

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
October 31, 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—October 17, 2017

by John Clark, DTM



Week 2 of the Improved Communications Seminar Business Session (Conducted by Bob McHone)

- Marcia Barney made the motion that meek, mild-mannered John Clark should be appointed to fill the office of Secretary. The motion was seconded and approved.

- Joel Schanker announced that Barbara Schanker has earned her Distinguished Toastmasters Award.

- Marcia Barney stated that the new Pathways educational system will be rolled out for our District in November.

Educational Session (Conducted by Pam Christopher)
Rob Phelps served as Toastmaster of the meeting. His speech title was "Control Your Fears" from the Better Speaking Manual. He introduced

- Laura Phillips as Grammarian,

- Bob McHone as Vote Counter,

- Craig Thrift as both Timer and Word Master (with the word of the day Razzmatazz)

- John Clark as Table Topics Master (with the theme "Use of Humor.")

Table Topics questions went to

- Bob McHone (What is your source for humorous material?)

- Craig Thrift (What are three rules for using humorous material in a speech?)

- Marcia Barney (Which comes first, the speech or the humor?)

Our prepared speakers (in addition to Rob Phelps) were -

- Pauline Pfaff who gave her Ice Breaker, speech number 1 from the Competent Communication Manual. Pauline requested 5 minutes and spoke for 5:34.)

- Russel Sequeira (an Improved Communications Seminar student) who gave his Ice Breaker, speech number 1 from the Competent Communication Manual. Russel requested 5 minutes and spoke for 5:34.)

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Our General Evaluator was Pam Christopher. She called on -

- Shawn de Lestard to evaluate the speech of Rob Phelps
- Joel Schanker to evaluate the speech of Pauline Pfaff.

Marcia Barney was awarded the Best Table Topic Speaker.

Joel Shanker was awarded the Best Evaluator.
Rob Phelps was awarded the Best Prepared Speaker.

The meeting concluded with a report from our Joke Master, Laura Phillips.

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Dates to Remember

October 31, 2017: NWTM meeting, 5th Tuesday





Using Humor in Public Speaking helps you do the following:

- HELPS YOU CONNECT WITH THE AUDIENCE.
- MAKES YOU MORE LIKEABLE.
- AROUSES INTEREST.
- KEEPS ATTENTION.
- HELPS EMPHASIZE POINTS AND IDEAS.
- DISARMS HOSTILITY.
- OVERCOMES OVERLY FLATTERING INTRODUCTIONS.
- GETS YOUR POINT ACROSS WITHOUT CREATING HOSTILITY.
- MAKES INFORMATION MORE MEMORABLE.
- LIGHTENS UP HEAVY MATERIAL.
- YOU WILL BE ASKED BACK.
- YOUR SPEAKING WILL GET YOU HIGHER EVALUATIONS OR MORE SALES.
- YOU WILL MAKE MORE MONEY.
- YOU WILL MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY.

This is my favorite benefit. I get great satisfaction from knowing that I have brightened someone else's life. I had an executive come up to me after one of my humor seminars and say, 'You opened up a whole new world for me.' I almost cried right on the spot. I'll never forget it.

<http://www.public-speaking.org/public-speaking-humor-article.htm>

~~ 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

Future Meeting Roles and Responsibilities:

Member		10/31/2017	11/07/2017	
Don	Barnett, AC-G	General Evaluator		
Butch	Barney, DTM	Evaluator		
Marcia	Barney, DTM	Table Topics Body Language		
Pam	Christopher, DTM	Toastmaster Introduce the Speaker		
John	Clark, DTM	Timer		
Shawn	DeLestardt	Wordmaster		
Peter	Gross			
Bob	McHone	Speaker		
Rob	Phelps	Grammarian		
Laura	Phillips	Speaker		
Joel	Schanker, DTM	Evaluator		
Craig	Thrift, ACS/ALB	Evaluator		
Angela	Johnson	Speaker		
Pauline	Pfaff	Vote Counter		
Sequeria	Russell	Joke Master		

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



Improved Communications Seminar

Northwestern Toastmasters Club will offer an improved communications seminar beginning Tuesday October 3, 2017. The seminar is eight sessions designed to, through instruction and practice, improve specific skills of:

Introducing Others
Listening
Impromptu Speaking
Constructive Evaluation
Group Discussion
Effective Use of Voice
Audience Analysis

Prepared Speaking
Speech Organization
Selecting Speech Topics
Use of Visual Aids
Speech Language
Gestures and Other Body Language
Effective Use of Notes

The sessions will be each first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month for eight sessions beginning October 3, 6:30 PM, Mayberry's, 50 Miller Street, Winston-Salem. Graduation will be on January 2. The program was developed by Toastmasters International, a non-profit, educational organization. Toastmasters International has been training members in improved communications and leadership techniques for more than 90 years. Northwestern Toastmasters is the local sponsors of the program.

The cost of materials for the program is \$40 per participant. Any adult interested in improving his or her speaking, listening, and thinking skills is invited to participate.

For further information or to register:

www.NWTM.org or call Marcia Barney at 336-712-8183.