

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
November 7, 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 31, 2017



by John Clark, DTM
Secretary

October 31, 2017 Meeting (Happy Halloween)
Week 3 of the Improved Communications Seminar

Business Session (Conducted by Peter Gross, President)

- Joel Schanker made the motion to accept the secretary's report, as printed in the newsletter.
- Marcia Barney stated that we need one more speaker for the next ICS meeting.
- Pam Christopher announced that we need to get back to using the CL manual.

Educational Session

Pam Christopher was our Toastmaster of the meeting. Her speech title was "How to Introduce a Speaker."

- Pam then introduced - -
- Rob Phelps as Grammarian,
 - John Clark as Vote Counter and Timer,
 - Shawn De Lestard as Word Master, (Shawn presented the word "nuncupative" for us to use.)

- Marcia Barney served as Table Topics Master and used "Body Language" as the theme.

Table Topics questions went to

- John Clark (When should you use gestures?)
- Shawn De Lestard (Give instructions to Kernersville without using gestures.)
- Rob Phelps (Describe a person in the room without using words.)

Our prepared speakers were -

- Angela Johnson who gave her Ice Breaker, speech number 1 from the Competent Communication Manual. Angela requested 5 minutes and spoke for 5:47 as she told us about being "The Boss Lady."
- Laura Phillips told us about "Using CMMS to Influence Culture" using project number 1 in the Technical Presentation Manual. Laura requested 12 minutes and spoke for 12:32.
- Bob McHone spoke about "Private Moments". Bob's speech was based on project 1 in the Entertaining Speaker Manual. Bob requested 7 minutes and spoke for 7:23.

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Our General Evaluator was Peter Gross, who called on

- Craig Thrift to evaluate Angela's speech
- Butch Barney to evaluate Laura's speech
- Joel Schanker to evaluate Bob's speech.

Rob Phelps was awarded the Best Table Topic Speaker.

Joel Shanker was awarded the Best Evaluator.

Bob McHone was awarded the Best Prepared Speaker.



Dates to Remember

November 7, 2017: NWTM meeting



How to Use Fall Leaves

The first step is to rake up those leaves. Or, if you have a big yard, a leaf blower is an easy solution. Today, there are [lightweight and low-noise leaf blowers](#) that do the job quickly (without breaking your back!).

- Spread them as protective [mulch](#).
- Use them as a weed barrier for spring plantings.
- Make [compost](#) for a valuable soil amendment.
- Make leaf mold.
- Move back over the leaves a few times.
- Store root vegetables
- Make a playground.
- There's no end to crafts that use fall leaves. My favorite: preserving the rich fall colors by "[glycerinizing](#)" a few stems of the most colorful maples.

See our [Autumnal Equinox](#) page for more fall-themed advice, folklore, and fun!

From the Old Farmer's Almanac

<https://www.almanac.com/blog/home-health/natural-living/what-do-fall-leaves>

Introducing Speakers (Toastmasters Intl)

If you host a special event, you may be required to introduce speakers. Try these quick tips for delivering thoughtful speaker introductions:

- **Don't steal the show** by making the introduction too long (60 seconds or less is sufficient), or by speaking on a topic that is in no way related to the speaker.
- **Grab the audience's attention** with a great opening. This can be an inspiring quote, a humorous anecdote, or an impressive milestone the speaker has achieved.
- **Briefly mention the topic** the speaker is addressing, but don't reveal too much about his or her speech.
- **Establish the speaker's authority and expertise.** This information will help solidify with the audience the speaker's credibility as a subject matter expert.

~~ 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		11/07/2017	11/21/2017	12/05/2017
Don	Barnett, AC-G	Evaluator	Timer/Wordmaster	Evaluator
Butch	Barney, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator	TOASTMASTER
Marcia	Barney, DTM	Toastmaster	Evaluator	Vote Counter/ Jokemaster
Pam	Christopher, DTM		Evaluator	Evaluator
John	Clark, DTM	Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker
Shawn	DeLestardt	Speaker	TABLE TOPICS MASTER Effective Listening	Evaluator
Peter	Gross	Table Topics	TOASTMASTER Speech Language	Speaker
Bob	McHone	Timer	Speaker	Timer
Rob	Phelps	Speaker/ Evaluator	Evaluator	General Evaluator
Laura	Phillips		Speaker	OUT
Joel	Schanker, DTM	Speaker	General Evaluator	TABLE TOPICS Use of Notes
Craig	Thrift, ACS/ALB	General Evaluator	Jokemaster	Wordmaster
Angela	Johnson	Grammarians	Speaker	Evaluator
Pauline	Pfaff	Vote Counter	Speaker	Vote Counter
Sequeria	Russell	Word Master	Grammarians	Speaker

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.