

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 - February 2, 2010

by **Christa Neuhauser** **Secretary**



President Don Barnett opened the business session. There was a discussion in the Committee Report about the upcoming *Improved Communication Seminar*, beginning March 6, for the duration of 8 weeks.

Nancy Wilson attended as a guest. After the meeting, she thanked everyone for the warm welcome, stating that she enjoyed the meeting, the tight structuring, and was impressed by the professionalism.

Zoltan Rab, Toastmaster-of-the-meeting, chose the theme "*Dangerous Words, Dangerous Expressions*" for the evening. He talked about avoiding quantifying words such as: *always, never, all and so on*, and suggested better ways to express yourself.

Wordmaster of the evening, Florian Neuhauser, introduced the word: "*salubrious*," which stands for *healthy, respectful, decent*. The word was popular and used several times throughout the meeting.

Lance Kull was the Grammarian, Elaine Wiles the Timer and Ernst Bornaparte the Vote Counter. As there was a guest present, they all took the opportunity to recap the tasks of each role during the meeting.

Table Topics Master Brain Davidson explained his role and got right to the topics after a short introduction. Craig Thrift spoke about his opinion on bad language in the mass media. He believes in the importance and necessity of enforcing proper English on TV, as the media has a big influence on young children. Florian responded to the question on whether foul words should be censored and bleeped out. He believes that kids use words they hear on TV and radio and assimilate those as part of their vocabulary. Christa Neuhauser talked about dangerous expressions that caused trouble in her past. Ernst Bornaparte shared some new word

creations that young people have grown accustomed to through TV shows and hip-hop music.

There were two prepared speeches:

- Greg Jones gave his 2nd speech from the Competent Communication Manual, and he discussed his favorite Christmas gift this year, *the Kindle*: a wireless, electronic device, the size of a notebook, which has the capacity to store over 35,000 books that can be downloaded from the internet. You either can read the text or have it read to you electronically. Greg likes his new toy, but is convinced that it will not replace the traditional book as we know it.
- Mark Perew gave speech number 2 out of the Interpretive Reading Manual. He recited five sonnets. Mark comments that poetry is about one thing: how words play with and against each other. It was a very well delivered presentation and reading, which entertained not only the guest, but also the members at the meeting.

General Evaluator, Don Barnett, analyzed the different parts of the meeting and the individual performances, and was content with the overall efforts being made toward a successful meeting. Lance Kull's grammarian report was detailed and gave good examples of where members could better focus their attention.

The proud award winners of the evening were:

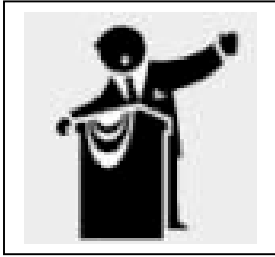
Best Table Topic --- Ernst Bonaparte
Best Speaker----- Mark Perew
Best Evaluator ----- Craig Thrift

The evening was ended with a joke presented by Florian Neuhauser. The president thanked fellow Toastmasters and adjourned the meeting.

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Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

## As you Teach, So Shall You Learn

by Joel Schanker, DTM



By this time you have already read that the Improved Communications Seminar of 2010 will start in March. Do not miss this opportunity to be involved at a different level of the

Toastmaster experience. The eight sessions organized and led by Marcia Barney offer three remarkable opportunities to members of Northwestern Toastmasters

1. **Helping Others** - Our participation in these sessions will add to the experience of the new participants. We can relate our own experiences, provide solid evaluations, and most importantly be a real example of the Toastmaster effect. In addition, we can work with the new participants in exercises, which help develop their skills and confidence.

2. **Helping Ourselves** - I realize that there are many among us who now know and remember all that there is to be known about public speaking. For the rest, this is an opportunity to refresh those skills and acquire the knowledge we missed the first time around. Think about the last time you toured your city with a visitor and how you saw things that you didn't notice before. It always seems that telling someone else gives you a fresh perspective.

3. **Helping The Club** - The Improved Communications Seminar can be a major recruiting tool for Northwestern Toastmasters. Attendees to the sessions can join the club with the same fees that they paid for the seminar. In addition, they get to see us in action and develop a relationship that naturally grows into club participation.

We all know people who can benefit from improving the skills offered in the seminar. There are bulletin boards at work or church that are crying to be filled with notices that deliver the value that ours will. There are ears waiting to hear your telling of the benefits of our seminar in staff meetings, over lunch, and during break. There are managers desperate for recommendations that will assist their fledgling supervisors and staff in presenting that profession image. How many times do we get to participate in such a "win, win" situation? The participants get a wealth of communication skill for less than four dollars a session while Northwestern Toastmasters gets a chance to add new motivated club members.

