



# Cricket

Al-Khor Toastmasters, Club no.7850

Synopsis of Meeting no.184

February 14th, 2011

## **Theme of the Day: Cricket Mania**

The 184<sup>th</sup> meeting of Al-Khor Toastmasters club was held at Al-Waha Club Simaisma conference room on February 14<sup>th</sup> with the theme 'Cricket Mania'. To match with the theme of the day " Featherbed" was chosen as the word of the day.

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with SGT@ Arms TM Jagdish welcoming the gathering and briefing the safety rules. President TM Thomas Philip commenced the proceedings by welcoming all members and guests.

This meeting was graced by the attendance of our beloved community Director Mr. Nabil Makram. He gave an interesting introduction about himself. He shared his views on Toast master program and gave an insight in shaping ones' life-be it personal or professional. The members gave a standing ovation to the esteemed guest of the day.

The second guest Mr Vishal Mehta introduced himself. Then TM Thomas briefed up the advantages of becoming toast master, saying that it brings (r) evolution in a person. Then TM Thomas introduced the Toast Master of the Day (TMOD) TM Abdul Karim.

TM Abdul Karim briefed up the theme of the day and mentioned how crazy he and his family members are in cricket. TM Karim then introduced the role players. TM Sherwin Waje played the role of Grammarian and introduced the word of the day "Featherbed". TM Justin was Timer and TM Jagdish Maddhula was Ah-Counter. Then TMOD invited TM Krishna Kumar to do the Education Module on "Preparation and Practice"

TM Krishnakumar took the audience through a very informative presentation. He started with a quote by Benjamin Franklin "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail". TM Krishnakumar briefed up the structure of a speech, how to start with, what are the flavours to add, how to connect the theme etc. He urged every member to prepare and practice well before doing project speech. His speech was prepared with several personal anecdotes and his brand of humour made an enjoyable module. He also helped the audience through a brief question and answer session.

Then started the prepared speech session with the first speaker TM Ganesh R with his P3 speech titled "Donation". TM Ganesh explained the importance of donation and then moved on to blood donation drive. He mentioned about his experience in donating blood for a child who was a heart patient and later became a close friend of the child's father. He then persuaded the audience to donate blood for the April 24<sup>th</sup> blood donation drive in Qatar. He elucidated the advantages of blood donation and how it is crucial in today's world.

The second speaker was TM Natarajan Mahadevan. It was his P10 Mile stone Speech for achieving Competent Communicator. In his speech on "Commitment" he brought the living examples of Apple CEO Steve Jobs, Sachin Tendulkar and Wasim Akram and explained how they succeeded in their chosen career by commitment. He went on to narrate examples of James Cameroon's commitment to his profession and Florence Nightingale's commitment to nursing profession . He also quoted examples of countries that developed due to commitment. He pointed out the commitment requires consistency and commitment is the one that connects dream and reality.

The meeting had a 10 minutes break at 0820 PM and reassembled at 08:30 PM

The TMOD invited Table topics master TM Subbhu to the lectern.

TM Subbhu brought some animations and asked the audience to present their speeches. The examples were three monkeys gesturing, a man & wife with cricket apparels among others. The Community Director Nabeel Makram, Guest Mr Vishal Mehta also participated in the table topics sessions.

The Genera evaluator TM Sundaresan Subramaniam evaluated the meeting and gave lot of tips to improve the meeting performance.

The president TM Thomas then conducted the business session. He stressed the value of time in the Toast master meetings and directed that role players should restrict their activities within the given time frame. He then concluded the meeting at 09:05 PM.

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**Next Regular Meeting: Monday 14th March @ AI-Waha Club**