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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday May 15, 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.

~~~ Meeting Dates for May ~~~

There will be three (3) meetings during the month of May. (Remember, we meet on the first, third and fifth Tuesday of each month.) Most months have only the first and third Tuesdays, but May has a fifth Tuesday. So mark your calendars now.

The fifth Tuesday of this month is May 29. That is followed by the first Tuesday of June (June 5) – So, we have two meetings in two weeks.

~~~ New District Officers ~~~

District 37 of Toastmasters International elected District officers at the Spring Conference two weeks ago. Among elected officers is the new District Governor, our very own Pam Christopher, DTM. Ms. Christopher will begin her duties in the Toastmaster year that begins July 1, 2007 and runs through June 30, 2008.

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

~~ Northwestern Officers ~~

The nomination committee made a report in our last business session that includes President - Brian Davidson; VP of Education - Evander Woo; VP of Membership - Don Barnett; VP of Public Relations - John Clark Secretary - Kyle Adams; Treasurer - Marcia Barney, Sgt at Arms – Barbara Schanker. Voting will take place at the of May 29 Meeting.

~~ Newsletter Notes ~~

Our guest editor was unable to complete his column, so this weeks guest editorial is by Red Skeleton.

Schedule for the May 15, 2007 Meeting

Kyle Adams..... Speaker
Scott Anderson..... Timer
Don Barnett..... Toastmaster
Butch Barney Evaluator
Marcia Barney..... Evacuator
Teddy Burriss..... Speaker
Pam Christopher Evaluator
John Clark..... Grammarian
Brian Davidson..... Evaluator
Dianna Garcia Vote Counter
Donna Hall Evaluator
Matthew Hamby Joke Master
Lance Kull..... General Evaluator
Evelyn Ries..... Speaker
Craig Thrift..... Speaker
Barbara Schanker Table Topics
Jeff Walker..... Speaker
Derrick Webb Speaker
Elaine Wiles Wordmaster
Debbie Woo..... Evaluator

Schedule for the May 29, 2007 Meeting

Kyle Adams..... Table Topics
Scott Anderson..... Joke Master
Don Barnett..... Grammarian
Butch Barney Speaker
Marcia Barney..... Speaker
Teddy Burriss..... General Evaluator
Pam Christopher Speaker
John Clark..... Speaker
Brian Davidson..... Evaluator
Dianna Garcia Joke Master
Donna Hall Word Master
Matthew Hamby Timer
Karl Hastings..... Evaluator
Lance Kull Speaker
Zoltan Rab Evaluator
Barbara Schanker Vote Counter
Joel Schanker Toastmaster
Derrick Webb Evaluator
Elaine Wiles Evaluator
Evander Woo Evaluator

April 17, 2007 Meeting Notes

by Brian Davidson, Secretary

The Northwestern Toastmaster's May 1, 2007 meeting was called to order by President Donna Hall at 6:30 pm. During the Officer's Reports, Joel Schanker, Vice President of Education, indicated that the May 29th meeting will be an educational meeting.

After a short recess President Hall reconvened the meeting and introduced Karl Hastings, the Toastmaster for the evening. Toastmaster Karl introduced the meeting topic "Mother Knows Best". His speech with the same title, recounted his past experiences with his mother and the lessons learned.

TM Karl transitioned from his speech to the introduction of Word Master Lance Kull to challenge us with his word for the evening, "Stymie".

TM Karl introduced Table Topics Master Pam Christopher. Staying with the meeting's theme, Pam did not hesitate to offer some thoughtful suggestions for discussion to John Clark, Zoltan Rab and Jeff Walker. According to Timer John Clark, all of the speaking times were within the allotted time limits. Ballots were directed to Vote Counter Jeff Walker.

After accepting control of the lectern back from Pam, TM Karl introduced the first prepared speaker, Scott Anderson. Scott mastered the second project from the Competent Communication Manual with his speech "Backyard Project Planning". You might want to think twice before you ask Scott to help assemble that playground equipment.

Next up was Craig Thrift. Craig also presented the second project from the Competent Communication Manual. Craig's speech "Do You See Me Now" educated and reminded us about motorcycle safety from both the rider's perspective and their competition on the road.

The next prepared speaker was Evander Woo. Evander presented the tenth project of the Competent Communications Manual. Evander's speech, "Toastmasters, It's Not Just For Speeches" reminded us of the numerous opportunities Toastmasters offers for education and self improvement. Congratulations to Evander, our newest CTM!

Butch Barney was the last prepared speaker of the evening. Butch's impromptu speaking project was from an advanced manual. His project was to present a topic at the start of the meeting and then prepare a speech before being introduced and then present his speech. Tough project, but Butch's speech, "How Old Did You Say You Were?" was presented like a pro and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Timer John reported that all prepared speakers met their target times.

Next, Toastmaster Karl introduced General Evaluator Don Barnett. Don presented his view of how the meeting had progressed and where we could possibly make some improvements. Don then turned to his team of evaluators to help the individual speakers. Elaine Wiles skillfully helped out Karl with an evaluation of his speech given at the opening of the meeting. Marcia offered Scott some suggestions on things he might consider in enhancing his speech and presentation skills. Teddy Burriss sent some suggestions over to Craig with his evaluation. Brian

Davidson evaluated Evander's speech and Joel Schanker evaluated Butch's speech.

GE Don obtained a timer's report from Timer John who indicated that all of the evaluators had qualifying speaking times. Ballots were directed to Vote Counter Jeff. GE Don called on Grammarian Zoltan. Zoltan presented one of the most comprehensive grammarian reports we have had in quiet a while. Zoltan also issued the appropriate fines for our flub ups. Word Master Lance reported that the word of the evening, "stymie" was used by the membership during the meeting. *The Secretary needs to learn to listen and write faster so he can report who correctly used the word of the evening.*

GE Don returned control of the meeting to TM Karl. TM Karl wrapped up the educational portion of the meeting by sticking with his meeting theme "Mother Knows Best". He then turned control of the meeting back to President Hall. President Hall obtained the vote count from Vote Counter Jeff. President Hall then presented the Best Table Topics Award to Zoltan Rab. The Best Evaluator Award went to Joel Schanker. The Best Prepared Speaker Award went to Butch Barney.

Joke Master Joel Schanker invoked chuckles just before President Hall efficiently wrapped things up and called the



MEETING ADJOURNED!



My marriage by Red Skeleton

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California, and mine is in Texas.
3. I take my wife everywhere.....but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said "There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.
7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, "In the lake."
8. She got a mud pack, and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!"
10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce
11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.
12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months I don't like to interrupt her.
13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust!"