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Righter's Top Ten

- Karl Righter, DTM

The Best of 2008

- Funniest quip from Earl Wood's Roast at the 55th Anniversary: "He's in demand on all the cop shows. Who else can play a bit-and-run victim without make-up?"
- Top rejected caterer for Monday Night dinner meetings: Beans, Broth, & Beyond.
- Worst excuse for ignoring the red light and talking too long: "My notes were in reverse order. The longer I spoke, the further from my conclusion I got."
- Top rejected Olympic event inspired by Toastmasters: Synchronized gesture team.
- Best words of wisdom for Toastmasters inspired by Will Rogers: "A closed mouth gathers no foot."
- Top sign you're getting too old for Toastmasters: You win the "Fireball" Award for remembering where the club meets.
- Best sign of a Toastmasters club in trouble: A Polaroid picture of another club's Toastmaster Banner taped to the wall.
- Funniest headline from a past newsletter: "Lectern goes missing after being painted with camouflage."
- Favorite holiday gift from the Toastmasters catalog: Miniature timing lights for the bathroom.
- Best campaign quip from past officer elections: "I'm no dumb blonde... deep down, I'm a brunette!"

Smart, Moore, Kagel, & Hoehn win top awards

New officers installed at Annual Holiday Awards & Installation Banquet



Left: Outgoing President Brad Satill presents the Cameron Lusk Outstanding Toastmaster Award to Mitesh Smart. Right: Incoming officers Mitesh Smart, President; Michael Tuazon, VP/Education; John Todero, Secretary; Karl Righter, DTM, Sgt.-at-Arms; and, VP/PR Jerome Kalisz, ATM.

Orlando Conquerors 1066 held its 55th Annual Holiday Party, Officer Installation, and Awards Banquet December 15th. The festivities were attended by 16 members and guests and featured a great pot-luck dinner and good attendance at The Last Word.

Our club's top award for leadership, the coveted *Cameron Lusk Outstanding Toastmaster Award*, was given to outgoing Treasurer and incoming president *Mitesh Smart* for his outstanding service to our club during this term. It was a great six months for Mitesh as he served as Club Treasurer, won the Club Humorous Speech contest, planned and conducted several memorable theme meetings, and much more.

The *Bull Trophy* for excellence in communication was awarded to outgoing Vice President of Membership *Jimmy Moore*, who won 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, *Sheldon Kagel* was named the winner of the *Demosthenes Trophy*. The always entertaining *Scott Hoehn, DTM* won the term's *Fun & Pun Award*.

District 84 Lt. Governor *Scott Hoehn, DTM* presided over the semi-annual installation of club officers. These new officers for the first six months of 2009 are:

- Mitesh Smart – President
- Michael Tuazon – VP of Education
- Alicia Cook – VP of Membership
- Jerome Kalisz – VP of Public Relations
- John Todero – Secretary
- Karl Righter, DTM – Sergeant-at-Arms

The keynote speaker for the evening was Honorary Life Member and Past District 47 Governor, *Karl Righter, DTM*. After his inspirational message about leadership, he presented to the outgoing officers a deeply appreciated compilation of "Memories" of past newsletters.

Outgoing 1066 president *Brad Satill* gave the traditional Orchids and Onions address and recounted our club's progress toward a possible repeat of the previous years' President's Select Club designation. Other highlights included a humorous audience-participation session of The Twelve Nights of Conquerors conducted by *Jerome Kalisz, ATM*.

New president *Mitesh Smart* concluded the event with his Inaugural Address and promised to continue the momentum of the outgoing team's great year! ●

"Notable Quotes"

The Best of 2008

"There is a change to my printed agenda. I'm the Toastmaster, not Andrew Greenstein. It's not like I didn't know who the Toastmaster was."

