

## MINUTES OF MEETING # 81

Excitement is impossible where there is no contest- Henry Cobot Lodge

Meeting # 81 was the start of contests in Smedley Toastmasters Club for 2016. This evening we had Humorous and Table Topics Contests. Vice President-PR **TM Shibu Reghunath** was the Contest Sergeant-at-arms. He convened the meeting at 7:30 PM. TM Shibu welcomed all and invited VPE TM Benov Jacob to Preside the meeting.

TM Benov introduced the Chief Judge TM Thayalan Kailaya Pillai. TM Benov then introduced the Contest Chair for Humorous Contest TM Lesiley Mathew. TM Benov said that TM Lesiley is very energetic and source of inspiration for many Toastmasters. TM Benov welcomed TM Lesiley to chair the Humorous Contest. TM Lesiley read out purposes and contest rules to the contestants. The Contest Chair then introduced the participants. TM Noorudeen Veetykadan, TM Shylesh Kunnanattil, TM Maimoona Abubaker, TM Nusrath Tenchery, TM Vimalraj and TM Elizer Joseph participated in the contest.

The hall was soon filled with uncontrolled laughter. After the 6 contestants finished their speeches, TM Lesiley thanked everybody and presented the Certificate of Participation.

Then there was a break, where people shared praises for the participants.

After the Break the Contest Sergeant-at-arms TM Shibu called the meeting to order again. He introduced the Contest Chair for Table Topics Contest TM Noorudeen as a person who is unable to find his socks (something from his humorous speech). TM Noorudeen read out purposes and contest rules to the contestants. The Contest Chair then introduced the participants. The Contest Sergeant-at-arms escorted all the Participants, except the first participant, to a quarantine area. Participants were then escorted one-by-one to the hall to deliver their table topic speeches. TM Kiran, TM Shylesh Kunnanattil, TM Sunish Narayan Nair, TM Girija Vasudevan Chari, TM Nusrath Tenchery, TM Rasha Rafiq Abualhassan, TM Thavamayooran Balasridharan and TM N K Kamarudeen participated in the contest.

We had awesome, creative and inspiring table topic speeches by participants.

After the contestants finished their speeches, TM Noorudeen thanked everybody and invited club president TM Vimalraj to present the Certificate of Participation to the participants. TM Vimalraj thanked the participants and gathering for the making the contest a success.

Area Director TM Abhijit P Kuwalekar became a brave-heart participant and delivered a fantastic speech on the table topic.

TM Vimal then invited TM Lesiley to declare the results of Humours contest.

The results were as follows:

1. TM Vimalraj
2. TM Maimoona Abubaker
3. TM Nusrath Tenchery

The awards were presented by Area Director TM Abhijit P Kuwalekar and Chief Judge TM Thayalan Kailaya Pillai amidst thunderous applause.

TM Vimal then invited TM Noorudeen to declare the results of Table Topics contest. The results were as follows:

1. TM Sunish Narayan Nair
2. TM Girija Vasudevan Chari
3. TM Rasha Rafiq Abualhassan

The awards were presented by Area Director TM Abhijit P Kuwalekar, Club President TM Vimalraj and Chief Judge TM Thayalan Kailaya Pillai amidst thunderous applause.

TM Noorudeen then invited the Club VPE TM Benov Jacob for the closing session. TM Benov thanked all for their participation in the contest. He took feedback from our guests Apiramy Mayooraan & Jayanthi. They expressed their willingness to come again in Smedley Toastmasters Club.

TM Benov informed that the contest on "**International Speeches and Evaluation**" will be on **2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2016**. TM Benov requested active participation of all Toastmasters in the club contest and then closed the session.

All together, we had a fun-filled contest session.

As explained above, the next meeting is again a contest day and shall be on March 2nd, 2016 at Sharq Capital.

Till then... Good bye

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Please check the below link for Club Contest photos:

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