

# Northwest Words

The Official Publication of *Northwestern Toastmasters* Club 2946/37

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
On the web at	<a href="http://www.NWTM.org">www.NWTM.org</a>

Volume 40 - Issue 19

Our Next Meeting will be on  
**March 18, 2014**  
Tuesday

For More Information, call  
**Marcia Barney (336) 712-8183**



*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.*

## Table Topics Contest

This Tuesday evening several Northwestern Toastmasters will be competing in our Table Topics Contest. We have 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.

It is not too late to participate. Email Don Barnett, VP of Education, and let him know your desire to participate in the Table Topics Contest.



## Puns!

- ✓ People who plug their computer keyboards into hi-fi systems aren't idiots. That would be stereotyping.
- ✓ He dropped a computer on his toes and had megahertz.
- ✓ I got angry when my cell phone battery died. My counselor suggested I find an outlet.

## The Way It Was – March 4, 2014

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



President Jeff Walker presided over the business session.

Treasurer Marcia Barney reminded everyone dues are due. Let's all pay as soon as possible.

Craig Thrift announced that he attended the Area meeting held Monday, Feb. 24. The Area Contest will be March 29 at the South Side Library. Registration will be between 10:30-11:00. Contestant and Judges meet at 11:00. Contest starts at 11:30. Clubs are requested to provide two judges, counters and help in setup and breakdown. In addition, anyone interested in being the Area Governor for next year should contact Kathy Morehead, or one of our club officers.

After a brief recess, Jeff announced the changes to the agenda. Jeff then proceeded with the introduction of the Toastmaster-of-the-meeting, Butch Barney. Butch provided a warm up in preparation for the Speech Contest.

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

- Word Master – Rex Fesler provided us the word ‘Cruz’
- Timer – Peter Gross
- Asst. Timer – Rex Fesler
- Vote Counter – Marcia Barney
- Grammarian – John Clark

Table Topic Master, John Clark asked questions to fellow Toastmasters related to the Speech Contest.

1 – In response to the question, “A fellow Toastmaster is entering the International Speech Contest. What advice would you give about the selection of a topic?” Marcia responded with that you should select a topic you believe in, that will get the attention of the audience, one that is motivational and inspirational.

2 – In response to the question, “You have made it to the District Level and will be competing in one week; of course you are going to practice. The question is what or how are you going to practice?” Rex Fesler responded with practice by lying in bed, think about giving the speech, going over and over in his mind.

3 – In response to the question, “There are good speeches and there are great speeches. What in your opinion is the difference between the two that make a winning international speech?” Craig stated that the difference for him is a speech that inspires and motivates the speaker, which in turns motivates and inspires the audience.

4 – In response to the question, “Congratulations! You have just won the International Speech Contest at the highest level. As you leave the lectern for a victory lap, a reporter sticks a microphone in front of you and ask you, to what do you attribute your victory?” Peter Gross stated him Mom, then went on to state that the local Toastmaster club members inspire him for their dedication and wiliness to help. .

Our International Speech Contestants were:

- Jeff Walker presented ‘The Hobby’
- Joel Schanker presented ‘Discovery’
- Don Barnett presented ‘Learning’

Our General Evaluator for the meeting was Marcia Barney who led a group evaluation of each of the contestant’s speeches. :

Meeting ended with humor by Our Joke Master for the evening, Craig Thrift.

Attendance – Members: 10      Guests: 0

## Awards



**Joel Schanker – International Speech Contest**

**Peter Gross – Best Table Topics**

## Competent Leader Activity

Member	Project – Activity
Butch Barney	8 – Toastmaster
Marcia Barney	10 – Gen. Evaluator
John Clark	5 – TT Master
John Clark	2 – Grammarian

## More Puns!

- ✓ Broken pencils are pretty much pointless.
- ✓ A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
- ✓ I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- ✓ England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- ✓ I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- ✓ I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

## ~~ 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.

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>4/1/2014</b>	<b>4/15/2014</b>
<b>Barnett, Don</b>	Toastmaster	Vote Counter/ Joke Master
<b>Barney, Butch</b>	Evaluator	Evaluator
<b>Barney, Marcia</b>	Word Master	Speaker
<b>Bjork, Scott</b>	-	-
<b>Christopher, Pam</b>	General Evaluator	Table Topics
<b>Clark, John</b>	Evaluator	Evaluator
<b>Davenport, Ron</b>	-	-
<b>Davidson, Brian</b>	Speaker	Evaluator
<b>Fesler, Rex</b>	Table Topics	Evaluator
<b>Gravely, Brian</b>	Evaluator	Timer
<b>Gross, Peter</b>	Grammarian	Speaker
<b>McCormick, Patti</b>	-	-
<b>Norwood, Loretta</b>	-	-
<b>Schanker, Joel</b>	Timer	General Evaluator
<b>Thrift, Craig</b>	Vote Counter/ Joke Master	Speaker
<b>Walker, Jeff</b>	Speaker	Toastmaster

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