

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
August 18, 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 – August 4, 2015

by Anita Ford, Secretary



Business Session:

Peter Gross (VP Education) announced that there will be an area speech contest on September 26 at St. Ann's Episcopal Church. We will have a club speech contest on September 1 and a club evaluation club contest on September 15.

Craig Thrift (VP Membership) told us about the Smedley Award contest for clubs who obtain new members.

Marcia Barney made the motion to start the Improved Communication Seminar on September 29. The motion was seconded and passed. Joel Schanker made the motion that future dates for Improved Communication seminar should be determined by the chair of the committee who is chosen by the Vice President and President. The motion was seconded and passed. Sean Scott (Sgt-at-arms) announced that he will be happy to set up visual aids and props for speakers, as needed.

Education Session:

Pam Christopher introduced our Toastmaster of the meeting, Peter Gross. Peter used project # 1 from the Special Occasion

Speeches manual as he talked about "New Roles." Peter then introduced our Word Master, Joel Schanker who gave us the word "Preponderance." Other Toastmasters involved in the meeting were our Grammarian and Vote Counter, Rob Pheps and our timer, Anita Ford. Our Table Topics master was Krista Scott.

Other than Peter, our prepared speakers all used the Competent Communications Manual. Igor Dash gave his icebreaker speech using Project #1, Sean Scott - used Project # 3 to talk about "Learning from Failure" and Marcia Barney told us how to "Declutter Your Life" using Project # 6.

Jeff Walker, our General Evaluator reviewed how we did in the meeting and called on the evaluators for the prepared speeches --

- ◆ Butch Barney evaluated Peter Gross
- ◆ Pam Christopher evaluated Igor Dash
- ◆ John Clark evaluated Sean Scott
- ◆ Craig Thrift evaluated Marcia Barney

Continuing the role of General Evaluator, Jeff called on our Timer, Wordmaster and Grammarian for their reports. Craig Thrift completed the meeting with the Joke Masters report.



Ribbons were awarded to the following Toastmaster members:

- ✓ **Joel Schanker** - Best Table Topics
- ✓ **Pam Christopher** - Best Evaluator
- ✓ **Marcia Barney** - Best Prepared Speaker

Competent Leadership Activity

Marcia Barney	CL # 5 Speaker
Pam Christopher	CL # 3 Evaluator
Anita Ford	CL # 4 Timer

Improved Communications Seminar

Northwestern Toastmasters Club will offer an Improved Communications Seminar beginning Tuesday September 29, 2015. The seminar is eight sessions designed to, through instruction and practice, improve specific skills including:

- ✓ Introducing Others
- ✓ Prepared Speaking
- ✓ Listening
- ✓ Speech Organization
- ✓ Impromptu Speaking
- ✓ Selecting Speech Topics
- ✓ Constructive Evaluation
- ✓ Use of Visual Aids
- ✓ Group Discussion
- ✓ Speech Language
- ✓ Effective Use of Voice
- ✓ Gestures and Other Body Language
- ✓ Audience Analysis
- ✓ Effective Use of Notes

The sessions will be each Tuesday for eight weeks. Toastmasters International, a non-profit, educational organization, developed the program, which has been training members in improved communications and leadership techniques for more than 80 years. Northwestern Toastmasters are the local sponsors of the program.

Any adult interested in improving his or her speaking, listening, and thinking skills is

invited to participate. For more information or to register call Marcia Barney at (336) 712-8183.

Mark Your Calendar

September 1 - Club Speech Contest. This will be during our regular meeting at Mayberrys.

September 15 - Club Evaluation Contest. This will be during our regular meeting at Mayberrys.

September 26 - Area Speech and Evaluation contest. This will be at 9:00 am at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 2690 Fairlawn Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

September 29 - Northwestern Toastmasters will begin an Improved Communications Seminar. See the article in this newsletter for details.

? Table Topic Questions ?

- Why is the alphabet in that order?
- Is it because of that song?
- Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Why are there no 'B' batteries?
- How do you know when you have run out of invisible ink?
- If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
- Why is a boxing ring square?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- If you can't drink and drive, why do bars have parking lots?
- If you're arrested for being "legally drunk," where's the problem?
- Why do we say "heads up" in situations where we really want people to duck?
- Why does the word lisp have an "s"?
- What book does an atheist swear on in court?

~~ 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	08/18/2015	09/01/2015	09/15/2015	09-29-2015
		<i>Speech Contest</i>	<i>Evaluation Contest</i>	<i>1st ICS class</i>
Don Barnett, AC-B		General Eval.	Evaluator	Word Master
Butch Barney, DTM	Vote Counter	Evaluator	Toastmaster	Grammarian
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Word Master	General Eval.	Timer
Pam Christopher, DTM	Evaluator	Grammarian	Evaluator	Joke Master
John Clark, DTM	Toastmaster	Evaluator	Vote Counter	Speaker
Igor Dash	Joke Master	Vote Counter	Timer	Speaker
Brian Davidson, DTM	Word Master	Toastmaster	Speaker	General Eval.
Anita Ford	Speaker	Joke Master	Evaluator	Toastmaster
Peter Gross	Table Topics	Timer	Speaker	Evaluator
Randy Liu	Speaker			
Joel Schanker, DTM	Grammarian	Speaker	Evaluator	Vote Counter
Krista Scott	Speaker	Evaluator	Joke Master	Evaluator
Sean Scott	Evaluator	Table Topics	Word Master	Speaker
Kimondra Studevent	General Eval.	Speaker	Table Topics	Evaluator
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator		Speaker	Evaluator
Jeff Walker, CC		Evaluator	Grammarian	Table Topics