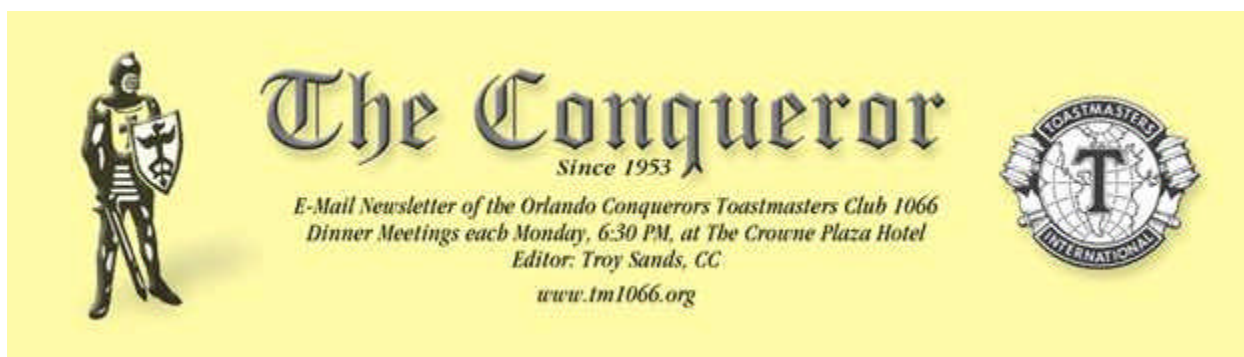


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## ***Hats off to the Conquerors!***

We have a full slate of speakers for Monday, June 7th and it should be a great meeting! If you wish to stand by in case we lose a speaker, feel free to *throw your hat into the ring* and let Toastmaster **Dana Kowen** know (Pun intended because the theme of the meeting is the Mad Hatter!). A prize will be awarded for the best hat!

For those of you who have not been out to a meeting in awhile, this will be a great week to come check out the new format of eating dinner during the Table Topics portion which means the meeting ends by roughly 8pm (leaving more time for the Last Word!). Please come out and check out the new format, and wear your craziest hat!



### ***Meeting recap – May 24, 2010***

**Best Speaker:** Chris Foster (Icebreaker)  
**Best Evaluator:** Marlee Ward  
**Best Table Topics:** Marlee Ward  
**Most Improved:** Susan Culey  
**Bullseye:** Chris Foster  
**Fireball Award:** Karl Righter, DTM  
**Fun & Pun:** Dana Kowen  
**Attendance:** 15  
**Guests:** 1  
**Dinners:** 7  
**Last Word:** 7

### ***Meeting recap – May 17, 2010***

**Best Speaker:** Tim Ricke, ATM  
**Best Evaluator:** Karl Righter, DTM  
**Best Table Topics:** Tim Ricke, ATM  
**Most Improved:** Joanne Mumley  
**Bullseye:** Joanne Mumley  
**Fireball Award:** Ruble Nedumkunnel  
**Fun & Pun:** Karl Righter, DTM  
**Attendance:** 11  
**Guests:** 4  
**Dinners:** 3  
**Last Word:** 3



### ***Program line-up – June 7, 2010***

**Toastmaster:** Dana Kowen – **Theme:** The Mad Hatter

**Pledge:** Christine Sheridan

**Educational Moment:** (need volunteer)

**Table Topics Master:** Karl Righter

**Speaker #1:** Harris Walthour

**Speaker #2:** Chris Foster

**Speaker #3:** Chris Rainaldi

**Master Evaluator:** Susan Culey

**Evaluator #1:** Brad Nemcik

**Evaluator #2:** Julie Hoang  
**Evaluator #3:** Bruce Gould

**Ah Counter:** Jay Couture  
**Timer:** Carl Beckford  
**Grammarians:** Jerome Kalisz  
**Vote Counter:** Christine Sheridan



## **"Notable Quotes" – May 24, 2010**

"I grew up with Nelson Mandela in prison." - **Dana Kowen**

"Oh, oh! Here's one of those crazy optimists again!" - **Susan Culey**, offering a disclaimer in the opening of her speech

"I thank you for not throwing tomatos." - **Bill deAquinos**, after delivering his Educational Moment

"If you play your wedding video backward, you end up single!" - **Karl Righter, DTM**, during his Grammarians report, responding to **Susan Culey's** quote that playing a country music song backward gets you your trailer, husband, and dog back.

"I'm not sure what that means, but I've been called naïve." - **Christine Sheridan**, while pondering Carl Beckford's Table Topics statement: 'A friend is one who has the same enemies as you.'

"I'm no more worthy than a pig." - **Bill deAquinos**, sharing one of his morale-boosting affirmations.



## **Toastmaster Chatter**

- We had four new members join the Conquerors during the month of May! Please welcome **Chris Foster**, **Ruble Nedumkunnel**, **Harris Walthour**, and **Ingrid Barrett** to the club!
- We are looking for a few good officers! Reminder that the new officer term begins July 1 – nominations for officers are open and the nominating committee will present its report at the June 14 meeting. If you are interested in holding an office, or want to nominate someone else, please contact **Troy Sands** as soon as possible.



## **Upcoming Events:**

- June 14 – **Officer Board Meeting** (during dinner break of regular meeting)
- June 14 – **Report of Nominating Committee**
- June 21 – **Elections**
- June 28 – **Awards & Installation**



### **Ten snappy retorts after your intro receives lackluster applause**

- 10) Applause works better if you use both hands.
- 9) Hey, the Word of the Day is not "solemnity."
- 8) I should remind you that we utilize the sandwich method of applause in this club...applause at both ends of a speech.
- 7) Saving yourself for The Last Word?

- 6) I should warn you that the same person who wrote that scintillating intro also wrote my speech.
- 5) I don't get it. It says right here in my notes - "pause for applause."
- 4) What is this? Rent-A-Wake?
- 3) If I turn blonde will you love me then?
- 2) Thanks for the indifference, but I can get that at home.
- 1) You have to love the efficiency of this audience as you waste no time getting right into the disdain.