

# SUCCESS



**Al-Khor Toastmasters, Club no.7850**

**Synopsis of Meeting no.172**

**28<sup>th</sup> August, 2010**

**Theme of the Day:**

**Action is the key to Success**

**Word of the Day:**

**Benign**

## **ACTION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS**

August 28, Saturday was scheduled for 172<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Al-Khor Toastmasters club. The motivating theme of the day brought a wave of enthusiasm in the hearts of toastmasters present in the meeting. All the toastmasters very well agreed and greatly connected to the theme of the day.

The meeting opened with the Sergeant @ Arms **TM Jagdish Bhat** welcoming the gathering at 08:05 AM. TM Jagdish briefed the gathering with reminders about safety and proper meeting decorum and invited the club President **TM Thomas Philip**. President TM Thomas commenced the proceedings by expressing his viewpoints on the theme of the day. He said that it can be nothing else but action which can define and be prelude to success. He elaborated on how action is the very essence of life in this dynamic world. He then introduced the toastmaster of the day (TMOD), **TM Gopal Sridhar**.

**TMOD Gopal** started with very intriguing thoughts on inter-relationship between action and success. He emphasized that winning or losing is part and parcel of this life, but to win and to be successful, action is the only recourse available to us. He then explained how the factor called fear prohibits us from action, which all of us need to overcome. He informed the audience on how one should not wait for taking action to really succeed in life. He also confessed, that it was his keen desire to achieve success in public speaking that made him act upon and join toastmasers club.

In the next part he introduced the role players. The Ah Counter role was manned by **TM Thomas Philip**, Timer by **TM Shabbir UI Hassan Siddiqui** and Grammarian by **TM Madhukara Kalmady**. TM Madhukara introduced the word of the day –‘**benign**’ meaning a kind, good or not malignant.He also requested speakers to use the word of the day during their speeches.

The first speaker was **TM Jahangir Qureshi**. In his P1 Ice Breaker speech, TM Jahangir expressed his delight and stated he felt honoured to be in front of such elite audience. He then very vividly narrated his journey of life. He told that he was born in Pakistan and travelled different countries like Nigeria, Qatar, and Malaysia etc. He explained how he loved travelling, dealing with different societies and culture. His told that his stay in different countries since his childhood had greatly impacted his

life and his view about life. He had a brief nostalgic moment for a kind person in Nigeria. He took pleasure in revealing his keen interest in sports especially tennis and cricket. He also elaborated on his career aspect, how he became a successful civil engineer. He informed the audience about different companies he has worked in and how he has contributed in various construction projects. His current position is that of project engineer in JBOG Project for Qatargas.

The second speaker, **TM Sherwin Waje** appeared to be a promising humorous speaker. He stated that **"I am a computer engineer by profession and a computer geek by choice"**. He appeared quite ambitious when he stated that success is measured by what has been achieved. He then elaborated on various achievements in his life. He claimed to have completed reading ten encyclopedias by the time he completed high school. During his entrance exams to college he realized that his true field was none other than computer science. Later, he proved his excellence by handling various projects in Network hardware and communication, Robotics etc. He also spoke about his contribution to Philippines Government especially in the drafting of Ecommerce laws & involvement in CERT (Computer Emergency Response Team). He took true pride when he revealed that he and his team was formally given salute by Lieutenant General in his country. He then expressed how circumstances changed with passage of time due to some losses in his business, which forced him to take up job in Doha. He is currently serving as an IT administrator in a Private company since last two years. In his conclusion he expressed his sincere thank to his childhood friend TM Manolto for being a friend in need.

The usual break time was cancelled to cut short the overall meeting time and benefit all the attendees.

**TMOD Gopal** reignited the passion for action by stating the thoughts of Walt Disney **"While the worriers are worrying, the planners are planning and the accountants are figuring out why we can't afford it, I'm busy getting started"**. He explained how profound the quote was and how it applies to each one of us in our daily life.

The next on the agenda was the exciting session of Table topics. **TMOD Gopal** invited **TM Manolito Carpio** to conduct Table topics sessions. As usual, TM Monolito came up with an innovative way of conducting the table topics session. He declared the speaking order before hand for the convenience of the speakers. Apt to the occasion TM Manolito came up with wonderful topics like,

- Encourage a person to act upon and join Toastmaster,
- Practice makes man perfect,
- Global warming and what individual actions can be taken to prevent it, and
- Actions to censor or screen the usage of internet among children. etc

The meeting then moved on to the Evaluation session. The evaluation team was lead by **CTM Sundaesan as General Evaluator**. General Evaluator called the team of evaluators to evaluate on each speech which they did and also encouraged the aspiring P1 Speakers. The Grammarian TM Madhukara, Timer TM Shabbir and AH Counter TM Thomas then read out their reports.

Club President **TM Thomas Philip** then followed with the regular Business session. He concluded by thanking the participants for their participation and spirit.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

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**Next Meeting: Monday, 27th September 2010, 7 PM to 9 PM, Al-Waha Club.**