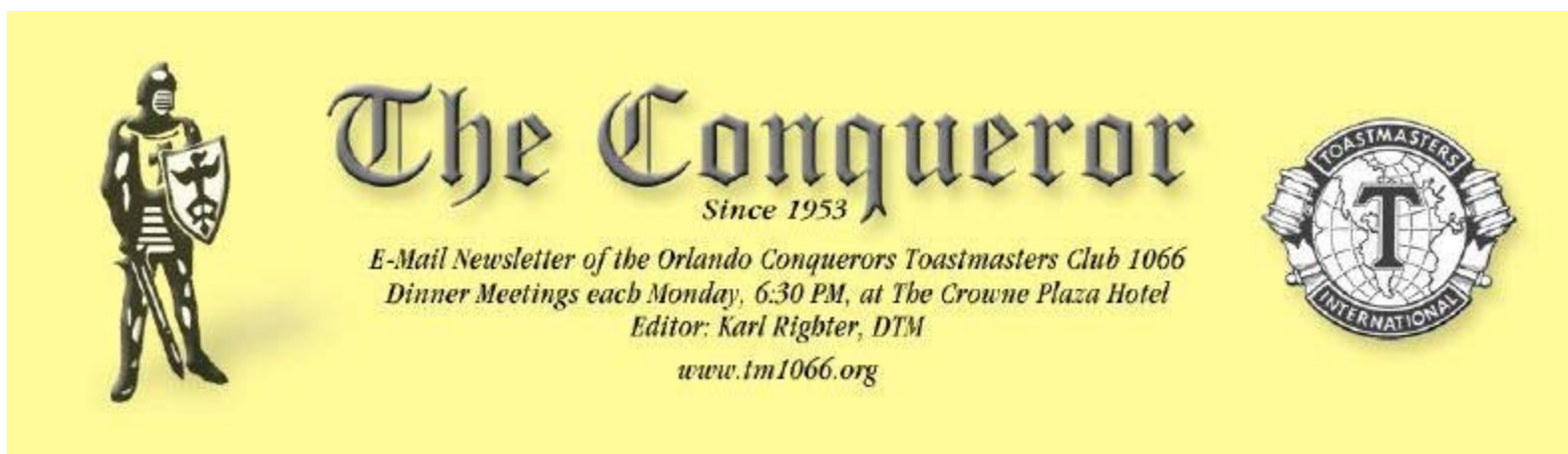

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**Cypress Creek
student wins
13th Annual
Earl K. Wood
Scholarship
Speech Contest!**
Justine Chan

Earl K. Wood, DTM with winner Justine Chan

Over 50 Toastmasters and guests were on hand Monday evening for the Annual **Earl K. Wood Student Scholarship Speech Contest**, hosted by the Mayflower Toastmasters Club at their beautiful retirement complex in Winter Park.

The winner of the \$1,000 scholarship and first place trophy was **Justine Chan** of Cypress Creek High, who shared her plans to attend George Washington University this Fall to study political science and pursue a career in public service.

The runner-up in the contest, **Lee Doan** of West Orange High School, earned a \$500 scholarship which he plans to use when he attends Notre Dame University this Fall. He will be a business major with a finance and government track.

Each year the Orange County High School Seniors who compete in this contest seem to get better, and this year's field of seven was exceptional in their poise, message, and speaking ability. 1066 is proud of our commitment to continue this contest, originated by Honorary Life Member **Earl K. Wood, DTM** in 1997 and organized each year by Past 1066 President **Elizabeth Brothers, ATM**, who continues to serve as the Administrator for this program. Monday's Contest Master was President **Mitesh Smart**, and our own Educational VP, **Michael Tuazon**, served as Chief Judge.

This scholarship contest has been successful thanks to the ongoing generosity of many members of 1066 who have contributed to the growing endowment fund.



Righter places second in Division Topics Contest!

Leonardo Lippett just misses winning the International Speech Contest due to timing

Karl Righter, Topics runner-up, winner Jerome Hess, and Division C Governor Bruce Gould

Conqueror **Leonardo Lippett**, winner of the recent Area 32 International Speech Contest, seemed to be the clear winner in the Division C International Speech Contest this past Saturday, but he was a few seconds over on time and thus didn't qualify. Although that was disappointing, Leonardo hoped it would serve as a good lesson for all of us to be more mindful of the timing lights at our regular weekly meetings and get in the practice of wrapping up quickly when the red light comes on.

Karl Righter, DTM, representing our sister club, The Winter Park Toastmasters, was the runner-up in the Division Table Topics Contest.

Division C Governor **Bruce Gould, DTM**, with the assistance of District 84 Governor **David Hollinghead, DTM**, presented the awards to the winners. Region VIII Protocol Officer **Barbara Bergstrom, DTM** served as the Contest Sergeant-at-Arms. Congrats to Bruce and his team for a well-run contest.

