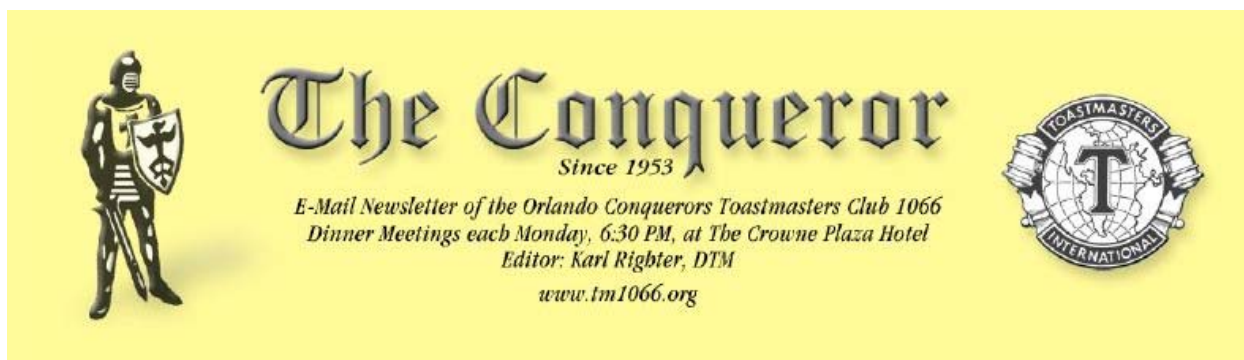


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## ***Summer meeting attendance steady despite rains***

Good theme meetings, inspirational speeches, and great camaraderie will always trump the weather, even the summer doldrums. 1066 continues to have solid attendance during the typically slow summer months, thanks to a continuous schedule of entertaining and educational theme meetings.

Monday's program commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the first Moon landing picked right up where the previous week's 'Hats' meeting left off, with informative speeches, humor, good evaluations, and thought-provoking Table Topics.

If you've been away, vacation's over! Come back to Conquerors!



### ***Meeting recap – July 20, 2009***

**Best Speaker:** Dana Kowen  
**Best Evaluator:** Scott Hoehn, DTM  
**Best Table Topic:** Brenda DeArmond, DTM  
**Most Improved:** Dana Kowen  
**Bullseye:** Dana Kowen  
**Fireball Award:** Barbara Bergstrom, DTM  
**Fun & Pun:** Gino D'Arco

**Attendance:** 16  
**Guests:** 2  
**Meals ordered:** 7  
**Last Word:** 6



### ***Next Monday's line-up – July 27, 2009***

**Toastmaster:** Heather Griffith  
**Table Topics Master:** Karl Richter, DTM  
**Speaker #1:** Rick Hudnett  
**Speaker #2:** Jason Davis, CC-B  
**Speaker #3:** Andrew Hebert

**Master Evaluator:** Luda Kuzmich  
**Evaluator #1:** Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G  
**Evaluator #2:** Brenda DeArmond, DTM  
**Evaluator #3:** Paula Hickman  
**Ah Counter:** Gino D'Arco  
**Timer:** Michael Tuazon  
**Grammarians:** Dana Kowen

**Speaking Opportunity:** Educational Moment



### ***Calendar of Events (mark your planners)***

- July 24 – **Officer Training Make-up** – SAIC, 12901 Science Drive, Orlando 32826  
Friday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Open for registration at 6:00 PM
- August 10 – **Board Meeting** – after regular club meeting

- August 12 – 15 – **International Convention** in Mashantucket, Connecticut
- August 24 – **Annual Humorous Speech & Evaluation Contests** – Monday during regular club meeting
- September 7 – **No Meeting** – Labor Day
- September 14 – **Western Night** – get out your boots and cowboy hats
- October 5 – **Annual Tall Tales Contest** – going way beyond the Bull Trophy
- October 12 – **No Meeting** – Columbus Day
- October 26 – **Annual Halloween Theme Meeting** – a classic spookfest
- November 23 – **Annual White Elephant Sale** – get your holiday shopping done early at bargain-basement prices
- December 7 – **Officer Elections** – your chance to give back to Toastmasters and learn valuable leadership skills
- December 14 – **Semi-Annual Awards & Installation Banquet** – Crowne Plaza
- December 21 & 28 – **No Meetings** – Holiday break



### ***Toastmasters Chatter***

- **Visitor** – Nice to see Past Area Governor **Gloria Grail, DTM**, a member of Vista Toastmasters, who has visited Conquerors often over the years
- **Murphy's Law** – VP of membership **Dana Kowen** suggests getting to the meeting an hour early if you plan to give a Power Point presentation, as there are a lot of things that can go wrong while you try to get everything working correctly



### ***"Notable Quotes" – July 20, 2009***

"It takes less time to make a first impression than it takes a Ferrari to get up to 60 mph!" - **Dana Kowen**, from her speech *Creating a Positive Business Image*

"You think we have a global warming problem? Venus has a runaway greenhouse effect with temperatures over 800 degrees!" - **Karl Righter, DTM**, commenting during his role as Toastmaster of the Space Theme meeting, urging concern about global warming

"Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the moon, July 1969. We came in peace for all mankind." - **Jerome Kalisz, ATM-B**, quoting the inscription on the plaque left on the moon by the Apollo 11 astronauts, from his speech *Steps*

"We're not having a guest speaker...we're having mashed potatoes." - **Barbara Bergstrom, DTM**, from her Educational Moment on Toastmasters protocol

"I'm looking at my blind date, waiting for my beer goggles to adjust, and they just wouldn't!" - **Gino D'Arco**, from his entertaining speech about dating



### **Working with words:**

*The Washington Post's Style Invitational asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are the top ten winners:*

Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

Foreplay: Any misrepresentation about yourself for romantic purposes.

Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

Sarcasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Inoculate: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Hipatitis: Terminal coolness.

Osteoporosis: A degenerate disease. (this one got extra credit)

Glibido: All talk and no action.

Doppler effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.