

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

OFFICERS for 2013-2014

Jeff Walker, CC/CL	President
Don Barnett, ATM-B	VP-Education
John Clark, DTM	VP-Membership
Brian Davidson, DTM	VP-Public Relations
Craig Thrift, CC/ALB	Secretary
Marcia Barney, DTM	Treasurer
Ron Davenport	Sgt. at Arms
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Our Next Meeting will be on
January 21, 2014
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.

Open House – January 21st

Remember that our meeting Tuesday evening will be an Open House. Don Barnett, VP of Education has invited a number of past members of Northwestern Toastmasters to visit us and enjoy our meeting. These members will see that Northwestern Toastmasters continues to strive to help its members improve their communication skills and leadership abilities in a positive and constructive atmosphere.



Of course, this Open House meeting is not limited to past members so if there is anyone you would like to invite please encourage them to attend what will be an outstanding opportunity to see our great club in action.

The Way It Was – January 7, 2014

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



President Jeff Walker presided over the business session.

Marcia Barney made the motion to nominate Ron Davenport as Sergeant-At-Arms, John Clark second the motion and the motion was approved.

After a brief recess, Jeff announced the changes to the agenda then proceeded with the introduction of the Toastmaster-of-the-meeting, Ron Davenport. The topic of the evening was 'Resolutions'. Ron talked about resolutions as changes to life.

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

- Word Master – Marcia provided us the word 'Tenacious'
- Timer – Craig Thrift
- Vote Counter – Craig Thrift
- Grammarian – Don Barnett

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

1 – In response to the question, “What would you improve in yourself?” Craig stated that he would like to ride more, improve listening skills and increase patience.

2 – In response to the question “To whom or what are you accountable?” Don stated that since he was retired he was accountable to his wife, son, being a volunteer, society and many others.

3 – In response to the question, “Resolutions can be delayed pleasures, what are your delayed pleasures?” Butch Barney stated that he had few things he wanted to give up, had already given up several things, and that he liked his life as it is now.

Our prepared speakers were as follows:

- Ron Davenport presented ‘Resolutions’ using project #3 from the Competent Communication Manual.
- Brian Davidson presented ‘Catching Up’ using project #2 from the Humorously Speaking Manual.
- John Clark presented ‘Just Another New Year’ using project #2 from the Entertaining Speaker Manual.

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

- Butch Barney to evaluate Ron Davenport
- Jeff Walker to evaluate Brian Davidson
- Peter Gross to evaluate John Clark

Before the meeting was adjourned, Marcia asked for the business session to be re-opened. She made the motion for the club to pay the cost to have the club officers trained. Brian seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Marcia will check with Pam about training. All officers are requested to meet at 5:45 pm the next meeting.

Brian stated that he would welcome any articles from members for the newsletter.

Don reminded everyone that our next meeting on Jan. 21 will be our ‘Open House’. He will be sending out an email to former club members to invite them to the Open House.

Meeting was ended with our Joke Master for the evening Craig Thrift.

Awards



- Don Barnett - Best Table Topic Speaker
- Butch Barney - Best Evaluator
- Ron Davenport – Best Prepared Speaker

Competent Leader Activity

Member	Project – Activity
Marcia Barney	7 – Table Topics Master
Brian Davidson	4 – Speaker
Don Barnett	10 – General Evaluator
Don Barnett	4 – Grammarian
Peter Gross	1 – Evaluator
Craig Thrift	4 – Timer
John Clark	4 – Speaker

Q: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

A: Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

So there you are! Now you know!



