

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 - January 19, 2009

by **Christa Neuhauser** Secretary



President Don Barnett opened the business session. Barbie Morgan announced that the club is ahead of its set goals for memberships. Craig Thrift made the motion to host the area contest. The motion was accepted. The spring contest will now be hosted by NWTM.

Toastmaster-of-the-meeting, Elaine Wiles, chose the theme "*Keep your eyes on the goal*" for this evening. The Grammarian was Butch Barney, Jeff Walker, the Timer and the Vote Counter was Craig Thrift. Wordmaster of the evening, Greg Jones, introduced the word: "*sequester*," which stands for: *to set apart, isolate, seclude*. The word was popular and used throughout the meeting.

Table Topics Master Joel Schanker introduced an interesting topic, centered around *dreams and their interpretations*. He reminded members that the goal is to speak for 2 minutes.

§ Pam Windley talked about her *dream collage*, and how her dreams have changed over time.

§ Greg Jones:- not to be deprived of interesting detours

§ Butch Barney answered the question: What's fuels your journey? He narrowed it down to "doing something that needs to be done".

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Four speeches were on tonight's schedule:

- Elizabeth McKinney gave a speech entitled "*Cold Feet*", in which she spoke about insulating her house to make it more cost efficient. In an entertaining way, she described how she researched the different options and how she finally did the work. She is very content with her improvement, which was also a tax-deductible investment, and now has warmer feet.

- Ernst Bonaparte gave speech #2 from the Basic Manual. He discussed "*The Power of Communications*". The speech was well prepared and informative, and presented in a confident manner. He emphasized the importance of communicating not only in the business world, but also in personal relationships. Miscommunication can result in misunderstandings and problems, which can be avoided by talking and discussion.

- Florian Neuhauser gave his speech #3 from the Basic Manual as well. He talked about "*Benefits of Attending a Trade Show*", from the perspective of the vendor and the consumer. Florian recently had the opportunity to get first hand experience and shared his impressions. As a marketing major, he has more detailed insight and knowledge than the average show attendee.

- Barbie Morgan reflected on "*The Earthquake in Haiti*". As a volunteer worker, she had the opportunity to travel to Haiti several times, and is well informed about the local situation. She shared her firsthand experience of this tragic catastrophe with the members. It was a well-delivered speech of an unbelievable disaster.

The General Evaluator was Pam Christopher: Craig Thrift announced the result of the votes. Winner of the best table topics award was Pam Windley, Barbie Morgan won the award for best speaker, and Marcia won the award for best evaluator.

The president thanked fellow Toastmasters and adjourned the meeting.

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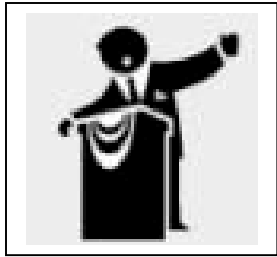
Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?

Bring your "A Game"

by Don Barnett, AC-B, President

When was the last time you challenged someone? A co-worker for 18 holes of golf? A friend to a tennis match? The guys at the poker table? Or, perhaps as a parent, you were encouraging your son or daughter to do their best – at a sports activity, a music recital or simply on an exam at school. Whatever the occasion, you were issuing a challenge for the person to bring their "A game". To do



their best, applying all their skill.

What helps you do your best? Skills, motivation, attitude, a cheering section? My challenge to you: Bring your "A game."

The annual International Speech Contest and Table Topics Contest is in the near future. The Table topics Contest is important, but requires less preparation. Below is a little "How-To" for the International Speech.

Here's what you do (This is my opinion. Senior and charter members of the Club can add to the discussion):

- 1. Select a topic, explore 2-3 topics. Pick your best. What stirs your passion: A value, an ethic, a personal belief? Might it be the topic of eating healthy, staying physically fit, saving money, being a good parent/spouse? What is important to you?
2. Research a little. (enough to get started. You can research more later if needed.)
3. Make an outline. What are the main points? Identify the opening, the body and the closing. Any stories that help demonstrate the points?
4. Write a first draft? Let it rest for a day or two (not too much) Review the draft and improve. Read the speech aloud.
5. Examine the "10 Tips for Public Speaking" at the TI website: http://www.toastmasters.org/MainMenuCategories/FreeResources/NeedHelpGivingaSpeech/TipsTechniques/10TipsforPublicSpeaking.aspx.
6. Practice the speech. Practice again, practice, practice, practice. (OK, I got this from the TI website but everybody says you have to practice.)
7. Add what motivates you. Do you listen to music i.e. the Theme from Rocky or Star Trek? Do you spend quiet time alone? Do you have cheers or chants to "pump" you up?
8. Give your speech at our contest meeting. Bring your "A Game"

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As you prepare, encourage yourself: you will become a better speaker, you will inform and inspire the audience, you will have fun. Northwestern Toastmasters members will be supportive, informative and will cheer all of your efforts.

Northwestern Toastmasters is in the process of scheduling the Club Speech Contest in April. Now is the time to begin step 1 above. Decide to enter the Contest. Your Club supports and cheers you. Prepare the speech. You have time. Give your speech at the Contest. And, "Bring your "A Game!!!"

