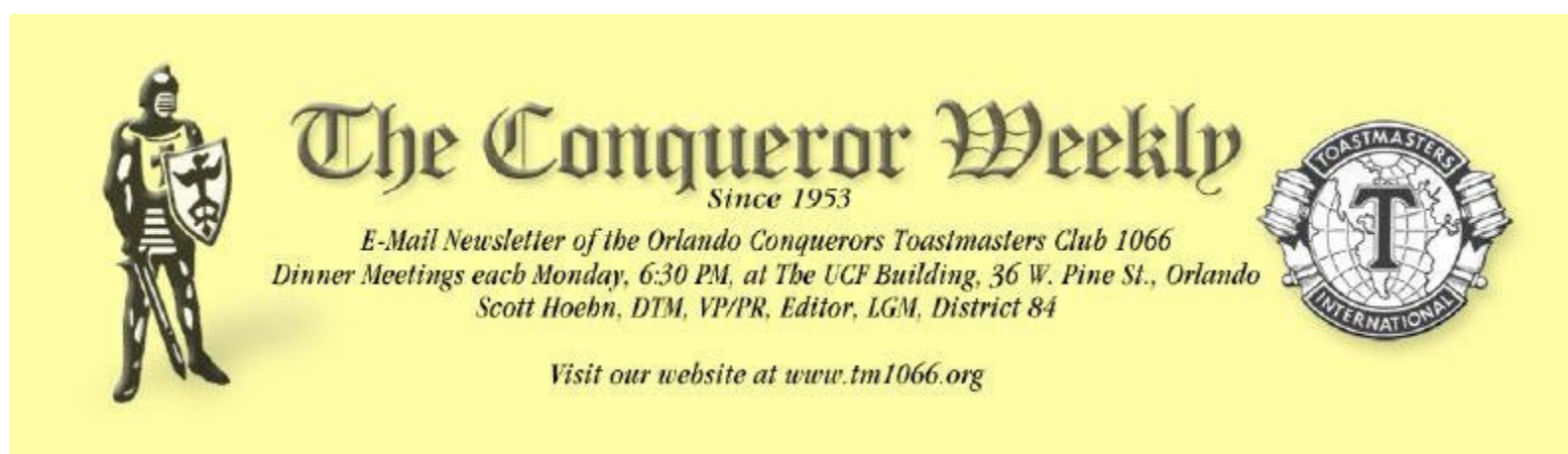


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January 26, 2009

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*The Crowne Plaza downtown is a possible future site of 1066 meetings & Last Word*

For the past six months we have been meeting at the UCF Building downtown, but not everyone has been enamored with the location, neighborhood, parking, meeting fee, or accessibility. Our new Board of Directors has been working to find a better venue, and this coming Monday, they invite you to check out one very attractive possibility during our next regular weekly meeting.

The Crowne Plaza, conveniently located at Colonial and I-4, has offered 1066 a free meeting room that can hold up to 35 people, free on-site parking, an attractively priced dinner menu, on-site storage of our equipment, no minimum meal guarantee, and a cocktail lounge for easy egress to The Last Word! It seems almost too good to be true!

### ***The return of the dinner club?***

For most of our 56 years, Orlando Conquerors has been a dinner club, thus enhancing the traditional Toastmasters meeting format with the camaraderie of a shared meal and fellowship. The Crowne Plaza may just be the perfect venue to bring us back to our traditions.

With no \$5.00 meeting fee or \$2.00 parking charge to pay, The Crowne Plaza would offer those who choose to eat the opportunity to order an inexpensive appetizer like Bruchetta, a large salad, or Angus Burger for about what we have been paying just to attend meetings at the UCF site!

And for those who used to order pizza at our meetings (a \$12 tab when you include the meeting fee and parking), you would be able to get for about the same price at the Crowne Plaza the Cedar Plank Salmon, Baked Chicken Penne Marinara, Chef's Sirloin Special, Steak Flatbread, or any of several other items!

### ***Monday's meeting starts at 6:30***

Our test meeting Monday night will start at 6:30 with a regular program. For those wishing to eat, please arrive a few minutes early to order your entrée. At 7:00, there will be a recess for dinner, or social time for those not eating. Then the program will re-convene at 7:30 and adjourn by 9:00 or earlier. This was the agenda for most of our history, and it works very well.

