

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
December 17, 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 – December 3, 2013

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



President Jeff Walker presided over the business session.

Pam Christopher announced that she had visited Joel Schanker; he was home resting from surgery and doing well. We wish him a speedy recovery!

After a brief recess, announced the changes to the agenda then preceded with the introduced the Toastmaster-of-the-meeting, Pam Christopher. The topic of the evening was 'It's December'. Pam talked about what makes December special, outside of Christmas. She spoke about other important dates of the month. Pam announced the Toastmasters who would be assisting her during the meeting:

- Word Master – Rex Fesler provided us the word 'Opulent'
- Timer – Rex Fesler
- Vote Counter – Don Barnett
- Grammarian – Craig Thrift

The Table Topic Master, Marcia Barney followed the theme of the meeting and asked questions to fellow Toastmasters about December.

1 – In response to the question "Describe December without using Christmas". Craig Thrift talked about using up his vacation days to keep from losing them and that December started the cold weather period.

2 – In response to the question "What is your opinion of Snow and why?" Rex Fesler stated that snow was not nice, about his first experience of snow when he came to Winston-Salem for they did not have snow in China.

3 – In response to the question "Other than Christmas, describe another important event". Brian Davidson told us about Boxing Day, the only other old English holiday that he could remember.

Our prepared speakers were as follows:

- Pam Christopher presented 'It's December'
- Peter Gross presented 'A Quality Process' using project #2 from the Competent Communication Manual.
- Jeff Walker presented 'An Important Mineral' using project #4 from the Competent Communication Manual.
- Butch Barney presented 'I am Joe Toastmaster'.

Our General Evaluator for the meeting was Ron Davenport. He called on:

- Brian Davidson to evaluate the speech given by Pam.
- Don Barnett to evaluate the speech given by Peter.
- Marcia Barney to evaluate the speech given by Jeff.
- John Clark to evaluate the speech given by Butch.

Meeting was ended with Our Joke Master for the evening, Pam Christopher.

Awards



Rex Fesler - Best Table Topic Speaker

Marcia Barney - Best Evaluator

Butch Barney – Best Prepared Speaker

Competent Leader Activity

| Member | Project – Activity |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Marcia Barney | #5 – Evaluator, #8 – TTM |
| John Clark | #1 – Evaluator |
| Pam Christopher | #8 – Toastmaster |
| Ron Davenport | #2 – Gen. Evaluator |
| Craig Thrift | #1 – Grammarian |
| Brian Davidson | #1 – Evaluator |
| Rex Fesler | #4 – Timer |

A message from Joel Schanker, DTM:

It is difficult to express how much I appreciated all the cards, notes, and phone messages received during my recent health problems. I have obviously taken my Toastmaster activities a bit for granted because I have been surprised by the outpouring of expressions of concern and sympathy from my fellow Toastmasters. I do miss all my Toastmasters clubs. I miss the chance to speak in front of the interesting and discerning people who attend our meetings. I miss the presentations our members give that help us understand the parts of the life we have not experienced. I miss the looks on the faces of speakers that are connecting to an audience for the first time and know it. I miss the

chill I get when I hear an accomplished speaker demonstrate the power of the spoken word. Finally, I miss the give and take of Toastmasters giving and receiving the benefits of solid evaluations by people who care about how we sound, how we move, and how we think.

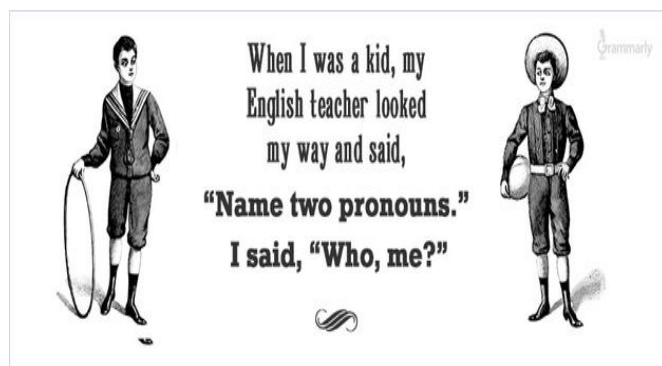
I stay under house arrest until the end of the year all because of a cheap coffee cup. Without a boring amount of detail, I fell six feet flat on my back onto a wooden floor trying to not drop the cup. The end result was a slow bleed in my skull that resulted in an emergency craniotomy on November 22nd. After six days in the hospital I am at home with explicit instructions not to drive, walk up hills, ride more than hour a day, lift anything weighing more than , well, anything and to avoid any activity, no matter how much fun, which would elevate my blood pressure until the end of the year. They call it house rest. Trust me it is house arrest just without the ankle monitor.

I look forward to the first of the year when after a few more clean CAT Scans I will be release back into the general population and I can renew my Toastmaster activities with greater purpose, a heck of a lot more appreciation, and a number of speeches about shrinking brains, caring and uncaring doctors, dedicated nurses, unfathomable insurance, and a growing health bureaucracy. It is easy to say that in the moment I was lucky but more importantly in the quiet of “low pressure” existence I understand how lucky my life, with all of you in it, has been.

See you in January.

Joel Schanker
Proud Member of Northwestern Toastmasters

On the lighter side:



~~ 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.

| | 12/17/2013 | 1/7/2014 | 1/21/2014 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Andrews, Daniel | Timer | | |
| Barnes, Karla | - | - | - |
| Barnes, Kyle | - | - | - |
| Barnett, Don | Speaker | Gen. Evaluator | Table Topics |
| Barney, Butch | GE | Evaluator | GRAMMARIAN |
| Barney, Marcia | Speaker | Table Topics | Evaluator |
| Bjork, Scott | - | - | - |
| Bowman, Chris | - | - | - |
| Burbach, David | - | - | - |
| Christopher, Pam | Evaluator | GRAMMARIAN | Gen. Evaluator |
| Clark, John | Evaluator | Speaker | Joke Master |
| Davenport, Ron | Table Topics/ Vote counter | Toastmaster | Evaluator |
| Davidson, Brian | Evaluator | Speaker | VOTE COUNTER |
| Fesler, Rex | Speaker | VOTE COUNTER | Toastmaster |
| Gross, Peter | Joke Master/ Timer | Evaluator | Speaker |
| McCormick, Patti | - | - | - |
| Neuhauser, Christa | - | - | - |
| Norwood, Loretta | - | - | - |
| Schanker, Joel | - | - | - |
| Thrift, Craig | Evaluator | TIMER | Speaker |
| Tuch, Gayle | - | - | - |
| Walker, Jeff | Toastmaster | Evaluator | Evaluator |

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

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