



The Conqueror



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Newsletter of the Orlando Conquerors Toastmasters Club 1066
Dinner meetings every Monday 6:30pm at Lee's Lakeside Restaurant

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District 47, Area 16

October 2002

Autumn: Exciting Events Be-Fall 1066

Halloween, Campfires, District Conference and Elections all on horizon

Upcoming Events

For November!

The following are some of the highlights to come in November meetings!

Officer Elections!

Feel like holding an office? Even though the nominating committee has compiled a list of candidates, it's never too late to run!

Also be part of the **Mock Elections** (a Winter Park Club tradition now come to 1066) even if you're not serious about running! It's going to be fun! Contact **Michael Rubin** for more information.

White Elephant Sale!

Bring an item to hock! Help raise money for a good cause!

Fireside Gathering!

Enjoy the telling of 1066 history around a campfire with your Toastmaster buddies! Hear stories and sing songs!

Included:
The September issue!

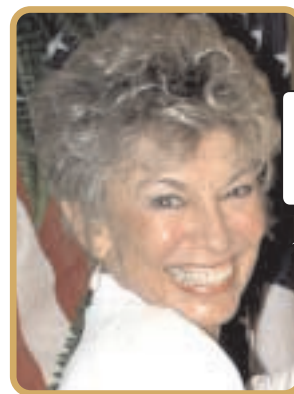
Balzer, Weber Continue Their Winning Ways

Each place at higher level contests



"Hey, look! We're on the front page again!"

Steve Balzer



"I know! Isn't it just great?"

Ali'e Weber

As we announced in the September issue of *The Conqueror*, **Ali'e Weber** and **Steve Balzer** were the winners in the 1066 *Humorous Speech and Evaluation* contests. Following this club level win, they each progressed to the **Area 16** contest which was held 26 September 2002 at the Florida Hospital.

We are pleased to report that our home club contestants kept up their winning ways. At the **Area 16** contest **Ali'e Weber** was the runner up in the *Humorous Speech Contest* (**Michael**

Visconti of Club 4823 took first) and **Steve Balzer** took first in the *Evaluation Contest*!

A mere two days later on September 28, Balzer was up again at the **Division C** contest. Here he was the runner up to **Monica Wafford** in the *Division Evaluation Contest*. This is a marvelous achievement following up his second place win at the District level of the *International Speech Contest* in the Spring.

Congratulations to both our winners! You are indeed *Conquerors!* •

Be Scared. Be Very Scared.

The **1066 Halloween Costume Party / Tall Tales** night is set for **28 October 2002!** All speakers are asked to dress in costume and spin the most far-fetched, out of this world fantastic and possibly scary yarns of the year! All members are welcome. While

costumes are encouraged, they are not required. Awards will be given for the best costumes. There will be games. There will be tricks. There will be treats! It's being organized by **Lynda Miller!!!** Need we say any more? •

On a Light Note...

September 23. **Pete Carrion** decides at the last minute to enter the 50/50 contest. As the numbers are about to be drawn, Pete announces he took 3 tickets from the table and will pay for them later. After a little laughter at the unconventional sale

and some questioning if the stubs were in the basket, the numbers were drawn. Whom do you think wound up as the winner? We'll leave that little tidbit to your fertile imaginations...

Heh heh... •

The Great Debate

Club Officers are currently discussing plans for a club debate. This debate may take the form of a special meeting time for 1066 or it possibly will be a larger event such as an *inter-club debate*.

Since club meeting nights are in high demand for speeches, Jerome Kalisz

suggested that a special evening or weekend afternoon be arranged.

A prime candidate for an inter-club debate would be the *Winter Park club #3674*. We ask for suggestions and a show of interest. Please contact Kalisz with your ideas and desires so further plans can be made. •

Changing of the Bard

The Conqueror **gets official editor: Brenna Droege**

We've finally found an editor willing to go bi-weekly! Toastmaster **Brenna Droege** has graciously agreed to accept the position of full time editor for the remainder of the 2002 year. Brenna also will be running for the position of *Newsletter Editor* for the upcoming term of Spring 2003.



Brenna Droege, new editor of *The Conqueror*

The Conqueror has been without an official editor this term. In June 2002 no editor could be found given the club's vote to require a biweekly newsletter. **Jerome R. Kalisz** (yours truly) has been publishing monthly issues in the

interim until an official editor could be found. This was to keep 1066 from being completely without a newsletter during this period.

Brenna will start publishing her biweekly issues of *The Conqueror* in November. This October issue will be my last; and I'm glad for the respite! Brenna is a graphic designer by trade

and has the passion to put the time into publishing a great newsletter. Given this combination we look forward to seeing what she will create! Good luck, Brenna, and thanks from all of 1066. As for me; I bid you all a fond adieu! *Jerome* •



Righter's Top Ten

By Karl Righter, DTM

Top Ten highlights from President G.W. Bush's surprise visit to 1066 (while campaigning for brother Jeb):

(Guest Humorist: Jerome R. Kalisz)

- 10) *Secret Service agent tackles Sergeant at Arms, claiming gavel is a deadly weapon*
- 9) *GW Finds word of the day, "partisan", to be too difficult. Substitutes "Iraq"*
- 8) *GW gets brother Jeb to be vote counter; GW wins in all categories*
- 7) *Earl K. Wood and Dick Cheney arrive at 4:00 hoping to get "early bird specials" at Lee's*
- 6) *After attending meeting, GW proposes \$7 per week per person as new educational budget*
- 5) *When **grammarian** is called to give report, GW says "I didn't know you guys were on the metric system!"*
- 4) *GW refuses to acknowledge evaluators since they are on the "wrong side" (wing) of the room*
- 3) *GW Looks for Bin Laden hiding under head table*
- 2) *During guest comments, GW asks Paul Meunier and Elizabeth Brothers if they'd like tax breaks*
- 1) *GW leaves meeting 30 minutes early to get started on Last Word (and to slip daughters and nieces a toddy or two)*



Club to Purchase Projector

Several months ago, it was suggested 1066 investigate the prospects of purchasing a multimedia projector for use with the club's or members' laptops. At the business meeting on 14 October 2002, members in attendance voted overwhelmingly to approve this purchase with only 4 members voting "nay".

