

# 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.**

## That's the Way it Was on September 15, 2009

by **Christa Neuhauser, Secretary**



VP of Education, Craig Thrift opened the business session. There were two winners of the contest in the newsletter, Joel Schanker and Linda

Minney, who were awarded by John Clark. He was pleased with the active participation in the contest. Marcia Barney reminded everyone that membership fees were due. Former member and tonight's guest, Teddy Burriss, brought another guest, Mr. Jim Blaylock. Andy Everhart was welcomed to the NWTM club as a new member.

Joel Schanker, the Toastmaster-of-the-meeting, discussed the philosophical question of the "Purpose". John Clark was the Wordmaster of the evening and introduced the word: "resolution", which has two different meanings: First, the commitment to do something or declaration and secondly, the result of a chemical experiment. Butch Barney was the Grammarian. The Timer was Andy Everhart, who performed his first time duty during his very first meeting. Marcia Barney was the Vote Counter.

Table Topics Master Barbara Schanker continued with the topic of "Purpose".

- John Clark talked about "Purpose and Tenacity".

- Linda Minney shared with us her vision for what purpose she would spend \$100,000.

- Purpose of life or life of purpose, that was the query which former member Teddy Burriss had the chance to debate. Jeff Walker discussed the question on whether "Business purpose statements have purpose".

Bob Lauwers and Ann Everhart gave their Ice Breaker speeches from the Basic Manual #1. Both speakers introduced themselves and were able to portray themselves well within the required time limit. They were awarded with the ribbon: #1 Ice Breaker Speech.

Christa Neuhauser gave her speech #4, titled "Women and Motorcycling", from the Basic Manual. She talked about her experiences as a female motorcyclist, how people react and how we all tend to stereotype. She gave a

vivid presentation and supported her allegations with personal stories.

Brian Davidson was the General Evaluator. He thoroughly analyzed the meeting and gave helpful and humorous tips and recommendations. Craig Thrift evaluated the speech of Bob Lauwers, Barbie Morgan of Ann Everhart and Elaine Wiles of Christa Neuhauser.

John Clark was the skillful winner of Best Table Topic, while Christa Neuhauser easily won the Best Prepared Speaker Award.

Marcia Barney was the Joke Master. Another productive and successful meeting ended.

## New Member

We have a new member, Ernst Bonaparte, who lives in Winston-Salem. We are all looking forward to hearing your icebreaker speech. Just remember that we have all been in your position - so each of us wants you to succeed.

## Meeting Guest

Our guest at the last meeting was Christa's son Florian Neuhauser.

## Dues Are Due (Final Call)

Every six months we get an opportunity to invest a few dollars in our self-improvement. This is one of those times! All NWTM members (except for those who have already done so) should either bring their check (cash is acceptable, too) for \$31.50 to the October 6th meeting or mail it to Treasurer Marcia Barney, DTM, at 3501 Lakefield Court, Clemmons, NC 27012.

Using Notes



by Brian Davidson. AC-S/CL

With several speeches under my belt I thought I had lost the fear of losing my place or forgetting my speech. That was until I recently participated in an Area Contest. I had presented the same speech several times in front of different audiences and my wife had suffered through it several dozens of times. No way was I going to lose my place or have my mind go blank. But when least expected, it happened. What the heck did I just say, what comes next, did I just skip the whole body of my speech. Fortunately, just the act of reaching into my jacket pocket to retrieve my script gave me enough time to regain my composure and move forward to the end of my speech. I still think I left out about three of the most important paragraphs of my speech but I lived and who knows if the audience was any less impressed from not hearing the left out parts of my speech. At least I can be sure that I did not go over the time limit.

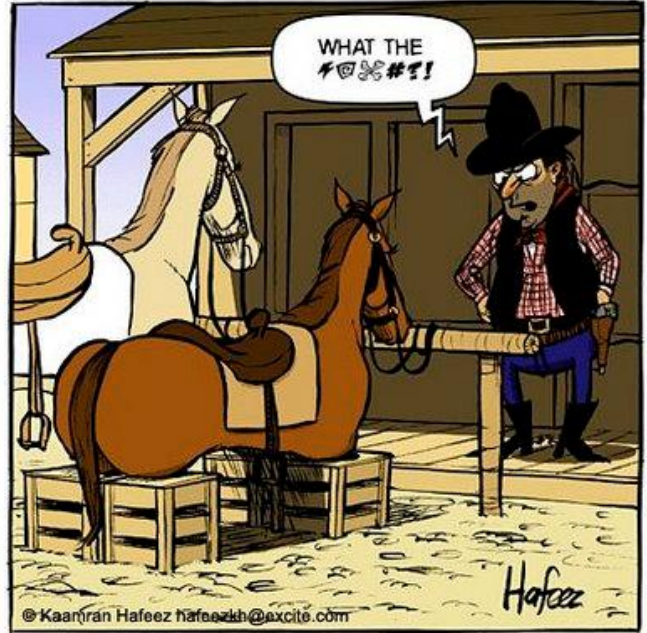
Inexperienced and experienced speakers, there is nothing more valuable than having well prepared notes or a script in your possession when presenting your talk. You may not have to refer to them but if you do you might consider the following to make your use of notes less distracting to your audience.

