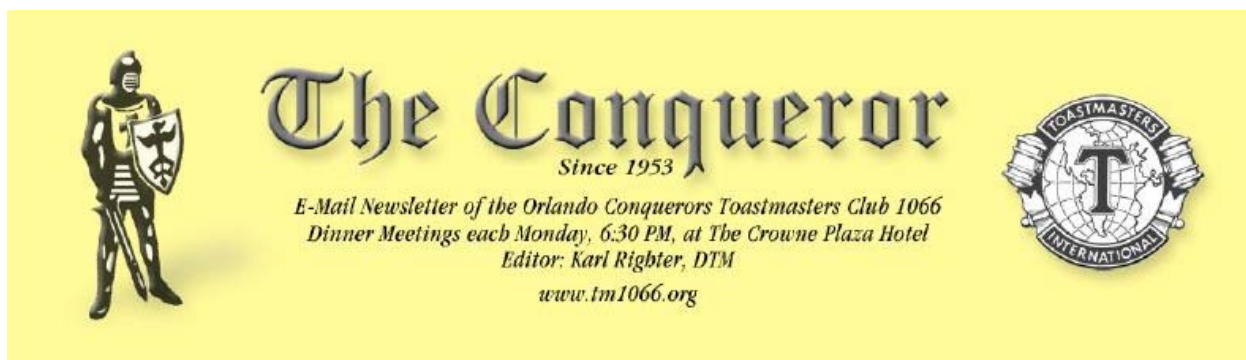


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### **Sands wins Bull Trophy, assumes office as President**

21 members, visiting dignitaries, and one missing Conqueror (Past Area Governor **Paul Vonder Heide, CTM**) turned out for our Semi-Annual Installation and Awards Banquet Monday night at the Crowne Plaza. 17 of them enjoyed dinner in the restaurant during the break!

The top awards for the Spring term went to **Michael Tuazon** (The Cameron Lusk Outstanding Toastmaster Award), **Scott Hoehn, DTM**, the first winner of the new Ambassador Trophy for distinguished service beyond the club), and incoming president **Troy Sands**, who earned The Bull Trophy for excellence in communication by capturing the most Best Speaker, Evaluator, and Table Topics ribbons during the Spring term. Troy missed the meeting due to a previously planned vacation in the Keys.



Semi-annual award winners from left: Jason Davis, Nancy Humberson, & Karl Richter, DTM

Other winners of semi-annual awards were **Jason Davis**, who received the Demosthenes Trophy as the Most Improved Toastmaster, **Karl Richter, DTM**, who was awarded the Fun & Pun Trophy for the term, and outgoing Treasurer **Nancy Humberson**, who received the Fireball Trophy for her ongoing contributions to the success of the club. The awards were presented by Webmaster/Monthly Newsletter Editor **Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G**, who gave us a brief history and tradition of our coveted awards.

**Scott Hoehn, DTM**, the District's newly elected Lt. Governor of Education & Training, served as our emcee for this big event. Newly installed Treasurer **Gino D'Arco** conducted an entertaining session of Table Topics, and the event's keynote speaker was Honorary Life Member **Karl Richter, DTM**, who spoke on the subject "*The Servant Leader.*"

We were honored to have Division E Governor **Josh Frank, AC-G** in attendance as well as Area 34 Governor and former Conqueror **Paul Twyford**. Also back for a fifth visit to Conquerors was 26-year Toastmaster **Bill Jenkins, DTM** and his wife, who is also a Toastmaster.

### **Heated competition for the 1st Ambassador Trophy**

With **Scott Hoehn's** recent election as District 84's Lt. Governor of Education & Training, he becomes only the fifth Conqueror to achieve the second highest District office, and will surely be the District Governor next year.

As Lt. Governor of Marketing this year, Scott introduced the successful Ambassador Program that awarded Toastmasters a lapel pin and certificate for visiting three

other Toastmasters clubs. He was also heavily involved in two District Conferences, helped start several new clubs, and much more.

Despite these heavy responsibilities, he was still very involved with 1066 by his attendance and participation, including several memorable theme meetings. "He also had perfect attendance at *The Last Word*," quipped awards presenter Jerome Kalisz.

**Bruce Gould, DTM**, the close runner-up for the Ambassador Trophy, served this year as Division Governor, was also involved in two District Conferences, helped start several new clubs, and much more. Two deserving candidates, but only one trophy! Please congratulate these outstanding District leaders at your first opportunity!

