

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

OFFICERS for 2015-2016

Pam Christopher, DTM	President
Peter Gross, CC	VP-Education
Craig Thrift, ACS	VP-Membership
Don Barnett, ACG	VP-Public Relations
Anita Ford	Secretary
Marcia Barney, DTM	Treasurer
Sean Scott	Sgt. at Arms
John Clark	webmaster
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Our Next Meeting will be on
August 04, 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.

Please note:

Our web-master pointed out that July had two full moons (technically 1 full moon and 1 blue moon.) This act of nature created a vacuum that allowed our newsletter to skip the minutes of the June 30 meeting. Now that the full moons have been appeased, meeting minutes should be back on schedule - at least until the next blue moon.

New business: Pam Christopher will carry our club proxie to the International meeting. Marcia Barney announced we earned the President's distinguished designation. Joel Schanker announced he has access to new learning materials and offered them to our club for beta release testing. He will work with the VP of Education to integrate volunteers in our meetings. Don Barnett concluded the business portion of the meeting and adjourned until 6:50.

Minutes from our Meeting – June 30, 2015

by Anita Ford, Secretary



President, Don Barnette opened the business session at 6:30. Marcia Barney gave a treasurer's report. The club has \$339.86 in checking. The website costs \$133/yr. Annual expenses were \$158. Annual income is approximately \$150. Marcia proposed with John Clark that we could sell advertising on our club website or raise dues to cover the cost of the website. The club could use the International website for a club page at no cost. A rough cost for advertising was discussed with details to be provided by the webmaster on request. Marcia Barney motioned to sell advertising on the club website. Jeff Walker seconded the motion. Discussion was opened. There are approximately 35 hits per week on our website. John Clark, as club webmaster, would handle all administrative duties for the advertising. Joel Schanker asked if it would impact our 501c standing. Marcia Barney replied "no". The motion was called for a vote and passed with six for and one abstain.

At 6:50 Don Barnett opened the meeting and stated the next meeting notice will reflect the new officers. Don then introduced the toastmaster, Pam Christopher.

Pam Christopher opened the meeting with speech CC#5 titled "Do Over...Really? For a scheduled 5 minutes. Pam spoke for 5min. 54sec.

The wordmaster, T. K. Lee was introduced and presented the word "Fain, willing, pleased, glad" as the word for the evening. Marcia Barney was introduced as Grammarian, Krista Scott as Timer and Joel Schanker as Vote Counter.

Don Barnett was introduced as the tabled topics master. His first question, "What would you want to do over " was answered by Joel Schanker for 1 min. 45 sec.

Don asked "What is a speech that you gave that you would like to do again" to Jeff Walker who answered for 0 min. 43sec.

Don asked "What Job were you told to do again that you hated" to Butch Barney who answered for 1min. 58 sec.

Don asked "How important is it to you to get it right even if you have to do it over" to Kim Studevent who answered for 0min. 39sec.

Don returned the meeting to Toastmaster, Pam Christopher. Sean Scott was introduced for his 5 min. CC#2 speech titled "Going Green." Sean spoke for 5 min. 42 sec.

Pam introduced Kim Studevent for her 5min CC#5 speech titled "Breakfast, the most important meal of the day". Kim spoke for 5min. 59 sec.

Pam called for the timers report the votes to be passed. She then introduced General Evaluator for the evening, Peter Gross.

Peter introduced - -

- ◆ Craig Thrift who evaluated Pam's speech for 2 min.
- ◆ John Clark who evaluated Sean's speech for 2 min.
- ◆ Anita Ford evaluated Kim's speech for 2 min.

Peter Gross was given a Do over by Pam Christopher and called for the Grammarians report. Grammarian Marcia Barney found many opportunities for improvement and many quarters were owed.

T. K Lee gave the word master's report The General evaluator's report noted the meeting was very punctual and moved nicely through the evening. He also noted the busy business meeting and suggested a guide to parliamentary procedure be presented for each part.



Ribbons were awarded to the following Toastmaster members:

- ✓ **Joel Schanker** - Best Table Topics
- ✓ **Anita Ford** - Best Evaluator
- ✓ **Sean Scott** - Best Prepared Speaker

The meeting concluded with a joke from Jeff Walker.

Northwestern Toastmasters Welcomes First New Member of 2015-16

Igor Dash has become Northwestern Toastmasters newest member. Igor's Toastmasters Assistant is Butch Barney. Igor will give his Ice Breaker speech on August 4. We're looking forward to hearing it, Igor!

Our New Officers for 2015 -2016.



Left to right Anita Ford, Secretary; Craig Thrift, VP Membership; Marcia Barney, Treasurer; Pam Christopher, President; Don Barnett, VP Public Relations; Sean Scott. Sgt-at-arms. Not shown (behind the camera?) is Peter Gross, our VP of Education.

Mark Your Calendar - -

The Area 41 Contest is planned for Saturday, September 26 at 9:00 AM at St. Anne's Episcopal Church on Fairlawn Street (Near Wake Forest on the west side of Winston-Salem).

The Gavel is passed



Pam Christopher, incoming president and Don Barnett, immediate past president, see eye-to-eye about most things. (Photo by staff photographer Marcia Barney.)

~~ Meeting Schedule ~~

All roles are important! If you cannot attend the meeting, then PLEASE contact our VP of Education 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		08/04/2015	08/18/2015	09/01/2015	09/15/2015
Don	Barnett, AC-B		Joke Master	General Eval.	
Butch	Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Vote Counter		
Marcia	Barney, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator	Word Master	
Pam	Christopher, DTM	Evaluator	Evaluator	Grammarian	
John	Clark, DTM	Evaluator	Toastmaster	Evaluator	
Igor	Dash	Speaker			
Brian	Davidson, DTM	Vote Counter	Word Master	Timer	
Anita	Ford	Timer	Speaker	Joke Master	
Peter	Gross	Toastmaster	Table Topics	Toastmaster	
Randy	Liu			Vote Counter	
TK	Li		Timer	Speaker	
Rob	Phelps				
Joel	Schanker, DTM	Word Master	Grammarian	Speaker	
Krista	Scott	Table Topics	Speaker	Evaluator	
Sean	Scott	Speaker	Evaluator	Table Topics	
Kimondra	Studevent	Grammarian	General Eval.	Speaker	
Craig	Thrift, CC/CL	Joke Master			
Jeff	Walker, CC	General Eval.	Speaker	Evaluator	

45 Ways to avoid using the word 'very'			
Avoid saying very:	Rather say:	Avoid saying very:	Rather say:
afraid	terrified	neat	immaculate
angry	furios	old	ancient
bad	atrocious	poor	destitute
beautiful	exquisite	pretty	beautiful
big	immense	quiet	silent
bright	dazzling	risky	perilous
capable	accomplished	roomy	spacious
clean	spotless	rude	vulgar
clever	brilliant	serious	solemn
cold	freezing	small	tiny
conventional	conservative	strong	unyielding
dirty	squalid	stupid	idiotic
dry	parched	tasty	delicious
eager	keen	thin	gaunt
fast	quick	tired	exhausted
fierce	ferocious	ugly	hideous
good	superb	valuable	precious
happy	jubilant	weak	feeble
hot	scalding	wet	soaked
hungry	ravenous	wicked	villainous
large	colossal	wise	sagacious
lively	vivacious	worried	anxious
loved	adored		

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