



# The Conqueror

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E-Mail Newsletter of the Orlando Conquerors Toastmasters Club 1066  
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## ***Breaking in the New Year, Conquerors Style***

The first meeting of 2010 was a huge success, helped by a great theme (New Years Resolutions), three great speakers, and a whole lot of laughter and fun! The room was packed despite the cold temperatures outside, and the enthusiasm level was high following a two week hiatus for the holidays. Incoming president **Chris Rinaldi** kicked off the festivities by telling the story of his disastrous start to 2010 (computer died, kids clogged the toilet, and his work truck got egged, all in the course of one day!), but in spite of all that he got the Conquerors year off to a great start. Former President **Mitesh Smart, CC** served as Toastmaster and kept everyone entertained with fun facts and stories about the history of the New Years Day holiday, including how to say Happy New Year in several different languages. **Cheng Chow, David Toro**, and **Karl Righter, DTM** all gave informative and inspiring speeches to cap off a great meeting. It may have been cold outside, but the Orlando Conquerors new term is off to a sizzling start!



## ***Meeting recap – January 4, 2010***

**Best Speaker:** Karl Righter, DTM  
**Best Evaluator:** Chris Rainaldi  
**Best Table Topic:** Susan Culey  
**Most Improved:** David Toro

**Bullseye:** Karl Righter, DTM  
**Fireball Award:** Nathan Meloon  
**Fun & Pun:** Gino D'Arco

**Attendance:** 20  
**Guests:** 3  
**Meals ordered:** 11  
**Last Word:** 6



## ***Program line-up – January 11, 2010***

**Toastmaster:** Susan Culey  
**Table Topics Master:** **Need Volunteer**

**Speaker #1:** Nathan Meloon  
**Speaker #2:** Sheldon Kagel  
**Speaker #3:** Mitesh Smart, CC

**Master Evaluator:** **Need Volunteer**

**Evaluator #1:** Christine Sheridan  
**Evaluator #2:** Bill D'Aquinos  
**Evaluator #3:** Dana Kowen

**Ah Counter:** Karl Righter, DTM  
**Timer:** Cheng Chow  
**Grammarian:** Ben Wilson



## ***"Notable Quotes" – January 4, 2010***

"Do not pound the person's chest with your fist because we want to save the person, not kill him!" – **Cheng Chow**, describing the proper technique for applying CPR.

"That question *sparked* my thoughts" – **Dana Kowen**, responding to a Table Topics question as to whether fireworks should be permitted on New Year's Eve.

"Your negative thoughts right now might be depressing someone in Bolivia" – **Karl Righter, DTM**, describing the concept of collective consciousness and that we are all connected in ways we may not understand.

"I'm here... I'm the Mom" – guest Sandra (David Toro's mom), just before David's evaluation.

"It would be like me telling Michael Jordan how to play basketball" – **Gino D'Arco**, explaining during his 2<sup>nd</sup> evaluation ever that he never thought he would have to evaluate one of Karl Righter's speeches

"I think that was the climax for me... when you used all those big words" – **Gino D'Arco**, commenting on his favorite part of the speech by **Karl Righter, DTM**



## ***Upcoming Events***

- January 11 – **Officer Board Meeting** (during dinner break of regular meeting)
- January 16 – **Club Officer Training** – Jewish Community Center, 851 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, 10am-4pm – new 1066 officers are required to attend training, other members are welcome to as well. Doors open at 9:30 for registration
- January 24 – **Club Officer Make-Up Training** – Bergengren Bldg. #110, Daytona State College, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL 32114, 10am-4pm. Doors open at 9:30 for registration





## **Top ten calls to BlondeSpeak - the emergency hotline for blonde speakers**

(Editor's note: column contributor is blonde - extensive editing was required)

10) I'm half-way through my speech and the audience has started booing the previous speaker. Can they do that?

9) My debate opponent just called me a dumb blonde even though you can clearly see my roots. Is this an argument I can win?

8) I'm supposed to give something called a Traumatic Reading next week, and I'm too embarrassed to ask my Mentor what that is.

7) Help, there's a loose nut on the microphone.

6) I can't see. I was just blinded by my own overheads.

5) Quick. I just got a Table Topics question about Dick Cheney. Who is Dick Cheney? I've only got 40 seconds left.

4) My jokes keep bombing. Is it time for a new club?

3) I'm the first speaker tonight, which means I'm on before dinner. But my assignment is The After-Dinner Speech. Should I stall for an hour?

2) Hey, they're introducing me right now to give my Icebreaker, and they're giving all my bio away! Should I go directly to questions?

1) Quick, does the red light come on before amber, or is it green first, then...