Meeting Roles Supplement

With each issue, we are including a definition of the various roles in a Toastmasters meeting. Feel free to print this role and keep it with your Toastmasters Notes. Because all roles are important, these roles are presented in alphabetical order. This issue contains the role of the General Evaluator. Other roles described are:

- ü Evaluator
=> General Evaluator
v Grammarian
v Joke Master
v Speaker
v Table Topics Master
v Timer
v Toastmaster of the Meeting
v Vote Counter
v Word Master

These are also available on our award winning web site - www.NWTM.org or, if you like, talk to our Vice President of Public Relations, and ask for an embossed and personally autographed copy.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

The roundest knight at King Arthur 's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would

~~ 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    |                  | 02 / 02 / 2010    | 02 / 16 / 2010    | 03 / 02 / 2010    | 03 / 16 / 2010 |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Don       | Barnett, AC-B    | General Evaluator | Grammarian        |                   |                |
| Butch     | Barney, DTM      |                   | Evaluator         |                   |                |
| Marcia    | Barney, DTM      | Evaluator         |                   | Toastmaster       |                |
| Ernst     | Bonaparte        | Vote Counter      |                   | Joke Master       |                |
| Pam       | Christopher, DTM |                   | Evaluator         |                   |                |
| John      | Clark, DTM       |                   |                   |                   |                |
| Brian     | Davidson AC-S/CL | Table Topics      | Evaluator         |                   |                |
| Maurice   | Derbez           |                   | Speaker           | Word Master       |                |
| Andy      | Everhart         |                   |                   |                   |                |
| Ann       | Everhart         |                   |                   |                   |                |
| Craig     | Humphrey         |                   |                   |                   |                |
| Greg      | Jones            | Speaker           | Vote Counter      |                   |                |
| Lance     | Kull, DTM        | Grammarian        |                   | Evaluator         |                |
| Bob       | Lauwers          |                   |                   |                   |                |
| Elizabeth | McKinney         |                   | Timer             |                   |                |
| Linda     | Minney           | Speaker           | Word Master       | Timer             |                |
| Barbie    | Morgan, CC       | Evaluator         | Table Topics      | General Evaluator |                |
| Christa   | Neuhauser        |                   | Speaker           | Vote Counter      |                |
| Florian   | Neuhauser        | Word Master       | Speaker           | Speaker           |                |
| Mark      | Perew, DTM       | Speaker           | Joke Master       | Grammarian        |                |
| Zoltan    | Rab              | Toastmaster       |                   | Speaker           |                |
| Madan     | Rangabasyam      |                   |                   |                   |                |
| Barbara   | Schanker, AC-S   |                   | Toastmaster       | Evaluator         |                |
| Joel      | Schanker, DTM    |                   | Evaluator         | Evaluator         |                |
| Craig     | Thrift, CC/CL    | Evaluator         |                   | Table Topics      |                |
| Jeff      | Walker, CC       | Evaluator         | General Evaluator |                   |                |
| Elaine    | Wiles. CC-G      |                   | Speaker           | Evaluator         |                |
| Pam       | Windley          | Joke Master       |                   | Speaker           |                |

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

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## When you are the General Evaluator - - -

The General Evaluator conducts the entire Evaluation Session. The Toastmaster-of-the-Meeting will relinquish control of the lectern to the General Evaluator for that portion of the meeting. The General Evaluator should have communicated with each member of the evaluation team to insure that each evaluator knows the speaker that they will be evaluating. Other members of the evaluation team include the Grammarian, the TimeKeeper and the Vote Counter. At the meeting, the General Evaluator is responsible for evaluating the entire meeting. The General Evaluator should evaluate:

- q The room arrangement
- q The greeting of guests and members
- q Promptness of meeting opening
- q Conduct of the business session
- q The Toastmaster-of-the-Meeting's performance
- q The Table Topics Master and the Topics Speakers' performance
- q The Grammarian's performance
- q The Evaluators' performance (after their evaluations, of course)
- q The Timing and Vote Counting procedures when needed

When neither accolades or suggestions for improvement are needed, the General Evaluator should not feel compelled to verbalize unnecessarily. While no time is specified for the General Evaluator, time is precious to everyone at the meeting so use it wisely! The General Evaluator should NOT (except in the case of the very grossest oversight) evaluate the individual speakers. This is the job of the individual speech evaluators.

The General Evaluator evaluates the meeting in chronological order. When the General Evaluator reaches the prepared speech portion of the program, the individual speech evaluators are called on to evaluate the prepared speeches. The General Evaluator then asks the audience to pass their ballots for Best Evaluation to the Vote Counter.

Next the General Evaluator evaluates the individual evaluators. This is one of the more important duties of the General Evaluator. Just as we strive to become better speakers, we also strive to become better evaluators. This evaluation of the evaluators will help

The General Evaluator should then ask the Word Master for a report of how often the word of the evening was used during the meeting.

In conclusion, the Grammarians report is requested. When needed, the General Evaluator evaluates the Grammarian.

The General Evaluator retains control of the lectern during the entire Evaluation session. After the General Evaluator's final comments, control of the lectern is returned to the Toastmaster of the Meeting.

On the next page is a checklist for the activities of the General Evaluator.

If the Toastmaster of the Meeting failed to ask for votes for Table Topics, do so now.

If the Toastmaster of the Meeting failed to ask for timers report of Table Topics, do so now

If the Toastmaster of the Meeting failed to ask for the timers report on speakers, do so now.

If the Toastmaster of the Meeting failed to ask for votes for prepared speakers, do so now.

Evaluate the meeting from the start of the meeting until now. This can include:

- ü The room arrangement
- ü How well the guests and members were greeted
- ü Promptness of meeting opening
- ü Conduct of the Business Session
- ü The Toastmasters performance (if not a manual speech with evaluation)
- ü The performance of Tables Topics Master and Table Topics speakers

Call on each speech evaluator (in the order of the speeches that they are evaluating)

Call for vote for best evaluation

Call for Timers report on evaluators

Evaluate the evaluators by giving each 1 or 2 tips on how to become better evaluators

Call for Word Masters report

Call for Grammarians report

If necessary, evaluate the Grammarian

Return control to the Toastmaster of the Meeting