

# 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  
**July 18, 2017**

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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—JUNE 20, 2017



by Craig Thrift, President

Meeting started at 6:30 pm

**Presiding Officer:** Craig Thrift

**Members Present:** Pam Christopher, Joel Schanker, Shaw De Lestard, Marcia Barney, Butch Barney, Peter Gross, Latish Blyther, Craig Thrift

**Guest:** Laura Phillips

**Announcements:** Meeting minutes requested to be updated from stating that the District did not state that it was a loan. With the update, meeting minutes approved. Peter reminded everyone of the upcoming TLI on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Shawn attended last Saturday's training in Greensboro for Sergeant-At-Arms.

**New Business:**

**ToastMaster:** Marcia Barney

**Garmmarian:** Shawn De Lestard

**Vote Counter:** Butch Barney

**Timer:** Pam Christopher

**Word Master:** Butch Barney, Habituate

**Table Topics Master:** Pam Christopher

## Speakers:

Marcia Barney, Is It Good For Me?, Comp. Communicator Manual, #4

Latisha Blyther: How to Stay Motivated, Comp. Communicator Manual, #2

Peter Gross: Friends, Romans, Countrymen, Interpretive Reading Manual, #5

**General Evaluator:** Craig Thrift

**Joke Master:** Shawn De Lestard

## Awards:

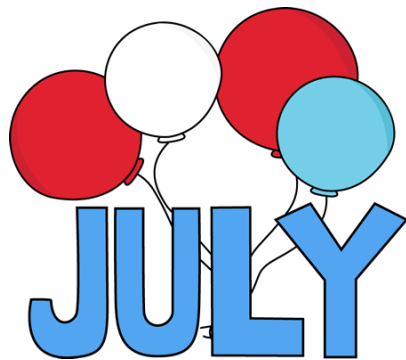
Table Topics: Butch Barney

Evaluator: Joel Schanker

Speaker: Peter Gross

Meeting adjourn at 8:00 pm

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**The Value of Setting Standards**

As I look back over the past few months and review the commitments in the Toastmaster’s Promise, I am reminded of the value of setting standards. Many of us joined our first club primarily motivated by becoming part of a worthwhile organization and the promise of personal growth. Whether we joined to gain confidence, become a better speaker or leader, or to enjoy social interactions with fellow members, in order to gain what we wanted out of our membership, we needed to adhere to the standard of respecting each other individually and collectively.

The Toastmasters strategic plan calls for excellence, participation and engagement of our members, and this aligns with the 10th commitment in the Toastmaster’s Promise: “To maintain honest and highly ethical standards during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities.” It is the overarching foundation of our organization. Without it, the preceding commitments have little or no relevance.

To assist us in keeping these 10 commitments, Toastmasters International has four core values: Integrity, Respect, Service and Excellence—the standards by which every member should be recognized. Members are expected to demonstrate these values in their club, home, career and community. These core values, together with the Toastmaster’s Promise, are the blueprints for a successful club. If your club is ailing, suffering from low membership or interpersonal conflicts, I advise you to review each commitment together with the core values to determine how you and your club measure up to these standards.

I often say that Toastmasters is not here to make better Toastmasters, but better people—people who take the skills and the lessons they learn in their club  
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and apply them to their family lives, business endeavors and community. I encourage you to live by the commitments in your Toastmaster’s Promise and by the Toastmasters core values and enjoy the benefits. And always “Remember the Member.”

MIKE STORKEY, DTM  
International President  
Toastmasters International

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**A Toastmaster’s Promise**

**As a member of Toastmasters International and my club, I promise**

- To attend club meetings regularly
- To prepare all of my projects to the best of my ability, basing them on the Toastmasters education program
- To prepare for and fulfill meeting assignments
- To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations
- To help the club maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow
- To serve my club as an officer when called upon to do so
- To treat my fellow club members and our guests with respect and courtesy
- To bring guests to club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmasters membership offers
- To adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters education and recognition programs
- To act within Toastmasters’ core values of integrity, respect, service and excellence during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities

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## ~~ 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		07/18/2017	08/01/2017	08/15/2017
Don	Barnett, AC-G	Speaker	Evaluator	Table Topics
Butch	Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Grammarian
Marcia	Barney, DTM	Word Master	Timer	Speaker
Latisha	Blyther	Timer	Speaker	Evaluator
Pam	Christopher, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator
John	Clark, DTM	Vote Counter	Evaluator	Speaker
Maddie	Decker			
Shawn	DeLestardt		Grammarian	Timer
Peter	Gross	Toastmaster	Evaluator/Word Master	General Evaluator
Bob	McHone	Speaker	Vote Counter	Evaluator
Natoshia	Miles	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker
Rob	Phelps		Toastmaster	Word Master
Laura	Phillips		Speaker	Joke Master
Joel	Schanker, DTM	Grammarian	General Evaluator	Evaluator
Craig	Thrift, ACS/ALB	Table Topics	Evaluator	Vote Counter
Tonya	Walker	Evaluator	Table Topics	Toastmaster

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