

MINUTES OF SMEDLEY TOASTMASTERS MEETING # 84

The Smedley Toastmasters Meeting # 84 was conducted on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at Sharq Capital. The theme of the meeting was "Stop Capturing and Enjoy". Since the President and VP Education were invited to a Division Meeting, TM Lesiley Mathew, the VP Membership was the Acting President and was introduced with an impressive speech by the Sergeant at Arms, our one and only perfectly perfect TM Musthafa. TM Lesiley then opened the meeting with a short story on the importance of the theme.

We had a record attendance of eight guests at the meeting, thanks to all our club members who brought one or two guests each.

She then handed over control to the Toastmaster of the day TM Midhun, who explained the theme in simple words. TM Midhun is an avid photographer, and loves to capture special moments. It was during a New Year celebration that he realized that he couldn't really enjoy the countdown towards the new year because he was trying to capture the fireworks on his tiny phone camera without success. He realized that he never goes back and sees any of those photos or videos, and took a vow to stop trying to capture. Instead he'll now focus on enjoying the moment.

Our prepared speeches ranged from an ice breaker to an advanced speech. TM Deepali gave her icebreaker and explained the importance of education for women. TM Mohammed Ali gave his humorous P5 speech on "The Word of the Guardian" and told us to always heed the word of the guardian if you don't want to end up in big trouble! It was a humorous story about how people mistook him for a thief and how he landed in the hospital with a lot of injuries since he didn't listen to his guardian father's words to stay inside the home. This was followed by a fantastic advanced speech by TM Maimoona Abubaker from the humorously speaking manual, where she talked about "Facing our Fears"!

TM Girija gave a superb educational module for new members/guests explaining the Toastmaster journey of communication and leadership to achieve DTM.

The table topics session was conducted in an excellent manner by TM Musthafa. He had simple topics that everyone could answer and he invited four guests and TM Kamrudheen to speak.

The General Evaluator was TM Lesiley Mathew, and the evaluators were TM Rasha, TM Shylesh and a guest evaluator from Kenya Toastmasters, TM Wangu. The evaluators gave excellent feedback and motivated the speakers.

The Best Speaker Award went to TM Mohammed Ali. The best table topics speaker went to a guest Mr. Srikant, who was once a Toastmaster member. The best evaluator went to TM Shylesh.

All in all we had a good meeting, and we look forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at Sharq Capital for Meeting # 85.