Although 1066 consistently brings the most support for its contestants at Area level contests and beyond, only new member **Jason Davis** was in attendance Saturday to support our contestants. Kudos to Jason for taking the time to be there!

You are part of a team...and that team is counting on YOU!

- Scott Hoehn, DTM, Lt. Governor/Marketing, District 84

Does this ever happen to you? You take on the role of Toastmaster of the Day/Evening, all excited about how the meeting is going to run. You see the list of speakers and make the calls to ensure they are committed to showing up. Then you prepare your beautiful agendas. When the meeting day arrives... scratch Jeannie in the timer role, she wants to be Grammarian! Mike didn't make it, so now we need another Evaluator. Mary is on her way, so let's move her from the speaker number one to the speaker number three position.
ARRRGGGH!!!

This might be the reason many members don't take on the role of Toastmaster. Many members don't stick to their original commitments and the printed agenda is never accurate at the time of the meeting, making a club look quite unprofessional to the visitors.

Another pet peeve is when people back out of a role and rarely let the Toastmaster know, nor do they take the responsibility of finding a replacement! This is why at times the Toastmaster gets so stressed out about their program that even THEY drop out at the last minute! This now puts all the pressure on the President and Vice President of Education to step in.

Why not look at every meeting as a professional performance (without all the marquees, spotlights, and concession stands of course)? When you attend a play or concert, those programs were printed a long time ago. And guess what...all those performers are actually

THERE to entertain you that night! THAT is the sign of professionalism!

Yes, LIFE situations happen that get in the way. Sometimes we are truly ill, held back at the office, or need to tend to family emergencies. Those are unavoidable. Stuck in traffic often?

Hmm, why not start leaving 15 minutes earlier? Didn't prepare for your speech? Give a previous speech over again to fulfill another manual project requirement. Dog ate your speech? Always have a "pocket" speech ready to give no matter what. That way you keep the agenda filled.

If you have committed to a role that you can't make, please have the courtesy of finding a replacement *before* the meeting. Your Toastmaster will love you for it!

Bottom line...either we choose to be professionals and stand by our commitments, or we finally realize why we turn off and lose members. Improving our communication skills is only PART of being a toastmaster. Commitment to work as a team is equally important.

We can have fun, make plenty of mistakes at meetings while we grow. However we must all take our positions seriously and stick to them! That is the type of club that visitors will want to be part of. Become that club today!



Scholarship Contest recap – April 20, 2009

Winner: Justine Chan, Cypress Creek High, \$1,000 scholarship

Runner-up: Lee Doan, West Orange High, \$500 scholarship

Chief Judge: Michael Tuazon

Contest Master: Mitesh Smart

Keynote Speaker: Karl Righter, DTM

Scholarship founder: Earl K. Wood, DTM

Scholarship Administrator: Elizabeth Brothers, ATM

Members: 14

Other Toastmasters & guests: 42



Calendar of Events

- April 27 – **Weekly meetings return to Crowne Plaza**, 6:30 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
- August 12 – 15 – **International Convention** in Mashantucket, Connecticut



Toastmasters Chatter

- **Cameo appearances** – Three former members of 1066 were seen at the Division C Contests this past weekend, including long-time members **Helen Joseph, DTM** and **Brenda DeArmond, DTM**, both Past Presidents of the club

and Past Area Governors. Also on hand was Area Governor **Paul Twyford**.



Five years ago – the Best of 2004 revisited:

- Funniest call to BlondeSpeak, the emergency hotline for blonde speakers - "I'm half-way through my speech and the audience has started booing the previous speaker. Can they do that?"
- Funniest apology: "Sorry there hasn't been a newsletter this term. Nothing's really happened since February."
- Worst idea for theme meeting - Thong Night.
- Funniest ad lib during an anemic Table Topics response - "The wheel's spinning, but the hamster's dead."
- Lamest excuse for a bad table topic response - "I blame my parents."
- Best daffynition - Timing Belt: the impact of seeing the amber and red lights come on within ten seconds of each other
- Best retort after lackluster applause - "Thanks for the indifference, but I can get that at home."
- Funniest comment from the Annual Beach Party - "I bet that was a great looking bathing suit before it shrank!"
- Best Mentor/Mentee banter - Mentee: "What do you think of my execution?"
Mentor: "I'm in favor of it."
- Best recovery after an inadvertent belch: "I'd like to thank Radio Shack for supplying tonight's sound system."
- The one disclaimer we'd like to see at a Toastmasters meeting - "Caution: the following speaker may fail to reach his full humor potential."
- Most over-used cliché explained: "I owe a lot to this club. (I haven't paid for dinner in over a month)."