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World Championship of Public Speaking prelims begin Monday night!

Annual Table Topics Contest features the best of impromptu speaking

Last year's International Speech Contest winner Andrew Greenstein, ATM

If you've completed six assignments in your basic Communication & Leadership manual, you're eligible to compete in the forthcoming International Speech Contest Monday evening, February 23rd! This is the only Toastmasters speech contest that advances all the way to International level, and the eventual winner each year, referred to as the World Champion of Public Speaking, is virtually guaranteed a head start into the profession of public speaking! Inspirational speeches which incorporate humor and contain personal stories fare the best in the International contest.

If you don't qualify to enter or feel ready to tackle that ambitious challenge, why not try your hand in the Annual Table Topics contest, which begins at the club the same evening and advances three levels beyond the club to District 84. Or, you can enter both contests! Either way, you'll benefit tremendously by the competition, as it sharpens your skills and builds your self-confidence!

The timing for the international contest is five-to-seven minutes, with a 30-second leeway before disqualification, and for the table topics competition, it is two-to-three minutes, with a 30-second leeway.

If you don't intend to compete, it will still be a vastly entertaining and educational event, plus you can also help by serving as a functionary. To enter, or for more information, contact our Educational Vice President **Michael Tuazon** by email at miketuzon@yahoo.com.

Let's get ready to rumble!

Past Presidents' Night a big success!



Past Presidents Helen & Michael Joseph & Barbara Bergstrom, President Mitesh Smart, Honorary Life Member Earl K. Wood, & Past Presidents Karl Richter, Debbie Piccirello, Brenda DeArmond, & Desmond Langton. Not pictured: Paul Vonder Heide.

1066 Treasurer and Monday's Toastmaster of the Evening, **Nancy Humberson**, pulled off a successful Past Presidents' Night on short notice. The meeting, our third at the Crowne Plaza, drew 24 members and guests, including nine Past Presidents!

This special reunion meeting brought Honorary Life Member **Earl K. Wood, DTM** out of the 'woodwork' for a rare visit. A member of 1066 for 53 years, Earl served as President in 1958 and Division Governor in 1961 – 1963. He has been the Orange County Tax Collector for 44 years and testified at the meeting that Toastmasters was responsible for his long and storied career.

Michael and **Helen Joseph**, both DTMs, also returned for the first time since our 55th Anniversary event. Michael served as President in 1992 and Helen served in 2003. Both were Area Governors, and Michael also held the office of Division Governor 2001 – 2002. **Desmond Langton, ATM**, our president in 1996, brought his wife to the event. **Barbara Bergstrom, DTM**, a regular at our meetings, served 1066 as president twice and helped lead us to a #1 worldwide club ranking in 1999. During his term as president in 1969, **Karl Richter, DTM** led Conquerors to a #1 ranking in District 47.

It was an evening to remember and included a visit by Division E Governor **Josh Frank, ACS**. This may become an annual tradition and is an excellent way to bring back our past leaders in between the five-year reunions.



New Conquerors Andrew Hebert and Eva Garrick

1066 welcomed its 43rd and 44th members to our roster Monday night. **Andrew Hebert**, who gave his Icebreaker at the meeting, is a Regional Business Banking Manager with Colonial Bank. **Eva Garrick** is a practicing Iridologist, and we'll be looking forward to her Icebreaker so we can find out what an Iridologist does!

Welcome aboard Andrew and Eva!



Meeting recap – February 16, 2009

- Best Speaker:** Karl Richter, DTM
- Best Evaluator:** Debbie Piccirello
- Best Table Topic:** Josh Frank, ACS, visiting Division E Governor
- Most Improved:** John Todero
- Fireball Award:** Nancy Humberson
- Fun & Pun:** Earl K. Wood, DTM
- 50/50 winner:** Michael Joseph, DTM

- Meals ordered:** 16
- Attendance:** 24
- Guests:** 7
- Last Word:** 7



Calendar of Events

- 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**
- April 20 – **Earl K. Wood Student Scholarship Contest** – Mayflower Retirement Center, 6:45 PM
- 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" – February 16, 2009

"10 years less than Earl Wood!" - **Karl Righter, DTM**, responding to **Barbara Bergstrom's** question 'how long have you been a Toastmaster?'

"I know a pretty girl when I see one!" - Honorary Life Member **Earl K. Wood, DTM**, explaining his penchant over the years for bringing the current Miss Florida to a 1066 meeting to sharpen her impromptu speaking skills in preparation for the Miss America Pageant.

"Thanks for the memories!" - **Helen Joseph, DTM**, reminiscing about her term as president in 2003.

"I never talk without permission!" - **Desmond Langton ('96)**, glancing at his wife after being asked a Table Topic question.

"Could you repeat that? I was eating a cupcake!" - **Gino D'Arco**, responding to a Table Topics question with his mouth full.

"Wow! You got most of your money back!" - audience ad lib after **Michael Joseph, DTM** won a very small 50/50 payoff.



Top ten snappy comebacks when you lose your place during your speech:

"I pause to ask myself a question – where the heck am I?"

"He who hesitates is lost."

"Of all the things I've ever lost, I miss my next thought the most!"

"Ooops! My teleprompter just shorted out. Go ahead without me!"

"We will now take a two-minute break!"

"My notes say 'pause here for laughter,' so I'll wait for you."

"They say your memory is the second thing to go. I guess the first thing you lose is your place."

"Into every speech a little silence must occasionally fall."

"I feel like the bug that hit the windshield. I can still see you, but I'm not getting through to you."

"If any of you need to go to the bathroom, now is a good time."