

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday March 20, 2007**



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.

~~~ Guests ~~~

Our guests at the Club level contests were Jeff Walker (for his second visit.) Jeff was lucky enough to be at the meeting where our intrepid historian was updating pictures of the members for the web site.



Also at our Club level contest were guests Ross Earle and Beth Parks. We hope that you enjoyed the meeting.

Remember, the goal of Northwestern Toastmasters (and all Toastmasters Clubs) is to help members improve their communication and leadership skills. At Northwestern, we try to do this in a way that is both educational and enjoyable.

~~~~~ What they say and what they mean in interviews

I know how to deal with stressful situations: (I'm usually on Prozac. When I'm not, I take lots of cigarette and coffee breaks.)

I seek a job that will draw upon my strong communication and organizational skills: (I talk too much and like to tell other people what to do.)

I'm extremely adept at all manner of office organization: (I've used Microsoft Office.)

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Schedule for the March 20, 2007 Meeting

Butch Barney Evaluator
Marcia Barney Word Master
Teddy Burriss Evaluator
Pam Christopher General Evaluator
John Clark Vote Counter
Brian Davidson Table Topics
Diana Garcia Speaker
Donna Hall Speaker
Karl Hastings Speaker
Lance Kull Timer
Zoltan Rab Toastmaster
Barbara Schanker Grammarian
Joel Schanker Evaluator
Derrick Webb Evaluator
Elaine Wiles Speaker
Debbie Woo Jokemaster
Evander Woo Evaluator

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

Schedule for the April 3, 2007 Meeting

Kyle Adams Word Master
Marcia Barney Evaluator
Don Barnett Evaluator
Pam Christopher Speaker
John Clark Evaluator
Brian Davidson Timer
Donna Hall Toastmaster
Matthew Hamby Speaker
Karl Hastings Vote Counter
Lance Kull Speaker
Zoltan Rab Table Topics Master
Evelyn Ries Speaker
Barbara Schanker Evaluator
Joel Schanker Speaker
Craig Thrift Joke Master
Derrick Webb Grammarian
Elaine Wiles Evaluator
Debbie Woo Evaluator
Evander Woo General Evaluator

The February 20, 2007 meeting by Brian Davidson, Secretary

There are not minutes since this was a Club level contest even though it did look a lot like a regular meeting. We did have a business session followed by an educational session.

The winner of the International Speech Contest was Don Barnett while Teddy Burriss won in the Table Topics contest. But the real winners were everyone who learned from the experience.

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What they say and what they mean in interviews (continued from page one)

My pertinent work experience includes: (I hope you don't ask me about all the McJobs I've had.)

I take pride in my work: (I blame others for my mistakes.)

I'm balanced and centered: (I'll keep crystals at my desk and do Tai Chi in the lunchroom.)

I have a sense of humor: (I know a lot of corny, old jokes and I tell them badly.)

I'm willing to relocate: (As I leave San Quentin, anywhere's better.)

I'm extremely professional: (I carry a Day-Timer.)

My background and skills match your requirements: (You're probably looking for someone more experienced.)

I am adaptable: I've changed jobs a lot.)

I am on the go: (I'm never at my desk.)

I'm highly motivated to succeed: (The minute I find a better job, I'm outta there.)

I have formal training: (I'm a college dropout.)

You know that you are living in 2007 when - - -

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
4. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
8. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
9. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)

Ramblings from the Newsletter Editor By John Clark, DTM



At the start of this Toastmasters year, I asked members (and especially our officers) to take turns writing this column. I want to make one thing perfectly clear – that was NOT because I'm lazy but to provide fresh insight. It becomes very easy to get in a rut when you do the same column each issue. By providing insight from more than one person, this column has (hopefully) been more rewarding to our members.

I have been amazed at the topics and the thought that every contributor has put into what was submitted. We sometimes hear a speaker and think – "Gee! This speech would have been much better if they had just practiced a bit more." The same is true of writing. You can read an article and easily determine that the author worked and crafted the article or just threw something together. Without exception, the articles submitted show that the author worked hard at developing the thought and selecting the right words.

One of the things that I look forward to every to weeks is being the first to read this column. To each member who has contributed – "Thank you!" You have done a terrific job. I know that this will continue as we conclude the Toastmasters Year.

Late Breaking News

by Joel Schanker, VP Education

Northwestern Toastmasters were well represented at today's Area 21 contest. Both Don Barnett and Teddy Burriss finished second in their respective contests. Don's presentation "Photographic Memories" reflected his hard work in the last eleven days with improved gestures, more vocal variety, added humor, and a tighter structure. Lois Koufman, from the Mercury Club finished first with a polished humorous presentation about procrastination.

Teddy was energetic and clever in his response to the table topics question about "saints" in his life. He delivered the whole package of vocal variety, humor, and gestures as he praised his wife. Marc Winbush, from the GMAC club, finished first with a heartfelt and polished tribute to his grandfather.

It was a good contest with presentations worth hearing. Thanks to Don and Teddy for putting it on the line. In addition, Barbara, Evander, Debbie and Zoltan joined me in supporting our contestants.

The next contest will be the Division B contest. If either Lois or Marc cannot compete, Don or Teddy will represent Area 21. The contest will be held Saturday, April 14th from 10 am to 12:00 noon in Moses Cone Hospital. It is a beautiful facility with free parking. Please plan on attending.