



CHENNAI SPEAKERS FORUM

Area: A3

Division: A

District: 120

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting No.: 401 Date: 2nd August, 2020 Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Website: www.chennaispeakersforum.com

Word of the day: Nurture

Theme of the day: Celebrating the ones who became family



10:01am: SAA called for meeting

SAA Toastmaster **Mukund** explained the mission of Toastmasters and stated the code of conduct for the meeting.



10:03am: Presiding Officer's Address

Toastmaster **Abhisek**, the Presiding Officer, opened the 401th meeting by introducing the concept of Golden Circle developed by Simon Sinek - "why, how, what". He explained to the audience that we should always ask ourselves why we are doing something in life and should be aware of the reason for doing the same.



10:07am: TMOD introduction

TMOD Toastmaster **Aangeeras** introduced the theme of the day by narrating a learning experience that took place during semester holidays in his college life. Upon his friend's insistence, he reluctantly agreed to travel to a school located atop a hill, which was cut off from city life, as part of a programme launched by an NGO. He said that he would cherish his experience at that school for a long time like friendship and that friends always give us the push to do various things in life.



10:14am: General Evaluator intro

General Evaluator Toastmaster **Muskaan** explained the importance of evaluation and introduced the TAG team.

TIMER
AH COUNTER
GRAMMARIAN

Toastmaster Mukund
Toastmaster Monisha
Toastmaster Komal



10:18am: Prepared Speeches

Prepared Speech	Speaker	Path and Project	Speech title	Evaluator
1	Toastmaster Mubarak	Path: Engage Humour (Level - 1) Project#1: Ice Breaker	Let me fail	Toastmaster Rashmi

Toastmaster Mubarak started his speech by stating how surprised he was at his dad enjoying the quarantine experience. He spoke about his childhood and the influence of APJ Abdul Kalam on him and his friends, leading to his family wanting him to become an engineer. He called his college life “a nightmare” since he had 3 backlogs in English, which resulted in his scholarship getting cancelled. Therefore a family friend helped him to pay the fees, which sparked a fire in him to improve his English. One day his friend invited him to give a prepared speech at a club where after his speech he heard claps from the audience for the first time in his life. He thanked his English professor for having failed him which made him realize the importance of public speaking. He ended the speech by saying that his hesitation in talking to new people initiated him to join the Toastmasters Club which has helped him break the ice with strangers in 5 minutes and that Toastmasters allows people to fail once but not again.

Prepared Speech	Speaker	Path and Project	Speech title	Evaluator
2	Toastmaster Karthick	Path: Innovative Planning (Level - 1) Project #2: Evaluation and Feedback	Upgrade the OS version	Toastmaster Abhilash Chandran

Toastmaster Karthick started his speech by saying that we need to change ourselves and upgrade our various versions like mobile phone manufacturers constantly updating the OS. He quoted a Greek philosopher Heraclitus that “**The only constant in life is change**”. He spoke about the various phases in his life starting with Phase 1, his college life during which time he would avoid speaking in English since he did not know how to pronounce even a single word in English. He overcame his inhibitions by interacting with classmates from Andhra Pradesh basis his friend’s suggestion to speak in English by ignoring grammatical errors irrespective of it being right or wrong. In Phase 2 of his life as a software developer he learnt how to carry himself in office and how to adapt to work culture. In Phase 3 of his life, he learned kindness from his mother which molded him into a kind person. In Phase 4 of his life, he learned that positivity comes from within us when he was trying to eliminate the negativity in life. He concluded by saying that constantly upgrading ourselves is inevitable with a proverb in tamil, “Maatram ondu than marathathu” (change is constant).

Prepared Speech	Speaker	Path and Project	Speech title	Evaluator
3	Toastmaster Roshini	Path: Innovative Planning (Level - 1) Project #3: Research and Presentation	News	Toastmaster Vigneshwaran. G

Toastmaster Roshini explained fake news and its implication by starting with a fake message she received stating that Russia has found the vaccine for Corona virus, which will soon be available in the Indian market. She explained the reasons for the success of fake news although many of us are well educated. She said that in today's world, it is possible that 1 message out of 100 messages could be fake. She explained the implications of forwarding these kind of messages without any forethought. She explained this with an example when a couple of months back, a rumor was circulated about a full lockdown which resulted in panic shopping. In order to combat this fake news, she suggested that we need to use common sense to check if the news is believable or not, do a reverse search etc. She concluded by saying that if we want to "celebrate the one who become family", we should nurture them with good news instead of fake news and requested that we share this message as much as possible.



10:39am: Table topics Session

Table Topics Master **Toastmaster Krishnamoorthy** called members and guests for impromptu speaking.

Sr no.	Name	Topic
1.	Toastmaster Srinath	Wife
2.	Toastmaster Saikumar	Brother-in-law
3.	Guest Ranjan	Baby
4.	Toastmaster Farhan	Best friend
5.	Toastmaster Sivashankar	Cousin
6.	Toastmaster Ragul	Childhood friend
7.	Guest Bhuvaneswaran	Sister-in-law
8.	Toastmaster Pravin Kothari	Mother-in-law
9.	Guest Preethi	Neighbours
10.	Toastmaster Harihara Sudan	Close Toastmaster friend
11.	Toastmaster Sidharth	Best College mate



11:10am: Evaluation Session

Speaker	Path and Project	Evaluator
Toastmaster Mubarak	Path: Engage Humour (Level - 1) Project#1: Ice Breaker	Toastmaster Rashmi

Appreciation from Evaluator: Good facial expressions and emoting of humour; confident voice.

Feedback from Evaluator: Suggested use of pauses instead of saying “and” and having a structure of speech in his mind to remember the speech

Speaker	Path and Project	Evaluator
Toastmaster Karthick	Path: Innovative Planning (Level - 1) Project #2: Evaluation and feedback	Toastmaster Abhilash Chandran

Appreciation from Evaluator: Enactment of scenes created story flow.

Feedback from Evaluator: Pace was fast; Should have linked OS version to his life.

Speaker	Path and Project	Evaluator
Toastmaster Roshni	Path: Innovative Planning (Level - 1) Project #3: Research and Presentation	Toastmaster Vigneshwaran G

Appreciation from Evaluator: Appreciated the topic; Reference to latest examples was very good.

Feedback from Evaluator: Factual figures could have been included.



11:32a.m – Call for vote

Members and guests were asked to vote for Best Speaker, Best TT Speaker, Best Budding TT Speaker, Best Evaluator, Best Role Player, and Best TAG Role Player.



11:35a.m – Best Performers

Presiding Officer announces best performers of the meeting:

Best Role Player	Toastmaster Aangeeras Narayanan
Best Evaluator	Toastmaster Rashmi Mahavar
Best Table Topics Speaker	Toastmaster Sidharth
Best Speaker	Toastmaster Karthik
Best Tag Role Player	Toastmaster Komal
Best Budding TT speaker	Toastmaster Sivasankar

The Presiding Officer received feedback from guests.



11:37a.m – Moments of Truth

Toastmaster Shriram explained the objectives of Moments of Truth, the various criteria under which the club is to be rated and the rating system. The members and guests were divided into 6 groups and the session was conducted smoothly by Toastmaster Shriram followed by the Presiding Officer thanking all the participants for attending the meeting.



For any suggestions/feedback, please contact:

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