- Mary Fickert, CC

Toastmaster of the Evening, 1/7/08

"For those who have significant others, or multiple others, this Valentine-themed meeting is for you." - Jackie Bick, during the invocation 2/11/08

"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

"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 hat into the ring, or throw someone else under the bus, let me know." - President Debbie Piccirello during announcements May 5th

"I'm old, but not as old as Karl or Scott." - Bernie Manuel, during Table Topics June 9th, losing at least two votes in return for a laugh

"Don't knock gourmet dog food until you've tried it!" - Troy Sands, during Table Topics 6/30

"I feel like a mosquito at a nudist camp... where do I start?" - Barbara Bergstrom, DTM, from her informative talk about business etiquette

"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

"John Todero is 25 years old? My name badge is older than that!" - Scott Hoehn, DTM, during his introduction of the meeting's Master Evaluator

"You've got to knock yourself here, don't you?" - Karl Righter, DTM, knocking on the lectern after no one acknowledged his use of the word of the day

"Why choose a sport where men dress like astronauts and make left turns for three hours?" - Toastmaster of the Evening Tom Hettenbach, posing the question we've all asked about NASCAR

"They said if I went to enough clubs I wouldn't keep running into Jim Ellis. . . they were wrong." - Guest Toastmaster Bill Jenkins, DTM noting that District 84 Sgt-At-Arms Jim Ellis was again a guest at a club he was also visiting

December 1, 2008

Best Speaker

Mitesh Smart

Best Evaluator

Bruce Gould, DTM

Best Table Topics

Elliott Wilcox, ATM

Most Improved

Alicia Cook

Bullseye

Mitesh Smart

Fireball

Scott Hoehn, DTM

Fun & Pun

Mitesh Smart

50-50 Winner

Bruce Gould, DTM

Attendance

19

Guests

5

Last Word

3

December 8, 2008

Best Speaker

My Scott (guest Toastmaster roasting Jim Ellis, DTM)

Best Evaluator

Elliott Wilcox, ATM

Best Table Topics

Jimmy Moore

Most Improved

Alicia Cook

Bullseye

n/a

Fireball

Scott Hoehn, DTM

Fun & Pun

Jim Ellis, DTM

Attendance

29

Guests

6

Last Word

10

TOASTMASTER CHATTER

• **Bon Appetit** - As a new twist for an end-of-term banquet, rather than catering the event, we did MUCH better...we had a home-made feast brought in by the outgoing officers and several other members. New member Nancy Humberson brought in homemade Lasagna, Italian Sausage, and mouth-watering fudge & cookies. Michael Tazon made flan from an age-old recipe to die for. (If you try to get the recipe, he'll have to kill you.) New member George Surry brought in shrimp & turkey wraps while others brought in fried chicken, seasoned rice, and more. Thank you all for your delicious contributions!

• **Outgoing officers** - A heartfelt thanks to these dedicated officers whose terms end on December 31st:

Club President: Brad Satill

VP of Education: John Todero

VP of Membership: Jimmy Moore

VP of Public Relations & Editor:
Scott Hoehn, DTM

Club Secretary: Xavier Fousseureau

Club Treasurer: Mitesh Smart

Great job folks, especially since you have already led us to another Distinguished Club designation six months early, and well on the way to *President's* Distinguished!

• **Editor's Last Word** - "It's been an honor to write stories and gather information for the weekly newsletters over the past six months. Karl Righter, DTM assisted me tremendously by adding the finishing touches, photos, his classic "Top Ten" lists, and more before ensuring that each of you received a copy. He further took on the task of editing and printing the hard copy month-end versions for distribution at the club.

Karl has agreed to stay on and continue producing the weekly editions for newly elected VP of Public Relations Jerome Kalisz, ATM (that guy with the booming radio-announcer voice). Jerome will now produce the monthly printed editions and continue posting all newsletters on our website: www.tm1066.org

Thanks to you all for your kind comments. It has been an honor serving as your VP/PR." - Scott Hoehn, DTM

• **On the horizon** - Our new board has exciting plans for re-branding and reorganizing the club. Expect to see new marketing ideas, policies, and procedures to smooth the operations of the club. We may even be seeking another location to accommodate our expected growth, since many times we've maxed out the capacity of our current room. •