

# 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  
**April 19, 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—April 5, 2016

by Anita Ford, Secretary

(Sitting in for Anita this week is John Clark, Webmaster.)



### Minutes of the April 5, 2016 Meeting

The business meeting started at 6:30 with President Pam Christopher presiding. After a brief recess, the educational part of the meeting started at 6:45. Our Toastmaster of the evening was Florian Neuhauser, who chose "Being prepared for the rites of Spring" as the meeting theme.

Florian introduced our grammarian for the evening, Peter Gross, as well as our timer/vote counter Sean Scott. Our wordmaster, John Clark, gave us the word "Comport".

Don Barnett was our table topics master. Don posed these questions for the members who were lucky enough to be called upon.

- ◆ Do you use detailed plans or work on the fly? John Clark explained that he likes detailed plans but we know they never work out so the secret is to have a general plan and be willing to deviate.
- ◆ When plans don't work out, how do you resolve the problems? Karen Fion explained that you must always look for the bright side.

- ◆ How do you deal with devastating news? Peter Gross told about the loneliness of failure and the importance of depending on your fellowman.
- ◆ How do you celebrate good news? Joel Schanker took us on a wild ride to celebrate all the good things in life.

Toastmaster Florian introduced Cherish Liles. Cherish gave speech number 2 from the Competent Communicator manual. Her title was "Springtime at Grandmother's house" with a requested time of 5 minutes. Cherish was evaluated by Pam Christopher.

Florian then introduced Natoshia James who gave speech number 4 from the Competent Communicator manual. Her title was "What is Business Attire" with a requested time of 5 minutes. Natoshia was evaluated by Marcia Barney.

Our final speaker for the evening was Joel Schanker. In preparation for the upcoming Table Topics Contest, Joel called on members of the audience to provide table topics questions. Joel was evaluated by Butch Barney.

Our General Evaluator was Craig Thrift. Bob McHone provided a little humor to end the meeting.

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Peter Gross was awarded Best Table Topics.  
Pam Christopher was awarded Best Evaluator.  
Natoshia James was awarded Best Prepared Speaker

Competent Leader points were earned by - -  
Peter Gross - Project 1, Grammarian  
Marcia Barney - Project 8, Speech Evaluator  
Pam Christopher – Project 8, Speech Evaluator  
Don Barnett – Project 7, Topicmaster

New Members – Karen Fion (3-29-2016)

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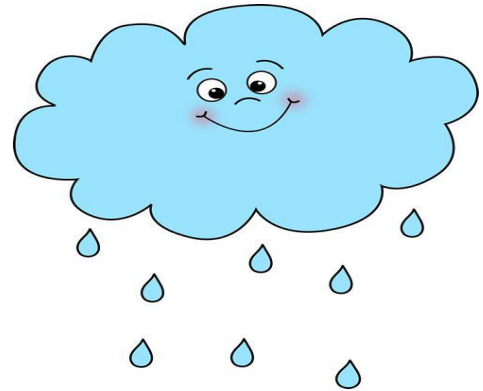


Dates to Remember

- April 16: Division E Contest
- April 29-30: District 37 Spring Conference – Charlotte
- May 3: Open House – “57 and Counting” Anniversary

Location for Division E Contest

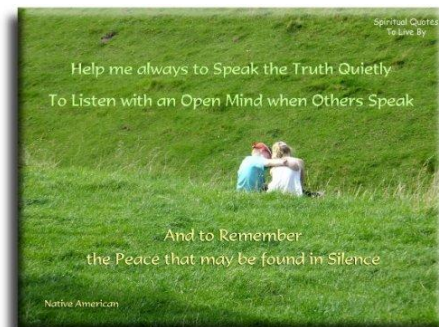
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High Point 3901  
Sedgebrook Street High Point, NC 27265



April Showers

Bing Crosby, Al Jolson

Life is not a highway strewn with flowers,  
Still it holds a goodly share of bliss,  
When the sun gives way to April showers,  
Here is the point you should never miss.  
Though April showers may come your way,  
They bring the flowers that bloom in May.  
So if it's raining, have no regrets,  
Because it isn't raining rain, you know, (It's raining violets, )  
And where you see clouds upon the hills,  
You soon will see crowds of daffodils,  
So keep on looking for a blue bird, And list'ning for his song,  
Whenever April showers come along.  
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So keep on looking for a blue bird, And list'ning for his song,  
Whenever April showers come along.



## ~~ 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

<b>Member</b>		<b>4/19/2016</b>	<b>5/03/2016</b>	<b>5/17/2016</b>
Don	Barnett, AC-G	Word Master	Speaker	
Butch	Barney, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator	
Marcia	Barney, DTM	Grammarian	Toastmaster	Evaluator
Pam	Christopher, DTM	General Evaluator	Grammarian	Speaker
John	Clark, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator
Brian	Davidson, DTM			Speaker
Karen	Fion	Word Master		
Anita	Ford	Table Topics	General Evaluator	Joke Master
Peter	Gross	Evaluator	Speaker	Grammarian
Natoshia	James	Timer	Evaluator	Speaker
Cherish	Liles		Word Master	Evaluator
Randy	Liu			
Bob	McHone	Speaker	Timer	Word Master
Doug	Nance	Joke Master	Table Topics	Speaker
Florian	Neuhauser	Vote Counter	Evaluator	General Evaluator
Rob	Phelps			
Joel	Schanker, DTM	Evaluator		Table Topics
Krista	Scott	Evaluator		Toastmaster
Sean	Scott	Speaker	Evaluator	Speaker
Scott	Stewart			
Kimondra	Studevent	Speaker	Evaluator	Vote Counter
Craig	Thrift, CC/CL	Toastmaster	Joke Master	Timer
Dinh	Vo		Vote Counter	

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