

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 17, 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 – February 3, 2015

By Peter Gross, Secretary



Secretary's Note: Meeting relocated from Mayberry's to Main Street Café due to a scheduling conflict.

John Clark remained at Mayberry's to redirect members to the new meeting place. Thank you John.

President, Don Barnett opened the business session at 6:37. Marcia Barney presented a Treasurer's report that dues are due for the reasonable rate of \$39.50. Joel Schanker gave a reminder the TLI would be in Greensboro was this coming Saturday. Don recessed until 7:00 pm.

President Barnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Don announced the changes to the program. Don introduced the Toastmaster for the evening, Marcia Barney. Marcia gave a 5 minute speech titled, "Have a Heart". This completed Project #4 in the CC Manual. Marcia spoke for 5 minutes and 20 seconds. Marcia introduced the Grammarian, Anita Ford; Timer, Pam Christopher; Vote Counter, Brian Davidson and Word Master, Joel Schanker. Joel's word for the day was Cornucopia, an inexhaustible source. Marcia introduced the Table Topics Master, Annette Grefe.

- Annette asked Pam Christopher, "What does it mean to be heart healthy?" Pam spoke for 1 minute and 54 seconds.
- Annette asked Don Barnett, "How do you take care of your emotional heart?" Don spoke for 1 minute 45 seconds.
- Annette asked Joel Schanker, "What does it mean to speak from your heart?" Joel spoke for 2 minutes and 8 seconds.

The timer's report and votes were called for.

Toastmaster Marcia Barney introduced the following Toastmasters who were presenting prepared speeches.

- TK Lee presented his Icebreaker. This completed Project # 1 of the CC Manual for TK. TK spoke for 5 minutes 36 seconds for a scheduled 5 minute speech.
- John Conricode worked on Project # 5 from the CC Manual. John's speech title was "The Breath of Life". John spoke for 8 minutes and 6 seconds for a scheduled 7 minute speech.
- Rob Phelps worked on Project # 1 from an advanced manual - Interpretive Reading. Rob's speech title was "A Story of Resilience". Rob

spoke for 11 minutes for a scheduled 10 minute scheduled speech.

Times and votes were called for by Marcia

Marcia introduced the General Evaluator, Butch Barney.

Butch introduced the evaluators:

- ✓ Marcia Barney's speech was evaluated by Jeff Walker for 1 minute 42 seconds.
- ✓ TL Lee's speech was evaluated by Joel Schanker for 3 minutes 4 seconds.
- ✓ John Conricode's speech was evaluated by Don Barnett for 2 minutes 15 seconds.
- ✓ Rob Phelps's speech was evaluated by Brian Davidson for 2 minutes 26 seconds.

The timer's report and votes were called for by General Evaluator, Butch Barney.

The Grammarian's report and Word Master's report were presented. The word of the day "Cornucopia" was used by several speakers during the meeting.

The General Evaluation mentioned the good handling of the meeting and reminded us the change of venue made things difficult to hear and speakers should be aware of the different environments they might be speaking in and adjust as best they can.

Before wrapping up the educational portion of the meeting, Toastmaster, Marcia Barney requested the silent club member, Peter Gross, to answer the quest of "What is near and dear to his heart?" Peter spoke briefly that family is nearest and dearest to his heart. Marcia returned control of the meeting to Club President, Don Barnett to present the following awards for the evening:

Awards



Pam Christopher – Best Table Topics

Joel Schanker – Best Evaluator

Rob Phelps – Best Prepared Speaker

After a brief discussion the NWTM International Speech Contest was scheduled for March 3rd. The NWTM Table Topics contest was scheduled for March 17th. The date of the Area Contest will be announced when confirmed.

The meeting concluded with a Joke from Craig Thrift. President Barnett adjourned the meeting.

Helpful Resources

NWTM.org – Our Vice President of Membership, John Clark is also our webmaster. You can find helpful checklist for any role you will be asked to take on at one of our meetings, copies of newsletters and information about advanced manuals you might like to work on. You can also visit the Member Only section where every effort is made to keep records of your speeches and what manuals you are working on. For your privacy, the Members Only section does require a User Name and Password. These can be obtained from John or other active members.

ToastmastersInternational.org – Toastmaster International has recently redesigned their website to be more user friendly and helpful to members. If you haven't visited this website in awhile it is worth a visit to poke around.

The Greatest Resource of All!

The aforementioned websites are good for information on the fly but the most impressive resource we have at Northwestern Toastmaster is our membership. Our club is fortunate to have Toastmasters of every skill level. Our best asset is our newest members. These members keep the old timers on their toes and challenge us all to become better communicators. To help us along we do have we have holders of multiple Distinguished Toastmaster Awards, two past International Directors, and several past District Governors, Division Governors and Area Governors. We also have members that have and will continue to compete in club and higher level contests.

Use your NWTM membership to your advantage. If you have any questions and aspire to be the best communicator you can be, email, telephone or corner any NWTM at one of our meetings and you can be assured a helping hand from one or all of our members!

~~ 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	2/17/2015	3/3/2015	3/17/2015
Meeting Theme	Questions	International Speech Contest	Table Topics Contest
Barnett, Don	Speaker	Toastmaster	General Evaluator
Barney, Butch	Vote Counter	Evaluator	Evaluator
Barney, Marcia	General Evaluator	Joke Master	Evaluator
Christopher, Pam	-	Speaker	Evaluator
Clark, John	Table Topics		Speaker
Conricode, John	Evaluator		Speaker
Davidson, Brian	Evaluator	Speaker	Grammarians
Dixon, Marissa	-	-	-
Ford, Anita	Speaker		Speaker
Grefe, Annette	-	Grammarians	Joke Master
Gross, Peter	Timer	Speaker	Table Topics
Li, TK	-	Timer	
Liu, Randy	-	Vote Counter	Evaluator
Mendezoff, Criket	Grammarians	Word Master	
Phelps, Rob	Speaker	General Evaluator	Toastmaster
Schaner, Joel	Toastmaster	Table Topics	Word Master
Scott, Krista	Word Master	Timer	
Scott, Sean	Speaker		Speaker
Specter, Becky	Joke Master		Speaker
Thrift, Craig	Evaluator	Evaluator	
Walker, Jeff	Speaker	Evaluator	

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