

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
July 21, 2015
(Next Tuesday)

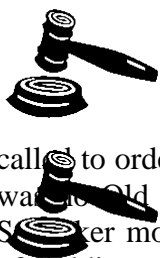
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The Mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which each member has the opportunity to develop and practice communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

Minutes from our Meeting – July 7, 2015

by Anita Ford, Secretary



Meeting began at 6:30 pm and was called to order by Pam Christopher, President. There was no Old Business. Under New Business: Joel Schanker moved that we investigate the possibility of holding a Toastmasters Learning Institute Lite (TLI-Lite) to train Northwestern Toastmasters officers and other local club officers. After extensive discussion, motion was seconded and a majority vote agreed with the suggestion.

In the Educational portion of the meeting, these Toastmasters members conducted the meeting:

Anita Ford - Toastmaster
John Clark - Grammarian
Jeff Walker - Timer and Vote Counter
Craig Thrift - Word Master
Butch Barney - Table Topics Master
Marcia Barney - General Evaluator.

Prepared speeches were presented by:
Anita Ford (It's All About the Money)
Joel Schanker (Preparing to Prepare)



Ribbons were awarded to the following Toastmaster members:
Best Table Topics: Pam Christopher
Best Evaluator: Don Barnett
Best Speaker: Anita Ford

The following Toastmaster members completed sections of the Competent Leadership Manual:

Sean Scott: CL1
Marcia Barney: CL5
Don Barnett: CL4
Anita Ford: CL4

Meeting ended at 8:00 pm

Toastmaster Magazine Reviews

When the Toastmasters Magazine arrives in the mail, I scan the articles and the first article I read is the last article in the magazine – a humorous article that sets the tempo for reading the rest of the magazine over the next few days. The article gives me a laugh which sparks my interest in other articles. Don Barnett, VPR

Periodically, this space will be reserved for club members' comments about our Toastmaster Magazine. Read an article and send me your comments to share with the club. Soon!

A feature from TI:

Although many experienced club members know this history of Toastmasters, it is included in this Northwestern Words to inform new members and remind us all.

Copied from Toastmasters International website (www.toastmasters.org)

HISTORY

The Toastmasters Journey



Toastmasters began as a series of speaking clubs organized by Ralph C. Smedley during his time working for the YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) in Bloomington, Illinois, United States. As director of education at the YMCA, Smedley saw a need for the men in the community to learn how to speak, conduct meetings, plan programs and work on committees, and he wanted to help them.

Smedley decided to organize a club where they could learn these skills in a social environment, and the men responded well to the concept. He named the group the Toastmasters Club; "toastmaster" was a popular term that referred to a person who gave toasts at banquets and other occasions.

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The first unofficial Toastmasters meeting was held on March 24, 1905. Much like Toastmasters meetings today, the participants took turns leading and speaking at each meeting. Smedley and the older, more experienced men evaluated short speeches, while the younger men were invited to join in the evaluations. However, as Smedley was offered positions at other YMCAs in Illinois and later, in San Jose, California, the fledgling clubs lacked leadership and did not flourish.

The Forming of Toastmasters International

Smedley began working at the newly organized YMCA in Santa Ana, California, in 1922, and for the first two years, his time was spent building a home for the organization. However, his passion to help others learn to speak and lead remained. Once the new YMCA building was christened in April of 1924, he was able to introduce the idea of Toastmasters to his colleagues, and organize the Toastmasters club that eventually became Club No. 1 of Toastmasters International. The first meeting was held at the YMCA building on October 22, 1924. Word spread about Smedley's Toastmasters clubs and soon people in surrounding communities and other states were asking how they could start their own club.

To save time replying to the many letters and inquiries he was receiving, Smedley wrote the "Manual of Instructions" and "Ten Lessons in Public Speaking," which he had printed and bound in paper covers. On October 25, 1928, he secured copyrights on the publications and trademarked the name "Toastmasters Club."

By 1930, nearly 30 Toastmasters clubs had formed including a club in British Columbia, Canada. To reflect expansion outside of the United States, the newly formed association was re-named Toastmasters International. Two years later, in 1932, Toastmasters International was incorporated as a California non-profit organization and Smedley took on the positions of Secretary and Editor of the new association.

He resigned as YMCA Secretary in 1941 to devote more time to Toastmasters. Through the war years, he operated the organization out of a small office. When the war ended, a new Secretary, Ted Blanding, replaced Smedley and remained active as Educational Director for the rest of his life, as well as a permanent member of the Board of Directors.

The Growth of Toastmasters International

A series of rented office spaces in Southern California served as Toastmasters International's headquarters until 1962, when the staff moved into the first World Headquarters building in Santa Ana, not far from the YMCA where the first Toastmasters club met.

Ralph C. Smedley died in 1965. In 1970, Toastmasters International admitted its first female member, Helen Blanchard, under the name Homer Blanchard. In 1973, Toastmasters began officially admitting women, and in 1985, Helen became Toastmasters' first female international president.

Terrence McCann, an Olympic wrestler, was chosen in 1975 to serve as the Executive Director of Toastmasters International, a position he held until 2001. He was replaced by Donna Groh (2001-2008) and then Daniel Rex (2008 to present).

A man rushed into a busy doctor's surgery and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

If you have a son you probably know -

- 1) A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq. ft. house 4 inches deep.
- 2) If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
- 3) A 3-year old Boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
- 4) If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate 42-pound Boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20x20 ft. room.
- 5) You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.

The Meeting schedule on page 3 below will ALWAYS be posted here. Those of us involved need a little more time for this issue. Look for an email soon from the Vice President of Education.

~~ 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

Member		07/21/2015	08/04/2015	08/18/2015	09/01/2015
Don	Barnett, AC-B				
Butch	Barney, DTM				
Marcia	Barney, DTM				
Pam	Christopher, DTM				
John	Clark, DTM				
Brian	Davidson, DTM				
Anita	Ford				
Peter	Gross				
Randy	Liu				
TK	Li				
Rob	Phelps				
Joel	Schanker, DTM				
Krista	Scott				
Sean	Scott				
Kimondra	Studevent				
Craig	Thrift, CC/CL				
Jeff	Walker, CC				

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

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