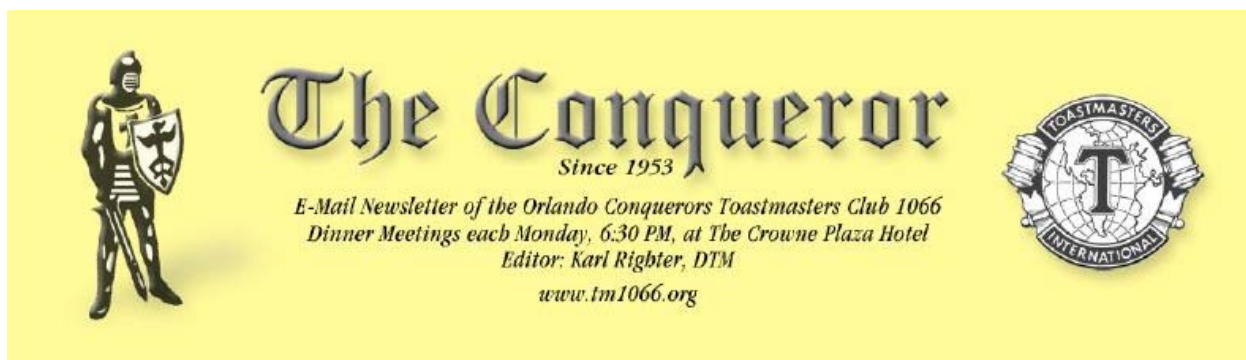


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Monday night, our meeting venue becomes the *D5 Bar Ranch* as we host our Annual Western Night Theme Meeting!

That's right, wear your favorite Western gear and channel Jeff Foxworthy as we celebrate a rare evening when we relax our dress code. The perky, fun-loving **Nancy Humberson** will be our Toastmaster of the Evening.

Don't miss this fun evening.



Meeting recap – September 1, 2009

Best Speaker: Kieth Bryant
Best Evaluator: Jessica Guthrie, ATM
Best Table Topic: Dana Kowen
Most Improved: Kieth Bryant
Bullseye: Bill deAquinos
Fireball Award: Bruce Gould, DTM
Fun & Pun: Paula Hickman, CTM

Attendance: 17
Guests: 1
Meals ordered: 9



Program line-up – September 14, 2009

Toastmaster: Nancy Humberson
Theme: *Western Night*

Table Topics Master: Karl Richter, DTM

Speaker #1: Ben Wilson
Speaker #2: Heather Griffith
Speaker #3: Enon Winkler

Master Evaluator: Troy Sands

Evaluator #1: Nathan Meloon
Evaluator #2: Scott Hoehn, DTM
Evaluator #3: Rick Hudnett

Ah Counter: Mike Tuazon
Timer: Brad Nemcik
Grammarian: Brenda DeArmond, DTM



Calendar of Events (mark your planners)

- September 14 – **Western Night** – get out your boots and cowboy hats - Nancy Humberson will be the Toastmaster of the Evening
- September 24 – **Area 32, 33 Contests** – Creation Conference Room "E," Florida Hospital, Ginsburg Tower, 601 East Rollins Street Orlando, 6:30 PM
- 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
- October 30 – November 1 – **District 47 Fall Conference**, The Naples Hilton, Naples, Florida
- November 6 - 8 – **District 84 Fall Conference** – The Shores Resort & Spa, Daytona Beach. For information: www.toastmastersd84.org
- 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

- **Welcome back** – It was nice to see **Brad Nemcik** back at a meeting. He hopes to be more active soon.



"Notable Quotes" – September 1, 2009

"High School drop-outs live 9.5 years less!" - Toastmaster of the Evening **Bruce Gould, DTM**, during his Back-to-School program

"Ding!" - **Bill deAquinos**, dinging himself during his second manual speech

"Thank you!" - **Michael Tuazon**, thanking someone else for dinging him

"Some people think life is like a cruise ship, where others do everything for you!" - **Barbara Bergstrom, DTM**

"Look what happened to her!" - **Dana Kowen**, referencing her husband's ex-wife during Table Topics, explaining why she doesn't do everything for him like his ex did

"I guess I could call, but that's so 90s!" - **Troy Sands**, explaining during Table Topics why he texts

"Second DTM, huh?" - **Barbara Bergstrom, DTM**, noting during her functionary report **Brenda DeArmond's** infractions despite nearing her second DTM

"You can leave your underwear at the door!" - **Jessica Guthrie, ATM**, noting that one of the school supplies kids need most is underwear



Top quotes from past Executive Committee Meetings

"Leaning forward is really just the first phase of falling on your face."

"I am so far down the food chain that I've got plankton bites on my butt."

"None of us is as dumb as all of us when we pool our ignorance."

"If ignorance is bliss, then I'm ecstatic!"

"The chance of success is the same as the number of Rs in fat chance..."

"His knowledge on that topic is only power-point deep..."

"If we wait until the last minute to do it, it'll only take a minute."

"Cynicism is the smoke that rises from the ashes of burned out dreams."

"I finally figured out that when a club officer tells you, "It's no problem," he means, for him."

"OK, this is too stupid for words."

"Status quo,' as you know, is Latin for 'the mess we're in...'"

"We are now past the good idea cutoff point..."

"We seem to be rapidly approaching the apex of our mediocre administration."

"Much work remains to be done before we can announce our total failure to make any progress."

"It's not a lot of work unless you have to do it."

"That guy just won't take 'yes' for an answer."

"I can describe what it feels like being club president in two words: distilled pain."

"When all else fails, simply revel in the absurdity of it all."

"Nothing is impossible for the person who delegates."