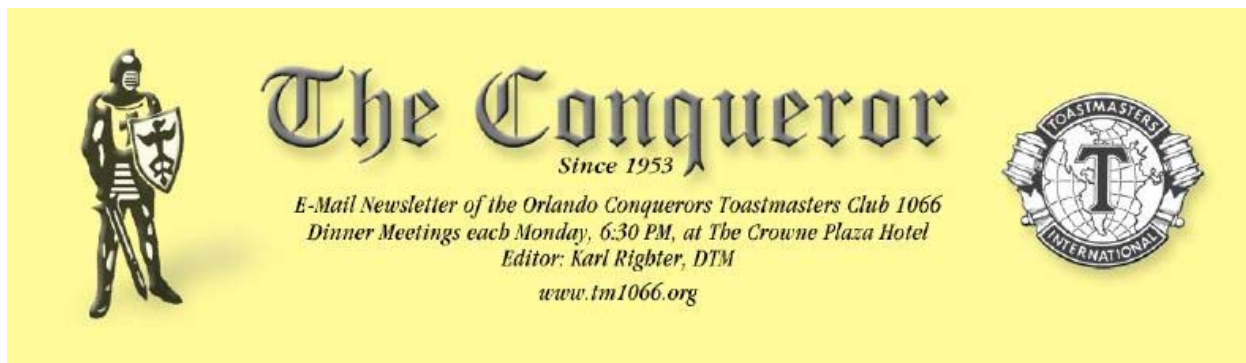


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Clockwise from upper left: Guest speaker Gary Reece; Toastmaster Nancy Humberson, CC; Brenda DeArmond, DTM; Scott Hoehn, DTM with Nancy; & Topics Master Karl Richter, DTM

It was more fun than a pony ride! Monday night, our meeting venue became the *D5 Bar Ranch* as we hosted our Annual Western Night Theme Meeting! Many of the 21 members and guests dressed up in their best western gear and enjoyed one of our most entertaining meetings this term.

Toastmaster of the Evening **Nancy Humberson** assembled a cast of excellent speakers, evaluators, and functionaries for this traditional event. Her ruse that a bottle of *Jim Beam* was stationed at the lectern for all to enjoy turned out to be iced tea, but our Conquerors sure seemed tipsy most of the evening just the same!

Honorary Life Member **Karl Richter, DTM** hosted an entertaining Table Topics session in which he used humorous Country & Western song titles as the basis for his questions (see Top Ten below).

Inspirational guest speaker

We were privileged to have as our guest speaker **Gary Reece**, who served more than twenty-five years in prison for crimes he didn't commit. His inspirational story was one of monumental forgiveness, maturity, and faith. Drawing on his own life experiences that helped him climb out of the depths of despair, Gary Reece inspired us to become the best we can be – to rely on faith to get through overwhelming adversity.

Gary's case has been profiled on 20/20 and Newsweek Magazine. His story has appeared on every major television station and newspaper in Ohio. Today, Gary is currently pursuing his dream to become a World Champion of Public Speaking through Toastmasters International. He is a highly sought trainer of communication and leadership skills. Members at the meeting had the opportunity to purchase his CD programs after the meeting. For those that missed the meeting, check out Gary's web site: www.blessedconviction.com.



Conquerors welcomes new member Christine Sheridan!

Our rapidly growing club welcomes **Christine Sheridan**, a middle manager with Zero Chaos, a contingent labor services firm. Christine becomes our 47th member! She is already scheduled to give her Icebreaker September 28th! Welcome aboard, Christine!



Meeting recap – September 14, 2009

Best Speaker: Heather Griffith
Best Evaluator: Scott Hoehn, DTM
Best Table Topic: Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G
Most Improved: Heather Griffith
Bullseye: Heather Griffith
Fireball Award: Gary Reece, guest speaker
Fun & Pun: Karl Righter, DTM

Attendance: 21
Guests: 3
Meals ordered: 7
Last Word: 7



Program line-up – September 21, 2009

Toastmaster: (need volunteer)

Table Topics Master: Susan Culey

Speaker #1: Karl Righter, DTM
Speaker #2: Rick Hudnett
Speaker #3: Troy Sands

Master Evaluator: Brenda DeArmond, DTM

Evaluator #1: Enon Winkler
Evaluator #2: Bruce Gould, DTM
Evaluator #3: Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G

Ah Counter: Bill deAquinos
Timer: Heather Griffith
Grammarian: Ben Wilson



Calendar of Events (mark your planners)

- September 21 – **Officers' Meeting** – after regular meeting
- 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

- **Dues are now due** – one of the best educational bargains available is a membership in Toastmasters. Don't let yours lapse. Semi-Annual dues of \$45 are now due and payable to Treasurer **Gino D'Arco**.
- **New CC** – congratulations to **Nancy Humberson** on earning her Competent Communicator (CC) designation. Nancy also owns the improbable distinction of belonging to three Toastmasters clubs in three different Divisions, C, D, & E. She's hooked on phonics!



"Notable Quotes" – September 14, 2009

"Hey, this is the real stuff!" - **Scott Hoehn, DTM**, upon sampling Toastmaster **Nancy Humberson's** lectern stash of Jim Beam

"Your dream is not for sale!" - guest speaker **Gary Reece**, quoting 1999 World Champion Speaker **Craig Valentine**, who turned down a huge raise to pursue his dream of becoming a professional speaker

"By finding my voice, I was able to give others their voice." - **Ben Wilson**, from his Icebreaker, after sharing his story about his rise from impoverished beginnings to a college graduate

"God created me to be so much more than a runner, or a relationship!" - speaker **Heather Griffith**

"After stealing \$57,000, Jesse James figured that bank robbing could be a lucrative business!" - **Enon Winkler**, From his informative speech about Jesse James

"**Ben Wilson** used the word *propensity* in his Icebreaker. Great word, though I had to look it up!" - Evaluator **Craig Rainaldi**

"That darn Jim Beam!" - **Nancy Humberson**, explaining herself after Master Evaluator **Troy Sands** suggested she *recess* for dinner, not *adjourn*

"You have a great club. You guys do it right!" - keynote speaker **Gary Reece** during guest comments



Best Country & Western song titles from Monday's Table Topics:

"You're not getting the house 'cause I hid the wheels where you'll never find them!"

"I'm so miserable without you, it's almost like having you here!"

"If I had to do it all over again, I'd do it all over you!"

"If you won't leave me alone, I'll find someone who will!"

"She's as gone as a girl can get"

"Here's a quarter...call someone who cares"

"I still miss you, but my aim is getting better"

"I can't get over you, so roll over and turn off the alarm clock"

"If I had shot you when I wanted to, I'd be out by now"

"She's acting single, and I'm drinking doubles"

And one more, inspired by Toastmasters:

"I had so much to say to you, but you kept dinging that glass"