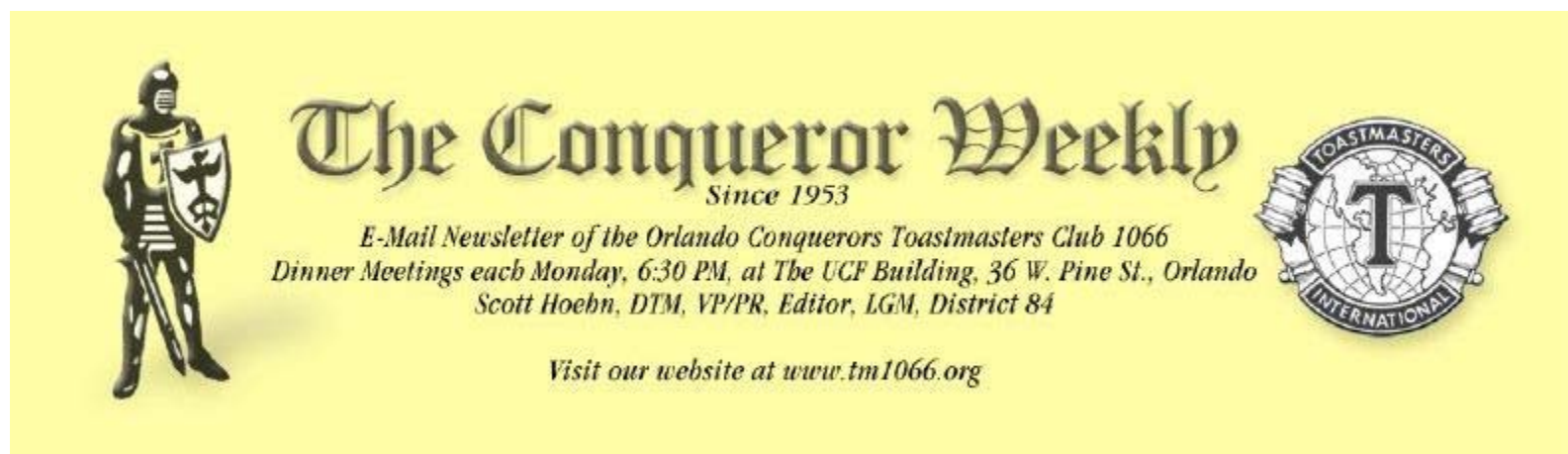


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February 2, 2009

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**Crowne Plaza  
test meeting  
a winner!**

**A full house, great  
food, free secure  
parking, & a lively  
Last Word mark a  
return to our roots!**

*Kieth Bryant delivers a compelling speech at our trial run of a possible new venue*

### **Board votes to continue meeting at the Crowne for now!**

What a difference a week makes! The Crowne Plaza Hotel, conveniently located at Colonial and I-4, was a welcome improvement Monday night over our spartan facilities at the UCF Building! With no meeting charge or parking fee to pay, 16 members out of the 18 in attendance ordered appetizers or entrees with the money they saved! And everyone raved about the food!

For most of our 56 years, Orlando Conquerors has been a dinner club. At the Crowne Monday night, the ambience of the quiet, nicely appointed meeting room, great food, excellent program, and a first class lounge for the Last Word led to a memorable evening that was reminiscent of our glory years at Lee's Lakeside. In fact, the reviews were so favorable that the officers voted to keep meeting at the Crowne Plaza while we continue our search for new facilities.



*Toastmaster & EVP Michael Tuazon presents Best Speaker ribbon to Alicia Cook.  
Visiting Toastmaster Bill Jenkins, DTM receives Fun & Pun award from Mitesh Smart.*

There were some great speeches by **Kieth Bryant**, **Brad Nemcik**, and **Alicia Cook**, plus thought-provoking Table Topics by **Nancy Humberson**. With a new Fun & Pun trophy on order, president **Mitesh Smart** retired the old one by presenting it to visiting 25-year Toastmaster **Bill Jenkins, DTM** who won Best Evaluator with his entertaining feedback of Alicia Cook's winning speech. Bill acknowledged that over the years he has given away most of his trophies to newer members as encouragement, but added that our trophy was a keeper that he would treasure. Looks like our new venue is a keeper too.

**Meeting programs now start at 6:30**

With the return of the dinner format, meetings will once again start at 6:30 with a regular program. For those wishing to eat, please arrive a few minutes early to order your entrée. When the meals arrive, there will be a recess for dinner, or social time for those not eating. This was the agenda for most of our history, and it worked very well Monday night. If you missed the meeting Monday, be sure to attend on the 9th.

We want your feedback before we make a final decision!



