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QUEENSTOWN TOASTMASTERS CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

President's Address

According to Bloomberg Job Skills Report 2016, the most common and desired skills recruiters seek are working collaboratively and analytical thinking skills. The **TOP** most important skill is communicating skills and the hardest skill to find is strategic thinking. Which is why the best platform for development is right here at Toastmasters Club, where Communication and Leadership skills are being practiced to 'Activate your Assets, Advance your Life Goals and Aspirations'.



Continue to work towards your educational goals and hone your Communication and Leadership skills by attending the meetings and picking up speaking and meeting roles!

- Club President: Ong Sin Tiong

Special Mentions

Congratulations to Rose Ho and Timothy Lin for achieving the highest recognition in the Toastmasters Programme: Distinguished Toastmaster!
Congratulations to Timothy for winning Division D Speech Evaluation Contest as well!

Highlights

Club President Sin Tiong began by presenting 2 awards. The first award was the prestigious Distinguished Toastmaster award, the highest educational award a member can get in Toastmasters. Sin Tiong applauded Rose's resilience and tenacity, completing 40 project speeches, as well as countless other speeches as Club and District Officers. Sin Tiong thanked Rose for setting an excellent example and presented her with a plaque from Toastmasters International, as well as a medal from the District.



Sin Tiong then presented the President's Distinguished Club Award for 2015/2016 to the club. Sin Tiong reminded every one of the proud history and legacy of the club, achieving President's Distinguished Club since our second year of founding. Sin Tiong thanked Immediate Past President Timothy for all the hard work in ensuring that this legacy continued as Timothy received the award on behalf of the club.

Our first project speaker, Qing Ping then took to the stage to give a special toast to the newly wedded couple in the wedding reception of his sister and his new brother-in-law. Qing Ping fondly recalled memories he shared with his sister and touched us with the bond and love he displayed through his speech. He thanked his brother-in-law for his passion, love and tender care for his dearest sister and wished the both of them eternal love. Indeed, a beautiful and heartfelt toast offered by the most sincere of heart.

Kim Loon presented the Distinguished Toastmaster award, for his Advance Project, "Presenting an Award," to Timothy. Kim Loon appreciated Timothy for his dedication and passion for Toastmasters, and remarked how he never stopped serving. Kim Loon credited Timothy for his determination, his diligent and his commitment in taking up countless roles in the Club, Area, Division and District Levels in high portfolio appointments, that was beyond the call of duty.

Club Treasurer Tracy shared her insights on how to be a great leader by speaking from the Leadership Excellence Series, Service and Leadership. She reminded us that to be a great leader, we must not only continue to improve ourselves, we must, at the same time, help others to nurture and to grow. She closed with a meaningful quote by US Senator Sam Ervin, Jr

"A person who is worthy of being a leader wants power not for himself but in order to be of service to others".

Our senior member, Poh Liang Siah shared with everyone the video clip of the winning speech by World Champion of Public Speaking, Darren Tay, DTM. The champion speech, "OUTSMART, OUTLAST" was delivered in the World Championship of Public Speaking held at Washington DC, USA in August 2016.

To sum up the champion speech, we can learn 5 important points from the Video Clip:-

- 1) Disarm the Audience – get audience comfortable first and when audience laugh, they are more open to your message. As shown in the clip, Darren put his hands on his hips to accentuate the underwear over his tailored suit.
- 2) Develop a Message – the need to have a thesis that audience take with them when they leave. In the clip, Darren acknowledged the negative and gradually develop the message before leaving audience with a clear takeaway, and that was when Darren took out off the underwear, looked at it and discarded it.
- 3) Let the message guide the speech – know the message so that when in writing, the entertaining aspects would naturally follow. A good example would be the story of how his childhood bully once forced him to wear a similar pair of underwear over his pants and walk around the school.
- 4) Effective use of body language and props – the use of the underwear as prop is a sight gag before Darren turned it into a metaphor for shame. Then he took it off to accentuate he message that we do not have to live with shame and regrets.
- 5) Dialogue with audience – sharing personal details and reading the energy of everyone in the crowd. If the personal story is powerful, it can help to bring a message across much better.

A very interesting table topic session with a timely message of being prepared in emergency was led by Table Topic Master, Serene Oh. Serene tested our ability to react during emergencies with topics like accident on a Malaysian Highway, Terrorist hold up on a bus, and getting stuck on the MRT for more than half an hour. Our Guests, Shriek, Manisha, Chye Aik, Lisa and Hui Yu, as well as our new member, Sandra, took the challenge and exercise their critical and analytical mind in finding solutions to these emergencies.

The meeting proceedings ended with the sharing of the insights by our Evaluators, DTMs James Lim and Rose Ho. Their perceptive opinions gave many learning points to our speakers and audience. After the Ah Counter's report by Zee Lin and Language Evaluation by Helen, the meeting was called to close before we adjourned to the favourite segment of the night, supper!

Our members bonded over the favourite past time of Singaporeans, food, and the king of fruits, Durian. Members, please join us in this not-to-be-missed segment next meeting!



The Star of the Evening



Congratulations to Shriek for walking away with the best table topic speaker ribbon for the evening!

Special Thanks

A HUGE thank you to our frequent visiting Language Evaluator Helen Tan from Raffles @ Mountbatten Toastmasters Club.

Helen, in her usual effable manner, taunted, tortured and tormented us at the start of the meeting with not 1 but 3 words of the day: “**Tempt, Tantalise, Titillate**”. She returned at the end of the meeting with the ‘GEMS’ and ‘GERMS’ of our spoken language during the entire meeting. It is, as usual, a very educational, encouraging and entertaining section, helping us fine-tune the use of the language with colourful tips and useful points. It goes without saying that we have definitely learnt so much from her on the correct use of the English language.

Welcome

We would like to welcome the newest member of our Club, Lawrence Poh, who have this message for us:



I am delighted to join you as a Queenstown Toastmasters Club member. After my observation at the chapter meeting, I am convinced that the vibrancy of the club and the positive learning environment will help develop me into a better communicator and leader. I work as a financial controller for a Japanese electrical/ electronic firm. I am also on the board of its subsidiary in Indonesia. Communication is essential for the smooth operations in my context. I love learning and my latest accomplishment is Masters in Applied Linguistics at NTU. I can speak few words of Japanese and enjoy food. Excitedly looking forward to learning from you guys.

Happenings!

Mark your calendars for these events to enhance, enrich and enliven your learning:

1. Next chapter meeting: 19 October 2016, 7.15pm to 9.30pm. Let's be punctual.
2. District Humorous Speech & Evaluation Contest on 22 October 2016, 1pm to 9pm, at Singapore Conference Hall. If you have bought your tickets, please collect them from Timothy. If you want to witness the contest, please contact Timothy for tickets.

(written by Rose Ho)