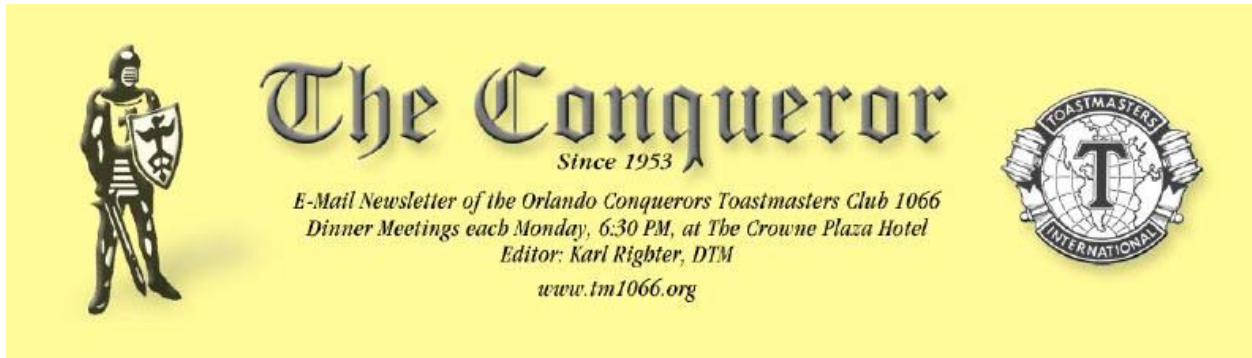

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November 9, 2009

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A white elephant looms on the horizon *Annual re-gifting event to raise funds for student scholarships*

Mark your planners for our *Annual White Elephant Sale*, November 23, your best opportunity since last year to pick up some great bargains for the holidays, while unloading a white elephant (an unwanted item or gift) that might be lurking in a closet or the garage.

The auction's proceeds go to the **Earl K. Wood Student Scholarship Fund** which annually awards a scholarship to an Orange County High School senior who competes in and wins a special speech contest held in April. Earl Wood, DTM, the Grandfather of 1066, traditionally matches the amount raised by the auction.

Virtually anything can be brought and auctioned, such as movies, serving dishes, electronics, gift certificates for your services, wines and liquors, cookware, dance lessons, crystal, toys, cosmetics, art, gift baskets, dinner coupons, books and tapes, collectibles, movie passes, etc. We have even had a date with a member auctioned off!

So start looking around. Don't wait until the last minute to find your item. It's for a wonderful cause!



Meeting recap – November 9, 2009

Best Speaker: Marlee Ward (Icebreaker)

Best Evaluator: Brenda DeArmond, DTM

Best Table Topic: Marlee Ward
Most Improved: Nathan Meloon
Bullseye: Marlee Ward
Fireball Award: Mitesh Smart
Fun & Pun: Susan Culey

Attendance: 20
Guests: 1
Meals ordered: 9
Last Word: 9



Program line-up – November 16, 2009

All roles are filled for next Monday. Be sure to confirm with Toastmaster of the Evening

Luda Kuzmich (lunow77@yahoo.com).

Toastmaster: Luda Kuzmich

Pledge: Chris Rainaldi

Educational Moment: Scott Hoehn, DTM

Table Topics Master: Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G

Speaker #1: Cheng Chung Chow

Speaker #2: Chris Rainaldi

Speaker #3: Rick Hudnett

Master Evaluator: Troy Sands, CC

Evaluator #1: Bill deAquinos

Evaluator #2: Mitesh Smart

Evaluator #3: Dana Kowen

Ah Counter: Christine Sheridan

Timer: Marlee Ward

Grammarian: Karl Righter, DTM

Vote Counter: Chris Rainaldi



Calendar of Events (mark your planners)

- November 23 – **Annual White Elephant Sale** – get your holiday shopping done early at bargain-basement prices. Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G will serve as

Auctioneer!

Also: **Report of the Nominating Committee**

- 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



Toastmaster Chatter

• ***Members are coming forward to serve as officers*** – With Semi-Annual Elections only a few weeks away, Past President **Mitesh Smart** is heading the Nominating Committee to select candidates for the Spring term that begins January 1. Several members have already thrown their hats under the bus. Serving in a club office is not only excellent leadership training, but it represents a chance to give back something to the club that has helped you grow. Contact Mitesh (tm.mksmart@gmail.com) to offer your services.

• ***When you have to cancel*** – We understand conflicts come up (sometimes called procrastination) that cause you to not fulfill an assignment. We also know that sending out a mass e-mail appealing for a replacement often falls on deaf ears, as each member assumes someone else will step forward. One idea that usually works is to contact the person who has your role at a future meeting (see monthly schedule) to see if they will switch with you.



"Notable Quotes" – November 9, 2009

"As vote counter, I'm not guileless...I can be bribed." - **Chris Rainaldi**, offering options to the speakers while using the word of the day

"You don't know what you don't know, but others do." - **Barbara Bergstrom, DTM**, explaining the premise of her educational moment on etiquette

"Mom bought a 20-lb turkey. It took 14 hours to cook, so we never had turkey that Thanksgiving." - **Marlee Ward**, during Table Topics

"I'm not much of a believer in good luck signs - I'm a scientist!" - **David Toro**, during Table Topics

"I've had many challenges during my long 18-year life." - Student **Nathan Meloon** responding to a Table Topics question

"Ending a sentence with a preposition is an affront, up with which we shall not put!" - **Karl Righter, DTM**, quoting Winston Churchill on an important grammatical issue

"I was not happy as a liar...I mean a lawyer." - **Marlee Ward**, from her award-winning Icebreaker



Top ten disadvantages of belonging to the Disney Toastmasters club:

- 10) 'It's a small world' plays the entire meeting
- 9) The six-mile tram ride from the parking lot
- 8) The dark, dank meeting room in the upper tower of Cinderella's castle,
940 steps up
- 7) Dinner is \$48.50
- 6) When asked what they're going to do next, ribbon winners must

say,

“I’m going to Disney World!”

- 5) The incessant barking by Pluto
- 4) Treasury always depleted to cover CEO’s annual bonus
- 3) Having to say “Fellow cast members...” when addressing the club
- 2) Instead of the annual visit by Miss Florida, Minnie Mouse is the guest of honor (a rat in high heels?)
- 1) The 45-minute wait in line for a table topic