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"Notable Quotes"

Best quotes from August meetings

"Gentlemen, please don't drive off until she is completely in the car!" – speaker **Xavier Foussereau** warned as he explained how men can be distracted with their new sports cars

"Your friends know that you're a good egg, even though they know that you're slightly cracked." – **Cheryl Bedenbaugh**, emphasizing the value of good friends

"Not many Evaluators lead their own applause!" - **Scott Hoehn, DTM**, as Master Evaluator, after **Richard Dickinson** led the applause upon concluding his evaluation

"If I had a dollar every time I heard we're in a recession, I'd convert them to Euros!" - **Brad Satill**, from his speech about the economy

"I need Starbucks!" - **Joanna Frazier**, from her icebreaker, sharing one of her more important needs

"When I'm 95, I want to be as spry as **Karl Righter**" - **Toastmaster of the Evening Kieth Bryant**

"I said to my shrink, 'Doc, as I get older, I have the horrible feeling that no one takes me seriously anymore,' and he replied, 'you're kidding!'" - **Karl Righter, DTM**, Humor contestant

"Any speech that makes you say "WOW" is a speech worthwuhile!" – **Jimmy Moore** while competing in the Evaluation contest

"If I were to give an evaluation...like I am now..." – **Debbie Piccirello**, suddenly realizing that she was indeed giving an evaluation

"I belonged to all the cliques!" - **Paul Twyford** during Table Topics, answering **Paula Hickman's** "Back-to-School" themed question "Did you belong to a clique in school?"

Smart & Moore win Annual Contests

Runners-up **Lippett & Sands** will also advance to Area 32 Contests

There's a reason we don't serve milk or other stain-related liquids during a Humorous Speech contest. The cleanup required after every punchline would require more paper towels than we budgeted for. Four of our funniest members competed on August 25th in hopes of representing the Conquerors at the upcoming Area 32 contest. **Karl Righter, DTM**, **Mitesh Smart**, **Felipe Millon** and **Leonardo Lippett** all gave their best. The resounding laughter throughout the contest gave proof that the speakers hit their mark. The First place trophy was awarded to our gadget-laden humorist, **Mitesh Smart**. The Second place trophy was awarded to 'Alpha male,' **Leonardo Lippett**.

In the Evaluation Contest, several of our most skilled members were challenged with evaluating "test speaker" **Chip Keith** from our sister club, the Winter Park Toastmasters. **Jimmy Moore**, **John Todero**, and **Troy Sands** all shared their thoughts about Chip's speech while injecting insight as to how the speaker's skills



Contestants clockwise from top left: **John Todero**, **Leonardo Lippett**, **Troy Sands**, **Felipe Millon**, **Mitesh Smart**, **Jimmy Moore**, & **Karl Righter**

might be improved. Taking home the first place trophy, was **Jimmy Moore**. Earning the second place award was **Troy Sands**.

Special thanks go to Contest Master **Brenda DeArmond, DTM** for keeping things running smoothly, and to our Chief Judge, **Jerome Kalisz, ATM** for ensuring that the contest ran according to Toastmasters rules and guidelines.

The four finalists will now advance to the Area 32 Contest Sunday, September 21, at The Mayflower Retirement Center. Be there to support our contestants! •

1066 earns Distinguished Club honors

LGM Hoehn presents award to last year's two presidents August 4th

Orlando Conquerors was officially presented with yet another President's Distinguished Club award August 4th resulting from last year's achievement of reaching all ten required goals.

