

# 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  
**September 1, 2015**

For More Information, call  
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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 18, 2015



by Anita Ford, Secretary

### Toastmaster Meeting 08-18-15

Pam Christopher was Presiding Officer

#### Announcements:

Area Governor and judging training will be held on August 25, at 7:00pm. Training will be held at Mayberry's on Miller Street.

The Area Contest will be held in Winston-Salem on September 26 at 9:00am. Judges and ballot counters needed.

The Room has been confirmed by Sean Scott for the Improved Communications Seminar.

Joel Schanker thanked NWTW members who attended the training session

Guests: Honorary Member Harriet Clark

Toastmaster: John Clark

Grammarian: Joel Schanker

Timer: Sean Scott

Vote Counter: Butch Barney

Word Master: Brian Davidson

Table Topics Master: Peter Gross

Speakers/Evaluators:

John Clark ("Building a Better Bucket List" Project #2 from the Communicating on TV Manual/Pam Christopher  
Anita Ford ("Staying Alive" Project #8 from the Competent Communication Manual)/Marcia Barney  
Krista Scott ("Roadway Epidemic" Project # 3 from the Competent Communication Manual)/Craig Thrift

General Evaluator: Jeff Walker

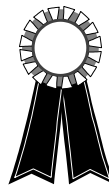
Joke Master: John Clark

Awards:

Best Table Topic: Joel Schanker

Best Evaluator: Marcia Barney

Best Speaker: Anita Ford



#### Competent Leadership Manual Report:

John Clark: Project #5 Prepared Speaker

Anita Ford: Project #4 Prepared Speaker

Pam Christopher - Project # 8 - Speech evaluator

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Dates for action:

Dues Are Due

It's that time of the year when Northwestern Toastmasters pay their spring semi-annual dues. Please bring a check or cash in the amount of \$39.50 to the September 1 or 15 meeting. If you are one of the unfortunates who will be unable to attend then please mail a check (payable to "Northwestern Toastmasters") in the amount of \$39.50 to Marcia Barney, 3501 Lakefield Court, Clemmons, NC 27012. Just as a reminder: This is probably the best investment you will make in the next six months.

- September 1 - Club Speech Contest. This will be during our regular meeting at Mayberry's.
September 15 - Club Evaluation Contest. This will be during our regular meeting at Mayberry's.
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.

Fun Facts

- 1. Johnny 's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. ...What was the third child 's name?
2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers....What does he weigh?
3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, ...what was the highest mountain in the world?
4. How much dirt is there in a hole ...that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
5. What word in the English Language ...is always spelled incorrectly?

Other Important dates in September:

- September 7, Labor Day
September 11, Patriot's Day

Butch Barney joined Northwestern Toastmasters in September (per our NWTM website). Ask him about it.

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Surfing the internet:

"Ladies" and "Gentlemen"

While traveling with a Sister Cities/Chamber of Commerce business-exchange group to Nagaoka, Japan, I was asked to speak after breakfast about marketing in the U.S. Seeing an opportunity to show off my linguist skills, I asked my interpreter how to pronounce the words on the distant signs for "Ladies" and "Gentlemen."

After practicing to myself, I began my speech with "Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen" in Japanese. This got quite a reaction from the audience. I delivered a killer 20 minutes of marketing wisdom, and sat down to generous applause. I was quite pleased with myself. Only later did I learn how strange my greeting was: One of our hosts gently inquired why I had started my talk with "Good Morning, toilets and urinals."

Lee Rogers

The Rogers Group Marketing and Advertising

A Word of Appreciation:

While I was away on vacation, John Clark "kept the press running," getting the newsletter to you after each meeting. John, I thank you for your good work.

~~ 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		09/01/2015 Humorous Speech Contest	09/15/2015 Evaluation Speech Contest	09/29/2015 (5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday)
Don	Barnett, AC-B	General Evaluator		
Butch	Barney, DTM	Table Topics		
Marcia	Barney, DTM	General Evaluator		
Pam	Christopher, DTM	Grammarians		
John	Clark, DTM	Vote Counter		
Igor	Dash	Timer		
Brian	Davidson, DTM	Joke Master		
Anita	Ford			
Peter	Gross	Word Master		
TK	Li			
Randy	Liu			
Rob	Phelps	Speaker		
Joel	Schanker, DTM	Chief Judge		
Krista	Scott			
Sean	Scott	Speaker		
Kimondra	Studevent			
Craig	Thrift, CC/CL	Contest Toastmaster		
Jeff	Walker, CC			

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