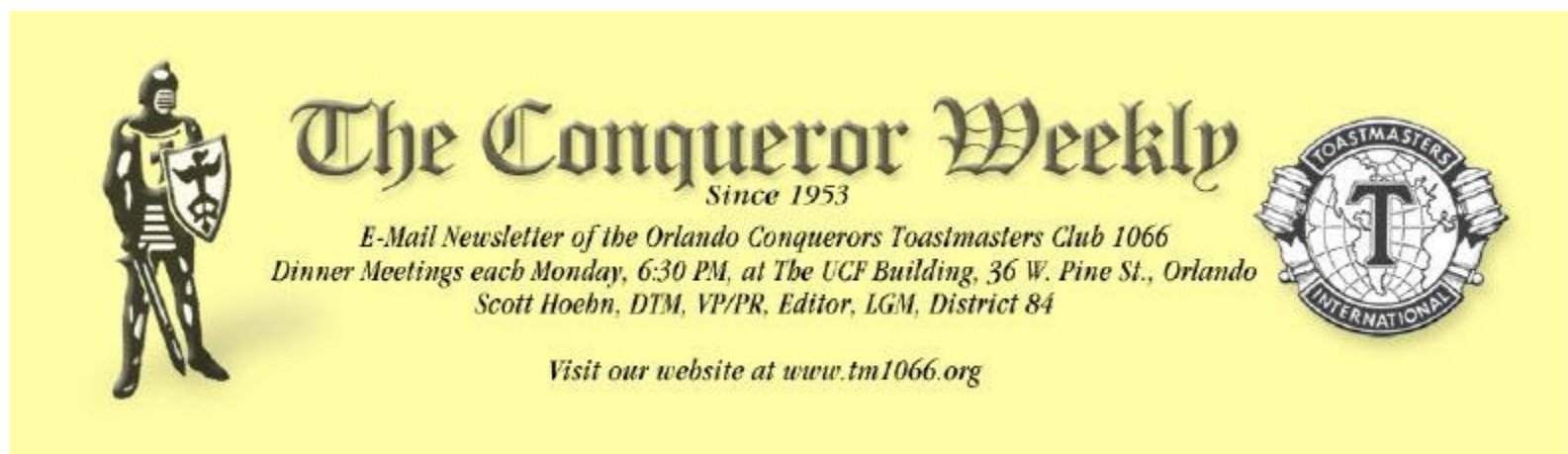


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January 5, 2009

Karl Richter, DTM, Editor

We're back!

Weekly meetings resume after two-week holiday break

OK, some of us were back! 13 members and one guest participated in a bizarre meeting featuring an unusually warm room, last-minute substitutions, the return of **Barbara Bergstrom, DTM**, a special election, and multiple roles for several members who stepped up in classic Conquerors fashion.

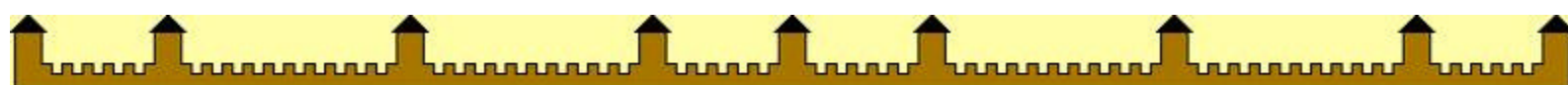
The meeting also marked the debut of our new Board of Directors for the Spring term, including new member **Nancy Humberson**, who accepted the nomination and election as Club Treasurer for the Conquerors, an office that was not filled during last month's semi-annual elections. Nancy is a Senior Mutual Fund Accountant for Bank of New York Mellon (BNY Mellon). We appreciate her "Courage to Conquer" this new position!



Meeting recap – January 5, 2009

Best Speaker: Alicia Cook
Best Evaluator: Barbara Bergstrom, DTM
Best Table Topic: Rick Hudnett
Most Improved: Sheldon Kagel
Bullseye: Alicia Cook
Fireball Award: Everyone who stepped up

Attendance: 14
Guests: 1



Calendar of Events

- January 17 – **Club Officer Make-Up Training** – Chase Building, 550 Colonial Center Parkway, Suite 470, Lake Mary, Registration: 8:30 AM, Training: 9:00 AM
- January 19 – No weekly meeting – holiday
(Board Meeting at home of President **Mitesh Smart**)
- February – club-level **International Speech and Table Topics contests** begin – start working on your contest speeches now
- May 1 - 3 – **District 47 Spring Conference** - Tampa
- May 15 - 17 – **District 84 Spring Conference** - Orlando area



"Notable Quotes" – December 15, 2008

"Thank you for the **warm** welcome" – John Todero's reference to the lack of air-conditioning during the meeting

"You do all **that**?" – Bruce Gould, DTM, after reading all of Sheldon Kagel's job title during his introduction

"Have faith...there are brighter days ahead" – Rick Hudnett's encouraging words during his table topic regarding the current economic situation

"January of this month" – Mitesh Smart, referencing an upcoming event without realizing... what **other** month would January be in???

"You can't cheat at life no matter how much it stinks" – Scott Hoehn, DTM's words while presenting his speech "Wingman"

"I don't think I drank enough wine during 2008" – Barbara Bergstrom, DTM reflecting on her one regret of 2008



Top ten rejected subjects for weekly Educational moments:

- 10) How to speak sincerely without really meaning it
- 9) Speaking outside the club – giving your fellow members a break
- 8) Using an air horn as Uh Counter to eliminate those nasty "uhs"
- 7) Five new creative ways to skirt the dress code for men
- 6) Invocations for the Toastmaster who doesn't have a prayer
- 5) 100 new impossible-to-use words of the day
- 4) Six common lectern death grips and how to release them
- 3) Four neat tricks you can play on the speaker as Timer
- 2) The Cattle Prod – The Sergeant-at-Arm's little used tool for restoring order
- 1) New uses for the gavel you never imagined were possible