



### **”JABULANI” & “WAKA WAKA”**

**These are two new words learned from the theme of the day, Foot Ball.** ‘Jabulani’ originates from the Bantu language isiZulu, one of the eleven official languages of the Republic of South Africa, means “to celebrate”, “to rejoice”, “come to bring happiness to everyone”. ‘Waka Waka’ are words in the Cameroon language called Fang, means “to Do it”, “get the task done”.

July 12, Monday was scheduled to be the club’s first meeting for the term 2010-2011. It was the 169<sup>th</sup> meeting of Al-Khor Toastmasters club. The new Excom had a meeting during last weekend to plan the club meeting carefully. The theme selected was **Football** to keep the spirit of FIFA Foot Ball World Cup high and sustained and the word of the day as **Spirit**.

The meeting started at 7:10 PM with **TM Jagdish Bhat**, briefing with usual reminders about safety and proper meeting decorum and introducing the club president. Then the club President **TM Thomas Philip** presided, officially opened the meeting and introduced Toast Master of the Day.

The Toastmaster of the day, **TM CL Faisal Aboubaker** took over the lectern with **Jabulani, the Ball for the 2010 FIFA World Cup** and then led all the Toast masters to the ground. Though the FIFA got over on 11<sup>th</sup> July, for Al-Khor club Toast masters it was still there. ‘Captain Faisal’ kept every one’s spirit high through warm ups and cheers and by a Chorus ‘Waka waka’. He explained how the theme became a concept. The meeting was conducted like a foot ball team captain encouraging his team members until they reach the goal. In between he introduced the role-players, speakers and evaluators connecting them with the role players in a foot ball team.

The first speaker was **TM Jagdish Bhat**. In his project speech 3, he spoke about **Gratefulness** – how important it is to express your gratitude in life. Feeling of Gratitude gives rise to all the good virtues in a person. World will become better place if gratitude becomes a way of life.

The second speaker, **MTM Nabeesa Usman** in her project speech 7 talked about how **Negligence could lead to accident**. MTM reminded that it is wise for everyone to act diligently and complied rules and stated that a safe home has a place for everything and that along with the right mental attitude will make it a heaven.

The third speaker was **TM Natarajan Mahadevan**. In his project speech 6 he talked about **Crisis Management** in which he stressed on why personal Crisis management plan is important ,how to prepare before a crisis and steps to be taken after a crisis. TM Natarajan mentioned examples of successful crisis management by Pepsi Company and failure by Airbus A 380 were also mentioned.

The last but definitely not the least speaker, **ACB ALS Mantha Shrinivas in his ACS-P4 "Straight Talk"** from the Advanced Communication Manual "TV Presentations" wherein he was to speak to camera to be broadcast "LIVE" to the viewers. He spoke on the significance of incorporating innovation and entrepreneurship skills during education. The successful launch of light satellite and the invention of the cheapest car (cheaper than Tata Nano) both invented and developed by engineering students were used as examples.

After the four speakers delivered their prepared speeches, a 10 minute break was followed.

At 8:20pm the meeting was once again opened by Seargent at Arms TM Jagdish. It was followed by the Table topics session conducted by **TM Gopal Sridhar**. Most of the topics were connected to the theme of the day and the Table Topic Master encouraged everyone to come forward to speak from their heart.

The meeting then moved on to the Evaluation session. The evaluation team was lead by **DTM Atul Srivastava** as General Evaluator. **TM Karim, ACB ALS Mantha Shrinivas, CTM, CL Vibhas Mangla**, evaluated TM Jagdish, TM Nabeesa, and TM Natarajan, respectively. **DTM Atul Srivastava** took additional role of evaluating **ACB ALS Mantha Shrinivas** for his Project speech ACS-P4.

General Evaluator called the team of evaluators to evaluate on each speech which they did. As part of a regular meeting, the Grammarian, **TM Bijay Kumar Behera** , Timer, **TM Jagdish Bhat** and **TM Thomas Philip** as Ah-counter read out their reports

General Evaluator DTM Atul then appreciated the efforts and suggested to reinstate the Mission of Toast Masters in each meeting if not at least in all alternate meetings. Due to the peak time of vacation the attendance was low but he encouraged that "the bus had to run even though the passengers are less".

TM Thomas Philip followed with the regular Business session and ended the meeting at 9: 20 pm.

There were a few last minute changes. DTM Atul Srivastava took General Evaluator role instead of TM Ravikumar Yechuri; TM Jagdish took the Timer role instead of TM George Mathew; TM Thomas Philip took Ah-counter role instead of TM David Gunawan; CTM CL Vibhas Mangla took Evaluator role for TM Natarajan's speech instead of TM Laxman Rao; TM Mantha Shrinivas evaluated MTM Nabeesa's speech.

It was a good start of the new term and Al-Khor Toastmasters went home in good team spirit along with new ideas and knowledge



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**Next Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, Al-Waha Club, Theme of the Day: Environment**