

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
August 15, 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—August 1, 2017



by Latisha Blyther, Secretary

Meeting started at 6:30 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Peter Gross

Members Present: Latisha Blyther, Peter Gross, Marcia Barney, Rob Phelps, Pam Christopher, Butch Barney, Laura Phillips, Joel Schanker, Don Barnett, Craig Thrift, Harriet Clark, John Clark

Guests: None

Announcements: Two Contests scheduled for August 29: the Humorous Speaking Contest and Evaluations Contest. New rule, must be a paid member. Checks will not be accepted the day of and you must be previously registered.

Pam Christopher is now a registered teacher in North Carolina, using Toastmasters training.

Joel will be out in the middle of September.

New Business: Toastmasters dues are \$48.50 for 6 months and \$97 for the year.

Toastmaster: Rob Phelps

Grammarian: Peter Gross

Vote Counter: Pam Christopher

Timer: Marcia Barney

Word Master: Peter Gross

Table Topics Master: Butch Barney

Speakers:

Toastmaster: Rob Phelps, The Toast Master – Special Occasion Manual, evaluated by Don Barnett

Speaker 1: Laura Phillips -Anyone Can Crossfit-CC Manual Project #9, evaluated by Craig Thrift

Speaker 2: Latisha Blyther- Steps to Becoming a Motivational Speaker- CC manual- Project #3, evaluated by Marcia Barney

General Evaluator: Joel Schanker

Joke Master: Marcia Barney

Awards:

Table Topics: John Clark

Evaluator: Marcia Barney

Speaker: Laura Phillips

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Dates to Remember

August 29, 2017: Northwestern Toastmasters Speech Contest (Humorous Speech and Table Topics)

October 20-22, 2017: District 37 Fall Conference

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The healthiest competition occurs when average people win by putting above average effort.

Colin Powell
brainyquote.com

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To make any future that we dream up real requires creative scientists, engineers, and technologists to make it happen. If people are not within your midst who dream about tomorrow - with the capacity to bring tomorrow into the present - then the country might as well just recede back into the cave because that's where we're headed. Neil deGrasse Tyson

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/n/neildegras615097.html?src=t_bring



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10 Tips for Terrific Table Topics

Settle your nerves with these simple strategies for sharp responses.

1. Don't Panic.

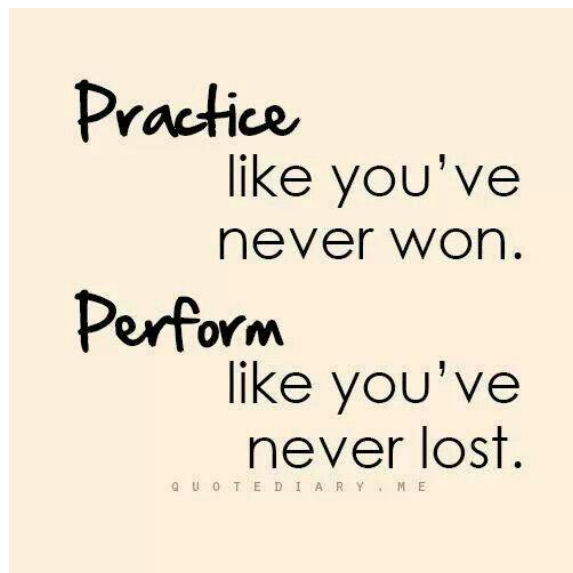
If you can, just stop caring about Table Topics. Remember, everyone in the audience has been in your position, has probably dried up at some point and is willing you to do well, so you don't need to worry about their reaction.

2. Buy Time.

Give yourself time for your nerves to die down and for you to think of something to say. Sit at the back of the room and walk slowly to the front. Acknowledge the audience and repeat the question. If you need to, just talk for a while about something vaguely related to the theme, or even about something totally unrelated: Sooner or later, inspiration will come.

Check out the remaining nine (?) tips in our July Toastmasters magazine or with the link below:

<https://www.toastmasters.org/magazine/magazine-issues/2017/july2017/tabletopics>



~~ 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		08/15/2017	08/29/2017 NWTM Contests	09/05/2017	09/19/2017
Don	Barnett, AC-G	Table Topics			TOASTMASTER
Butch	Barney, DTM	Grammarians		Vote Counter	Jokemaster
Marcia	Barney, DTM	Speaker	Ballot Counter	TOASTMASTER	General Evaluator
Latisha	Blyther	Evaluator	Ballot Counter	Table Topics	Jokemaster
Teddy	Burris			Word Master	
Pam	Christopher, DTM	Evaluator		OUT	Speaker
John	Clark, DTM	Speaker	Contestant	General Evaluator	Word Master
Shawn	DeLestardt				Speaker
Peter	Gross	General Evaluator	Contestant	Timer	Evaluator
Bob	McHone	Evaluator	Contestant	Evaluator	Speaker
Natoshia	Miles				
Rob	Phelps	Word Master	Contestant	Evaluator	Evaluator
Laura	Phillips	Joke Master		Evaluator	Grammarians
Joel	Schanker, DTM	Evaluator	TOASTMASTER	Speaker	OUT
Craig	Thrift, ACS/ALB	Vote Counter	Chief Judge	OUT	Vote Counter
Tonya	Walker	Toastmaster		Speaker	Evaluator

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