

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday -- July 3, 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.

~~~ **Happy New Year!** ~~~

The names on the Masthead at the top of this page have changed. These Toastmasters are changed with making sure that we have the opportunity to grow – so hold their feet to the fire.

The names on the right change with each issue. These are our members who play an active role in the meeting.

But the most important name may be in the masthead and in the right. It may be in one place or the other. It may not be listed at all. That name is YOU. See you at the next meeting.

## More ways to deal with Telemarketers

13. Ask them to repeat everything they say, several times.
14. Tell them it is dinnertime, but ask if they would please hold. Put them on your speaker phone while you continue to eat at your leisure. Smack your food loudly and continue with your dinner conversation.
15. Tell the Telemarketer you are on "home incarceration" and ask if they could bring you some beer.
16. Ask them to fax the information to you, and make up a number.
17. Tell the Telemarketer, "Okay, I'll listen to you. But I should probably tell you, I'm not wearing any clothes."
18. Insist that the caller is really your buddy Leon, playing a joke. "Come on, Leon, cut it out! Seriously, Leon, how's your momma?"
19. Tell them you are hard of hearing and that they need to speak up . . . louder . . . louder . . .
20. Tell them to talk very slowly, because you want to write every word down.

## Schedule for the July 3, 2007 Meeting

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Scott Anderson.....    | Word Master       |
| Butch Barney .....     | Timer             |
| Teddy Burriss.....     | Evaluator         |
| John Clark.....        | Evaluator         |
| Brian Davidson.....    | General Evaluator |
| Matthew Hamby .....    | Speaker           |
| Karl Hastings.....     | Evaluator         |
| Lance Kull.....        | Grammarian        |
| Zoltan Rab .....       | Vote Counter      |
| Evelyn Riser.....      | Speaker           |
| Barbara Schanker ..... | Table Topics      |
| Joel Schanker .....    | Evaluator         |
| Craig Thrift.....      | Speaker           |
| Jeff Walker.....       | Speaker           |
| Elaine Wiles.....      | Toastmaster       |
| Evander Woo .....      | Evaluator         |

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

## Schedule for the July 17, 2007 Meeting

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Scott Anderson.....    | Evaluator         |
| Don Barnett.....       | Speaker           |
| Butch Barney .....     | Evaluator         |
| Marcia Barney.....     | General Evaluator |
| Teddy Burriss.....     | Speaker           |
| John Clark.....        | Table Topics      |
| Brian Davidson.....    | Speaker           |
| Matthew Hamby .....    | Speaker           |
| Donna Hall .....       | Grammarian        |
| Karl Hastings.....     | Joke Master       |
| Lance Kull.....        | Vote Counter      |
| Zoltan Rab .....       | Evaluator         |
| Evelyn Riser.....      | Timer             |
| Barbara Schanker ..... | Evaluator         |
| Joel Schanker .....    | Toastmaster       |
| Craig Thrift.....      | Wordmaster        |
| Derrick Webb .....     | Evaluator         |
| Elaine Wiles.....      | Speaker           |
| Evander Woo .....      | Evaluator         |

## June 19, 2007 Meeting Notes by Brian Davidson

Northwestern Toastmaster's meeting was called to order by Northwestern Toastmaster's President Donna Hall at 6:30 pm. VP of Ed. Joel Schanker reviewed the roles for upcoming meetings. District Gov. Pam Christopher presented the Home of the District Gov. ribbon to Northwestern Toastmasters for the club banner.

After a short recess, President Hall reconvened the meeting and introduced Marcia Barney, the Toastmaster for the evening. Toastmaster Marcia introduced the meeting topic "June Bug". TM Marcia transitioned from her opening remarks to the introduction of Word Master Butch Barney to challenge us with his word for the evening, "beguile".

TM Marcia introduced Table Topics Master Donna Hall. Staying with the meeting's theme, Donna did not hesitate to offer some thoughtful suggestions for discussion to Scott Anderson, Zoltan Rab, and Joel Schanker. According to Timer Jeff Walker, all of the speaking times were within the allotted time limits. Ballots were directed to Vote Counter Derrick Webb.

Donna relinquished control of the meeting to TM Marcia who introduced the first prepared speaker Karl Hastings. Karl presented the third project from the basic manual and used the prop of a flower arrangement to illustrate the use of lines in design. Up next was Evander Woo who was working on the first project of the advanced manual, Story Telling. Evander presented the folktale, "The Emperor's New Clothes". Warming up the speakers for the evening was Barbara Schanker. Barbara was also working from an advanced manual. Her project was the third from the Successful Negotiator manual. Barbara used role play and an assistant in her presentation. Timer Jeff reported that all prepared speakers met their target times. Ballots were directed to Vote Counter Derrick.

Next, Toastmaster Marcia introduced General Evaluator Pam Christopher. Pam presented his view of how the meeting had progressed and where we could possibly make some improvements. Pam then turned to her team of evaluators to help the individual speakers. Brian Davidson helped out Karl with an evaluation of his speech. John Clark offered Evander some suggestions on things he might consider in enhancing his speech and presentation skills. Elaine Wiles sent some suggestions over to Barbara with her evaluation.

GE Pam obtained a timer's report from Timer Jeff. Jeff indicated that all of the evaluators had qualifying speaking times. Ballots were directed to Vote Counter Derrick. GE Pam called on Grammarian Teddy Burriss. Teddy did not have to dig too deep to remember some of our grammatical missteps. Teddy ensured that all fines were passed to Treasurer Marcia Barney. Word Master Butch reported that the word of the evening had been used correctly by Marcia Barney, Teddy Burriss, Joel Schanker and Pam Christopher.

GE Pam returned control of the meeting to TM Marcia. TM Marcia wrapped up the educational portion of the meeting by sticking with her meeting theme "June Bug". She then turned control of the meeting back to President Hall. President Hall obtained the vote count from Vote Counter Derrick. President Hall then presented the Best Table Topics

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award to Scott Anderson for the second meeting in a row. The Best Evaluator Award went to Elaine Wiles, also for the second meeting in a row. The Best Prepared Speaker Award went to Karl Hastings.

Joke Master Scott Anderson invoked chuckles just before President Hall wrapped things up and called the .....

MEETING ADJOURNED! 

### The President's Role by Donna Hall, Immediate Past President



The Presidential Role as I see it:

I write to you today to say "Thank You" for allowing me to be the President of Northwestern Toastmasters last term. I agree I was chosen for this role mainly because no one else in the club

would take it and I am somewhat easily convinced to go against the norm. Whatever the case, it was an experience for which I am grateful and one I will forever cherish. I gained a tremendous amount of knowledge that I feel I need to share with others that may take on the role of "Commander and Chief". Below are my insights. Feel free to make as many copies as you would like.

1. Learn the Roberts Rules of Order. I did not learn this and often sounded very ignorant when conducting the business portion of our meetings.
2. Always start the meeting on time. No excuses.
3. Always start the meeting with a positive attitude and enthusiasm. The President sets the tone for the entire meeting. Make it enjoyable.
4. Write down the guest names so you can introduce them.
5. Write down the new member names until you learn them.
6. Try to attend all the meetings. I missed a few but not many during my term. It is important for the President to play a very active role.
7. Know where the club stands in achieving Presidents Distinguished Club for the year. You do not want to be the President to break this string of success.
8. Use the gavel. It gives you a great sense of power.
9. Last but not least, surround yourself by a great supporting cast. Thanks for helping me keep our club successful.

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Thanks for a great year. I look forward to working with Brian Davidson during his tenure.

Sincerely,

*Donna*