



Al-Khor Toastmasters, Club no.7850

Synopsis of Meeting no.171

9th August, 2010

Theme of the Day: Holidays

Word of the Day: Sojourn

HOLIDAYS

August 9, Monday was scheduled for 171st meeting of Al-Khor Toastmasters club. The theme selected was Holidays to applaud the spirit of Toast masters who came despite planning for their vacation or having just returned from vacation.

The meeting opened with the Sergeant @ Arms **TM Jagdish Bhatt** welcoming the gathering at 0710 PM. TM Jagdish Bhatt briefed the gathering with reminders about safety and proper meeting decorum and invited the Acting club President **TM Natarajan Mahadevan**. Acting Club President TM M.Natarajan commenced the proceedings by welcoming Area Governor Area 16 **CTM CL Nemani Sharma** and then introduced the **TMOD MTM Nabeesa Usman**.

TMOD MTM Nabeesa started with her fond remembrance of childhood summer holidays spent among relatives and cousins. She shared the interactions their group had with the tourists from far away places of the globe that frequented her uncle's restaurant. Then role players were introduced. The Ah Counter was manned by **TM Sherwin Waje**, Timer was **TM Yasser Yehya Hassan Bassiony** and Grammarian was **TM Manolito Carpio**. TM Manolito introduced the word of the day –'sojourn' meaning a temporary stay or a brief period of residence to match with the theme of the day.

The first speaker was **TM Mohamed Shajeeb**. In his P1 Ice Breaker speech, TM Shajeeb briefed about his life, parents and early work life. He recalled his interest in business. He narrated how his wife and kids contribute to a healthy balance in life. He went on to exhort the virtues friendship values. He likened life to that of a flowing river with ups and downs-but always flowing, always full of life.

The second speaker, **TM Jagadeesh Maddula** started with an encouraging note, 'Where there is a will, there is a way". He recounted his early experience in life, having lost both the parents. He

recounted his education and how he landed in Qatar. He shared his love for family. TM Jagadeesh ended his speech with mentioning some of his ambitions.

After this speech, break was declared.

The meetings resumed after the break by Sergeant @ Arms TM Jagdish Bhatt welcoming a distinguished guest, Mr., Jahangir Qureshi of Qatargas Company Ltd. Mr. Qureshi gave a brief introduction about him.

MTM Nabeesa used this occasion to warn the travelling participants about possible danger of vacations and care to be taken during vacation and inculcated that while spending a lot of money on holidays, offer some for charity too.

The next on the agenda was an education module by Area 16 Governor CTM CL Nemani Sharma. He explained the importance of being in Toastmasters and then explained the salient features of the two tracks-**Leadership track** and **Communication track** in this elite forum. Through beautiful narration of a story he clearly connected the concept of servant-leaders; it is a service role through which you grow up as a true leader which would make you happy and content. He recalled the services done by some of the senior Toast masters who took the AKTM to what it is today and asked the attendees to contribute to this cause. The toastmasters gave a standing ovation to the services rendered by **DTM Atul Srivastava**.

MTM Nabeesa then invited **TM Gopal Sridhar** to conduct Table topics sessions. Apt to the occasion TM Gopal Sridhar came up with wonderful topics. Notable ones were 'Holidays are bad; sell this idea' , 'Sell a holiday plan to the location you like the best' and 'How will you get a Toast master to attend the meeting if he is on holiday mood' .

The meeting then moved on to the Evaluation session. The evaluation team was lead by **CTM CL Sundaresan as General Evaluator**. In his additional role TM Sundaresan evaluated TM Shajeeb; TM Nemani Sharma evaluated TM Jagadeesh respectively.

General Evaluator called the team of evaluators to evaluate on each speech which they did. The Grammarians Manolito Carpio, Timer TM Yasser Bassiony and AH Counter TM Sherwin Waje read out their reports.

TM Natarajan followed with the regular Business session. He concluded by thanking the participants for their participation and spirit.

Meeting was adjourned at 9: 05 pm.

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Next Meeting: Saturday, 28th August 2010, 8am to 10am, Al-Waha Club