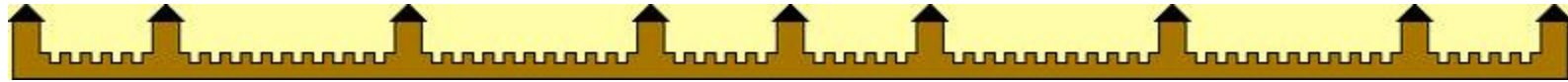
This is an important meeting as we consider charting a new course for our great club. Don't miss it.



## Meeting recap – January 26, 2009

**Best Speaker:** Nancy Humberson (Icebreaker)  
**Best Evaluator:** Leonardo Lippett  
**Best Table Topic:** Mitesh Smart  
**Most Improved:** Sheldon Kagel (10th speech!)  
**Fireball Award:** Luda Kuzmich  
**Fun & Pun:** Leonardo Lippett

**Attendance:** 25  
**Guests:** 10  
**Last Word:** 4



## Calendar of Events

- February 2 – **Test meeting at Crowne Plaza Hotel** – Colonial & I-4, 6:30 PM
- February 23 – club-level **International Speech and Table Topics contests**  
*Table Topics Contest* – all members eligible to compete  
*International Speech Contest* – for members who have given six or more speeches
- May 1 - 3 – **District 47 Spring Conference** – Tampa
- May 9 – **30th Annual Beach Party** – 1066 & Winter Park Toastmasters -  
at Karl Righter's home on Lake Orienta
- May 15 - 17 – **District 84 Spring Conference** - Orlando area



## "Notable Quotes" – January 26, 2009

"Toastmasters now offers computer software that times your practice speeches and applauds when you need to finish!" - **Scott Hoehn, DTM**, from his Educational talk

"How alike are we? Scott and I gave each other the exact same Christmas card this past December!" - **Nancy Humberson**, from her Icebreaker

"Communication & Leadership – two sides of the same Toastmasters coin. Heads you win, tails you win!" - **Karl Righter, DTM**, during Table Topics

"It wasn't profound, but I won, so that would qualify as my favorite Table Topics response." - **Leonardo Lippett** during Table Topics

"My first position with my family's business, Rinaldi Plumbing, was as a ditch digger, a position I held for a very long time." - **Chris Rinaldi**, from his Icebreaker, describing the rut he was in on the way to the top of his company

"The Eagle should always face forward!" - Protocol Guru **Barbara Bergstrom, DTM**, while adjusting the Eagle atop the flag during her evaluation, pointing out a faux pas that no Conqueror has ever referred to in 56 years. Who knew?

"We choose our joys, and our sorrows, long before we experience them. Choose wisely, Toastmasters!" - **Karl Righter's** invocation, paraphrasing Kahil Gibran, author of *The Prophet*



## Toastmasters Chatter

- **New Competent Communicator** – congratulations to **Sheldon Kagel**, who completed his 10th speech from the Basic manual and thus earned his CC designation!
- **A busload of guests** – 1066 had *ten* guests at Monday's meeting, many invited by **Rick Hudnett**. Several promised to return and join! The surplus of visitors helped fill the room for the first time in many weeks!
- **Senior moments** – New member and Treasurer **Nancy Humberson** suggested that our more tenured members should consider giving an updated Icebreaker from time to time for the enlightenment of our newer members.
- **Perfect attendance** – one sign of an enthusiastic, functioning Board of Directors in Toastmasters is when you get all seven officers at a Board Meeting, which happened January 19th at President **Mitesh Smart's** first such meeting.

- **Area Governor visit** – Area 32 Governor **Richard Arden** paid us a visit Monday night and gave an educational talk which was quite informative for the many guests that were present, not to mention for our newer members too.



**Ten more puns from Jordan Camenker's archives:**

*A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking*

*Shotgun wedding - a case of wife or death*

*Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?*

*When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I*

*In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes*

*A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion*

*If you don't pay your exorcist you get repossessed*

*The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered*

*A short fortuneteller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large*

*Acupuncture is a jab well done*