### ***New Board of Directors installed***



*Karl Righter, Brenda DeArmond, Jerome Kalisz, Luda Kuzmich, Gino D'Arco, Chris Rainaldi*

Division Governor **Bruce Gould, DTM** installed our new officers for the Fall term:

**President:** Troy Sands  
**EVP:** Karl Righter, DTM  
**VP/Membership:** Dana Kowen  
**VP/Public Relations:** Brenda DeArmond, DTM  
**Webmaster/Monthly Editor:** Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G  
**Secretary:** Luda Kuzmich  
**Treasurer:** Gino D'Arco  
**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Chris Rainaldi

### ***Thanks to our outgoing team!***

A heartfelt thanks to these dedicated officers whose terms ended on June 30th:

**Club President:** Mitesh Smart  
**VP of Education:** Michael Tuazon  
**VP of Membership:** Alicia Cook  
**VP of Public Relations & Editor:** Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G  
**Club Treasurer:** Nancy Humberson  
**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Karl Righter, DTM  
**Webmaster/Monthly Editor:** Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G

Great job folks. You put a cap on another President's Distinguished Club year that was actually well wrapped up under **Brad Satill's** previous administration!



### ***Inaugural Address***

Troy Sands  
Incoming President

"Greetings Orlando Conquerors! I am sorry that I could not attend the end of term banquet, but my wife and I have an annual Keys vacation that we take with several other couples and it happened to be the same week. Please know that I am thinking about you all on this Monday night as I'm wandering the streets of Key West, watching the sunset amongst the street performers at Mallory Square. But believe me when I say that I'm sorry not to be able to deliver this speech in person!

I do appreciate the opportunity to let the club members and guests know how extremely excited I am to have the privilege to serve one of the most outstanding Toastmasters clubs in the world! As we enter another new term with a new set of club officers, I want to take a few minutes to share why I think this is one of the most exciting times to be a Conqueror! But before

I get to that, I want everyone to join me in congratulating and thanking the outgoing officer class for an outstanding job this past term. Mitesh has left big shoes for me to fill, and if I could only bring half of his enthusiasm and excitement about Toastmasters, then I think I'd be doing pretty good. So please give a round of applause to our outgoing officer class for their hard work and dedication to the club and to some of the great accomplishments they've made in the past 6 months!

And that is a great segue to what I want to talk about tonight – why it's great to be an Orlando Conqueror! This club has such a rich history and wonderful tradition and tonight I want to reflect on why I think right now, maybe more than ever, it is a wonderful time to be a Conqueror. And I hope that as this incoming officer class works with each of you over the next six months, we all cultivate a club that is even richer in tradition, with stronger camaraderie, and a larger, more active membership. Why is it great to be a Conqueror? Well, I want to share a few of my reasons tonight, but don't take it from me. I urge each of you to reflect on why you joined this club, why this club, of all Toastmasters clubs? And more importantly, what can you do as a standing member to make it even stronger?

So let's get to it. My first thought of why it's great to be a Conqueror is the great speakers that we have in this club. When I first joined Toastmasters, I checked out several clubs, and the decision for me was a no-brainer. If you want to become a better speaker, you need to learn from great speakers. The Conquerors are great speakers! I don't want to start listing people because I'll invariably leave someone out, but look around you. It is not difficult to find several DTMs around the room, some with multiple DTMs. You'll also see decorated dignitaries, and current leaders within the Toastmasters organization. One thing that all of these people have in common is that they are all great speakers! Go to any District 84 competition and you're bound to see some Orlando Conquerors fiercely competing. So by just attending the Conquerors meeting every Monday night we are all, by process of osmosis, going to become better speakers. Ultimately, isn't that why most of us joined Toastmasters?

In addition to the great speakers, another reason it's great to be a Conqueror is that the Dinner Club is Back! I give great kudos to Mitesh and the outgoing officer class for finding this venue, District Five at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, that allows us to include dinner for those who are interested in eating, and provides a variety of very tasty food. I don't know about the rest of you, but I typically come straight to our weekly meetings right after work and I don't have time to get dinner beforehand. One of the things that first attracted me to the Conquerors club was that it was a dinner club – that allows us to do 2 things. One, is eat of course. But secondly, it allows us to build personal relationships and camaraderie with our fellow Toastmasters and that is another important element why most of us joined the organization. Now way back when, the Conquerors used to meet at Lee's Lakeside and it's great seeing some of the members who were active then come and interact with Karl and some of the others who are still around. You can see the bond that they built, and I think we're doing the same thing now here at this venue. And I would be remiss if I didn't mention The Last Word, where you can really get to know some of your fellow Conquerors over an adult beverage or two. This venue is ideal for that as well since we don't have to drive anywhere! So the Dinner Club is back in full force, and I think that's a great reason to be an Orlando Conqueror!