1. Make sure the lectern is high enough so you can stand straight and make eye contact with your audience without having to bow your head to read.
2. Consider getting rid of any index cards or small slips of paper. Drop these or get them out of order and you might be in real trouble.
3. Consider using full sheets of paper for your notes and use a large font that is easy to read even if you forget to bring your glasses to the front of the room.
4. Be familiar with how you laid out your speech on the pages. Don't cut a paragraph between two pages. Consider putting the opening and closing paragraphs on their own pages as a reminder that you may need to change your voice inflection, volume or body language.
5. Use a highlighter to mark key words or ideas. Yes, your whole speech is important but if you highlight the whole speech nothing will stand out to jog your memory.
6. Read ahead. Use the times that you are intentionally pausing to emphasize a point or when waiting for the audience to stop laughing to glance at your notes to refresh your thoughts and where you are in your remarks.

It is fair to expect that as you become a more experienced speaker you may use your notes less frequently and you may begin just using an outline instead of a word for word written script. In fact as we move through the advanced manuals there are projects to help us practice not using notes. However, never lose

Using Notes (Continued)

your skill of using notes effectively because you may one day be called upon to present someone else's speech or you may be in front of a new and large crowd that may make you feel uncertain of yourself. Yes reading from a script or using notes when presenting a speech is a skill and should not be dismissed as only a crutch for new and timid speakers.



Have you ever been walking down the street and realized that you're going in the complete opposite direction of where you are supposed to be going? But instead of just turning a 180 and walking back in the direction from which you came, you have to first do something like check your watch or phone or make a grand arm gesture and mutter to yourself to ensure that no one in the surrounding area thinks you're crazy

The letters T and G are very close to each other on a keyboard. This recently became all too apparent to me and consequently I will never be ending a work email with the phrase "Regards" again.

Is it just me, or are 80% of the people in the "people you may know" feature on facebook people that I do know, but I deliberately choose not to be friends with?

There is a great need for sarcasm font.

I would rather try to carry 10 plastic grocery bags in each hand than take 2 trips to bring my groceries in.

I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.

That's the Way it Was on September 29, 2009

by P.Fantum, asst. Secretary



To begin our fifth Tuesday meeting President Don Barnett welcomed new member Ernst Bonaparte and guest Florian Neuhauser. The rest of the business session flew by so we could wing our way into one of the most important meetings of the year: a meeting devoted to The Art of Effective Evaluation.

Toastmaster Butch Barney chose "The Route to Growth" as the theme. Florian Neuhauser gave "vociferous" as the Word-for-the-Day (being the son of our outstanding secretary we knew that even as a guest he would be a worthy participant). Butch gave table topics to:

-Elaine Wiles told us why she wanted to become a better speaker.

-Bob Lauwers explained why he joined Toastmasters.

The Three Ladies of the Evening covered Evaluations from just about every angle with their speeches:

+Marcia Barney, DTM, told us to "Evaluate With a Purpose" in a 6-minute Advance PR #3 speech. She was evaluated by Don Barnett.

+Elaine Wiles, ATM-G, did #5 from the CC Manual "Mechanics of Evaluations." Marcia Barney evaluated her speech.

+Pam Christopher, DTM, did #3 from the CC Manual "It's Your Choice" and was thoroughly evaluated by the 3 Evaluation Contestants.

Our newest member Ernst Bonaparte served as the Sergeant at Arms for the Evaluation Contest. Contestants were Jeff Walker, Zoltan Rab, and Brian Davidson.

Bob Lauwers served as Chief Timer and was assisted by Florian Neuhauser. Judges were Elaine Wiles, Marcia Barney, and Pam Christopher.

Butch led a group discussion evaluating the contestant evaluators. Don Barnett served as the Chief Judge and General Evaluator. Marcia Barney was delighted to be the Grammarian.

It was a delightful evening even though there seemed to be an unexplained absence of humor since our resident humorist was out with a cold.

Winners for the evening were:

Best Table Topic - Elaine Wiles

Best Speaker - Marcia Barney

Evaluation Contest Winner - Brian Davidson.

Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, or Pinning the Tail on the Donkey - but I'd bet my last dollar everyone can find and push the Snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time every time.

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?



(Left to Right) President Don Barnett, AC-B (Chief Judge and General Evaluator) Congratulates Brian Davidson. AC-S/CL for winning the Club Level Evaluation Contest

I have a hard time deciphering the fine line between boredom and hunger

What would happen if I hired two private investigators to follow each other?

Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.

I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.

Bad decisions make good stories.

Why is it that during an ice-breaker, when the whole room has to go around and say their name and where they are from, I get so incredibly nervous? Like I know my name, I know where I'm from, this shouldn't be a problem...

You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you've made up your mind that you just aren't doing anything productive for the rest of the day.

Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after DVD's? I don't want to have to restart my collection.

There's no worse feeling than that millisecond you're sure you are going to die after leaning your chair back a little too far.

I hate leaving my house confident and looking good and then not seeing anyone of importance the entire day. What a waste.

I wonder if police ever get irritated at the fact that everyone they drive behind obeys the speed limit

