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Righter's Top Ten

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Best quotes from January's club meetings:

- "There is a change to my printed agenda. I am the Toastmaster, not Andrew Greenstein. It's not like I didn't know who the Toastmaster was." - Mary Fickert, Toastmaster of the Evening.

- "Every day I'm grateful when I wake up and I'm on the right side of the grass." - Brenda DeArmond, DTM.

- "The Bullseye Award goes to the speaker who's speech was most like what it should be." - Debbie Piccirello, President, during weekly awards presentation, trying to explain the award's basis.

- "I was so frustrated I wanted to change my daughter's name to something I could pronounce, like 'Fish Sandwich with Large Fries.'" - Andrew Greenstein, ATM, explaining the pain during his speech of not being able to say his daughter's name because of a stuttering problem.

- "I'm so glad that after six months as your president, the thing you most remember me for is that I'm still here." - Mary Fickert, CC, responding to her introduction as an Evaluator.

- "Are you going to drink that?" - Justin Montandon's ad lib to Andrew Greenstein after realizing that Andrew's 1/28 contest speech about magic, in which Andrew turned white milk into chocolate milk, was probably going to win him the trophy.

- "He's really funny! Like you see at a comedy club." - Linda Taylor, guest, during guest comments, referring to Justin Montandon's entertaining Table Topics response in the Topics contest 1/28.

Greenstein wins 1066 Int'l Contest Justin Montandon wins Table Topics competition



From left: Contestants Debbie Piccirello, Brad Satill, Troy Sands (Contest Master), Justin Montandon, Andy Dooley, & Andrew Greenstein

World Champion runner-up Rory Vaden said after last year's World Championship at the International Convention: "The International Speech Contest is a lot like American Idol... except...nobody cares."

Of course, he's never been to a Conqueror's contest like Monday night's event 1/28, where 30 members and guests showed up for two great contests, the Annual International Speech and Table Topics contests! Also in attendance was our Area 16 Governor Toni Gitle, ATM. Troy Sands served as the Contest Master for the event.

Andrew Greenstein, ATM, with a powerful and emotional speech entitled "The magic is..." won the International Speech Contest, the only Toastmasters speech competition that advances all the way to International level. Justin Montandon was runner-up with an entertaining and motivational talk entitled "Seize the opportunity!"

Justin, who entered both contests, was the winner of the Table Topics competition, giving a funny retort to the topic "You are what you eat!" Brad Satill was the runner-up in the Table Topics contest.

Andrew and Justin will now advance to the Area 16 International Speech and Table Topics contests Wednesday evening, February 20th. The site will be the offices of State Farm, 3862 Quadrangle Blvd, Ste. #100, Orlando, near the UCF campus. Toastmasters Club #947985, Ambassadors of Articulation, will host the event. They have beautiful facilities and plenty of parking. The host club contact is club president John Folvarcik if you need directions (407-208-7142).

Mark your calendars and plan to support our contestants as they advance up the ladder of competition. The Orlando Conquerors have a long-running reputation for doing well in these beyond-the-club contests, but we always do better when we get good turn-outs from our members. •

TOASTMASTER CHATTER



• **Two new members** – Co-workers Kate McHugh (left) and Lindsey Braum were voted into membership at the 1/14 meeting. As noted in the Weekly Honor Roll at right, Lindsey is off to a fast start, winning the Best Table Topics ribbon in her first meeting as a Conqueror.

• **Recovering** - Long-time member Paula Hickman, CTM is recovering from eye surgery in Tennessee and looks forward to returning to meetings later this month or next.

• **Greg Minor**, former NBA player with the Boston Celtics and our newly elected Treasurer, has taken a job in Oklahoma and will be greatly missed by our club. Former Newsletter Editor Andrew Greenstein, ATM has graciously stepped in to fill the vacancy as our new Treasurer. Thank you Andrew!

• **Turning blue** - Our decorum has slipped in recent weeks as some members have spiced up their commentary with blue or explicit words and expressions. Easy rule to remember: if you can't say something in church, don't say it at Conquerors. That includes potty humor and references to bodily functions.

• **Deja Vu** - Two award winners at the December banquet were repeat winners in their respective categories: **Brian Fuller** (Bull Trophy) and **Brad Nemcik** (Demosthenes Winner). Belated but well-earned congratulations!

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Troy Sands

Best Evaluator

Justin Montandon

Best Table Topics

Mary Fickert, CC

Most Improved

Troy Sands

Bullseye

Troy Sands

Fireball

Mary Fickert, CC

Fun & Pun

Brenda DeArmond, DTM

50-50 Winner

Scott Hoehn, DTM

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• **Welcome back** - Monday's contest 1/28 saw the return of missing members Jackie Bick and Dana Kowen. Jackie says she will be a regular member again.

• **Hungry on Monday Nights?** Until the dinner meetings return, several members have discovered healthy appetizers on the menu at the La Boheme Lounge where the traditional Last Word is held. Don't miss the next one! We've been getting good turnouts!

• **Dual membership** - At least a dozen of our members are also members of other clubs. The benefits of dual membership are many, such as faster progression through your communication and leadership tracks, new friends, and that magical Toastmasters feeling twice a week! •

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Greenstein & Montandon win annual contests!