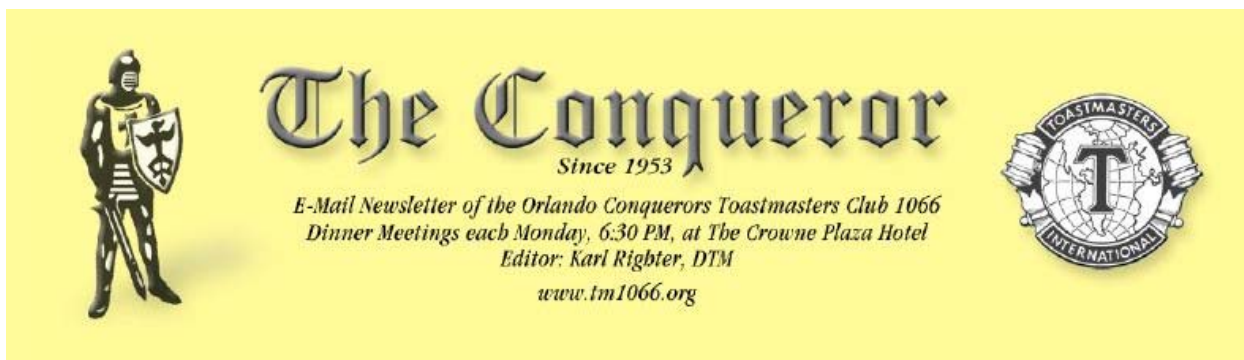
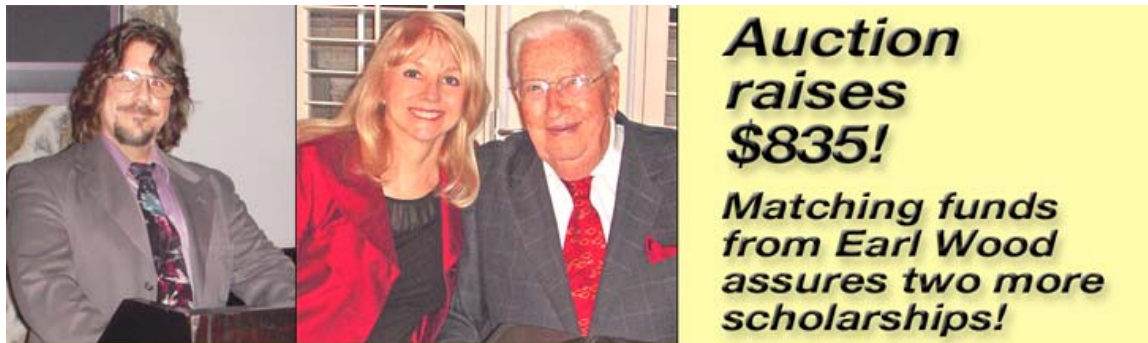


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Auctioneer Jerome Kalisz, Paula Hickman, and Scholarship founder Earl K. Wood

Our *Annual White Elephant Sale*, created by **Earl K. Wood** 15 years ago to provide college scholarships to Orange County High School seniors, was a huge success this past Monday as over \$800 was generated. Auctioneer **Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G** prodded the 18 members in attendance to open their checkbooks wide, especially Earl Wood, who won several bidding wars with himself and walked off with several of his own items! And if that wasn't enough, Earl pledged to match the amount raised, meaning he paid double the price for his own items, but more importantly, both of next year's scholarships are now funded.

The scholarships are awarded to two Orange County High School seniors who compete in and place first or second in a special speech contest held each April.

Many great items were auctioned, including an authentic Indian dinner for six donated by **Mitesh Smart**, gift certificates for Rossi's Pizza and a Craftsman Garbage Disposal brought by new member **Steve Jamba**, men's and women's gift certificates for hair styles from **Susan Culey**, several DVD players and an ink-jet color printer from **Rick Hudnett**, a new George Foreman grill and a Toaster donated by **Bruce Gould, DTM**, numerous clothing items from **Dana Kowen**, and much, much more!

There were several unusual items auctioned off, including a complete tour of the night sky and access to a telescope in the winner's backyard or a dark sky location for up to eight people, offered by **Sheldon Kagel**. Earl Wood donated an expensive pair of new Italian Leather Shoes and bought them back for \$25.

Another classic White Elephant Sale for the books, and for a worthy cause as well!

Semi-Annual elections December 7th! ***Toastmasters is a Communication & Leadership organization!***

Our club's Semi-Annual Election of Officers is rapidly approaching. By serving a six-month term as a Club Officer, you will not only be helping your club, but you will be fulfilling a major requirement toward your Advanced Leader designation. You do not need any prior experience, and the only qualification required is being a club member in good standing (aka "Paid"). This is the best leadership training you can get, and you can't beat the low cost!

With Semi-Annual Elections less than two 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. Contact Mitesh (tm.mksmart@gmail.com) to offer your services. Mitesh will present a proposed slate of officers at this coming Monday's meeting. He has also sent a description of each office via a separate e-mail.



Program line-up – November 30, 2009

All roles are filled for next Monday's meeting. **Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G** (kzx@bellsouth.net) is the Toastmaster. Please e-mail him to confirm your assignment below.

Toastmaster: Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G

Pledge: Chris Rainaldi

Educational Moment: Nancy Humberson

Table Topics Master: Mitesh Smart

Speaker #1: Christine Sheridan (Icebreaker)

Speaker #2: Rick Hudnett

Speaker #3: Jessica Guthrie

Speaker #4: Gino D'Arco

Master Evaluator: Luda Kuzmich

Evaluator #1: Karl Righter, DTM

Evaluator #2: Troy Sands

Evaluator #3: Chris Rainaldi

Evaluator #4: Bruce Gould, DTM

Ah Counter: Mike Tuazon

Timer: Scott Hoehn, DTM

Grammarian: Susan Culey

Vote Counter: Chris Rainaldi



Calendar of Events (*mark your planners*)

- November 30 - **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



"Notable Quotes" - November 23, 2009

"It was also a disaster at the box office!" - Auctioneer Jerome Kalisz, ATM-G, adding a postscript to Karl Righter's sales pitch for the disaster movie *The Day After Tomorrow*

"The AM radio also plays at night!" - Scott Hoehn, DTM, pitching his donated item, a multi-band weather radio

"I have a non-profit organization!" - Karl Righter, DTM, answering Tim Ricke's question, 'who has a business?'

"Go ahead, Culey!" - Earl Wood, conceding an item to Susan Culey after the price went too high for the venerable Orange County Tax Collector



Top ten signs you won't make it as a professional speaker:

- 10) While being introduced for a speech, you ball up like a frightened armadillo
- 9) After thanking the MC, you immediately go into Questions & Answers
- 8) You are allergic to chicken
- 7) Program chairmen call you collect to see if you'll speak for free
- 6) You can't go more than ten minutes without a martini
- 5) Your last professional booking was for aggravated assault on an audience
- 4) You have someone else's picture and bio in your brochure
- 3) Three words - painful chronic hiccups
- 2) The restraining order from the National Speakers Association
- 1) People are getting tired of hearing about your vacation to Dubuque