

Al-Khor Toastmasters Club

Synopsis of Meeting no.173

27th September, 2010



THE POWER OF SMILE

173rd meeting of Al-Khor Toastmasters club was scheduled for September 27th, 2010 Monday at 7 PM at Al-Khor Al-Waha club Simaisma conference room. It was combined with the Al Khor Toastmasters office bearers Installation ceremony. The theme selected was "The Power of Smile"

The meeting opened at 7: 15 pm with Sergeant @ Arms **TM Monalito Carpio** welcoming the gathering and briefing the safety rules. President TM Thomas Philip commenced the proceedings by welcoming all members and guests and then introducing the **Toast Master of the Day DTM Atul Srivastava**.

TMOD DTM Atul explained the power of smile with examples from his own life and reminded that smile can embrace the whole world together. Then the role players were introduced. **The Ah Counter** was **TM Madhukara Kalmady**, **TM Venkata Subbu** was **Timer** and **Grammarian** was **TM Sherwin Waje**. TM Sherwin introduced the word of the day –'chortle' which means 'laugh' to match with the theme of the day.

Then the prepared speech session started with **first speaker, TM Vinod Nambiar** doing his P3. He delivered an excellent speech on "Crime" in which he elucidated the crime committed by the late Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi and how her father Jawaharlal Nehru made her realize the seriousness of the crime. Through the art of excellent story telling he kept the audience' anxiety at its full swing until he opened up that the crime was nothing but that she was not staying fit. He pointed out that as per the definition of 'crime' not taking care of oneself is a crime and one of his recent resolutions was to stay fit and healthy.

The second speaker, **TM Thomas Philip** started his P4 speech on "Time is short, but Eternity is Long" by reminding everyone the value of time. He said that everyone knows the importance of time but don't realize that it is short; it is very importance to organize your time. He pointed out how the great leaders worked towards the dream of making use of every second and urged us to take care of our time.

After that session the much awaited Education Module on "Vocal Variety" was presented by TM Sameer Moosa, the guest speaker. He is the **Vice President Education - International Advance Club & Assistant Division-E Governor - Education & Training**. He started with three old hits of Hindi (Indian language) songs to let us aware of the voice modulations in those songs. He then went on to analyse the techniques and different components of vocal varieties in speech; ie Volume (loud – low), Pitch (high – low), Pause (steady – Sleek) and Rate (fast – slow). He grabbed audience' full attention through a complete interactive session and every single person enjoyed it. It was a very informative session.

After the Educational session there was a break for 5 minutes.

The meeting resumed after the break with the Table topic session. The Table Topic Master was TM Faisal Aboobaker. Due to time constrain TM Faisal brought two table topics which were very well accepted and everyone enjoyed.

The meeting then moved on to the Evaluation session. The evaluation team was lead by **CTM CL Sundaresan as General Evaluator**. General Evaluator called the team of evaluators to evaluate on each speech which they did. In this role TM Lakshman Rao evaluated TM Vinod and TM Natarajan evaluated TM Thomas Philip.

Then it was time for Installation ceremony for 2010 – 11 Officers of AKTM. The President invited Area Governor TM Nemani Sharma to conduct the Installation ceremony. TM Nemani conducted the ceremony and installed new officers.

Then President TM Thomas Philip conducted the regular Business session. He concluded by thanking the attendees for their active participation.

Meeting was concluded by 9:35 PM followed by dinner for members and their family at Al-Waha Club.

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Next Meeting: Monday 11th October 2010, Al-Waha Club