

Northwest Words

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We meet each first, third, and fifth Tuesday, 6:30 PM - Mayberry's, 50 Miller Street, Winston-Salem, NC

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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 October 20, 2009

by **Christa Neuhauser, Secretary**



President Don Barnett opened the business session. The members were happy to see John Clark after several absences due to illness. Pam

Windley was welcomed to NWTM club as a new member.

Brian Davidson was Toastmaster-of-the-meeting, and discussed the relationship between the "New and Old". He concluded wisely that the New would not survive without the Old.

Barbara Schanker was the Wordmaster of the evening and introduced the word: "Veracity", which stands for truthfulness or accuracy. The word was pretty popular throughout the evening and was used several times.

Barbie Morgan was the Grammarian. Jeff Walker acted as Timer and Greg Jones was in charge of counting the votes.

Table Topics Master Don Barnett continued with the topic of "New and Old".

- Christa Neuhauser talked about "something new" when she recently learnt that living on an island has a slower pace of life.
- Greg Jones shared with us "something old," which was his passion for his vintage Harley-Davidson motorcycle.
- Ernst Bonaparte answered the question of "something old replaced by something new" with his recently acquired new Mac computer, which replaced his old PC.
- "Something new" for Barbie Morgan was recently learning to board-surf and the importance of keeping the wind at her back in order not to fall.

Prepared speeches for the evening included:

1. Florian Neuhauser, who recently joined the club, had his "Icebreaker". He gave some insight about his life and his future plans. Well prepared, he delivered a very good speech. He was awarded the #1 Ice Breaker Speech ribbon.
2. Brian Davidson delivered an informative and educational speech on the previously raised topic, "New and Old," which was well received by the members.
3. Joel Schanker gave his speech #6, titled "I Do Not Forgive," out of the Basic Manual. He exceeded the scheduled 7 minutes with this remarkable speech, which was well delivered and rhetorically impressive.

Butch Barney was the General Evaluator. He analyzed the meeting in detail and gave tips and suggestions. Marcia Barney evaluated the speech of Florian Neuhauser, while Christa Neuhauser evaluated Brian Davidson and Elaine Wiles evaluated Joel Schanker.

Award winners of the evening:

- § Barbie Morgan for Best Table Topic
- § Florian Neuhauser for Ice Breaker Speech
- § Brian Davidson for Best Speaker
- § Marcia Barney for Best Evaluator

Zoltan Rab amused the audience as Joke Master. The president thanked the members for a productive evening and adjourned the meeting.

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Panicked passenger in the Titanic: Captain, How far is it to the nearest land?

Captain: Two and a half Miles.

Passenger: In which direction?

Captain: Straight Down!

How We Become Better Speakers

by Marcia Barney, DTM



By repeating an action one makes the action more permanent, not more perfect. That is why good evaluations are so important to the continued speaking improvement of our members. We recently had a special fifth

Tuesday training session covering effective evaluations. Some of the keys to good evaluations covered:

- Preserving the self-esteem of the speaker through sincere compliments.
• Offering the speaker specific suggestions for cited "needs improvements."
• Recognizing the progress of the speaker.
• Understanding the difference between judging and evaluating.
• Starting positive and ending positive.

We were admonished not to:

- Spend those precious 2 minutes of evaluation time talking about ourselves.
• Using humor at the expense of the speaker.
• Nagging the speaker by excessive repetition of our points.

Our evaluators usually offer both sincere compliments and some suggestions for improvement. However, as evaluators we, too, need feedback if we wish to become better at this very important responsibility. The Toastmaster who should give that feedback is the General Evaluator. When you serve as General Evaluator be sure you cover the most important part of your job - evaluating the individual evaluators.

We can affect the effectiveness of our evaluations at each of our meetings by thoughtfully voting for best evaluator. When you vote for best evaluator ask not which evaluator was the most entertaining. Ask which evaluator most likely helped their speaker become a better speaker - walk a mile in the speaker's shoes if you like.

