

# Northwest Words

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*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.*

## Keeping Meetings Sharp



by Marcia Barney, DTM

It may be the day of the blog and the twitter, but for those of us who wish to maximize our self-improvement, it could be the time for a little reading. The specific reading that could benefit us is the outline of meeting responsibilities on [www.nwtm.org](http://www.nwtm.org)

in the "Roles" section. As illustrated by our most recent General Evaluator's failure to ask for the Word Master's report, even our most experienced members could benefit from a review of the information. (She'll never admit that it was a case of forgetfulness - if it was.)

The program participants outline is designed to assist us in more effectively and efficiently conducting our club meetings. The authors of these words spend many hours writing and editing each segment to insure that the descriptions provided guidance without suppressing creativity.

Self-improvement is a very individualistic endeavor with varying goals and personalities of members. Conducting our meeting in a logical, time-proven manner allows each of us to better achieve our goals.

Take a few minutes to do a little informative reading or review before each club meeting.

## New Member

Greg Jones attended our June 30 meeting as a guest and left as our newest member. Either Greg was astute enough to realize that Northwestern Toastmasters would be able to meet his speaking and leadership goals or the members of Northwestern were able to remain on their best behavior until Greg signed on the dotted line. In either case, Greg, welcome to Northwestern Toastmasters Club.

## Communication Upgrade

Our web-master and our newsletter editor have been working together to improve Northwestern's public image. As a result, you should see a "cleaner" masthead on the newsletter, plus an upgrade of the Northwestern web site, [www.nwtm.org](http://www.nwtm.org).

Those fine Toastmasters have created a more uniform appearance of the web site, added some new (and much needed) pages, removed some links that are no longer in use and cleaned up the code behind the pages. Please check out the web site, see what you think and feel free to e-mail them if you see anything that needs correction.

## Meeting Guests

Guests at our meeting on the 16th were: -Leon Tellez and William Hairston. We hope that you enjoyed the meeting and look forward to seeing you at a future meeting.

One year Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Morris said, 'Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance.' To this, Esther replied, 'Morris that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars.'

The pilot overheard the couple and said, 'Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you! But if you say one word, it's fifty dollars.'

Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word.

When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, 'By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!' Morris replied, 'Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, fifty dollars is fifty dollars!'

That's the Way it Was on June 16, 2009

by P.Fantum, Reporter



President Craig Thrift just can't seem to act like a lame duck - he conducted the business session with his usual style and grace. We welcomed 2 guests, Bill Hairston and Leon Telles, and discussed our fifth Tuesday meeting. VP-Education Don Barnett promised that it would be even more educational than normal.

Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Lance Kull dressed the part and acted the part for his patriotic theme. Christa Neuhauser gave "lugubrious" as the Word-for-the-Day. Table Topics Master Butch Barney said that "In Table Topics we try to stand up." and everyone who was called did just that:

- John Clark told us about his favorite childhood stories of invasion by giants.
- Craig Humphrey thinks we should keep weapons out of the hands of incompetents.
- Craig Thrift stated his objection of Winston-Salem subsidizing the new sports arena downtown.
- Barbie Morgan expressed the belief that we are living longer because of better food, medicine, and exercise habits.
- Christa Neuhauser said that a good speech is music to her ears.
- Don Barnett thinks we need to control health care costs.

Prepared speakers were:  
 +Elaine Wiles gave us some thoughts to mull over in her "Let Your Voice Be Heard." She was evaluated by Jeff Walker.  
 +Marcia Barney's "Food for Thought" was from the Advanced Professional Speaker's Manual #4. John Clark provided a very kind evaluation of her speech.  
 General Evaluator Pam Christopher expressed her appreciation that "our guests felt a part of us." She did not specify which part. Maurice Derbez counted the votes, Don Barnett was the grammarian, Barbie Morgan told the Joke for the Meeting, and Craig Humphrey counted the votes. Do you know how many people attended the June 16 meeting? Send the correct number to John Clark and you could be a winner! Winners for the meeting were:  
 Best Table Topic Speaker - Barbie Morgan  
 Best Evaluator - John Clark  
 Best Speaker - Marcia Barney

Working on the CL Manual?

If you are working in the CL manual (and if you are not, then why not?) talk with our Vice President of Publicity, John Clark. He can always use help and that help will get you credit for helping with the newsletter (Northwest Words) or our web site, or both. John claims that the work is not difficult and it is mostly painless.

From the Hollywood Squares Program

- Q. Why do Hell's Angels wear leather?
- A. Paul Lynde: Because chiffon wrinkles too easily.

That's the Way it Was on June 30, 2009

by P.Fantum, Reporter



He still didn't act like a lame duck as President Craig Thrift concluded a President's Distinguished District year as NWTM President. We welcomed a guest (later a new member) Greg Jones and discussed the upcoming officer training session on July 7.

Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Don Barnett chose "Mental Flexibility's" (project 1 from the Humorously Speaking Manual) as his theme. His warm-up was later evaluated by John Clark.

Our Word-for-the-Day, given by Craig Thrift, was "urbane" (polite, cautious in a smooth, polished way). Elaine Wiles did an outstanding job as Table Topics Master giving thought provoking questions to those who had minor roles in the meeting program with a minimum of comment. Table Topics Speakers were:

- Jeff Walker will probably be walking when he is 90.
  - Christa Neuhauser thinks talking to children is a great way to help them reach their potential.
  - Zoltan Rab showed that he listens better than he retains.
  - Barbara Schanker spoke as a stripe on the flag.
- Timer for the meeting was Jeff Walker while Christa Neuhauser counted the votes.  
 Prepared speeches (in addition to Don's warm-up) were given by:

+Joel Schanker discussed the proposed changes in the Toastmasters organization for his #4 "Speaking Under Fire" in the Advanced PR Manual. Pam Christopher evaluated the speech.  
 +Butch Barney gave Speech # 3 from the Advanced PR Manual with his speech designed to make us think about life a little differently. Brian Davidson evaluated the speech.  
 Among Marcia Barney's many suggestions as General Evaluator was for us to prepare our introductions as speakers, Table Topics Master, General Evaluator, or Toastmaster early and get them to the person who will be introducing us several days before the meeting. This would allow the introducer to prepare more effectively.

Barbara Schanker served as Grammarian. Wordiest comment of the evening: "Be thinking of the person you'd like to select for best speaker." Most interesting comment: "An idea that has never kissed another's ear."

The Joke was told by John Clark. Winners for the evening were:

- Best Table Topic Speaker - Jeff Walker
- Best Evaluator Brian Davidson
- Best Speaker - Butch Barney

Bumper Stickers

- A day without sunshine is like night.
- On the other hand, you have different fingers.
- 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- Remember, half the people you know are below average.
- He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- The early worm deserves the bird.

