



**Al-Khor Toast Masters, Club No. 7850**  
**Synopsis of Meeting # 182**  
**Date of the Meeting: 24 January 2011**  
**Theme of the Day: Rain fall**

The 182<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of AKTM started on 24 January 2011 with the theme 'Rainfall'.

At 0715 Hrs acting SGT@ Arms TM Madhukar welcomed the gathering and explained the ground rules. President TM Thomas set the tone for the meeting, recalling the quality family time he had wit his kids during the recent rainy spell in Qatar. He then introduced TMOD TM Jahangir Qureshi.

TM Jahangir Qureshi shared his experience during the rainy season. Then the TMOD introduced the role players. TM Shabbir played Ah Counter, TM Ganesh played the role of Timer and TM Madhukar played the role of grammarian.

The first session began with an outstanding education module speech by experienced senior Toast master Koshy Sam. He spoke lucidly on the topic 'taking terror out of talks'. He gave practical tips to overcome tension and anxiety during the speech sessions. He narrated an incident where he represented his employers in a crucial meeting overseas and was adjudged the best speaker in the presence of an elite audience. He fondly remembered the role of Toast masters organization in shaping him as a good speaker.

Then the TMOD invited the second speaker of the day TM Sounder Subramanian to deliver his P10 speech- 'Can we make a difference?' True to his style, TM Sounder delivered a captivating speech highlighting the evils of child labor. He began his mile stone speech with the quotation from Williams Shakespeare said, "There is no darkness but ignorance". TM Sounder proudly displayed his Membership card of Human Rights Commission that gave him the spirit to be assertive in expressing his displeasure and to act at the right time. He recalled a personal incident and advocated against the ills of the practice, He left a lasting impression in the minds of the audience about the after-effects of this social evil.

Then came the next Senior Toastmaster Faisal Aboobacker. In his ACB P5 speech on the topic 'Moral of the story', TM Faisal narrated an old story of hare and tortoise race that is known to the father's father's father and son's son's son of the audience. He juxtaposed the story with modern day games analogy like the venue for the race, brand ambassador for hotels and food chains, advertisement, lobbying etc and made the story in today's context. To the accompanying Peels of laughter, he led his story to an interesting conclusion on how the hare lost the historical race.

The TMOD announced 10 minutes tea-break.

After the break the TMOD Jahangir Qureshi resumed the session, introducing the guest for the day, Mr. Shashidhar, Integrity Engineer from Qatar Gas Company. Mr. Shashidhar introduced himself and announced that his daughter was being trained as Gavalier under the leadership of TM Sundaresan.

Then came the table topics. Table topics master TM Justin Diraviam adapted a novel approach. He gave two contradictory proverbs and asked the audience to talk on them. The proverbs were pairs like:

- 'Look before you leap' and 'He who hesitates is lost'
- 'Absence makes the heart grow fonder' and 'Out of sight out of mind'
- 'Haste makes waste' and 'Time and tide waits for no one'

to name a few of the proverbs.

Then came TM Kareem, as General Evaluator and he conducted the evaluation session. TM Sounder was evaluated by TM Nemani Sarma. Immediately after evaluation, TM Sounder thanked his mentor TM Sundaresan who mentored him until his P10 speech mile stone. TM

Sounder also thanked other Toast masters who supported him. TM Sounder was given a standing ovation for achieving the P10 speechmile stone.

TM Faisal's speech was evaluated by Senior Toast Master K.Krishna Kumar. Then the role players reported their findings to the General evaluator.

The TMOD then invited President Thomas Philip for business sessions. TM Thomas announced the club level competitions and the details were given by VP-Education TM Madhukar. Area Governor TM Sarma Nemani explained the details of area level contests and asked the Members to continue their good work.

The meeting ended with the President TM Thomas Philip thanking the members for their active participation. The meeting concluded at 0910 Hrs.

**Prepared by AKTMC Ex-Com**  
**Nest Meeting: Monday, 14 February 2011**