

# 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 3, 2015**  
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 – January 20, 2015

By Peter Gross, Secretary



President Don Barnett called the business session to order at 6:30 pm. No Old or new business was brought up. Don announced next month would be the start of speech contest season and we should start thinking about topics. Meeting was recessed.

President Barnett called the meeting to order at 6:45. Don announced the changes to the program. Don introduced Craig Thrift as the Toastmaster for the evening. Craig gave a 5-minute speech for Project #1 of the Public Relations Manual. Craig's speech was titled "Toastmasters". Craig's speech was 5 minutes and 58 seconds. Craig introduced the Timer, John Clark and Vote Counter, Sean Scott. Next he introduced Grammarian and Word Master, Jeff Walker. Jeff provided our word for the evening, "Perforce". Craig then introduced Table Topics Master, Don Barnett.

Table Topics Master Don Barnett offered the following questions to our fellow Toastmasters.

- John Clark – "What helps you pay attention in Table topics?" John Clark spoke for 2 minutes.
- Sean Scott – "What helps you link Table Topics to something current?" Sean Scott spoke for 57 seconds.

- TK Lee – "What helps you follow your instincts in Toastmasters?" TK Lee spoke for 42 seconds.

Craig called for the timer's report and votes were passed to Sean Scott.

Toastmaster Craig Thrift introduced the following prepared speakers.

- Krista Scott presented her Icebreaker for CC Manual, Project 1. Krista spoke for 6 minutes and 36 second for a scheduled 5-minute speech.
- Annette Grefe presented "Charlotte's Web and Other Tales" for CC Manual, Project 6. Annette spoke for 8 minutes 51 seconds for a scheduled 8-minute speech.

Craig called for the timer's report and votes were passed to Sean Scott.

Craig introduced the General Evaluator, Peter Gross. Peter called on the following speech evaluators.

- Craig Thrift's speech was evaluated by John Clark for 2 minutes.
- Krista Scott's speech was evaluated by Don Barnett for 1 minute and 27 seconds.
- Annette Grefe's speech was evaluated by Brian Davidson for 2 minutes and 2 seconds.

Craig called for the timer's report and votes were passed to Sean Scott.

The Grammarian and Word Master's reports were presented Jeff Walker. The word of the evening, "Perforce", was used once by the Word Master during the meeting.

The General Evaluator mentioned the good management of the lectern by the Toastmaster.

Toastmaster Craig wrapped up the meeting and returned control of the meeting to Club President Don Barnett.

## Awards



**John Clark – Best Table Topics**

**John Clark – Best Evaluator**

**Annette Grefe – Best Prepared Speaker**

The meeting concluded with a joke from Joke Master Jeff Walker referencing Burger King. Meeting adjourned.

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## Nine (9) Things I Know About You

- 1) You are reading this.
- 2) You are human.
- 3) You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
- 4) You just attempted to say the letter P without separating your lips.
- 6) You are laughing at yourself.
- 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped Number 5.
- 8) You just checked to see if there is a Number 5.
- 9) You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person, and everyone does it, too.

## Random thoughts as we age ...

The biggest lie I tell myself is ... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet!

I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks!

Old age is coming at a really bad time!

I don't have white hair. I have "wisdom highlights". I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".

I'm going to retire and live off my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.

Even duct tape can't fix stupid ... but it can muffle the sound!

Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

Oops! Did I roll my eyes out loud?

## ~~ 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>2/3/2015</b>
<b>Barnett, Don</b>	Evaluator
<b>Barney, Butch</b>	General Evaluator
<b>Barney, Marcia</b>	Toastmaster
<b>Christopher, Pam</b>	Evaluator
<b>Clark, John</b>	Evaluator
<b>Conricode, John</b>	Speaker
<b>Davidson, Brian</b>	Vote Counter
<b>Ford, Anita</b>	Grammarian
<b>Grefe, Annette</b>	Table Topics
<b>Gross, Peter</b>	Evaluator
<b>Li, TK</b>	Speaker
<b>Liu, Randy</b>	absent
<b>Lüneburg, Sebastian</b>	-
<b>Mendezoff, Cricket</b>	absent
<b>Phelps, Rob</b>	Speaker
<b>Schanke, Joel</b>	Word Master
<b>Scott, Sean</b>	Speaker
<b>Thrift, Craig</b>	Joke Master
<b>Walker, Jeff</b>	Timer
<b>Williams, Sabrina</b>	-
<b>Wright, Richard</b>	-

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