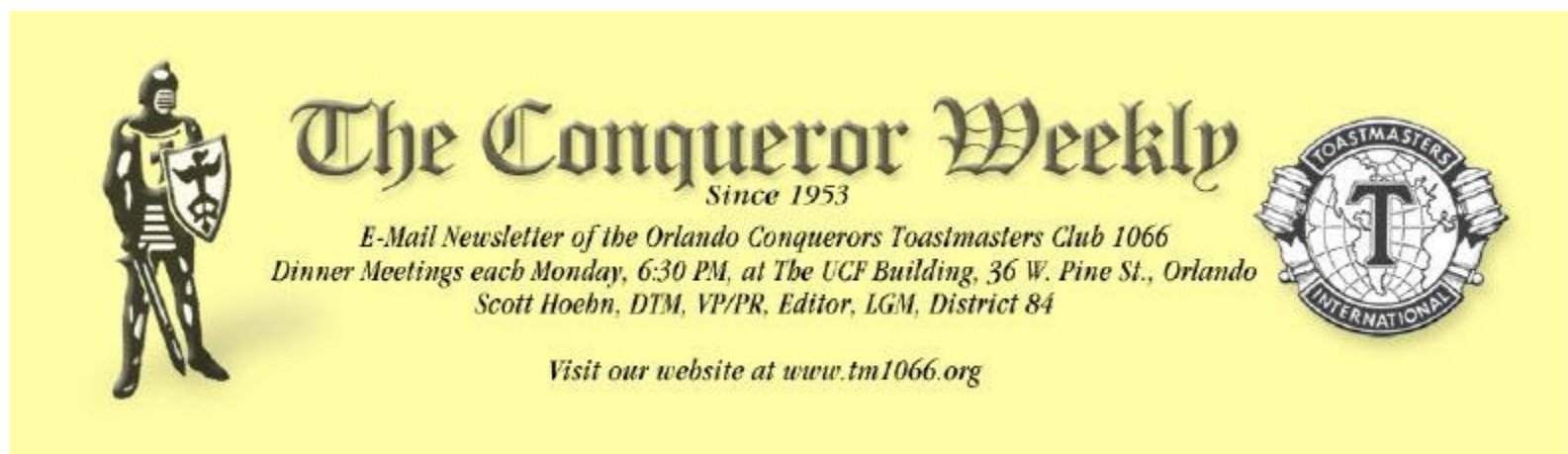


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January 12, 2009

Karl Richter, DTM, Editor

Three Icebreakers Monday, all terrific! Attendance rebounds after slow 2009 kick-off last week

It's been a while since we had three Icebreakers during the same meeting, and it was definitely worth the wait! **Gino D'Arco**, **Mike Tuazon** (our newly elected Educational Vice President), and new member **Joe Dwyer** all gave entertaining Icebreakers Monday night. The proceedings may have also showcased a future prospect for the Annual Humorous Speech Contest as Gino D'Arco captured the evening's Fun & Pun Award for his hilarious speech (see *Notable Quotes* below for some of his zingers).

Attendance at both the meeting and The Last Word was up dramatically from the previous week. Conquerors is again on a roll. Jump on board if you're still '0 for 09.'

No meeting next week

The UCF Building will be closed for Martin Luther King Day January 19th. However, your Board of Directors will be having a planning retreat that evening to map out the rest of our Spring term. Stay tuned for some exciting announcements, and we'll see you on the 26th!

Club officer make-up training this Saturday

Those new officers who were unable to attend the recent officer training session can still get the training essential for the success of their respective terms, and earn 1066 credits toward President's Distinguished Club status. See calendar below for details.



Meeting recap – January 12, 2009

Best Speaker: Mike Tuazon
Best Evaluator: Troy Sands
Best Table Topic: Chris Rinaldi
Most Improved: John Todero
Bullseye: Mike Tuazon
Fireball Award: Alicia Cook
Fun & Pun: Gino D'Arco
50/50: Bruce Gould, DTM

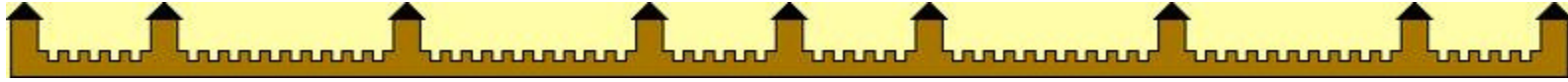
Attendance: 19
Guests: 3
Last Word: 9



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 9 – **30th Annual Beach Party** – 1066 & Winter Park Toastmasters - at Karl Richter's home on Lake Orienta
- May 15 - 17 – **District 84 Spring Conference** - Orlando area



"Notable Quotes" – January 12, 2009

"We give our kids Apple juice in beer mugs!" - **Mitesh Smart** during Table Topics, explaining how Super Bowl parties are a family event at his house.

