



# The Conqueror

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Area 16, District 47

September 13, 2004

## NOTABLE QUOTES

"If you want a beautiful ribbon you must speak or shut up"  
—**Ed Goddard, DTM**, explaining the vote counter's role

"I can now give a table topic without running to the bathroom"  
—**Melanie Sweetland**, sharing what Toastmasters has done for her

"Andy, you are normally the prop during your speech"  
—**Elliott Wilcox, ATM**, evaluating Andy Dooley's speech in which he used props

"Don't bother me. I'll be calibrating my Lazz-boy so I can recline as far as I can until my belly gets in the way"  
—**Paul Munier, DTM**, getting ready for football season

"There's a time to remain silent; this is not one of them"  
—**Bill Brock, CTM**, stalling during a table topics answer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**If we ever have the club contest we can send someone to the area and district contests.**

The Area 16 Humorous Speech Contest will be held on September 28 at 7:00 at the Turnpike Authority Building. The Division C contest will be held on October 17th from 3-6 pm at the University Club in Winter Park. See **Alan Brents, ATM** for more information.

**Don't make Ed mad.** Dues are due to Ed by October 1st.

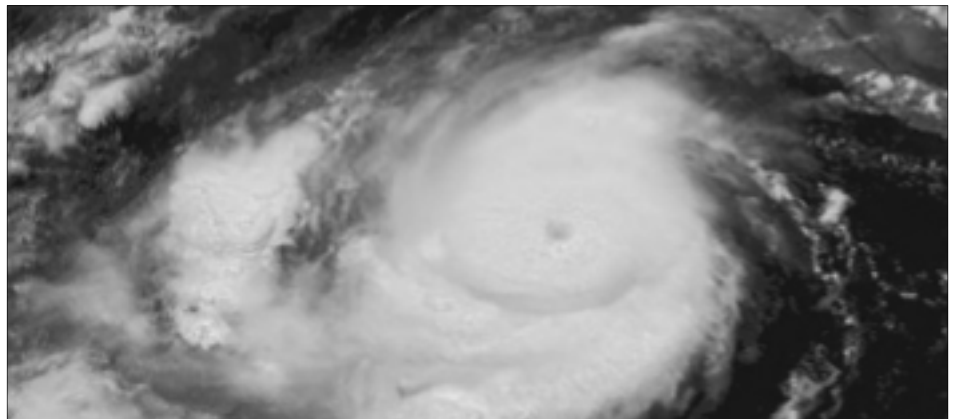
**Is there still a Deerfield Beach after all these hurricanes?** The District 47 Fall conference will be held from November 5-7 at the Deerfield Beach Hilton.

**Congratulations.** James Webb, from Club 28 took third place in the International Speech Competition held in Reno in August.

**Announcements?** E-mail [dewey@aliterra.com](mailto:dewey@aliterra.com)

## TOP STORY

### Hurricanes can't stop the Conquerors! *Hurricanes delay Humorous Speech Contest*



Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Ivan may have put a damper on the Conquerors' activities, but the Conquerors are quickly returning back to normal.

When Hurricane Charley made landfall on Friday, August 13th, many Conquerors were preparing their speeches for the Humorous Speech Contest scheduled for August 16th. However, due to storm damage downtown, the contest was rescheduled for September 13th. While several Conquerors were disappointed about the hurricane, most contestants saw the delay as more time to find their funny bones.

Hurricane Frances didn't impact the Conquerors to such a great extent because it struck during the Labor Day weekend when no meeting was scheduled.

Adding insult to injury, Hurricane Ivan, now making a bee-line to the panhandle of Florida, threatened to postpone the Humorous Speech Contest yet again. However, with Ivan's new track, the contest will be held as scheduled. Best of luck to the contestants and wishes for a speedy recovery from all the hurricanes!

## Brents named Area 16 Governor

*Governor looks to start new area clubs, revitalize others*

Following the unfortunate departure of Area Governor Paulette Sutton, **Alan Brents, ATM** has been named Area 16 Governor.

Alan has jumped head first into his new role and is already working to satisfy his agenda to start new clubs in the area and strengthen existing area clubs.

Brents is already working to start a new club at Florida Metropolitan University. He plans to hold a demonstration meeting on September 21 from 4:30 to 5:15 at FMU. Brents says that he is still looking to fill functionary positions for the meeting.

Brents adds that he is looking to start one more new club in the area during his tenure.

Alan also indicated that he is looking to strengthen existing clubs in the area through visits and other club marketing activities.

Alan is working hard on the Area Humorous Speech Contest to be held on September 28 at 7:00 at the Turnpike Authority building on the Turnpike.



Alan Brents

## HONORROLL

August 2, 2004

**Best Speaker:** Barbara Bergstrom, DTM

**Best Evaluator:** Jessica Schlenk, CTM

**Most Improved:** Dewey Steadman

**Best Table Topics:** Paul Munier, DTM

**Bullseye:** Dewey Steadman

**Fireball:** Raymond Harvey

**Fun & Pun:** Paul Munier, DTM

**Conquerors in attendance:** 24

**Guests:** 0

**The Last Word:** 10

**Word of the day:** per·son·i·fy *n.*

- To think of or represent as having personality or the qualities, thoughts, or movements of a living person.
- To represent by a human figure.
- To represent an abstract quality or idea.
- To be the embodiment or perfect example of.

**Thanks for stepping up at the last minute!**

Phil Sumampow, CTM; Brenda DeArmond, DTM; Alan Brents, ATM

August 30, 2004

**Best Speaker:** Paul Munier, DTM

**Best Evaluator:** Alan Brents, ATM

**Most Improved:** Melanie Sweetland

**Best Table Topics:** Karl Righter, DTM

**Bullseye:** Melanie Sweetland

**Fireball:** Paul Munier, DTM

**Fun & Pun:** new member Rodney!

**Conquerors in attendance:** 20

**Guests:** 3

**The Last Word:** n/a

**Word of the day:** bon vi·vant *n.*

- A person with refined taste, especially one who enjoys superb food and drink.

**Thanks for stepping up at the last minute!**

Dewey Steadman; Ed Goddard, DTM;  
Len Warren, CTM

## TOPTEN

### Top ten recoveries after embarrassing gaffes

*by Karl Righter, DTM*

10. Speaker falls on face on the way to the lectern: "I will now take questions from the floor."
9. Flopping microphone: "It's tough to do stand-up comedy with this thing!"
8. In response to heckler in audience: "Security, table six. Security, table six."
7. Speaker falls through rotten floor on elevated platform: "Don't mind me. It's just a stage I'm going through."
6. Embarrassing silence after losing place: "I guess I carried that pregnant pause to full term."
5. Jokes bombing: "This microphone seems to be picking up the punch lines but not the laughs."
4. When cell phone goes off in audience, speaker pretends to answer on his cell phone: "I told you to stop calling me here."
3. More jokes bombing: "At least I won't have to worry about stepping on my laughs."
2. After inadvertent belch: "I'd like to thank Radio Shack for supplying tonight's sound system."
1. Member of audience heard snoring: "When I asked the program chairman how big a room I'd be working tonight, she said it sleeps 75."

**Don't forget about the Last Word! Come share thoughts about life, the Universe, the weather or whatever @ Sam Snead's Tavern!**

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