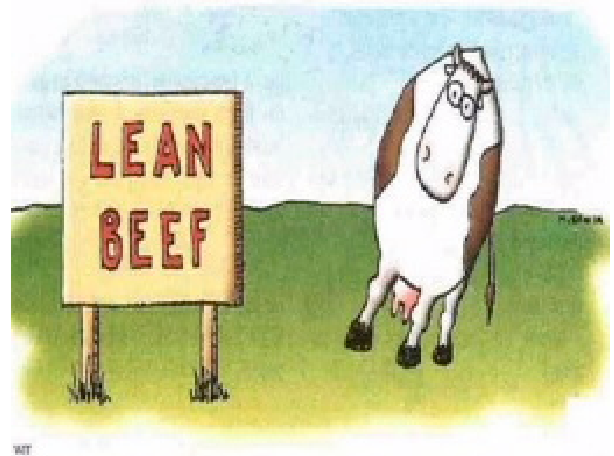
It's up to each of us as evaluator, voter, general evaluator, and speaker to insure that each of us continues to improve our speaking ability. We could also become better listeners and thinkers in the process!

Ponderisms

When people run around and around in circles, we say they are crazy. When planets do it, we say they are orbiting.

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?



A man has to leave the country on business and he entrusts with his best friend the job of keeping an eye on his wife.

He instructed if anything out of the ordinary should occur, he was to be notified immediately.

After about a week of no news the businessman received a telegram: 'The man who comes to visit your wife every night didn't show up yesterday.'

A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs, jolted by every pebble in the road.

-- Henry Ward Beecher

When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, 'It's all right?' Well, it isn't all right, so why don't we say, 'That really hurt, why don't you watch where you're going?'

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

At church they have a weekly husband's marriage seminar. At the session last week, the preacher asked Luigi, who was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Luigi replied to the assembled husbands, "Well, I've a-tried to treat-a her nice, spend the money on her, but best of all is that I took-a her to Italy for the 20th anniversary!"

The preacher responded, "Luigi, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary."

Luigi proudly replied, "I'm a-gonna go and get her."

~~ Meeting Schedule ~~

Please Note: The Vice President of Education is continually adjusting the schedule to meet the requirements of the members. So, if you need to see the current schedule, contact our VP of ED (see the top of the newsletter for contact information.)

| Member                 | 11 / 03 / 2009    | 11 / 17 / 2009    | 12 / 01 / 2009    | 12 / 15 / 2009 |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Don Barnett, AC-B      | Toastmaster       |                   | Speaker           |                |
| Butch Barney, DTM      | Evaluator         | Grammarian        | General Evaluator |                |
| Marcia Barney, DTM     | General Evaluator |                   | Evaluator         |                |
| Ernst Bonaparte        |                   | Speaker           |                   |                |
| Pam Christopher, DTM   | Evaluator         | Toastmaster       |                   |                |
| John Clark, DTM        |                   |                   | Evaluator         |                |
| Brian Davidson AC-S/CL | Speaker           | Evaluator         |                   |                |
| Maurice Derbez         |                   | Vote Counter      | Joke Master       |                |
| Andy Everhart          | Word Master       | Timer             | Vote Counter      |                |
| Ann Everhart           |                   | Word Master       |                   |                |
| Craig Humphrey         |                   |                   |                   |                |
| Greg Jones             | Timer             |                   | Speaker           |                |
| Lance Kull, DTM        | Evaluator         | General Evaluator | Evaluator         |                |
| Bob Lauwers            | Vote Counter      | Speaker           | Timer             |                |
| Linda Minney           |                   | Speaker           | Word Master       |                |
| Barbie Morgan, CC      |                   | Speaker           | Toastmaster       |                |
| Christa Neuhauser      | Speaker           | Table Topics      | Evaluator         |                |
| Florian Neuhauser      |                   |                   |                   |                |
| Mark Perew, DTM        | Table Topics      |                   |                   |                |
| Zoltan Rab             | Speaker           | Evaluator         | Table Topics      |                |
| Madan Rangabasyam      |                   |                   |                   |                |
| Barbara Schanker, AC-S | Evaluator         |                   | Speaker           |                |
| Joel Schanker, DTM     | Grammarian        |                   | Evaluator         |                |
| Craig Thrift, CC/CL    |                   | Evaluator         |                   |                |
| Jeff Walker, CC        |                   | Joke Master       | Grammarian        |                |
| Elaine Wiles, CC-G     | Joke Master       | Evaluator         | Speaker           |                |
| Pam Windley            | Speaker           |                   |                   |                |

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

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