"Wardrobe malfunctions!" - **Brad Nemcik**, during Table Topics, explaining what he likes about Super Bowl telecasts.

Quotes from Gino D'Arco's hilarious Icebreaker 1/12:

"I've had these ears since birth, but I'm just now growing into them."

"I did some crazy things when I was young...but they were fun!"

"When my medication's label would warn 'do not take with alcohol,' I knew that would be a good time!"

"My timing has always been bad. Right after I bought a Prius, gas prices went down!"

"My personality tests suggested that communication was one of my strengths. However, I am divorced."

"I would love to have a time delay here at Toastmasters so I could edit out my Uhs." - **Paula Hickman, CTM**, during Table Topics, adding a postscript to the question about the value of the seven-second time delay during Super Bowl telecasts that resulted after the famous wardrobe malfunction incident.

"Walrus! Walrus!" - **Mike Tuazon** during his Icebreaker, describing his panic, and confusion, when sighting a manatee offshore at the beach years ago.

"Good luck!" - **Karl Richter, DTM**, during his evaluation of Rick Hudnett's speech, referencing Rick's two-word closing salutation that reminded Karl of a sign posted at the entrance to his Hair Salon.

"Dust!" - **Scott Hoehn, DTM**, repeating his answer to **Nancy Humberson's** question 'what's that smell?' after she recently turned on the stove and smelled something burning.

"The word-of-the-day sign looks a little hapless." - **Nancy Humberson**, noting the off-angled hanging of the word sign ('hapless') on the lectern.

"I'm a club hopper!" - visiting Toastmaster **Kia Richey**, during guest comments, characterizing her **Hoehn**-inspired pursuit of the Ambassador designation.

"Tonight, this award is a 'Bulls-eye-o-u!" - president **Mitesh Smart**, after handing a hastily scribbled note in lieu of the usual Bullseye ribbon to winner **Mike Tuazon**.

"Thank you!" - Master Evaluator **Scott Hoehn, DTM**, responding to **Mitesh Smart's** plea for a volunteer to serve as the next meeting's Master Evaluator, and Mitesh's suggestion that 'any idiot can do this!'



Toastmasters Chatter

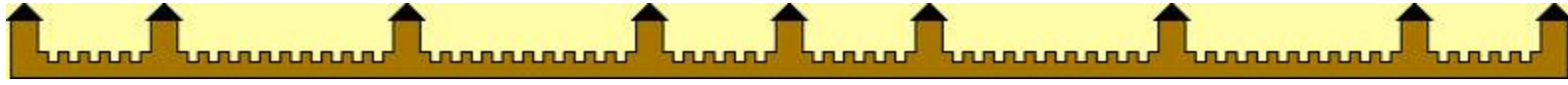
- **1066 in rare company** – Lt. Governor of Marketing **Scott Hoehn, DTM** announced that Conquerors is one of only two clubs in District 84 to meet the requirements in the 8/4 Contest (eight new members in four weeks)!

- **Exit strategy** – apparently the job of president of 1066 is a killer, as the last six presidents to serve are no longer active, although **Brad Satill** assured us during his farewell speech in December that he would break this streak and continue to attend regularly. Hurry back, Brad!

- **1066 legend visits** – **Dr. Tom Hynoski**, a Past President of Conquerors and a Past Area Governor, paid a surprise visit to our meeting Monday Night. Tom served as president in 1981. Welcome back, Tom!

- **We give you our word** – future Grammarians, note that the word-of-the-day is now printed on the monthly schedule and sign-up sheet so speakers and program participants have more advance notice to include the word in their remarks.

- **Uh, thank you very much** – New member **Joe Dwyer** was thankful that Icebreakers are off limits for ringing glasses after setting a modern-day record with 45 Uhs.



Top ten rejected words-of-the-day:

BLAMESTORMING: Sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.

SITCOMs: Single Income, Two Children, Oppressive Mortgage. What Yuppies get into when they have children and one of them stops working to stay home with the kids.

SWIPEOUT: A debit or credit card that has been rendered useless because its magnetic strip is worn away from extensive use.

IRRITAINMENT: Entertainment and media spectacles that are annoying but you find yourself unable to stop watching them (Paris Hilton and car wrecks for example).

ADMINISPHERE: The rarefied organizational layers beginning just above the rank and file. Decisions that fall from the adminisphere are often profoundly inappropriate or irrelevant to the problems they were designed to solve.

GENERICA: Features of the American landscape that are exactly the same no matter where one goes, such as fast food joints, strip malls, and subdivisions.

OHNOSECOND: That minuscule fraction of time in which you realize that you've just made a BIG mistake (like uttering an 'UH' while giving the Uh report).

WOOFs: Well-Off Older Folks. (ironically, it also means 'Wiped Out Of Financial Security')

PRAIRIE DOGGING: When someone yells or drops something loudly in a cube farm, and people's heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on.

STRESS PUPPY: A person who seems to thrive on being stressed out and whiny.