisements.
- Paying a toll to cross a bridge when you know you are going in the wrong direction.
- That the most intense laughter you have usually comes at the least appropriate time.
- That you wouldn't have the faintest idea if your accountant was ripping you off.
- That we judge balding men by the choices they make in coping with their baldness.
- That finding your roach traps empty only adds to your fear that they don't work, instead of reassuring you that you don't have roaches anymore.

Editor's Note

There was a problem with the distribution of the previous issue of Northwest Words. The software seems to be working now. If you would like to see issue # 7, please visit our web site."

