

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
January 5, 2016

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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—Dec 29, 2015

by Anita Ford, Secretary



Northwestern Toastmasters Leadership Meeting

Members present: John Clark, Butch Barney, Marcia Barney, Anita Ford, Peter Gross, Krista Scott, Sean Scott, Pam Christopher

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm by Pam Christopher, NWTM President

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: Pam Christopher:

TL Institute will be held on January 23, 2016, in High Point, North Carolina. Encouraging officers to attend. Peter Gross has offered to drive and those interested in going can ride with him.

Table topics: Peter Gross

Grammarians: Sean Scott

Timer: Sean Scott

Vote Counter: Krista Scott

No votes counted for Table topics; all participants received praise and applause.

Contest season is approaching.

Pam Christopher:

District conference will be the last weekend in April; no date provided at this time. Club contest will be held the first of

March. NWTM date for International contest will be on 02/16/16. NWTM Table topics contest will be held on 03/01/16.

Area and division contest dates are needed; Pam will get dates. District contest will be held earlier than usual. All NWTM members are encouraged to prepare an international speech. An international speech should appeal to a wide range of people. Should be inspirational, have humor, but also contain an element of seriousness. International speech should be the best speech you can give. Members are also encouraged to prepare for table topics contest. Instructed members to have at least 4 questions when fulfilling the role of Table topics master. Noted that we are club 2946.

Peter Gross: How do we make the NWTM club successful? John is tracking the progress of NWTM members for manual completion. Information can be found on NWTM website. Seeking Presidential award. Need to complete: 3 CC manuals (Pam Christopher is 2 away from CC, Randy Liu is 1 away, Anita Ford has completed) 1 AC bronze (Brian Davidson could potentially be achieving this)

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John has AC silver
 1 AC gold (Craig Thrift is 1 away from completing this).
 CL Manual: Peter should be completing this manual
 Members encouraged to bring CL manual to every meeting.
 Marcia's next speech will be speech on how to use the CL manual
 Have acquired 4 new members, need 4 more.
 Training of members: 1 done, 1 needed
 Membership dues will be in on time
 Need to meet 9 out of 10 requirements for Presidential award, but will be pursuing 10 out of 10.
 Peter will send out an e-mail out with first meeting of 2016 (01/05/15)
 NWTM Club International - 02/16/16
 NWTM Club Table topics 03/01/16
Marcia Barney:
 NWTM club will have an Open House on January 19, 2016.
 Everyone was challenged to think of 3 people to invite to the Open House. Each member was asked to share the name of people they intend to invite to the Open House.
 Ideas for advertising:
 Craig has an excellent flyer that can be distributed to inform of the open house
 Invites will be extended to former NWTM members
 Information to be posted on Facebook (Those with Facebook encouraged to post info about Open House)
 Flyer to be placed in the Mayberry storefront window
 Radio station to be contacted
 Krista appointed as PR Chair
 Additional suggestions: nametags for visitors, re-arrange the room for more space, attempt to get a head count of visitors.
 Persons should arrive at 6pm to order their food and begin eating.
 Meeting adjourned at 8pm.
Competent Leadership Manual:
 Peter Gross: Project 7, Table topics
 Sean Scott: Project 4 – Timer, Project 2 Grammarian, Project 1, Table topics speaker



Dates to Remember

- January 19, 6:30PM-8:00:** NWTM Open House at Mayberry's (invite someone)
- January 23:** TLI training in High Point. ITT Technical Institute, 4050 Piedmont Parkway, HighPoint, NC 27265 (The Aetna Building off of highway 68)
- February 16:** NWTM International Speech Contest
- March 1:** NWTM Table Topics Contest
- April 29-30:** District 37 Spring Conference - Charlotte

What's in a Name?

"Here we are in a month named after the Roman god Janus, an appropriate personification of the start of the new year. This particular Roman god had two faces so that he could look ahead toward the future and back at the past at the same time. As we get rid of an old year and look forward to a new one, we all try to be a little like Janus. We know through experience what we did wrong and what we did right, and hope to do better this year. Some people make ambitious new year's resolutions; others just take a deep breath and hope for the best...." *Complete Speaker's Almanac, p. 22*

7 Quotations for the New Year

1. Never tell your resolution beforehand, or it's twice as onerous a duty.
John Selden
2. Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits.
Unknown
3. It wouldn't be New Year if I didn't have regrets.
William Thomas
4. Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right.
Oprah Winfrey
5. The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul.
G.K. Chesterton
6. A dog's New Year's Resolution: I will not chase that stick unless I actually see it leave his hand.
Unknown
7. Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man.
Benjamin Franklin

~~ 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		1/5/2016	1/19/2016	
Don	Barnett, AC-G	Evaluator		
Butch	Barney, DTM	Word Master		
Marcia	Barney, DTM	Speaker	Table Topics	
Pam	Christopher, DTM	Joke Master		
John	Clark, DTM	Table Topics	Joke Master	
Brian	Davidson, DTM		General Evaluator	
Anita	Ford	Toastmaster	Grammarian	
Peter	Gross	Timer/Vote Counter	Speaker	
Natoshia	James	Evaluator	Vote Counter	
Randy	Liu		Evaluator	
Rob	Phelps		Word Master	
Doug	Nance	Speaker	Timer	
Florian	Neuhauser			
Joel	Schanker, DTM	Grammarian	Toastmaster	
Krista	Scott		Evaluator	
Sean	Scott	Evaluator	Speaker	
Scott	Stewart	Speaker		
Kimondra	Studevent		Evaluator	
Craig	Thrift, CC/CL	General Evaluator		

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