



# The Conqueror

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## Righter's Top Ten

- Karl Righter, DTM

### Top ten funniest guest comments at end of meeting

- "I'm at the wrong meeting. I thought Toastmasters was a drinking club."
- All those ringing glasses remind me of the old Gong Show, except here it doesn't stop anyone.
- I'd like to know more about the 'Madame' at the head table.
- I don't see how you can combine public speaking and eating. The idea makes me nauseous.
- Why do y'all call babbling "ado?"
- With all the talk about red lights and double clutches, I thought I was at that comedy traffic school.
- I was curious why that second speech was called a dramatic reading - it wasn't!
- Is there another way to address the group without standing? Like crouching behind my chair?
- Why was there such big applause when the TopicMaster announced the last topic?
- Uh, oops!"

## Greenstein wins Division!

Next stop, the District 47 contest in Jacksonville, April 25 - 27

After sweeping the recent Area 16 International Speech and Table Topics Contests, Andrew Greenstein, ATM and Justin Montandon came on strong at the Central Division competition at the Rollins College Bush auditorium March 13.



In a impressive field of seven Area winners, Andrew finished first, earning the right to compete April 26th at the District 47 Conference in Jacksonville.

He is thus only two wins away from the World Championship of Public Speaking, which is hosted annually at the International Convention. Justin was also excellent during his Table Topics response to the question "ten years from today" but did not place.

Tom Hettenbach served as Contest Master and Paul Twyford was the Chief

Judge. Kudos to our president, Debbie Piccirello, who did a great job of planning and organizing the contests. And John Todero won the 50/50 raffle, which was worth \$113!

Orlando Conquerors had 23 members and guests at the event and won its choice of a free program from the Leadership Excellence Series

or the Better Club Series to add to our resource library. The next nearest club to us was Omni Toastmasters with 16 members in attendance.

For members planning to attend the District Convention in Jacksonville, Andrew is collecting our conference registrations to insure that we are seated together at the various events that weekend. Karl Righter, DTM will serve as MC for the contest. Andy Dooley, ATM will give his Humor Workshop earlier that morning. Don't miss this big show! •

## Impromptu World Champion Night a big success

Making lemonade from lemons

For the first time in Karl Righter's memory, which often spans several weeks, 1066 had all of its scheduled speakers cancel on the afternoon of the meeting! Disaster? No! Rather than head directly to the Last Word, all-pro Andrew Greenstein, ATM ran a splendid two-minute offense!

With a full slate of evaluators on deck,

including president Debbie Piccirello filling in for the ill Jerome Kalisz, ATM, Andrew pulled a hat trick of world-caliber speakers out of his briefcase. He played a video of the first, second, and third-place finishers in the 2005 International Speech Contest, in random order, so our evaluators could really stretch with their critiques of these awesome contestants. All three evaluators acquitted themselves nicely, with Justin Montandon winning Best Evaluator.

But Andrew had more magic up his sleeve. He provided each member and guest with official International Speech Contest judging forms so they could follow along and evaluate the contestants as well. As a

testimony to our club's collective expertise, 13 of 18 with ballots correctly picked the 2005 World Champion, Lance Miller! Still not satisfied, Andrew also filled in as Table Topics Master when no one else came forward.

This impromptu meeting format worked so well that we will be doing a variation of it at future meetings. For example, on an evening when a scheduled speaker doesn't show, a past world champion's speech video could be played instead. That rewards the evaluator who did show up with a role on the program, and provides an excellent educational opportunity for the rest of us. Imagine what you can learn by watching these world champions! •

