

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 18, 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.

Coming Up This Tuesday February 18, 2014

Pam Christopher, DTM, Past International Director, will be our Toastmaster this Tuesday evening. Pam has selected "THE BEATLES!" to be the theme of the meeting.

Always working for the betterment of our club, Pam contributed the following words of wisdom for our newsletter in July 1998.

Learning Styles

By Pam Christopher, July 1998

We should be learning new things every day. To make our learning easier, even more enjoyable, let us consider the five factors that affect how we learn: Environmental, Emotional Sociological, Physical and Psychological.

How could you make your environment more conducive to learning? Music or Silence? Bright lights or intriguing dimness? Is the temperature set for mental exercise? Do the room design and color help you concentrate?

What emotions motivate you to learn? Do you have persistence with your tasks? Do you conform to the opinions of others? Are your daily

routines structured? How well do you work with others? Are you "sociable" and like to work with others, or are you one who performs best alone? In pairs, in a group? Do authority figures help or hinder your learning?

The physical aspects involve what we see, hear, touch and taste. Does a snack promote digestion of information? Are you a morning, afternoon or night person? Are you able to sit still for long periods of time or is mobility a necessity?

How do you put the pieces of knowledge together? Does your psyche look at each part separately or at the "big picture?" Do you act, then think or think, then act? Get to know your preferences in these five areas and you can strengthen your leaning ability.

The Way It Was – February 4, 2014

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



President Jeff Walker presided over the business session. President Walker welcomed our guest, John Conricodi.

Don Barnett, VPE, announced that our club's International Speech Contest will be on March 4th. The Table Topics contest will be March 18th. The Area International Speech and Table Topics

Contests have been rescheduled to March 29th. Anyone that would like to compete in the either contest, please contact Don.

Marcia Barney announced that membership dues are coming due. Two members have already paid. Dues are \$39.50.

After a brief recess, Jeff announced the changes to the agenda then preceded with the introduced the Toastmaster-of-the-meeting, Craig Thrift. The topic of the evening was "Winter Olympics". Craig talked about some of the new events added to this year's games.

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

- Word Master – Don Barnett provided us the word 'Arduous'
- Timer – Butch Barney
- Vote Counter – Marcia Barney
- Grammarian – Marcia Barney

The Table Topic Master, Brian Davidson followed the theme of the meeting and asked questions to fellow Toastmasters about the "Winter Olympics".

1 – In response to the question "What event would you participate in if you were in the Winter Olympics?" Peter Gross stated that he would do Curling; he likes bowling and knows about brooms.

2 – In response to the question "What other event besides curling might fit Peter better?" John Clark stated that curling does fit Peter, that he would recommend him for the event.

3 – In response to the question "Is the cost of this year's Olympic games justifiable?" Butch Barney stated that the Russians are paying and that they have a way of letting things get out of control.

4 - In response to the question "Would you be willing to be the backup person for the Jamaican bob sled team?" Marcia stated do you think I was born yesterday. Additionally, she does not like the cold.

Our prepared speakers were as follows:

- Craig Thrift presented "Winter Olympics" project #4 from Speaking to Inform Manual.
- Jeff Walker presented "The Hobby" using project #6 from the Competent Communication Manual.

- Joel Schanker presented "Now is the Time" using project #6 from the Competent Communication Manual.
- Don Barnett presented "Leadership in Toastmasters – A Discussion" using project #2 from the Discussion Leader Manual.

Our General Evaluator for the meeting was Marcia Barney. She called on:

- Butch to evaluate the speech given by Craig
- John to evaluate the speech given by Jeff
- Peter to evaluate the speech given by Joel.
- Brian to evaluate the speech given by Don.

Meeting ended with our Joke Master for the evening, Brian Davidson.

Attendance – Members: 9 Guests: 1

Awards



Marcia Barney - Best Table Topic Speaker

Butch Barney - Best Evaluator

Jeff Walker - Best Prepared Speaker

Competent Leader Activity

Member	Project – Activity
Craig Thrift	4 – Toastmaster
Brian Davidson	7 – Table Topics Master
Brian Davidson	10 – Newsletter
Peter Gross	1 – Table Topics Speaker
Peter Gross	2 – Evaluator
Marcia Barney	4 – Grammarian
Marcia Barney	4 – Evaluator



~~ 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.

Meeting Date	3/4/2014	3/18/2014	4/1/2014
	International Speech Contest	Table Topics Contest	
Barnett, Don	Contest Speaker	General Evaluator/ Timer	Table Topics
Barney, Butch	Contest Master	Evaluator	Evaluator
Barney, Marcia	General Evaluator	Chief Judge	Speaker
Bjork, Scott	-	-	-
Christopher, Pam	Word Master/ Joke Master	Contest Master	General Evaluator
Clark, John	Table Topics	Speaker	Evaluator
Davenport, Ron	-	-	-
Davidson, Brian	Chief Judge	Evaluator	Speaker
Fesler, Rex	-	-	Timer
Gravelly, Brian	Contest Speaker	Table Topics Contestant	Evaluator
Gross, Peter	Timer/ Vote Counter (for TT)	Table Topics Contestant	Grammarian
McCormick, Patti	-	-	-
Norwood, Loretta	-	-	
Schanker, Joel	Contest Speaker	Evaluator	Toastmaster
Thrift, Craig	Contest Speaker	Table Topics Contestant	Vote Counter/ Joke Master
Walker, Jeff	Contest Speaker	Table Topics Contestant	Speaker

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