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Newsletter of the Orlando Conquerors Toastmasters Club 1066
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Righter's Top Ten

- Karl Righter, DTM

The Best of 2007
(from columns by Alan Brents, ATM)

- *Funniest comment heard at the new Prisoner Toastmasters club: "You're dinging me? You don't know what I'm in for, do you!"*
- *Worst opening speech line: "Don't expect much, because my dog ate my speech."*
- *Best response to above excuse: "And I bet your dog got indigestion!"*
- *Funniest comeback after the speaker's only joke bombs: "If you think I'm too serious now, wait 'til I drop the humor!"*
- *Best tip the speaker is nervous: Speaker approaches lectern, hands notes to Toastmaster, and shakes hands with the microphone.*
- *Most obvious sign you've lost your audience: The timer has become hypnotized and is now flipping the green light on and off.*
- *Biggest tip that you are losing your touch: At a meeting with extremely low attendance, a guest beats you out for Best Table Topics.*
- *Top sign you are a Toastmaster addict: Your conversations in cars are interrupted because you stop talking at every red light.*
- *Main reason dinner was cancelled: No one could tell the difference between vegetarian and non-vegetarian fare.*
- *Sure sign of a club in trouble: The "Belch Counter" at the back table.*

Fuller, Nemcik, Foussereau, Righter win top awards

New officers installed at Annual Holiday Awards & Installation Banquet

Left: Incoming officers Troy Sands, VP/Membership, Richard Dickenson, VP/Education, and Debbie Piccirello, President are installed by Division Governor Scott Hoehn, DTM. Right: Outgoing President Mary Fickert, CC presents the Cameron Lusk Outstanding Toastmaster Award to Karl Righter, DTM.

Orlando Conquerors 1066 held its 54th Annual Holiday Party, Officer Installation, and Awards Banquet December 17th at the First Presbyterian Church. The festivities were attended by 18 members and guests and featured a great buffet dinner and good attendance at The Last Word.

Last Word at the Bohemian Hotel

Our club's top award for leadership, the coveted ***Cam Lusk Outstanding Toastmaster Award,*** was given to Past District 47 Governor and Honorary Life Member ***Karl Righter, DTM*** for his outstanding service to our club during this term. Karl becomes the first Conqueror to win this award three times.

The ***Bull Trophy*** for excellence in communication was awarded to outgoing Vice President of Education ***Brian Fuller,*** who accumulated the most ribbons (points) during the past term.

As the member who captured the largest number of ***Most Improved*** ribbons during the past six months, Outgoing Vice President of Public Relations ***Brad Nemcik*** was presented the annual ***Demosthenes Trophy.*** The always entertaining ***Xavier Foussereau*** won the term's ***Fun & Pun Award***.

Central Division Governor and new member ***Scott Hoehn, DTM*** presided over the semi-annual installation of club officers. These new officers for the first six months of 2008 are:

Debbie Piccirello – President
Richard Dickenson – Vice President Education
Troy Sands – Vice President Membership
Brad Satill – Vice President Public Relations
Greg Minor – Treasurer
Xavier Foussereau – Secretary
John Todero – Sergeant-at-Arms
Editor - Karl Righter, DTM
Web Master - Jerome Kalisz, ATM

Outgoing 1066 president ***Mary Fickert, CC*** gave the traditional Orchids and Onions address and recounted our club's progress toward a possible repeat of previous years' President's Select Club designations. Other highlights included a keynote speech by Justin Montandon and a humorous audience participation session of The Twelve Nights of Conquerors conducted by ***Jerome Kalisz, ATM***.

New president ***Debbie Piccirello*** concluded the event with her Inaugral Address and promised to continue the momentum of the outgoing team's great year! ●

Honor Roll
December 10, 2005

Best Speaker
Karl Righter, DTM

Best Evaluator
Andy Dooley, ATM

Most Improved
Xavier Foussereau

Bullseye
Richard Dickerson

Best Table Topics
Andy Dooley, ATM

Fireball
Brenda DeArmond, DTM

Fun & Pun
Andy Dooley, CTM

50-50 Winner
Jack Norman (guest)

Attendance
16

Guests
2

Notable Quotes

"On the keyboard of life, always keep one finger on the escape key."

- Brenda DeArmond, DTM
Toastmaster of the Evening, 12/10/07

"We take turns in Toastmasters being leaders, and being inspired by leaders."

- Justin Montandon
Featured Banquet Speaker,
Annual Holiday Program,
12/17/07

"I am not done with 1066!"

- Mary Fickert, CC, Outgoing President, during her Orchids & Onions speech, 12/17/07, promising to reverse a recent trend where the immediate past president leaves the club or area.

Scott Hoehn, DTM

Division Governor Hoehn joins 1066

Division C Governor *Scott Hoehn, DTM,* a 27-year member of Toastmasters, has joined Orlando Conquerors, thus bringing veteran leadership to a great club that has produced dozens of District leaders over the years. Recipient of Area Governor of the Year for 2006-2207, and a Distinguished Area Governor last year, Scott is an announced candidate for Lt. Governor of Marketing for the newly formed District 84. This new District is the northern half of the world's largest District, District 47, which split this past year. Welcome aboard, Scott!

Coming Attractions

- ***No meetings** - 12/24 & 12/31*
- ***Toastmasters Leadership Institute** - 1/5/08 - required training for new officers*
- ***Meetings resume** - 1/7/08*
- ***International Speech and Table Topics Contests** - 1/28/08*

TOASTMASTER CHATTER

- **White Elephant Auction nets $1298 -** 1066 President Mary Fickert, pressed into last-minute duty December 3rd as auctioneer when no one else stepped forward, squeezed those in attendance out of $324.50 as she auctioned off a variety of items donated by members at our Annual White Elephant Sale. The proceeds, which were matched by *Andrew Greenstein, ATM, Bruce Gould, ATM,* and *Earl K. Wood, DTM*, resulted in a total of $1,298 raised for the Earl K. Wood Student Scholarship Fund.
- **Tax Collector's office upgrades technology -** The most appropriate item acquired by a member at the Annual White Elephant Auction was a battery-operated coin sorter by Orange County Tax Collector *Earl Wood, DTM*. Who said Orange County doesn't have state-of-the-art technology!
- **Guest of honor -** Earl Wood's long-time wife Mary attended her first 1066 meeting in many years December 3rd.
- **Barbara Bergstrom returns -** It was great to have *Barbara Bergstrom, DTM* back with us December 3rd after missing several meetings due to her recent hospitalization. ●

Sarah Greene

Jack Norman

1066 welcomes two new members

It didn't take long for our two newest members to get involved. Sarah Greene, a civil engineer with Horizon Engineering Group, served as a functionary at the December 10th meeting, and Jack Norman, a software engineer with L3 Communications, took a table topic and ended up winning the ribbon! Welcome aboard!

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