



The Conqueror

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Righter's Top Ten

- Karl Righter, DTM

Top ten funniest campaign quips from past officer elections:

- "My mentor suggested I capitulate, but I can't do it without your help! Pssst, what does capitulate mean?"
- My platform? Six-inch heels!
- You have a choice, and I'm a no-brainer!
- I'm no dumb blonde...deep down, I'm a brunette!
- I can be here every week...in time to hand out the awards.
- Vote for me...the lesser of two evils.
- Hey, if you don't want to vote for me, I can't stop you.
- My opponent wears a clip-on tie.
- I can bring significant change to this club, like the end of the current administration.
- This year, vote alphabetically!"

Coming Attractions

- **June 5** – After-work Mixer with Winter Park Toastmasters at Scruffy Murphy's
- **June 16** – Semi-Annual Election of club officers for July 1 – December 31 term. Officer's Meeting, 6:00 PM before regular meeting for both candidates and outgoing officers
- **June 19, 20, 21** – Region VIII Convention in Atlanta. Karl Righter, DTM will emcee a Friday Night Humor Fest and present his Bombproof Humor workshop on Saturday. Scott Hoehn, DTM will attend training for Lt. Governor/Marketing.
- **June 30** – Semi-Annual Awards & Installation Banquet – catered dinner event in regular meeting room. Spouses/dates welcome.

Semi-Annual Elections June 16th

For the first time in many years, a full slate of officer candidates is in place weeks before the semiannual elections.

President Debbie Piccirello announced the following nominations at the May 19th meeting:

President: Brad Satill
 VPE: John Todero
 VP Membership: Jimmy Moore
 VP PR/Editor: Scott Hoehn, DTM
 Secretary: Xavier Fousseureau



Candidate for president, Brad Satill

Treasurer: Mitesh Smart
Sgt at Arms: Bernie Manuel
Webmaster: Jerome Kalisz, ATM

Wouldn't it be great if every office was contested! Why not consider running for one of these positions! It's valuable leadership training in a safe environment. Elections are June 16th.

If you might want to hold an office next term and are curious about the requirements, go to bestdivision.org to download descriptions of what each office entails. •

Annual Beach Party draws 85



Scott Hoehn, DTM, (right) shares his boat with some of the 85 party-goers

The 29th Annual Beach Party enjoyed another convergence of superb weather and a great turnout of our two clubs, May 17th, at the lakefront home of Karl Righter in Altamonte Springs. Even better was the grand buffet of covered dishes and desserts that members and guests of Conquerors and Winter Park Toastmasters brought to the affair.

There was plenty of entertainment at the

nine-hour party, including volley ball, frisbee tossing, boat rides (courtesy of Scott Hoehn), jet ski rides, sunbathing, billiards, karaoke (brought by John Wierman of the Winter Park Toastmasters, and just good socializing.

Next year the party moves back to the first weekend in May, so plan ahead to celebrate the 30th annual version of this fun-filled tradition. •

May 5, 2008

Best Speaker

Tom Hettenbach

Best Evaluator

Justin Montandon

Best Table Topics

Mitesb Smart

Most Improved

Kieth Bryant

Bullseye

Brad Nemicik

Fireball

Mary Thomas /Tom Hettenbach

Fun & Pun

Kieth Bryant

50-50 Winner

Mary Fickert Thomas

Attendance

21

Guests

2

Last Word

n/a

May 12, 2008

Best Speaker

John Simes

Best Evaluator

Troy Sands

Best Table Topics

Paula Hickman

Most Improved

Richard Dickinson

Bullseye

John Simes

Fireball

Executive Board

Fun & Pun

Jerome Kalisz

50-50 Winner

Mary Fickert Thomas

Attendance

19

Guests

1

Last Word

8

May 19, 2008

Best Speaker

Eddie Lippett (Icebreaker)

Best Evaluator

Justin Montandon

Best Table Topics

Jimmy Moore

Most Improved

Troy Sands

Bullseye

Eddie Lippett

Fireball

Jim Ellis (visiting TM)

Fun & Pun

Jimmy Moore

50-50 Winner

Justin Montandon

Attendance

23

Guests

3

Last Word

4

“Notable
Quotes”

“He who laughs last...didn't get the joke.”
- Topic Master Paula Hickman, May 5th

“Officer elections are approaching. If you would like to throw your bat into the ring, or throw someone else under the bus, let me know.” - President Debbie Piccirello during announcements May 5th.

“Shopping!” - Table Topic participant Patricia Hill, May 12th, responding to the question “Should Orlando have a second professional sports team besides the Magic, and what sport would it be?”

“Going to war with the French is like going deer hunting with an accordion.”
- Xavier Fousseureau, dropping one of his many War Humor Theme jokes as Toastmaster on May 19th

“Software doesn't kill people. Doctors using billing software to generate huge medical invoices kill people.” - Scott Hoehn, DTM, as Master Evaluator, explaining one of the causes of heart attacks in his industry.

TOASTMASTER CHATTER

● **New CC** - Congratulations to **Brad Nemicik**, our newest Competent Communicator (CC), who gave his tenth speech May 5th. For his efforts, Brad was awarded the Bullseye ribbon for nailing his assignment.

● **No whine before it rhymes** Just when you think **Andrew Greenstein** has no more surprises in his Communication & Leadership arsenal, he outdoes himself! As Master Evaluator May 5th, Andrew delivered his entire Meeting Critique in verse and rhyme, written during the meeting as events transpired.

● **Video recording of speeches** - The Board of Directors has approved purchasing a digital video camera to have at the meetings for speakers who wish to record their speeches. The camera would use the same ‘SD’ cards used in most digital cameras. Reviewing your presentations at home is an excellent learning tool which our sister club, The Winter Park Toastmasters, has been using for years.

● **When you have to cancel** We understand conflicts come up (sometimes called procrastination) that cause you to not fulfill an assignment. We also know that sending out a mass e-mail appealing for a replacement often falls on deaf ears, as each member assumes someone else will step forward. One idea that usually works is to contact the person who has your role at a future meeting (see monthly schedule) to see if they will switch with you.

● **No summer vacation for this guy** - New member **Jimmy Moore**, a professional speaker on the college circuit, is booked to give 28 presentations this summer and has invited us to attend at least one. For more info, e-mail Jimmy at speakerjimmy@gmail.com.

● **New member** - Orlando Conquerors added its 54th member at the May 12th meeting, **Eddie Lippett**, a masters student at Full Sail University. Eddie, who's goal is to become a professional speaker, chose 1066 because of



our commitment to education, the mentor program, our professionalism, and track record in Area, Division, and District speech competition. Eddie hit the ground running, winning Best Speaker the following week with his Icebreaker!

● **Conqueror of the Week** “While it may seem that **John Todero** was chosen because of all of the flattering ways that he introduces me at every meeting, he was really chosen for his commitment to the club (okay, and a little bit because of the introductions). John is our current Sergeant-at-Arms and not only sets up the room every week, begins our meetings, and greets guests... but signs up for almost all contests to serve in some capacity. He is our ‘go-to-guy’ for anything needed at 1066, and does it with a smile every time. Congratulations, John!” - President **Debbie Piccirello**