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Calling Past Presidents for International Speech and Table Topics Contest

The newly inducted officer class for this term held their first board meeting this week and established the calendar of events for the spring term, including the date for the club-level International Speech and Table Topics contest. **Mark your calendar for February 15, 2010**, which happens to be President's Day. In keeping with that theme, the club wants to encourage **all past presidents from Club 1066** to come out to the event and meet some of the newer Orlando Conquerors members as well as reminisce with some of the more tenured members. All members are encouraged to compete in the contests, especially since the Table Topics contest requires no preparation. The club is looking for a contest master to help coordinate the event, please contact **Chris Rainaldi** if you are interested. See the full calendar of events for the term at the bottom of this issue of the Conqueror.



TLI Training in January – Two Options!

In July, more than 400 Club Officers burst the doors at the seams for Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI)! The TLI Training is required for club officers but is encouraged for all members and is a great forum to learn more about Toastmasters and become better prepared to take on leadership roles. To accommodate even MORE attendees, and to allow for possible

work/religious conflicts, District leadership has decided to hold TWO sessions in January:

- Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Roth Jewish Community Center in Maitland – 851 N. Maitland Avenue – Maitland, Florida
- Sunday, January 24, 2010 at Daytona State College in Daytona Bergengren Bldg #110 - 1200 West International Speedway Blvd – Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

Both sessions will begin promptly from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Doors open at 9:30 for registration, so get a seat early! Bring a notepad & pen. Admission is only \$5.00 a person, which includes your lunch. For more information, including detailed agendas, go to <http://www.toastmastersd84.org/tli.html>.



Meeting recap – January 11, 2010

Best Speaker: Mitesh Smart, CC
Best Evaluator: Dana Kowen
Best Table Topic: Paula Hickman
Most Improved: Nathan Meloon
Bullseye: Mitesh Smart, CC
Fireball Award: Christine Sheridan
Fun & Pun: Mitesh Smart

Attendance: 28
Guests: 7
Meals ordered: 15
Last Word: 8



Program line-up – January 18, 2010

Toastmaster: Christine Sheridan
Table Topics Master: Dana Kowen
Speaker #1: Sheldon Kagel

Speaker #2: Bill de Aquinos

Speaker #3: **Need Volunteer**

Master Evaluator: **Need Volunteer**

Evaluator #1: Susan Culey

Evaluator #2: Mitesh Smart

Evaluator #3: **Need Volunteer**

Ah Counter: David Toro

Timer: Steve Jamba

Grammarian: Nathan Meloon



"Notable Quotes" – January 11, 2010

"Go on a date with Britney Spears... OK, maybe that's not going to happen!"
– **Mitesh Smart, CC**, recounting one of the items on his "End of the World" list.

"Reach for the stars because you never know what life might have in store for you" – **Nathan Meloon**, describing the possibility of his being admitted to Yale.

"I've been MIA for awhile, but now I'm back and you better watch out!" – **Barbara Bergstrom, DTM**, warning the club before she started delivering the table topics questions for the evening.

"You're going to get it Barbara Bergstrom... you're really going to get it!" – **Paula Hickman**, responding to Barbara's table topics question about her career plans for 2010. Paula went on to deliver a ribbon-winning response about how she is staying informed and attuned to the telecommunications industry to prepare to re-enter the workforce in 2010.

"They also double as cannons if you want to shoot something out of them" – **Sheldon Kagel**, describing the dual-purpose nature of reflector type of telescope (that happens to look a lot like a cannon!).

"You could sway our votes – we could be like *hanging chads*" – **Brenda DeArmond, DTM**, advising during her general evaluation of the meeting that the Toastmaster should refrain from commenting on the speakers performances.



Mark Your Calendars for the Spring Term:

- 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
- February 8 – **Officer Board Meeting** (during dinner break of regular meeting)
- February 15 – **International Speech and Table Topics contests** - President's Day Theme – past presidents invited
- March 8 – **Officer Board Meeting** (during dinner break of regular meeting)
- March 29 – **April Fool's Backward Meeting**
- March 31 – **Dues are due**
- April 12 – **Officer Board Meeting** (during dinner break of regular meeting)
- April TBD – **Earl K. Wood Student Scholarship Contest** – Mayflower Retirement Center, 6:45 PM
- April 24 – **31st Annual Beach Party - 1066 & Winter Park Toastmasters** - at Karl Righter's home on Lake Orienta
- May 10 – **Officer Board Meeting** (during dinner break of regular meeting)

- May 14 - 16 – **District 84 Spring Conference** – Rosen Hotel, International Drive, Orlando
- May 31 – **Memorial Day** – no meeting
- June 14 – **Officer Board Meeting** (during dinner break of regular meeting)
- June 14 – **Report of Nominating Committee**
- June 21 – **Elections**
- June 28 – **Awards & Installation**



Top ten retorts overheard in the audience in response to inane trivia during various Toastmaster's theme meetings:

- 10) Comment: It is impossible to lick your elbow.
Retort: Who besides a cat would want to?

- 9) Comment: Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times!
Retort: Listening to Country Music doesn't help either.

- 8) Comment: A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.
Retort: So are some pregnant teenagers.

- 7) Comment: American Airlines saved \$40,000 in '87 by eliminating just one olive from each salad served in first class.
Retort: Tragically, they lost \$100 million worth of luggage the same year.
- 6) Comment: Like fingerprints, everyone's tongueprint is different.
Retort: But how often does a burglar lick your doorknob?
- 5) Comment: If you keep your eyes open by force, they will eventually pop out.
Retort: At least you'll see where they went.
- 4) Comment: On average, 100 people choke to death on ball point pens every year.
Retort: Hopefully they had just finished writing their wills.
- 3) Comment: Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.
Retort: Which is why you don't see them in the Olympics.
- 2) Comment: On average, twelve newborns are given to the wrong parents each day.
Retort: Fortunately, no parent is insane enough to take home twelve newborns.
- 1) Comment: 35% of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.
Retort: Obviously these are not MENSA students!