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See YOU
at our next Meeting



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.

Sources and Resources



by John Clark, DTM
Back in the old days, before the Internet (when I was too young to join Toastmasters) Northwestern Toastmasters had a handout that was given to each new member. This handout contained a section for each role in a Toastmasters Meeting. Each section contained valuable information about performing that role - everything from where to stand, to suggestions to stand out.

When your meek, mild webmaster started setting up our web site (www.nwtm.org) he added this handout under the "Roles" tab on the left side of the web site. So, when you look at the schedule and see you have been assigned a role, don't panic. Don't think "Gosh! I don't know how to do that." Simply go to our web site and look up your role. Even if you have performed a role before, look it up and you will hear the General Evaluator tell you "Good Job!"

Did you ever wonder about the history of Northwestern Toastmasters? Go to the web site, click on "About Us" on the left then click on "History" - and there's your answer.

Did you ever wonder what goes on before the meeting or behind the scenes at a meeting? Go to the web site, click on "About Us" then click on "Meetings" - you will see everything that happens from the time the Vice President of Membership assigns roles to the Presiding Officer saying "Meeting Adjourned."

Did you ever wonder what all the different levels in Toastmasters are and what it takes to earn them? Go to the web site, click on "Awards" from the menu on the left and your questions are answered.

Club Officers are helping our web master update our web site. So keep looking here for answers.

Leadership Development Opportunities

Northwestern Toastmasters installs new officers each year on July 1. Serving as an officer of our club is an outstanding opportunity to gain leadership experience in a supportive environment. The offices of our club are

- § President
- § Vice-President of Education
- § Vice-President of Membership
- § Vice-President of Public Relations
- § Secretary
- § Treasurer
- § Sgt.-at-Arms.

If you are interested in serving as an officer, please notify Marcia Barney at HMBAr@aol.com or 712-8183. If you need more information about any office, ask the current office holder (see the list of officers at the top of the page) or a member of the nominating committee.

Spring Conference

The Spring Conference will be held on May 15 - 17 in Charlotte, NC at the Marriott Executive Park. I-77 at Tyvola Road, 5700 Westpark Drive. For more information visit the District web site, www.toastmasters-nc.org/

Contest

As you may have noticed, we have a new secretary (who is sort of shy and bashful.) Ergo, your newsletter editor has defined a contest. The first person to guess the name of our new secretary will have their grammarian quarter paid. The contest begins as soon as this issue is published and ends at 6:29 p.m. on Tuesday.

E-mail your guess to Toastmasters@rr.com. Be sure to put "contest" in the subject line. Let the contest begin and may the best Toastmaster win.

That's the Way it Was on April 7, 2009



by the Phantom Reporter

President Craig Thrift did his usual efficiently effective business session. He appointed 3 important committees to take care of upcoming events. The Nominating Committee will

be chaired by Marcia Barney and include the DTMs of our club (Butch Barney, John Clark, Pam Christopher, Lance Kull, Mark Perew, Joel Schanker). The 5th Tuesday Location Committee will be Chaired by Joel Schanker. The NWTM 50th Anniversary Committee will be co-chaired by Marcia Barney and Don Barnett. Elaine Wiles, Hubert Barney, John Clark, and Joel Schanker have volunteered to help with the anniversary committee.

Don Barnett, Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting, chose "Events May Not be Perfect (Smile)" as the theme for the meeting. His warm-up was "Wedding" from the Interpretive Reading Manual. Brian Davidson gave the Word for the Day. Jeff Walker served as Table Topics Master and gave topics to:

- Ø Brian Davidson told us about asking his Dad to help him change the oil in his car at age 16 (Brian, not the car.)
- Ø Craig Humphrey disclosed his childhood misunderstanding about the music that came over the airwaves via radio.
- Ø Maurice Derbez admitted that scary movies created fear during his childhood.
- Ø John Clark told us the story of the great train decoy when he was but a wee lad.

We enjoyed 2 more prepared speeches from:

-Jordan McKinnie told us a great deal about his life to date and his plans for the future in his Ice Breaker.

-Christa Neuhauser, publisher of the outstanding "Road Runner" magazine for motorcyclists, gave B-2 titled "Ten Easy Lessons to Improve Your Motorcycle Riding Skill."

The General Evaluator was Butch Barney. Elaine Wiles evaluated Don's speech; Marcia Barney evaluated Jordan's; and Princess Edwards evaluated Christa's.

Joel Schanker served as Timer, Craig Humphrey counted votes, and Jokemaster John Clark was an excellent Grammarian. Winners for the evening were:

Best Table Topic Speaker	John Clark
Best Evaluator	Marcia Barney
Best Speaker	Christa Neuhauser

Q: How do you tell a brown bear from a grizzly bear?

A: Climb a tree. If the bear climbs it and eats you, it is a brown bear. If the bear knocks the tree down and eats you, it is a grizzly.

Work is for people who don't know how to fish.

Things to Think About

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He, who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well . night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
11. The things that come to those that wait, may be the things left by those, who got there first.
12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
14. The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.
15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Bumper Stickers

How can I be overdrawn, I still have checks!
If you don't like the way I drive, get off the sidewalk.
Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
Cover me. I'm changing lanes.
Laugh alone and the world thinks you're an idiot.
This would be really funny if it wasn't happening to me.
I get enough exercise pushing my luck.
Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let her sleep
I want to die in my sleep like my grandfather ... Not
screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.
Diplomacy is the art of saying 'Nice doggie!'... till you can
find a rock.
Sex on television can't hurt you... unless you fall off.
A cubicle is just a padded cell without a door.
Stress is when you wake up screaming & you realize you
haven't fallen asleep yet.
Can I trade this job for what's behind door number 1?
I thought I wanted a career, turns out I just wanted
paychecks.
Too many freaks, not enough circuses.
Chaos, panic, & disorder - my work here is done.
Never trust a dog to watch your food.
Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.
If At First You Don't Succeed, Blame Someone Else And
Seek Counseling.
You're Just Jealous Because The Voices Are Talking To Me.
I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people
who annoy me.
The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could
hear heavy breathing again.
I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures
out what I'm doing.

