

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 3, 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—December 20, 2016



by Anita Ford, Secretary

Northwestern Toastmasters Meeting

Meeting started at 6:30pm

Presiding Officer: Craig Thrift

Members present: Butch Barney, Bob McHone, Peter Gross, Pam Christopher, Rob Phelps, Craig Thrift, Anita Ford, Marcia Barney

Announcements:

TLI is February 11, 2017

New Business: None

Guests: None

Toastmaster: Butch Barney

Grammarian: None

Timer: Craig Thrift

Vote Counter: Craig Thrift

Word Master: Anita Ford (elucidate)

Table Topics Master: Bob McHone

Speakers (Name of Speech and Manual)/Evaluators:

Rob Phelps ("Doing Things the ROT Way, Better Living Through Composting"; project 2 from the Entertaining Speaker Manual) Anita Ford

Pam Christopher ("Toasting 101"; project 5 from the CC manual)/Peter Gross

General Evaluator:

Joke Master: Peter Gross

Awards:

Best Evaluator: Peter Gross

Best Table Topics: Craig Thrift

Best Speaker: Pam Christopher

Competent Leadership Manual Report:

New Members: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

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Wassail recipe (alcohol optional). Heat for 30 minutes:

Ingredients

- 2 quarts apple cider
- 1-1/2 cups orange juice
- 3/4 cup Pineapple Juice
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 cinnamon sticks (3 inches)
- Dash ground cinnamon
- Dash ground cloves

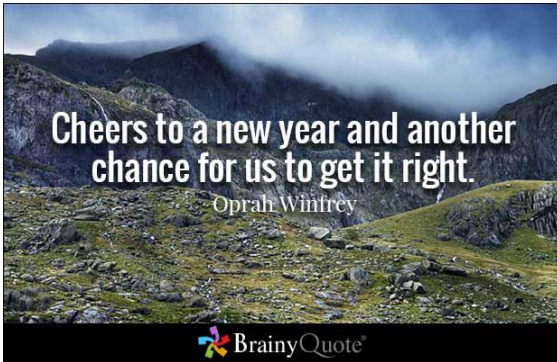
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Dates to Remember

- December 26-January 1: Kwanzaa
- January 1, 2017: New Year's Day
- January 3, 2017: First NWTM meeting for 2017







Early New Year's Celebrations

The earliest recorded festivities in honor of a new year's arrival date back some 4,000 years to ancient Babylon. For the Babylonians, the first new moon following the vernal equinox—the day in late March with an equal amount of sunlight and darkness— heralded the start of a new year. They marked the occasion with a massive religious festival called Akitu (derived from the Sumerian word for barley, which was cut in the spring) that involved a different ritual on each of its 11 days. In addition to the new year, Akitu celebrated the mythical victory of the Babylonian sky god Marduk over the evil sea goddess Tiamat and served an important political purpose: It was during this time that a new king was crowned or that the current ruler's divine mandate was symbolically renewed.

Did You Know?

In order to realign the Roman calendar with the sun, Julius Caesar had to add 90 extra days to the year 46 B.C. when he introduced his new Julian calendar.

Throughout antiquity, civilizations around the world developed increasingly sophisticated calendars, typically pinning the first day of the year to an agricultural or astronomical event. In Egypt, for instance, the year began with the annual flooding of the Nile, which coincided with the rising of the star Sirius. The first day of the Chinese new year, meanwhile, occurred with the second new moon after the winter solstice.



~~ 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		01-03-2017	01-17-2017	01-31-2017
Don	Barnett, AC-G	Evaluator	Joke Master	Evaluator
Butch	Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker
Marcia	Barney, DTM	Toastmaster	Table Topics	Word Master/ Evaluator
Pam	Christopher, DTM	Evaluator	Vote Counter/Timer	Joke Master
John	Clark, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator	Evaluator
Brian	Davidson, DTM		Grammarian	Table Topics
Anita	Ford	Speaker	General Evaluator	Vote Counter/Timer
Peter	Gross	Word Master/ Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator
Bob	McHone	Speaker	Evaluator	Grammarian
Shinika	McKiever	Joke Master	Speaker	Speaker
Natoshia	Miles	Grammarian	Toastmaster	General Evaluator
Florian	Neuhauser			
Rob	Phelps	Table Topics	Evaluator	Toastmaster
Angela	Ruiz			
Hector	Ruiz			
Joel	Schanker, DTM	General Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator
Craig	Thrift, CC/CL	Vote Counter/Timer	Word Master/ Evaluator	Speaker

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

