

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday - - November 20, 2007**



Schedule for the November 20, 2007 Meeting

Scott Anderson.....	Speaker
Don Barnett.....	
Butch Barney.....	Speaker
Marcia Barney.....	General Evaluator
Teddy Burriss.....	Evaluator
Pam Christopher.....	
John Clark.....	Evaluator
Brian Davidson.....	Evaluator
Donna Hall.....	
Mary Jones.....	
Lance Kull.....	
Susan Lippow.....	Speaker
Fran Oakes.....	Vote Counter
Zoltan Rab.....	Toastmaster
Evelyn Ries.....	Speaker
Barbara Schanker.....	Grammarian
Joel Schanker.....	Evaluator
David Scruggs.....	
Christine Sternjacob.....	Joke Master
Craig Thrift.....	Speaker
Jeff Walker.....	Table Topics
Derrick Webb.....	
Elaine Wiles.....	Evaluator
Evander Woo.....	Word Master

Schedule for the December 4, 2007 Meeting

Scott Anderson.....	Vote Counter
Don Barnett.....	Toastmaster
Butch Barney.....	Evaluator
Marcia Barney.....	Speaker
Teddy Burriss.....	Evaluator
Pam Christopher.....	Evaluator
John Clark.....	General Evaluator
Brian Davidson.....	Speaker
Donna Hall.....	Speaker
Mary Jones.....	
Lance Kull.....	
Susan Lippow.....	Table Topics
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Evelyn Ries.....	Word Master
Barbara Schanker.....	
Joel Schanker.....	
David Scruggs.....	
Christine Sternjacob.....	Timer
Craig Thrift.....	
Jeff Walker.....	Evaluator
Derrick Webb.....	Evaluator
Elaine Wiles.....	Evaluator
Evander Woo.....	Speaker

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.

~~~ Expanded Size ~~~

There is just too much information to fit into two pages, so this issue is three pages long. Be sure to check out the Secretary's report – Scott is well on his way to becoming a published writer. On the same high quality is Brian's editorial comment for this holiday season.

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

~~~ **Children still say the most . . .** ~~~

Adam and eve were created from an apple tree.

Noah's wife was Joan of Ark.

Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.

Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.

## October 16, 2007 Meeting Notes by Scott Anderson, Secretary



Brian Davidson called the Northwestern Toastmaster's meeting to order. There were no announcements, no old business, and no new business to discuss.

Evander Woo was the Toastmaster for the evening. His theme was friendship. Evander began by defining friendship. He then enumerated distinct degrees of friendship with several pertinent colloquialisms.

Marcia Barney was the table topics master for the evening. She called on the Wordmaster, Scott Anderson, to give the word for the meeting. The word was urbane. Marcia called on five impromptu speakers: Butch, Mary, Elaine, Fran, and Scott to speak on various topics regarding friendship.

Barbara Schanker was the first prepared speaker for the evening. Her speech was entitled "The Debate Continues." This was the fourth speech in the Persuasive Speaking Manual. Barbara's intent was to persuade the audience regarding the proposed locations for a new hospital. Her use of visual aids was great. Her map fell but she recovered in a very polished and professional manner. Also memorable was her use of the newspaper. She focused on the misinformation campaign by Baptist Hospital. She concluded by establishing that "despite the hype" Clemmons would retain its village feel. Barbara then opened up the question and answer session. She maintained control and handled the jackals, I mean audience, quite well. This is an emotional debate and people's emotions tend to get the better of them. Barbara persuaded the audience and controlled the question and answer session in an exemplary manner.

Joel Schanker was the final prepared speaker for the evening. His speech was entitled "It's Not Too Early." This was the tenth speech from the Basic Manual. Joel began by speaking about Jim Key's career and a specific speech Jim recently delivered, Permission to Dream." By sharing Jim's public speaking origins, Joel gave the audience permission to dream for greatness in our own public speaking endeavors. Speech Contests are a must for personal and professional growth in public speaking. Joel enumerated sundry benefits to starting early on contest speech preparation: refinement of thought, rough passages become smooth, and gestures become flowing and natural. Joel ended by stating a wonderful, concise thought: "Practice until you are your presentation."

