

MINUTES OF MEETING # 79

Happy New year to all !!! I am back after a little break☺.

Meeting # 79 was interesting from the beginning as the theme of the evening was "**New Year Resolution**". It was the first meeting of Smedley Toastmasters Club in 2016. Our Treasurer **TM Ammad** took charge as acting Sergeant-at-arms and convened the meeting at 7:40 PM.

TM Ammad introduced Club Vice President (Education) **TM Benov Jacob** and invited him to chair the meeting. TM Ammad pointed out that TM Benov is going fast towards the peak of Toastmasters fraternity with his hard work and dedication towards the club activities.

In his presidential address, **TM Benov** welcomed members and guests. Speaking on the theme of the evening, TM Benov said that his New Year Resolution is to go to the next level of his Toastmaster journey. He also advised the members to make a resolution this year to deliver one speech a month, take part as a role player when they don't speak and be prepared with a small speech always such that they can deliver it whenever they get a chance. By wishing a happy new year to all, TM Benov Jacob opened Smedley Toastmaster's meeting # 79. He introduced TMOE, **TM Kiran Kumar Putta** as a very active Toastmaster. **TM Benov** handed over the control of the meeting to TMOE.



TM Kiran described the history behind "New Year Resolutions". He informed that the concept of New Year Resolutions started during the Great depression by few Americans and later about 40% did resolutions to transform their life. Subsequently, New Year Resolutions became popular in the entire world. TMOE introduced the role players: Grammarian TM Shylesh, Timer TM Ammad, AH Counter TM Sheena.



Grammarian TM Shylesh chose "**Bellwether**" as the word of the day, which is a noun and mean "the leading sheep of a flock, with a bell on its neck". Bellwether is used as an indicator or predictor of something. For example, "Paris is the **Bellwether** of fashion" and "College campuses are often the **Bellwether** of change". Timer **TM Ammad**, AH Counter **TM Sheena** also described their roles.

Smedley Toastmasters had three guests this evening; Mr Saleek, Mrs Shyna and Mrs Deepanjali. All of them introduced themselves.



TMOE introduced the first speaker on prepared speeches **TM Nusrath**; who delivered her P-4 from *CC Manual* on "**Cherished Moments**". TM Nusrath spoke on her childhood memories when she travelled to her ancestral village 'Kakur' near to Kozhikode in India. She started by explaining the beauty of the village which is blessed by nature's bounty. Her speech added humour when she said that out of excitement she tried to take a cow to the farm and the cow tossed her around. She fell down resulting in a minor injury. Then her cousin applied an antibiotic 'Neosporin' to her injury. She explained how those childhood moments cherish her still.



TMOE TM Kiran introduced the second speaker of the evening **TM Noorudeen (which is myself ☺)** who delivered his P-5 on "**Mother-in-Law of Disasters**". He spoke on why he believes that Electricity is the Mother-in-Law of many disasters by adding some humour and personal story. He used some electrical props to explain, why one should be careful while handling electricity and advised all to follow safety regulations.



Next, there was wonderful and informative Educational module by **TM Lesiley Mathew** on "**Evaluation for Contest**". TM Lesiley explained the Do's and Don'ts while evaluating any speech. She used a detailed and well organised PP presentation to explain the subject. TM Lesiley then invited **TM Rasha** to perform a demo speech. TM Rasha was then evaluated by 5 evaluators viz **TM Kiran, TM Noorudeen, TM Shylesh, Mr Saleek and TM Vimal**.

After this, there was a short break for everybody to share New Year Greetings with each other. However, we missed our Sergeant-at-arms TM Musthafa while having snacks☺. We wish him a wonderful New Year.

After the break, TMOE Kiran invited **TM Benov** for **General Evaluation**. TM Benov invited TM Ammad to evaluate TM Nusrath's speech. Likewise, TM Rimzan evaluated TM Noorudeen. On the theme of the evening, TM Benov said, "Since he failed to fulfil New Year resolutions earlier, therefore this time he resolves for three simple ones". The first one is to Smile, the second to laugh and the third one is to repeat the first and second 😊



TM Benov invited the Grammarian TM Shylesh to give his report. Grammarian said that there were no major grammatical errors. Word of the evening 'Bellwether' was used twice; once by TM Rasha and another by TM Noorudeen. TM Shylesh pointed out two good usages of language. First, by TM Nusrath when she said, "thrown around like a beach ball" and second by TM Noorudeen when he said, "Electricity doesn't understand the importance of human life". Similarly, the AH counter TM Sheena and the Timer TM Ammad gave their report.

TM Benov then invited **TM Lesiley** to conclude her Educational Module on "**Evaluation for Contest**". She informed that because of under consumption of time slot all evaluators except TM Vimal and TM Kiran were disqualified (... so sad). Kudos to the Club President and the TMOE for winning first and second positions in the demo evaluation contest. TM Lesiley then handed over control to the General Evaluator TM Benov.

TM Benov then requested all participants and role players to send their introduction to the TMOE and General Evaluator beforehand. The Best Speaker award for this meeting was won by TM Noorudeen. TM Vimal presented the award to him. TM Rimzan was judged the Best Evaluator and he was presented the award by TM Lesiley.



TM Benov took feedbacks from the guests. Mr Saleek, Mrs Shyna and Mrs Deepanjali gave their positive feedback and have shown their willingness to join the club. Later, TM Benov asked everybody present in the meeting, "Whether we learnt anything in this meeting?" When everyone said "yes", TM Benov fulfilled his first new year resolution this year, "Smile" ☺. He then handed over control to the Club President TM Vimal. We wish TM Benov fulfil his resolution number-3.

TM Vimal informed the gathering that he is flying the same night to Dubai to take his son to Burj-al-Khalifa. It was his New Year Resolution this year and he is fulfilling it. TM Vimal then closed the session. We wish happy journey to TM Vimal and his family.

All together, we had a fun-filled meeting. Wish you all meet your New Year Resolutions. Thanks TM Kiran for selecting such a relevant theme of the evening.

Request all of you to attend the next meeting with active participation. The next meeting is on February 3rd, 2016 at Sharq Capital.

Till then... Good bye

TM Noorudeen