

# 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  
**February 4, 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.*

## Upcoming International Speech and Table Topics Contests

March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be one of our best meetings of the year. Many NWTM members will be participating in our International Speech Contest. The winner of this contest will start a journey that includes the chance to speak in front of different audiences at various venues. You will want to take advantage of this opportunity to get the most you can out of Toastmasters.



Our Table Topics Contest will be March 18th. We have already learned that impromptu speaking is a skill, that when refined, will take you a long way in the work place, in public and at home. Signup and enjoy the experience.

Contact Don Barnett, VP of Education, and provide him with your speech title for the International Speech Contest and let him know your aspiration to participate in the Table Topics Contest.

## The Way It Was – January 21, 2014

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



President Jeff Walker presided over the business session.

It was announced that NWTM's Officer Training was completed prior to the regular meeting.

Don Barnett, VPE, announced that our club's International Speech Contest would be on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The date of Table Topics contest will be announced later. The Area International Speech and Table Topics Contest will be March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone that would like to compete in the contests, please contact Don.

Pam Christopher announced that NWTM was helping with the Spring Conference this year in Concord at the Great Wolf Lodge. Pam is co-chair of the conference, Don Barnett is Education Chair and Joel Schanker will be the Contest Chair.

Marcia Barney announced that Don Barnett has now received his Advance Communicator – Gold....Congratulations Don!

After a brief recess, changes to the agenda were announced. The club also welcomed former member, Brian Gravely, back as an active

member of Northwestern Toastmasters. Jeff preceded with the introduced the Toastmaster-of-the-meeting, Marcia Barney. The topic of the evening was 'Welcome Back'. Marcia welcomed returning members. Marcia stated that she has been questioned why she kept coming back to Toastmasters. She responded that there is always room for improvement.

Marcia announced the Toastmasters who would be assisting her during the meeting:

- Word Master – Joel Schanker provided the word 'Incumbent' (adj)
- Timer – Brian Gravely
- Vote Counter – Joel Schanker
- Grammarian – Butch Barney

The Table Topic Master, Don Barnett followed the theme of the meeting and asked questions to fellow Toastmasters about 'Welcoming Back'.

1 – In response to the question "Tell us what happened when you attended your high school or college reunion?" Butch Barney stated that he had been to only two and that people were trying to recapture their youth, need to look ahead instead.

2 – In response to the question "What is a good way to welcome back veterans?" Brian G. stated that staying close to their family members while deployed and creating the bond was as important as having party or parade for them upon return.

3 – In response to the question "Your favorite sport team is returning home, how do you welcome them back?" Jeff stated he did not have a favorite sports team, but Toastmasters was similar and welcomed back returning member Brian G.

4 - In response to the question "If you were the coach of the team that just won the State Championship, how would you prepare the team for their return home?" Ron Davenport stated that he was part of a team that won the championship and hoped he would be in that position again in the near future. Adding, that humbleness will get you a long way in life. You should win with honor and lose with respect. Also, do not forget the team support that helped you win.

Our prepared speakers were as follows:

- Marcia Barney presented 'Welcome Back'. Project #5 from the Specialty Speaking Manual.
- Peter Gross presented 'Grounds'. Project #3 from the Competent Communication Manual.
- Craig Thrift presented 'Roundabouts'. Project #4 from the Communicating on Television Manual.

Our General Evaluator for the meeting was Pam Christopher. She called on:

- Brian Davidson to evaluate the speech given by Marcia.
- Jeff Walker to evaluate the speech given by Peter.
- Ron Davenport to evaluate the speech given by Craig.

Our Joke Master, Joel Schanker, ended the meeting.

## Awards



**Ron Davenport - Best Table Topic Speaker**

**Ron Davenport - Best Evaluator**

**Craig Thrift – Best Prepared Speaker**

## Competent Leader Activity

Member	Project – Activity
Marcia Barney	7 – Toastmaster
Brian Davidson	8 - Evaluator
Pam Christopher	2 – General Evaluator
Ron Davenport	2 – Evaluator