Speaking of dinner, most of you are probably pretty full and getting tired of this speech at this point, so I'll only give you one more reason why I think it's great to be an Orlando Conqueror: the Tradition! I remember my very first visit to a Conquerors club meeting and Karl Righter gave me the flyer about the club – you all know the one – and as I read through it I was amazed at how rich the history and tradition of this club was. In 1953 I was not even a gleam in my parents' eyes, in fact they were still 10 years away from getting married! And yet, here is this Toastmasters club in downtown Orlando that has grown stronger and stronger and risen to the 3rd ranked club in all of Toastmasters in 1999, after a brief stint at #1! And so the great tradition and history of the Conquerors Club drew me in, and to this day I am proud to be a part of this club and I want to be a part of continuing that tradition. I hope you do too. In fact I know you do too, and that is why it's a great time to be an Orlando Conqueror!

So let me close by reiterating that I am extremely excited to have the privilege to serve this outstanding club as President. I also want to recognize the incoming class of officers: Karl Righter as Vice President of Education, Dana Kowen as Vice President of Membership, Brenda DeArmond as Vice President of Public Relations, Jerome Kalisz as Webmaster and Monthly Editor of the Newsletter, Luda Kuzmich as Secretary, Gino D'Arco as Treasurer, and Chris Rainaldi as Sergeant-at-Arms. Please give them a round of applause. This outstanding group of Conquerors brings both experience and a fresh perspective and I believe they are going to do an amazing job of building on what the previous term's officers have built and take us to the next level!

I hope that you are all as proud to be Conquerors as I am."



## **Calendar of Events**

- July 1 – **New Board of Directors takes office**
- July 18 – **Officer Training** (location to be announced)
- August 12 – 15 – **International Convention** in Mashantucket, Connecticut



## **Next Monday's line-up – July 6, 2009**

**Toastmaster:** Dana Kowen  
**Table Topics Master:** Paula Hickman, CTM  
**Educational Moment:** Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G  
**Speaker #1:** Susan Culey  
**Speaker #2:** Luda Kuzmich  
**Speaker #3:** Karl Righter, DTM  
**Master Evaluator:** Mitesh Smart  
**Evaluator #1:** Michelle Robinson  
**Evaluator #2:** Brenda DeArmond, DTM  
**Evaluator #3:** Bruce Gould, DTM  
**Ah Counter:** Gino D'Arco  
**Timer:** Michael Tuazon  
**Grammarian:** Heather Griffith



## **Toastmasters Chatter**

- **Engaged** – Conquerors **Rick Hudnett** and outgoing VP of Membership **Alicia Cook** have become engaged, joining **Scott Hoehn** and **Nancy Humberson** in the *Spouses-in-Waiting Club*. Congratulations!



## **"Notable Quotes" – June 29, 2009**

"I have a six-year-old, so I get to be a six-year-old too!" - **Paul Twyford**, during Table Topics.

"Step it up!" - guest Toastmaster **Bill Jenkins, DTM**, quoting Michael Jordan's mantra during Table Topics.

"My brain crashed today!" - **Nancy Humberson**, explaining her labored Table Topics response.

"He was an icon, but sometimes he dressed like Captain Crunch!" - **Gino D'Arco**, as Table Topics Master, describing entertainer Michael Jackson.

"Here I was, right in the middle of the bank lobby, waving my pantyhose around!" - **Barbara Bergstrom, DTM**, describing an embarrassing moment for an Etiquette Specialist during Table Topics.

"A little known fact about Demosthenes, the Greek Orator who overcame a speech impediment by practicing speaking with pebbles in his mouth, is that a fellow Greek, Heimlich, became famous by coming up with a medical procedure on the spot when Demosthenes started choking on one of the pebbles!" - **Paul Vonder Heide, CTM**, adding a humorous footnote during the presentation of the Demosthenes Award.

"Do I get free refills?" - **Scott Hoehn, DTM**, upon receiving the first Ambassador Cup.

"During my term as District Governor, I tried to fire an Area Governor and he just laughed at me. He said, you can't fire me...I'm not doing anything!" - **Karl Righter, DTM**, during his keynote address on leadership.





**Top ten funniest ad-libs during anemic Table Topics responses:**

- 10) The wheel's spinning, but the hamster's dead
- 9) Several Fruit Loops shy of a full bowl
- 8) Her sewing machine just ran out of thread
- 7) Stand close to him and you can hear the ocean
- 6) Body by Fisher, intellect by Mattel
- 5) Gates are down, lights are flashing, but no train is coming
- 4) Some drink from the Fountain of Knowledge, some spit up
- 3) Here's proof that evolution can also go in reverse
- 2) A photographic memory, but the lens cap is on
- 1) If ignorance is bliss, he must be ecstatic right now