

# 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  
**November 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.*

## The Way It Was – November 4, 2014

By Peter Gross, Secretary



President Don Barnett opened the business session at 6:30. No old or new business was announced and meeting was recessed for ten minutes.

At 6:45, the meeting was called to order by Jeff Walker, VP of Education. Jeff announced the changes to the program. Jeff introduced Don Barnett as Toastmaster and Competent Communication Seminar Leader for the evening. Don's presentation "Speech Language" completed Project 4 in the CC Manual. Don introduced Word Master, Peter Gross who gave the word for the evening, "Contrite". The following meeting roles were announced; Grammarian, Rob Phelps; Timer, Marissa Dixon; and Vote Counter, Criket Mendezoff. Don introduced Table Topics Master, Pam Christopher.

Pam's Table Topic theme was Great Speech Titles. Pam asked Brian Davidson, "How do you decide on a speech title?" Brian responded for 1 min. Pam asked Butch Barney for ideas on possible speech titles on a speech about Toastmasters. Butch spoke for 1 min. 39 sec. Pam asked John Clark for a suggested speech title about the Hagan/Tillis US Senate race. John spoke for 1 min. 5 sec. Pam requested the Timers report. Votes were passed to Marissa Dixon.

The Toastmaster introduced Becky Cole. Working on Project 2 from the CC Manual, Beck's speech title was "Is Exercise Worth Making Time For?" Becky spoke for 5 min. 51 sec. for a scheduled 6 min. speech.

Don introduced Sabrina Williams. Working on Project 2 from the CC Manual, Sabrina's speech title was "You're Only As Good As Your Leader". Sabrina spoke for 5 min. 1 sec. for a scheduled 5 min. speech.

Don introduced Annette Grefe. Working on Project 3 from the CC manual, Annette's speech title was "Different Strokes for Different Folks". Annette spoke for 6 min. 27 sec. for a scheduled 6 min. speech.

Don requested a Timer's report and votes were passed to the Vote Counter.

Don introduced the General evaluator Craig Thrift. Craig gave a general evaluation of the meeting for 2 min. 40 sec. Craig then called on the following evaluators:

- ✓ Don Barnett's speech was evaluated by Randy Liu for 2 min. 44 sec.
- ✓ Becky Cole's speech was evaluated by Butch Barney for 2 min. 22 sec.
- ✓ Sabrina Williams' speech was evaluated by Brian Davidson for 2 min. 24 sec.

- ✓ Annette Grefe's speech was evaluated by Jeff Walker for 1 min. 34 sec.

Craig requested a Timer's report and votes were passed to the Vote Counter.

The Grammarian's report and Word Master's report were presented. The word of the day, "Contrite", was used twice.

Don wrapped up the meeting and presented the following awards for the evening:

## Awards

### Best Table Topics Speaker

Butch Barney

### Best Evaluator

Brian Davidson

### Best-Prepared Speaker

Annette Grefe

The meeting concluded with humor presented by Joke Master John Clark. The meeting adjourned.

## Welcome Guest!




Linda Pass attended our November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. We enjoyed meeting you and hope you will come back on November 18<sup>th</sup>, Linda!


## Welcome New Member!


Anita Ford is our newest member. Anita's membership in Northwestern Toastmasters became official November 1<sup>st</sup>.


## Role of the Grammarian

The Grammarian should listen attentively throughout the meeting and should note:

-  Filler words (like "uh", "an", "ah" or combinations thereof)
-  Pet words or phrases ("okay", "and then", "as you know", "for example")
-  Mispronunciations, incorrect use of words

 Verbs and nouns whose tense do not agree

 Repetitive and redundant words, eg. "refer back to"

 Exceptionally good word selection and pronunciation

The Grammarian does not need to hunt for mistakes, only note those that are distracting to an attentive listener. The General Evaluator will ask for the Grammarian's report. The report should be given from a standing position near the Grammarian's seat. The report should not exceed 2 minutes.

The grammarian has a great deal of leeway in assigning fines. Normally, the fine is five cents per error, with a maximum of twenty-five cents. *Just remember, the primary purpose of these fines is to help members improve their speaking habits, not to make the Treasurer happy.*

## Role of the Word Master

The Word Master selects the Word for the Day and tallies the number of times the Word was correctly used during the meeting. The Word should be chosen to help all members expand their vocabularies through introduction of a new word or re-emphasis of an abused or misused one. The Toastmaster of the Meeting will ask the Word Master for the Word for the Day before the Table Topics session begins.

When giving the Word, the Word Master should be sure to pronounce it correctly, spell it, give the definition of the word, and give examples of correct uses of the word in sentences. The Word Master should write the Word on a poster for display during the meeting. During the rest of the meeting, the Word Master should keep a list of all Toastmasters who use the word and the number of times it is used by each. If the Word is used incorrectly or mispronounced, the Word Master should also note this so that it can be corrected during the Word Master's report.

Near the end of the meeting, the General Evaluator will ask for a report from the Word Master. This report should take less than a minute and should be delivered from a standing position near the Word Master's seat.

## ~~ 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 Assignments for November 18, 2014

**Toastmaster** Peter Gross

Theme: **Graduation**

**Table Topics** Rob Phelps

Theme: **Self Improvement**

#### Speakers

Becky Cole

Marissa Dixon

Crikit Mendezoff

Randy Liu

**General Evaluator** Marcia Barney

#### Evaluators

Joel Schanker

Butch Barney

Brian Davidson

Marcia Barney

Sabrina Williams

**Grammarian** Don Barnett

**Word Master** Brian Davidson

**Timer** Annette Grefe

**Vote Counter** Richard Wright

**Joke Master** Craig Thrift

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