Pam was the General Evaluator for the meeting. She commented on the excellent punctuality and structure of the meeting. She liked that Marcia called on five table topics speakers to augment the scheduled prepared speakers. Don Barnett evaluated Barbara's speech. He admired Barbara's smooth and professional presence. The exact phrase was "...it fell and I admire you for not cursing." I sincerely hope nothing ever falls in one of Don's speeches. Don suggested the use of labels to clarify the map for the audience. He commented on Barbara's genuine approach to the material. Brian Davidson evaluated Joel Schanker's speech. Brian began his evaluation by candidly confessing "One of the things I noticed tonight, because I was paying more attention..." The greatest irony is I have no idea what he noticed, since I was too busy chuckling about his not paying attention. Brian commented on Joel's appropriate use of body language throughout the speech. Later, Brian stated that "it doesn't have to be good to detract." Your Secretary

was relieved to learn that nugget of wisdom from our distinguished president. Brian suggested that Jim Key was not well known enough for the audience to identify with him...hmmm we are all in Toastmaster's right? He recommended using more examples of personal experience rather than "living vicariously" through the public speaking exploits of others. John, our self-proclaimed meek and mild-mannered urbane web master, was the grammarian for the meeting. He commented on Brian and Marcia's side conversation. He commented on the Secretary's aversion to punctuation and proclivity to join everything with an "and." John pointed out that Joel substitutes "nows" for "ands". There were a few "uhs" and some sentence restarts.

Control of the meeting returned to our president Brian Davidson. Scott won the ribbon for Best Table Topics. Brian won the ribbon for the Best Evaluator. Barbara won the ribbon for the Best Speaker. John closed the meeting by telling a joke...remind me never to trick-or-treat in his neighborhood.

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### Words of Wisdom

from Brian Davidson, President



Mayberry's front door is open and you have been invited into the back room to stuff yourself with fine food and experiences you will remember for years to come. That is because you are a Northwestern Toastmaster and you are meeting with your personal public speaking advisory council. Yes, when all of us joined

Toastmasters we pledged to help one another learn the finer art of public speaking. So let's use the feedback we will receive over the next few weeks. Why the next few weeks? Because the holiday season is upon us and we will be presented opportunities to shine in front of large or small groups of listeners. Let's take a look at a couple of examples.

Will you be going to a dinner party over the holidays that making a Toast would be appropriate? Not too many folks like to give a toast and fewer have the skill to give a good toast. Did you know that we have a manual dedicated to special occasion speeches and how to give a toast is one of the projects? Using this guide you should keep the Toast short. This helps because it should be well practiced, especially if you use humor. Be as positive as you can. While you are at it dress for the occasion because if you look good you will feel more confident. The more confident you feel the more meaningful your message will be.

Are you the supervisor at work and have to present awards to some of your co-workers at the office party? Well, once again, you can quickly get a handle on this through your experiences at Toastmasters every other Tuesday night. However, you might want to practice with the help of a manual speech or just review the manual and project before the occasion. By the way, you should also be aware that there is a right way and a better way to accept an award. Just remember if the best you have is "Thanks, but I really don't deserve this" you will have an awful lot of folks in the audience agreeing with you.

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Do you have young children you will be telling a holiday or spiritual story to? Well, if like me you haven't told a story or folktale to anyone in a long time, Toastmasters has resources to help you get prepared. In fact there is a whole manual dedicated to story telling. If nothing else, our group loves a good folktale once and awhile.

As you can see, the time to practice is now and the resources are available and free for the taking. Visit the Toastmasters International website if you are pressed for time and need a quick reference. Better yet work your manuals and run your ideas past a ready and willing group of folks that want to learn from you.