## 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 Grammarian. Other roles described are:

- Ü Evaluator
- Ü General Evaluator
- ⇒ Grammarian
- ✓ Joke Master
- ✓ Speaker
- ✓ Table Topics Master
- ✓ Timer
- ✓ Toastmaster of the Meeting
- ✓ Vote Counter
- ✓ Word Master

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

## Ideas for Word Master?

**Arbitrator** \ar'-bi-tray-ter\ : A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.

**Avoidable** \uh-voy'-duh-buhl\ : What a bullfighter tries to do.

**Baloney** \buh-lo'-nee\ : Where some hemlines fall

**Bernadette** \burn'-a-det\ : The act of torching a mortgage

**Burglarize** \bur'-gler-ize\ : What a crook sees with

**Control** \kon-trol\ : A short, ugly inmate

**Counterfeiters** \kown-ter-fit-ers \ : Workers who put together kitchen cabinets

**Eclipse** \i-klips\ : what an English barber does for a living

**Eyedropper** \i'-drop-ur\ : a clumsy ophthalmologist

**Heroes** \hee'-rhos\ : what a guy in a boat does

**Left Bank** \left' bangk\ : what the robber did when his bag was full of loot

**Misty** \mis'-tee\ : How golfers create divots

**Paradox** \par'-u-doks\ : two physicians

**Parasites** \par'-uh-sites\ : what you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower.

**Pharmacist** \farm'-uh-sist\ : a helper on the farm

**Polarize** \po'-lur-ize\ : what penguins see with

**Primate** \pri'-mat\ : removing your spouse from in front of the TV

**Relief** \ree-leef\ : what trees do in the spring

**Rubberneck** \rub'-er-nek\ : what you do to relax your wife

**Seamstress** \seem'-stres\ : describes 250 pounds in a size six

**Selfish** \sel'-fish\ : what the owner of a seafood store does

**Subdued** \sub-dood\ : like, a guy, like, works on one of those, like, submarines, man

**Sudafed** \sood'-a-fed\ : bringing litigation against a government official

~~ 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 / 16 / 2010    | 03 / 02 / 2010    | 03 / 07 / 2010                                                                                                                                                           | 03 / 16 / 2010 |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Don Barnett, AC-B      | Grammarian        |                   | This is the second session of the improved Communications Seminar.<br><br>Principal of the Seminar, Marcia Barney, will have details available at the March 2nd Meeting. | Evaluator      |
| Butch Barney, DTM      | Evaluator         | Speaker           |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| Marcia Barney, DTM     | Table Topics      | Toastmaster       |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| Ernst Bonaparte        |                   | Joke Master       |                                                                                                                                                                          | Speaker        |
| Pam Christopher, DTM   | Evaluator         |                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| John Clark, DTM        |                   |                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| Brian Davidson AC-S/CL | Evaluator         |                   |                                                                                                                                                                          | Speaker        |
| Maurice Derbez         | Speaker           | Word Master       |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| Andy Everhart          |                   |                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| Ann Everhart           |                   |                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| Craig Humphrey         |                   |                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| Greg Jones             | Vote Counter      | Timer             |                                                                                                                                                                          | Speaker        |
| Lance Kull, DTM        |                   | Evaluator         |                                                                                                                                                                          | Evaluator      |
| Bob Lauwers            |                   |                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| Elizabeth McKinney     | Timer             |                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| Linda Minney           |                   |                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| Barbie Morgan, CC      |                   | General Evaluator |                                                                                                                                                                          | Speaker        |
| Christa Neuhauser      | Speaker           | Vote Counter      |                                                                                                                                                                          | Joke Master    |
| Florian Neuhauser      | Speaker           | Speaker           |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| Mark Perew, DTM        | Joke Master       | Grammarian        |                                                                                                                                                                          | Evaluator      |
| Zoltan Rab             |                   | Speaker           |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| Madan Rangabasyam      |                   |                   |                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| Barbara Schanker, AC-S | Toastmaster       | Evaluator         | Table Topics                                                                                                                                                             |                |
| Joel Schanker, DTM     | Evaluator         | Evaluator         | Evaluator                                                                                                                                                                |                |
| Craig Thrift, CC/CL    |                   | Table Topics      | General Evaluator                                                                                                                                                        |                |
| Jeff Walker, CC        | General Evaluator |                   | Grammarian                                                                                                                                                               |                |
| Elaine Wiles, CC-G     | Speaker           | Evaluator         | Toastmaster                                                                                                                                                              |                |
| Pam Windley            | Word Master       | Speaker           | Vote Counter                                                                                                                                                             |                |
| Nancy Wilson           | Speaker           |                   | Word Master                                                                                                                                                              |                |

**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 Grammarian - - -

The Grammarian should listen attentively throughout the meeting and should note:

- Filler words (like "uh", "an", "ah" or combinations thereof)
- Pet words or phrases ("okay", "and then", "as you know", "for example")
- Mispronunciations, incorrect use of words
- Verbs and nouns whose tense do not agree
- Repetitive and redundant words, e.g. "refer back to"
- Exceptionally good word selection and pronunciation

The Grammarian does not need to hunt for mistakes, only note those which are distracting to an attentive listener.

The General Evaluator will ask for the Grammarian's report. The report should be given from a standing position near the Grammarian's seat. The report should not exceed 2 minutes.

The grammarian has a great deal of leeway in assigning fines. Normally, the fine is five cents per error, with a maximum of twenty-five cents. **Just remember, the primary purpose of these fines is to help members improve their speaking habits, not to make the Treasurer happy.**