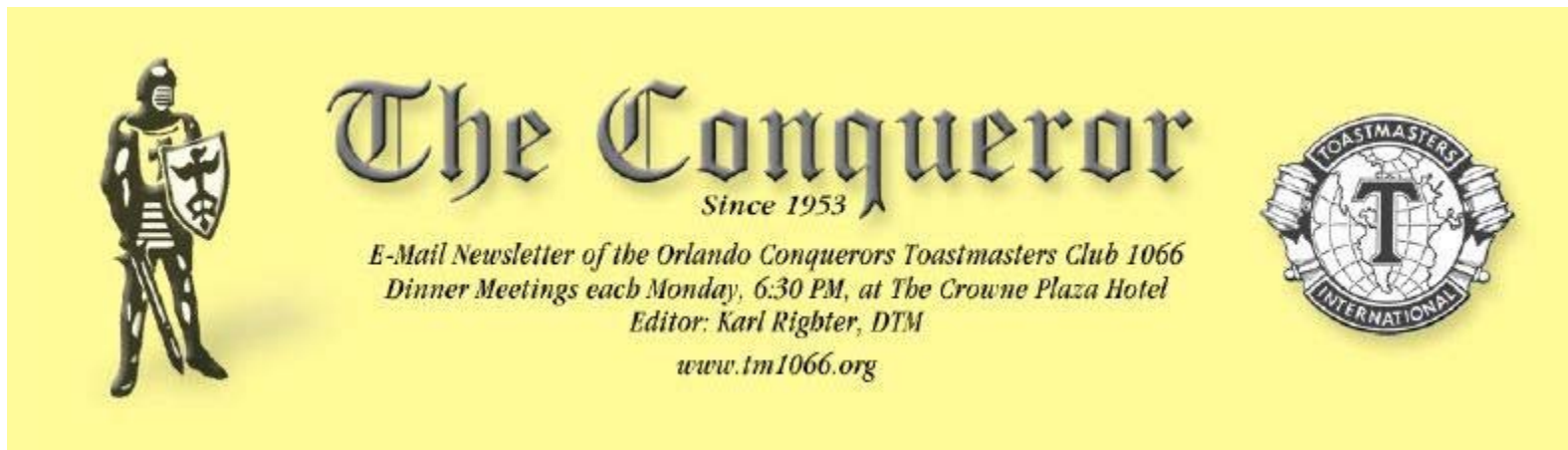

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**Welcome
new member!**

Jimmy Cary

Orlando Conquerors welcomed its 45th member into the club this past Monday evening, **Jimmy Cary**.

Jimmy is a contractor and owns his own company, Jim Cary Painting. Last week as a guest, he won the Fun & Pun Award for his entertaining Table Topic response, and this past Monday, he served as a functionary and participated in Table Topics. Welcome, Jimmy! You've hit the ground running!

For notable quotes from Monday's meeting, see below. If you weren't there Monday evening, you missed a fun-filled program!

One size doesn't fit all!

Since Toastmasters is a volunteer organization, each member has their own time constraints when it comes to participation at the weekly meetings. For example, one member might have time to prepare a speech or serve as Master Evaluator or Toastmaster of the Evening, while another member with less discretionary time might still attend the meeting but serve as a functionary, which requires no preparation.

Similarly, some speakers have time to memorize their speeches and get out from behind the lectern, while others may choose to spend their limited preparation time in crafting and rehearsing the best speech possible, complete with stories, stats, quotes, word pictures, humor, etc.

Accordingly, as an evaluator, suggesting that a speaker memorize their speeches may not be appropriate in view of their limited preparation time. Besides, most manual assignments do not require memorization.

When it comes to evaluations, one size does not fit all!



Meeting recap – March 9, 2009

Best Speaker: Karl Richter, DTM
Best Evaluator: Alicia Cook
Best Table Topic: Scott Hoehn, DTM
Most Improved: George Surry

Fireball Award: Jason Davis
Bullseye: Mike Tuazon
Fun & Pun: Karl Righter, DTM

Attendance: 12
Guests: 1 (joined at the meeting)
Meals ordered: 8
Last Word: 7



Calendar of Events

- March 15 – **Officer's board meeting** – Sunday, 3:00 PM, at Mitesh Smart's home
- March 29 – **Area 32/34 International Speech and Table Topics contests**
Mayflower Retirement Community, 2:30 PM
- April 18 – **Division C Contests** – Rollins College
- 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" – March 9, 2009

"Here's your beer!" - Crowne Plaza server, helping President **Mitesh Smart** launch Monday's St. Patty's theme meeting with a 'direct-to-lectern' delivery.

"One less drunk!" - Master Evaluator **Scott Hoehn, DTM**, explaining the difference between an Irish Wedding and an Irish Wake, during Table Topics.

"20/20 foresight means seeing yourself as an ex-smoker, not as someone who is struggling to quit!" - **Karl Righter, DTM**, from his speech *20/20 Foresight*.

"I didn't see myself as small when I was a kid. I saw myself doing big things!"
George Surry, from his Icebreaker, regarding his early diminutive size.

"If you look up 'blarney' in the dictionary, you'll see a picture of **Karl Righter!**"
Evaluator **Bruce Gould, DTM**, getting in the word of the day while citing Karl's penchant for incorporating humor in his speeches.

"Karl teaches a workshop called '*How to win your audience with bombproof humor.*'
Tonight, we saw what happens when someone pulls the pin!" - **Scott Hoehn, DTM**, piling on **Bruce Gould's** blarney reference.

"Tonight's winner of the Fun & Pun Award is Karl Righter, who made me laugh the least tonight." - President **Mitesh Smart**, continuing the unscheduled roast of Best Speaker winner Karl Righter.

"Now you're laughing!" - **Karl Righter, DTM**, noting that his impromptu roast was getting the laughs that were missing from his speech.

"I won the Most Improved Award four weeks in a row. I guess I started out pretty bad." - Evaluator **Alicia Cook**.

"Why, does it have termites?" - **Karl Righter, DTM**, responding to Master Evaluator **Scott Hoehn's** request to *hear* from the back table.



Toastmasters Chatter

- **Dues are due** – You should have received a renewal notice from Treasurer **Nancy Humberson** regarding our semi-annual dues of \$45. Where else can you participate in such a great educational experience for the cost of a happy meal each week!



Ten snappy comebacks for when your only joke bombs:

"If you think I'm too serious now, wait until I drop the humor!"

Hey, it's easier to get a new audience than a new joke!

If these are going over your head, stand up!

Try to laugh all at once, not sequentially!

Hey, suppressing laughter can cause painful gas!

Is this an audience, or an oil painting of an audience?

This microphone doesn't seem to be picking up the punch lines!

Some day you'll look back at that joke and laugh! Too bad it wasn't today!

Hey, where were you last week when *I* was trying to be serious and *you* were cracking up?

That was an oxymoron – a funny joke that no one laughs at!"