### **Meeting recap – February 2, 2009**

**Best Speaker:** Alicia Cook  
**Best Evaluator:** Bill Jenkins, DTM  
**Best Table Topic:** Scott Hoehn, DTM  
**Most Improved:** Alicia Cook  
**Fireball Award:** Bruce Gould, DTM  
**Bullseye:** Kieth Bryant  
**Fun & Pun:** Bill Jenkins, DTM

**Meals ordered:** 16  
**Attendance:** 21  
**Guests:** 3  
**Last Word:** 11



### **Calendar of Events**

- February 9 – **Meetings continue at Crowne Plaza Hotel** – Colonial & I-4, 6:30 PM
- February 15 – **Board Meeting** – Karl Richter’s home, 6:00 PM. Covered dish format.
- 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
- April 18 – **Division C Contests**
- 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" – February 2, 2009**

"That was for demonstration purposes only!" -**John Todero**, Uh Counter, explaining his 'uh' while explaining his role.

"Ignore!" - **Brad Satill**, choosing that option over "yes" after speaker **Brad Nemcik**, during an educational talk about Facebook and MySpace, posed the question "would you be my friend? – answer yes or ignore."

"I didn't want to walk around for two years with ice in my pants!" - **Kieth Bryant**, explaining his decision not to undergo cryosurgery for prostate cancer.

"I didn't know I had a prostate!" - **Mitesh Smart**, during his evaluation of Kieth Bryant's speech.

"You can get anything you want, if you help enough other people get what they want!" - **Alicia Cook**, quoting Zig Ziglar during her speech on selling.

"You have no idea how much I enjoy your meetings, and I've visited hundreds of clubs over the years. We have a good meeting location in Leesburg if you want to investigate that!" - visiting Toastmaster **Bill Jenkins, DTM**, during guest comments.

"DINNER IS SERVED! Once again, the Conquerors Club was able to enjoy complete restaurant service with a wide variety of delicious food which complemented the mind and soul-enriching speeches." - **Scott Hoehn, DTM**, adding his approval of the Crowne Plaza facility.

"The Space Shuttle never had a test flight, and it flew perfectly the first time. Our first flight at the Crowne Plaza was just as successful!" - Master Evaluator **Karl Richter, DTM**, during his meeting evaluation.



## **Toastmasters Chatter**

- **Welcome back!** – It's good to have **Brad Nemcik** back on a regular basis. As further proof that he's back, Brad offered to serve as Toastmaster at our forthcoming meeting.
- **New clubs** – Visiting Toastmaster **Bill Jenkins, DTM** is working with Past Area Governor **Brenda DeArmond, DTM** to start two new clubs in the Leesburg area. President **Mitesh Smart** offered to be a guest speaker at one of their next meetings.



### **Did you know?**

- **Always stand** when addressing the assembly – even when asking a question during Q & A. The person conducting Q & A should remind members who forget to stand. Standing helps you be seen, and to project better.
- **Table Topics Master** – first priority is to call on **members** not on the program, followed by the back table functionaries. Do not call on guests without their prior approval.
- **Schedule** - When you sign up for a speech, please volunteer to serve in a supporting role during the same month.
- **Red lights** – you stop for them (hopefully) when driving, please honor them at Toastmasters when you are speaking. Respecting the timing lights assures others will get to speak, and our 9:00 PM adjournment goal is achieved. It can also insure that you receive the awards you earn by not being disqualified.
- **Microphone** – if present, position the mike slightly below your chin so it doesn't obscure your face. If you do not project well, move closer.
- **Inviting guests** – Always advise guests of our dress code so they aren't embarrassed by their choice of attire.



### **Top ten zingers you can use at your next Celebrity Roast:**

- 1) Jim tried the Equestrian diet. After three months of riding every other day, the horse lost 100 pounds.
- 2) Jim is known for being low key. On his first date with his future wife Nancy, she slapped him. Not because he was fresh but because Nancy thought he was dead.
- 3) Some of Jim's problems started early in childhood. He had to wear hand-me-downs, as many of us did, but Jim had four older sisters.

- 4) Jim's best-seller, "I'm OK, You're Pathetic" is now in its 9th printing and is still loaded with typos.
- 5) It's the kind of book that once you put it down, you won't want to pick it up again.
- 6) My dentist doesn't use Novocaine to deaden pain. He plays tapes of Jim's motivational speeches.
- 7) Early in his career, Jim tried his hand at farming. He bought 5,000 chickens, but all of them died. He planted them too close together.
- 8) Jim's tight-fisted, frugal administration made District 47 what it is today...District 29.95.
- 9) To show our appreciation, here is a key to the city...the city of Dubuque, Iowa. The weather is real nice in May.
- 10) Because other Toastmasters will continue to look to Jim for leadership, he was given a compass to keep him from getting lost. It also has a mirror in it so he can look in the mirror and see who it is that's lost.