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A bear walks into a bar and says, "I'd like a beer and . . . a packet of peanuts. The barman says, why the big pause?"

A termite walks into a bar and asks, "Is the bar tender here?"

A cheeseburger walks into a bar, and the bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve food in here."

A dog with his foot wrapped in a bloody bandage hobbles into a Western saloon. He sidles up to the bar and announces: "I'm lookin' fer the man that shot my paw."

A grasshopper hops into a bar. The bartender says, "You're quite a celebrity around here. We've even got a drink named after you." The grasshopper says, "You've got a drink named Steve?"

A goldfish flops into a bar and looks at the bartender. The bartender asks, "What can I get you?" The goldfish says, "Water."

A skeleton walks into a bar. The bartender asks, "What'll you have?" The skeleton says, "Give me a beer, and a mop."

A polar bear, a giraffe and a penguin walk into a bar. The bartender says, "What is this, some kind of joke?"

A guy walks into a bar in Cork, in Ireland, and asks the barman: "What's the quickest way to get to Dublin?" "Are you walking or driving?" asks the barman. "Driving," says a man. "That's the quickest way," says the barman.

A fellow walks into a pub near Buckingham Palace in London, sits down, and says, "Give me a beer. I've had a rough day at work." And the bartender says, "Oh? What do you do?" The guy says, "I take care of the corgis--you know, the dogs the royal family owns." The bartender asks, "Tough job, huh? The guy says, "Yeah. All that inbreeding has led to low intelligence and bad temperaments. And the dogs aren't too smart, either."

A man goes into a bar and says, "Give me a drink before the trouble starts." And the bartender pours him a drink. He drinks it and says, "Give me another drink before the trouble starts." He downs that one and says quotation mark, give me another drink before the trouble starts." Finally, the bartender asks, "Just when is this trouble going to start?" The man says, "The trouble starts just as soon as I tell you that I don't have any money."

A tourist goes into a bar where a dog is sitting in a chair playing poker. He asks, "Is that dog there really playing poker?" And the bartender says, "Yeah, but he's not too smart. Whenever he has a good hand, he starts wagging his tail."

This cowboy walks into a bar and orders a beer. His hat is made of brown wrapping paper. And so are his shirt, vest, chaps, pants, and boots. His spurs are also made of paper. Pretty soon, the sheriff arrives and arrests him for rustling.

A guy goes into a bar, orders four shots of the most expensive 30-year-old single malt Scotch whisky and downs them one after the other. The bartender says, "You seem to be in a great hurry." The guy says, "You would be too if you had what I have." The bartender asks, "What have you got? "Fifty cents," is the reply.

A guy walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says, "A beer please, and one for the road."

An amnesiac walks into a bar and asks the bartender, "Do I come here often?"

A guy with dyslexia walks into a bra.

A young Texan walks into a bar and orders a drink. "Got any ID?" asks the bartender. The Texan replies, "About what?"

A pair of battery jumper cables walk into a bar. The bartender says, "You can come in here, but you better not start anything!"

A Latin scholar walks into a bar and says, "I'll have a martinus." The bartender asks him. "Don't you mean martini?" The man tells the bartender, "Listen, if I wanted two or more drinks I would have asked for them."

A horse walks into a bar. The bartender asks, "So, why the long face?"

A penguin walks into a bar and asks the bartender, "Has my father been in here?" The bartender says, "I don't know. What does he look like?"

A brain goes into a bar and says to the bartender, "I'll have a beer, please." The bartender says, "Sorry, I can't serve you. You're out of your head."

A little pig goes into a bar and orders ten drinks. He finishes them and the bartender says, "Don't you want to know where

A guy walks into a bar and sits down next to a lady and a dog. The man asks, "Does your dog bite?" The lady answers, "Never!" The man reaches out to pet the dog, and the dog bites his hand. The man says, "I thought you said your dog doesn't bite!" The woman replies, "He doesn't. That's not my dog."

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And that's it until the next issue.