



# A Powerful Vision is the First Key to Success

Al-Khor Toastmasters, Club no.7850  
Synopsis of Meeting no.189  
April 11<sup>th</sup> 2011

## Theme of the Day: Vision

189<sup>th</sup> meeting of Al-Khor Toastmasters club was held on April 11th 2011 Monday at 7 PM at Al-Khor Al-Waha club Simaisma conference room. The theme selected for the meeting was 'Vision'.

The meeting opened at 7:10 pm with acting SGT@ Arms TM Sundaresan welcoming the gathering and briefing the safety rules. President TM Thomas Philip commenced the proceedings by welcoming all members and guests. He welcomed the chief guest, Mr. Erle Fabian, RasGas Offsite Asset Manager with a brief introduction and then introduced the Toast Master of the Day (TMOD) TM Sounder Subramaniam. TM Sounder explained the theme of the day, starting with the four kinds of visions; look around, look backward, look forward and look with in. TM Sounder further juxtaposed his views on the four versions of vision with numerous examples form day today life. TM Sounder then introduced the role players. TM Gopal Shridhar played the role of Grammarian and introduced the word of the day "articulate". TM Nabil Makarem played Timer role and TM Dharmasivam was Ah-Counter.

The TMOD then invited the key note speaker of the day, Erle Fabian.

Fabian started his speech with an interesting incident, where he took charge of the technical function in a refining unit that just started after three months shutdown in a devastating fire. In his speech on 'Leadership and Communication' he further shared his valuable insight while he managed the numerous challenges thus far in his illustrious career. He recollected his managerial assignment to lead teams, often in confusion and chaos and explained how he brought clarity and order. He pointed out the role of imagination in vision and importance of feedback from team members.

Fabian's speech was followed by a question and answer session in which Toast masters raised some doubts and requested solution. Fabian welcomed all questions and gave crisp and effective answers.

Next came TM Bijay Behera with his contest speech for the purpose of getting feed back from senior Toast masters. His speech was well received and commented.

Then started the prepared speech session with the first speaker TM Vishal Mehta. In his P1 Ice Breaker speech. TM Vishal shared his childhood experience and recalled the sacrifices made by his father. He also remembered the two incidents in his life- one as a sensitive boy when he was insulted by a teacher and the other one, when a good friend betrayed him. He requested audience not to loose hope by set backs. He explained how he became stronger through set backs and finally came out as winner. He also mentioned his passion for dance.

The second speaker was TM Ramesh Marakala. It was his P2 Speech on The Salty Sea Water. He started his speech with a question raised by his son-'why sea water tastes salty'? Then he proceeded to give the technical information on why the seawater is salty by connecting it with a personal story. He concluded with a joke saying that he answered his son that sea water is salty because his son's younger brother did not wear pampers while swimming in the sea.

The third speaker was ACB P1 speech by TM Natarajan Mahadevan. His beautiful narration of a folk tale with the theme 'loyalty' caught the attention of the audience thoroughly. The story of King Parakrama who ruled Madurai- a Southern Indian city in 900 AD was didactic and interesting when TM Natarajan explained how the victorious king was saved by his craftsman by sacrificing his own life in a bizarre incident.

The meeting had a 10 minutes break at 08:35 PM and reassembled at 08:45 PM

The TMOD invited Table topics master TM Atul Srivastava to conduct the Table Topic session. TM Atul brought a variety of interesting but challenging topics on parents and Teenage children and how deal with the younger generation appropriately and requested members to speak on their own. The topics were well received and a few members accepted the challenge and expressed their brilliant and practical ideas.

General Evaluator MTM Nabeesa Usman called the team of evaluators to evaluate on each speech. In this role TM Justin evaluated TM Vishal. TM Vishal was given a standing ovation for delivering his P1 mile stone speech. TM Ramesh was evaluated by TM Sundaresan and Natarajan was evaluated by TM Krishna Kumar. Evaluators provided helpful comments and feedback with the goal of helping the speakers improve speaking technique.

The Grammarian, Timer and AH Counter read out their reports. Then the General evaluator evaluated the meeting and suggested a few points to improve the meeting performance.

TM Natarajan, VP (M) conducted the business session. He announced that Al-Khor Toast Masters club won Presidents distinguished club status for this year too. He concluded by thanking the attendees for their active participation.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM.

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**Next Regular Meeting: Monday 25th April @ Al-Waha Club**