Special thanks go to every single member and officer for their contribution to the club's success. In addition, our two

club presidents which led our club over the past year, **Mary Fickert Thomas, CC** and **Debbie Piccirello** were personally thanked by District 84 Lt. Governor/Marketing **Scott Hoehn, DTM** for going above-and-beyond while fulfilling their leadership duties for the Club. •

August 4, 2008

Best Speaker

Cheryl Bedenbaugh

Best Evaluator

Tom Hettenbach

Best Table Topics

Lindsay Cosimi (Guest)

Most Improved

Cheryl Bedenbaugh

Bullseye

Cheryl Bedenbaugh

Fireball

Mitesh Smart

Fun & Pun

Mary Fickert Thomas, CC

50-50 Winner

Karl Righter, DTM

Attendance

20

Guests

2

Last Word

7

August 11, 2008

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Joanna Frazier (icebreaker)

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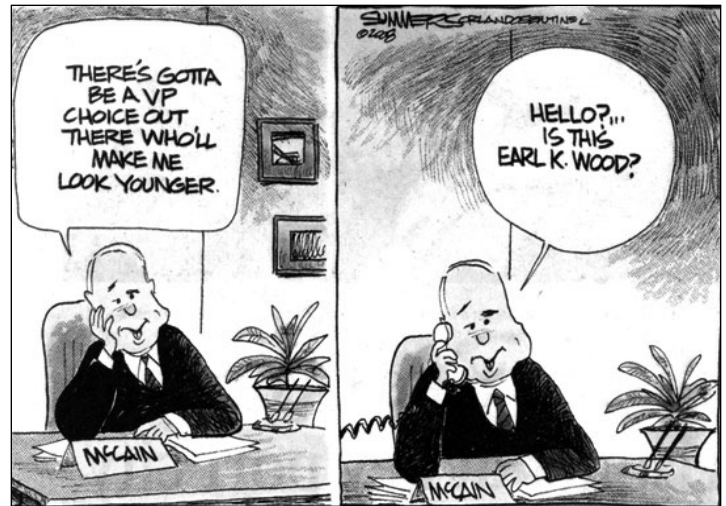
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Earl K. Wood, DTM to run again!

Honorary Life Member Earl K. Wood, DTM easily won the recent Democratic primary election and will run for a ninth term in November as the Orange County Tax Collector. Earl, 92, is a 52-year member of Conquerors, and has served as Tax Collector for over 40 years. •

TOASTMASTER CHATTER



Righter's Top Ten
Karl Righter, DTM

Top ten words of wisdom for Toastmasters inspired by Will Rogers:

- Never pass up a good opportunity to sit down
- Don't speak with a loud necktie
- When in doubt, mumble
- Never speak without your teeth
- Most of the money you spend for a meal at an Area Contest will go to trophies instead
- The red light means land immediately, not start circling the airport
- A closed mouth gathers no foot
- Never tackle vocal variety while chewing tobacco
- If an organization calls you collect to invite you to speak, they probably have no budget for a speaker
- Pointing the microphone at your navel will not improve audibility

• Working on a DTM?

Division C (where our club is located) is building at least FOUR new clubs. Contact Division Governor Bruce Gould, DTM if you would like to help him get those clubs off the ground. You would be listed as a Club Sponsor or Club Mentor which will count toward your earning the coveted Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) Award. Division Governor Gould may be reached at bkgould@att.net.

• Inviting a guest? To avoid the embarrassment guests may experience when showing up for meetings and finding everyone else dressed in business attire, please advise your invitees ahead of time of our dress code.

• Faux Fay - It usually takes a lot to conquer a 1066 meeting, but a wimpy tropical storm was not expected to be a deal-breaker. Nevertheless, caution prevailed and our landlord, UCF, decided to play it safe and send employees home early, thus forcing the rescheduling of our big Football theme meeting August 18th.

• Going International -

Newly elected Lt. Governor/Marketing Scott Hoehn, DTM and Division D Governor Ed Goddard, DTM attended the International Convention in Calgary, Canada, August 13 - 16. Are International Conferences for you? By all means! Mark your calendars to attend next August in Mashantucket, Connecticut. Then, in 2010, the convention will be in Sydney, Australia.

• Stand & speak - We've lapsed back into old habits of not standing when addressing the club at meetings. Two wonderful things happen when you stand to speak: 1) you can be seen, and, 2) you can be heard (because you project better when standing).

• New Sergeant-at-Arms

With Bernie Manuel unable to continue as SAA, new member Felipe Millon stepped forward to take on this important role. Thanks Felipe for being a team player!

• Welcome back - It was nice to see Dana Kowen at a recent meeting once again.