The October 14 business meeting featured interesting debate about the projector. **Jerome Kalisz**, having been asked to investigate, offered his report about costs and feasibility as well as sharing his opinions regarding the benefits to the club. While new projectors are costly, Kalisz had seen opportunities

to buy a second hand basic projector within the club's budget. The club has approved up to \$800 for this purchase but Kalisz hopes to spend less than this amount. Kalisz has been asked to obtain the projector and is searching for the best deal possible. No specific model has been chosen at this time.

The projector is, basically, for projecting the images seen on a computer screen on a larger screen; much like a projection TV. It is ideal for *PowerPoint*, slide shows or other media uses. The projector will be available to all club members. It will be compatible with most laptops without additional drivers. Members will be able to use the club's laptop or bring their own.

The decision to purchase such a device was precipitated by the fact the club's treasury was strong enough to require spending some of the money as well as recognizing that developing proficiency at multimedia presentations is an important skill for many speakers in today's world.

If there are any questions about the nature of or how to use this projector, Kalisz has offered instruction and other training for anyone requiring it. Feel free to contact him. He also stated he will be giving a demonstration speech on setup and use of the projector once it is purchased. •



Point - CounterPoint

It's About Time...



Recently there has been much concern over timeliness in meetings. Here we offer some suggestions that should be *strongly* considered for keeping meetings moving smoothly, interesting and maximizing enjoyment for all:

➤ The Toastmaster of the Evening should edit introductions. The Toastmaster has not only the *right* but the **obligation** to edit and omit superfluous information included in introductions. Only information pertaining to the speech, the goals and the direct qualifications of the speaker is necessary. If the speaker pens a lengthy introduction that sets up the speech, the speaker should be asked if it is truly necessary and what parts, if any, can be shortened. Information such as job, marital status and how many cats the speaker owns is unimportant. Nonetheless you often hear introductions with superfluous information and nauseam which don't include the basic information to "set up" the speech, such as manual, assignment and intent. It is the responsibility of the Toastmaster to read the introductions in advance and abridge them as necessary.

➤ Ironically, often timers take too long both in their reports and the explanation of their duties. Extraneous details are not needed when succinct synopses will suffice.

➤ At the end of the meeting we often snatch defeat from the gaping maw of victory. On those occasions where the meeting is running ahead of schedule, often announcements go unrestrained and fill the void of whatever time is left. Indeed, on occasion when there is an extra 5 minutes members have been allowed to make "public service announcements" for more than 10 minutes. The chair should not allow such unrestrained announcements just because there is a sense of excess time. Announcements should generally be club business (often they are not). At the very least a time limit should be placed on such announcements. The chair has not only the *right* but the **obligation** to place restraints on loquacious commentary.

➤ The vote counter is a self-explanatory duty. Yet the vote counter is asked to explain his or her duties along with other

functionaries. At the very least the vote counter does not need to pontificate for 1-2 minutes about collecting the votes. Toastmasters is as much an exercise in not wasting words as it is in filling an allotted time.

➤ We've fallen into the unfortunate habit of calling the next speaker when the clock is approaching 7pm and dinner has not arrived. While we've made some progress in purging this habit it's still oftentimes practiced. This should generally be avoided as it's disrupting to the speaker (especially an icebreaker) when dinner arrives during a speech. Nothing says we must wait for dinner before recessing! It's much better to recess and reconvene while people finish dining than be interrupted midstream. Sometimes a few Table Topics are called for while waiting for dinner but generally this is not necessary if it's 7pm. Go ahead and recess.

While there are many other methods to keep meetings on track, these are a few as a starting point. We welcome more suggestions and discussion on this issue. •

"Point-CounterPoint" is an editorial / opinion feature which is meant to spark discussion of issues and will be a recurring feature in The Conqueror. We welcome submissions of opposing or tangential points of view. •

Conquerors - The Club 1066 Honor Roll:

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Best Speaker:
Georgia Hill

Best Evaluator:
Cindy Rubin

Most Improved:
Tina Harbold

Best Table Topics:
Tim Hanley

Fireball:
Alan Brents

Fun 'n Pun:
Barbara Bergstrom

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Best Speaker:
Mark Adams

Best Evaluator:
Tim Ricke

Most Improved:
Tim Hanley

Best Table Topics:
Paul Meunier

Fireball:
Lynda Miller

Fun 'n Pun:
Karl Richter

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Cindy Rubin

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Brenna Droege

Best Table Topics:
Jerome Kalisz

Fireball:
Helen Joseph

Fun 'n Pun:
Josh Barzey



TOASTMASTER CHATTER

Fireside Chat Makes History

A fireside gathering / chat / meeting is being planned for 1066 members to celebrate our club history. This evening will feature stories, history and even singing. It is planned for the week of November 11 at Wekeiva Springs park.

Contact VP Education **Lynda Miller** for more information.

Conquering Inflation..?

The new contract with Lee's Lakeside requires that basic meeting costs will

rise from \$6 to \$7 per person. Dinner costs will remain at \$6 in addition to this meeting fee for a total of \$13 for those choosing to dine during the meeting.

The contract renewal was ratified at the October 14 business meeting. •

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