**March 3, 2008**

**Best Speaker**  
Viewed World Champs DVD

**Best Evaluator**  
Justin Montandon

**Best Table Topics**  
Mark Johnson (visiting TM)

**Most Improved**  
Debbie Piccirello

**Bullseye**  
n/a

**Fireball**  
Andrew Greenstein

**Fun & Pun**  
Kieth Bryant

**50-50 Winner**  
Karl Righter

**Attendance**  
20

**Guests**  
6

**Last Word**  
4

**March 10, 2008**

**Best Speaker**  
John Todero

**Best Evaluator**  
Scott Hoehn

**Best Table Topics**  
Sheila Vitiello

**Most Improved**  
John Todero

**Bullseye**  
Bruce Gould

**Fireball**  
Barbara Bergstrom

**Fun & Pun**  
Brad Nemcik

**50-50 Winner**  
Scott Hoehn

**Attendance**  
19

**Guests**  
3

**Last Word**  
n/a

**March 17, 2008**

**Best Speaker**  
Troy Sands

**Best Evaluator**  
Dr. Tina Harbold

**Best Table Topics**  
Terry Patten, WPTM

**Most Improved**  
Troy Sands

**Bullseye**  
Brad Nemcik

**Fireball**  
Lynda Miller

**Fun & Pun**  
Brad Nemcik

**50-50 Winner**  
Sheila Vitiello

**Attendance**  
33

**Guests**  
7

**Last Word**  
9

**March 24, 2008**

**Best Speaker**  
Mitesh Smart, Icebreaker

**Best Evaluator**  
Troy Sands

**Best Table Topics**  
Richard Dickinson

**Most Improved**  
Brenna Droegge

**Bullseye**  
Mitesh Smart

**Fireball**  
Mary Fickert Thomas

**Fun & Pun**  
Mark Johnson

**50-50 Winner**  
Troy Sands

**Attendance**  
20

**Guests**  
2

**Last Word**  
n/a

**March 31, 2008**

**Best Speaker**  
Bernie Manuel, Icebreaker

**Best Evaluator**  
Karl Righter

**Best Table Topics**  
Dale Williams (guest)

**Most Improved**  
John Todero

**Bullseye**  
Bernie Manuel

**Fireball**  
Dale Williams (guest)

**Fun & Pun**  
Mitesh Smart

**50-50 Winner**  
Karl Righter

**Attendance**  
17

**Guests**  
2

**Last Word**  
n/a

**1066 adds three new members in March**

1066 welcomes back to the club former member **Patricia Hill** (left), still employed with United Airlines, and new Toastmaster **Jimmy Moore** (middle), a professional speaker on the college circuit. New member

**Aaron Baghdadi** (right), is a recent graduate of Florida State University's School of Law, and has selected The Orlando Conquerors to help become a better communicator – a skill every lawyer needs. •

**“Notable Quotes”**

“Men never outgrow their need for toys.”  
- Sarah Greene, speaker

“The Irish are known for their sense of humor, although you wouldn't know it from my opening remarks.” - Andy Dooley, Table Topics Master at St. Patty's Meeting

“Ding!” - guest Dale Williams, dinging both his wife, and himself, during guest comments.

“When you can't change the times, it may be time for you to change.” - Mitesh Smart, from his icebreaker

“Quit blocking me with your spam filters!” - EVP Richard Dickinson, pleading with the club to respond to his emails requesting functionaries and speakers

**TOASTMASTER CHATTER**

● **Progress could be in your hip pocket** - the March 3rd meeting saw all three scheduled speakers cancel, providing opportunities for impromptu speeches. If you want to progress through your manual quickly, having a prepared speech with you in case of an opening can get you on the program, and maybe a ribbon as well.

● **Kudos** - To **Barbara Bergstrom**, DTM for speaking to the *Adventures in Christian Writing Group*, and to **Brad Satill**, for judging an event for the *Future Business Leaders of America!* Your service within the community on behalf of our club is an outstanding representation of the leadership and communication skills that we, the Conquerors, are renowned for.

● **Toastmasters of the week** - recent winners: **Andrew Greenstein**, ATM, who stepped up as Treasurer when **Greg Minor** moved out of the area, and is currently streamlining all of the processes for future Treasurers. The previous week's winner of this award was **Karl Righter**, DTM for his efforts introducing our first weekly newsletter.

● **St. Patty's meeting** - 33 members and guests, our biggest crowd since the club contests on January 28th, turned out March 17 to hear four great speeches, dozens of Irish proverbs, engaging table topics announced in native tongue by half-Irish **Scott Hoehn**, DTM, and much more! There was also a table of treats, compliments of meeting choreographer **Lynda Miller**, ATM.

● **Mary's married** - It was nice to have **Mary Fickert** back from her recent honeymoon. You may now call her **Mary Fickert Thomas**, thank you! Welcome back, Mary.

● **Mixer II** - 14 members of 1066 and Winter Park Toastmasters attended our second inter-club mixer March 20 at **Scruffy Murphy's**. Great conversation, food, and drink was enjoyed by all. Next one...in June.

● **Big payoffs** - At the recent Division Contest, **John Todero** won the 50/50 drawing, which was worth \$113! Also, as one of the 23 members and guests that represented 1066 at the contests, **Brad Satill's** name was drawn for a gift certificate to **Dexter's**. You can't get lucky if you don't come to the meetings! •