

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
December 2, 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 18, 2014

By Peter Gross, Secretary



President, Don Barnett, opened the business session at 6:30. No old or new business was announced. Don recessed the meeting until 6:45 pm.

At 6:45 pm, President Barnett called the meeting to order and announced the changes to the agenda. Don then introduced Peter Gross as Toastmaster for the evening. Peter gave a speech titled "Graduation". Peter was working on Project 9 from the CC Manual. Toastmaster Peter introduced the Grammarian, Don Barnett; Vote Counter, Jeff Walker; Timer, Annette Ford; and Word Master, Brian Davidson. Brian provided "Credulous" as the word for the evening.

Toastmaster Peter Gross introduced the Table Topics Master, Rob Phelps. Rob's Table Topic theme was Self Improvement. Rob asked Brian Davidson, "What self help trend or book is most useful?" Brian responded for 1 min 58 sec. Rob asked Jeff Walker, "Why do people follow self help schemes?" Jeff spoke for 45 sec. Rob asked Sabrina Williams, "What aspects of Toastmasters are most helpful in everyday life?" Sabrina spoke for 20 sec. The Timers report was called and votes were passed to Jeff Walker.

The Toastmaster introduced Randy Liu for his CC #5 speech titled "Wheat Barley and Why?" Randy spoke for 6 min. 24 sec. for a scheduled 7 min. speech.

Peter introduced Becky Cole for her CC #3 speech titled "Bah Humbug to Commercialism". Becky spoke for 7 min. 50 sec. for a scheduled 7 min. speech.

Toastmaster Peter Gross introduced Marissa Dixon for her CC #3 speech titled "Graduation, Are you ready?" Marissa spoke for 4 min. 17 sec. for a scheduled 5 min. speech.

The Toastmaster called for the Timer's report and votes were passed to the Vote Counter.

Peter introduced the General Evaluator, Marcia Barney. Marcia introduced the evaluators.

- Randy Liu's speech was evaluated by Joel Schanker for 2 min.
- Peter Gross's speech was evaluated by Butch Barney for 3 min. 6 sec.
- Becky Cole's speech was evaluated by Brian Davidson for 3 min. 17 sec.
- Marissa Dixon's speech was evaluated by Sabrina Williams for 1 min. 20 sec.

Toastmaster Peter Gross called for the Timer's report and votes were passed to the Vote Counter.

Don Barnett presented the Grammarian's report. Brian Davidson presented the Word Master's report. The word of the day, "Credulous" was used two speakers and the Toastmaster.

Toastmaster Peter Gross wrapped up the educational portion of the meeting and returned control of the meeting to Club President Don Barnett. Don presented the following awards for the evening.

Awards

Best Table Topics Speaker

Brian Davidson

Best Evaluator

Butch Barney

Best-Prepared Speaker

Randy Lie

The meeting concluded with humor presented by Joke Master Craig Thrift. The meeting adjourned.

Role of the Joke Master

The Joke Master's duty is to provide a note of levity near the end of the meeting. The joke should require less than 2 minutes to tell. It should provide a moment of humor in good taste (no off-color stories, please) coinciding with the theme of the meeting whenever possible. This position provides a rotating opportunity for members to practice the use of humor orally before a group.

The Joke should be delivered from a standing position near the Joke Master's seat. The Presiding Officer will ask for the joke at the appropriate time. (Normally this is at the end of the meeting.)

Role of the Table Topics Master

The Table Topics Master provides the impromptu speech topics for the meeting. The Toastmaster-of-the-Meeting will relinquish control of the lectern to the Table Topics Master who should remain at the lectern during the Table Topics Session. The Table Topics theme should usually coincide with the theme of the meeting. The Table Topics Master may wish to make a few brief, appropriate comments explaining his topics in general and even briefer ones for the specific topics.

The topics should be given, and then the Topics speaker's name called. This helps everybody's listening ability since no one knows who will be called. Be careful about editorializing after the speaker has finished with the subject. If you'd like an opposing view, ask another Toastmaster to take the opposite view. Mini-debates can make interesting Table Topics.

Four Table Topics should be enough for the meeting. Depending on the number of prepared speakers, the Toastmaster-of-the-Meeting may ask for more or fewer. Toastmasters who do not have a speaking part on the program, or who have only a minor part should be given Table Topics. The Toastmaster-of-the-Meeting, the General Evaluator the Prepared Speakers and the Evaluators should be avoided since they already have major roles. Non-Toastmaster guests should not be given a topic except by prior consent, and then please do not call on them first.

Table Topics should be chosen to challenge, but not embarrass the topic speakers. They should be specific enough to be clear, but broad enough so that any Toastmaster will understand, and should have some thoughts on the subject (Everybody is not familiar with your favorite sports hero, and could not intelligently address the question of why they made a major error their last game.)

Remember, the purpose of Table Topics is to give other members the opportunity to speak impromptu so keep your remarks **very** brief.



~~ 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.

	12/2/2014	12/16/2014	12/30/2014
Barnett, Don	Evaluator	Evaluator	Vote Counter
Barney, Butch	Timer	Toastmaster	
Barney, Marcia	Evaluator		
Christopher, Pam	Vote Counter	Evaluator	
Clark, John	Evaluator		Toastmaster
Davidson, Brian	General Evaluator		Table Topics
Dixon, Marissa	Joke Master	Speaker	Word Master
Ford, Anita	Speaker	Joke Master	Grammarian
Grefe, Annette	Grammarian	Speaker	Joke Master
Gross, Peter	Speaker	Grammarian	Speaker
Liu, Randy	Evaluator	Speaker	General Evaluator
Lüneburg, Sebastian		absent	Speaker
Mendezoff, Criket	Word Master	Table Topics	
Phelps, Rob	Speaker	Vote Counter	Speaker
Schanker, Joel	Table Topics	Toastmaster	
Thrift, Craig	Evaluator		
Walker, Jeff	Toastmaster	General Evaluator	Joke Master
Williams, Sabrina	Speaker	Word Master	Speaker
Wright, Richard	absent	absent	absent

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