

## MINUTES OF MEETING # 83

Sergeant-at-arms **TM Musthafa** convened the meeting # 83 at 7:30 PM. Theme of the day was "International Women's Day".

TM Musthafa started with a quote of Eleanor Roosevelt, "A woman is like a tea bag - you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water" which signifies the strength of women when they undergo tough situations. TM Musthafa introduced Club President **TM Vimalraj** as the club's humorous champion and invited him to chair the meeting.

In his presidential address, **TM Vimalraj** welcomed members and guests. He passed the minutes of last meeting. TM Vimal dedicated the meeting # 83 to all women members of the club. He said that women representation in all activities in Smedley Toastmasters club is better than men's. So inside club instead of women, men require empowerment☺. TM Vimal opened Smedley Toastmaster's meeting # 83. Continuing humour, TM Vimal introduced the TMOE, **TM Maimoona Abubacker** as an unmarried woman. He praised TM Maimoona's passion for Toastmaster's activities and handed over the control of the meeting to her.

TM maimoona described the reason behind the celebrating International Women's Day. She stressed the need for accelerating gender parity. She named few women who became world leaders like Sirimavo Bandaranaike, Indira Gandhi, Margaret Thatcher and Benazir Bhutto. TM Maimoona said that it is now the perfect moment for gender focussed activity and develop leadership in women.

TMOE introduced the role players; **Grammarian TM Nusrath**, **Timer TM Rasha Rafiq** (assisted by new Toastmaster app ☺ ), **AH Counter TM Deepali**.

Grammarian TM Nusrath chose "**Equanimity**" as the word of the day, which is a noun and mean "calmness and composure, especially in a difficult situation".

Timer TM Rasha, AH Counter TM Deepali also described their roles.

Smedley Toastmasters had three guests in this meeting; Miss Kassondra Evette Riley, Mrs Aisha and Mr Mohanraj.

The first speaker on prepared speeches was **TM Shana**, who delivered her P-1 from CC Manual on "**Enjoy Life-Believe in Yourself-Be Positive**". The Second speaker on prepared speeches was **TM Sheena** who delivered her P-1 from CC Manual on "**Everything happens to you is good for you**". Both TM Shana and TM Sheena got thunderous standing-ovation from the attendees for their Ice Break Speech.

TMOE TM Maimoona introduced the third speaker of the evening **TM Rimzan** who delivered his P-2 on "**Are you afraid**". The fourth speaker was TM Benov Jacob who delivered his ACB P-2 on "Internet of things (IOT)".

Next, it was time for table topics session. Tonight's Table Topics Master was **TM Noorudeen** (incidentally myself ☺).

After the Table Topics, TMOE Maimoona invited the Editor of Newsletter "**Smedley Voice- Feb 2016**", TM Rasha Rafiq Abualhassan to release the Newsletter. TM Rasha thanked TM Lesiley, DTM Raghavan, Speechcraft participants and all Toastmasters for their support. She invited Speechcraft 2015 Coordinator TM Lesiley Mathew and Club President TM Vimalraj to release the Newsletter.

TM Maimoona then invited TM Lesiley to submit the yearly budget. TM Lesiley presented the details of revenue and expenditure of the club. She proposed to increase the Club membership fees to QR 435/- for 6 months. TM Noorudeen approved, TM Rasha seconded and all Club members agreed to the proposal.

After this, there was a short break for all to share greetings and wishes of Women's day. SAA TM Musthafa is back from vacation with delicious snacks ☺

After the break, TMOE TM Maimoona invited **TM Kiran Kumar Putta** for **General Evaluation**. TM Kiran invited TM Shylesh to evaluate TM Shana's speech. Likewise, TM Ammad evaluated TM Sheena, TM Lesiley evaluated TM Rimzan and TM Vimal evaluated TM Benov.

TM Kiran invited the Grammarian TM Nusrath to give her report. Grammarian said that there were no major grammatical errors. Word of the evening 'Equanimity' was used only once. Similarly, the AH counter TM Deepali and Timer TM Rasha gave their report. In his General Evaluation, TM Kiran said that the meeting was well arranged and IT was very interesting.

TM Kiran handed over control to TMOE. TM Maimoona invited the Club President **TM Vimalraj** for the closing session. TM Vimalraj announced that the Best Speaker award for this meeting was won by TM Sheena. Mrs Aisha won the award for best Table Topics and TM Lesiley was judged the Best Evaluator.

TM Vimal then closed the session.

All together, we had an interesting meeting on an important theme.

The next meeting will be on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Sharq Capital.

Till then... Good bye

TM Noorudeen

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