



FIREBIRDS TOASTMASTERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Club News And Events

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**Firebirds
Toastmasters Club**

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Club Updates

Membership Renewed 

Thank you all the members who have successfully renewed their membership maintaining the club strength.

Achievements

TM Sourav Datta's efforts once again recognized.



Upcoming Events

Virtual Meet up in April 2020.

Send Your Contribution:
Members please send your Contributions for next month edition for any of the columns



Club Mission

We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

Words from President –TM Ayush Singh

Hello fellow Corona Worriers!! In the unfortunate situation of pandemic, we have kept the spirit of Firebirds alive, by organizing online meet ups. But nothing replaces the joy of meeting fellow members in person.

New Firebirds

TM Soham Seth

Occupation: Researcher with ministry of Finance

Interest: Watching movies, Web shows, Reading novels

Reason to join Firebirds: To improve my public speaking skills.

TM Amit Mittal

Occupation: Working with Make My Trip

Interest: Movie, Music, playing cricket, travelling

Reason to join Firebirds: To improve communication and leadership skills

Tips from Toastmaster

Know your material

Speak about a topic you're interested in and know a lot about. Reinforce your message with facts and statistics, if possible.

Make it personal

Use humor, personal anecdotes and conversational language to make your speech 1 engaging

Club Activities

Events and News

- As we all know world was hit by the deadly virus. We started our month with the theme as Corona. But wait!! TM Mayank Jain made it more interesting by talking about Corona Beer 😊



This was our last real meeting before the lock down.

- Post this since we were all compulsorily confined to our homes. Firebirds kept the spirit high and conducted online meetings from comfort of our residence.
- **TM Sourav Datta represented the Club at Area International Speech Contest & Table Topics contest in Month on 31st March. He won 2nd Runner up position in the Table topic section. Congratulations Sourav!!!**

In words of the members

All the incentives - *TM Soham Seth*

An encounter with an institution like Firebirds Toastmaster come far and few. A similar thing happened to me a few months back when I decided to join it. Well, one does not need to elucidate the reasons of joining this place, if one visits it, nonetheless I will try to give some reasons which encouraged me to join it.

For one, the camaraderie and warmth between the members is very beautiful. All the club members make the guests feel at home so that they are attracted to join. While improving my public speaking skills was an obvious reason, the club also offers a convenient location and a great morning time of 0930-1100. It provides an incentive to wake up early on a Saturday morning. Moreover, the social visit of having 'Tapri pe Chai' (Tea at a nearby tea stall) is the cherry on the cake. After every session one goes with a big smile and the inner confidence of accomplishing something. Such is the beauty of Firebirds!!

Ready to take off!! - *TM Mohit Sharma*

The day I landed in Firebirds, I met and had a chat with some of the toastmasters. I felt and realized the positive vibes coming from them. Therefore, I decided to board Firebirds fleet.

All fellow toastmasters are very candid and supportive here.

During the initial speeches, I experienced nervous tics (twitches in my eyes and mouth) I had dozens of 'ums and 'uhs'. It was personally terrifying but because I was in a warm, receptive and encouraging environment, it got easier every time I spoke.

Story of the month

My First Day of WFH- by TM Sourav Datta

WFH ! A New Acronym on Everyone's lips these days. Being in a Public Sector Unit for my entire professional life, I had a zero experience of WFH. However, due to the corona virus outbreak, I have finally understood and experienced this so called bliss.

First of all, it took me a minute to understand the difference between "WFH" & "W#F". These acronyms were so similar in their spelling. Silly me!!

WFH means "Work for Home" and W#F means....

Oh I think you must all be already aware of the so famous meaning.

Corona Virus Outbreak had made "WFH" possible. A working culture completely unfamiliar to a professional from Public Sector Unit. Moreover, almost a month of WFH expected at this present moment after our PM announced 21 days of lockdown on 26-03-2020.

23rd March 2020 was my first day of WFH in my entire life.

On "The Day" (23-03-2020), I woke up at 6.30 a.m (my usual time) and got ready to catch my bus , which comes around 7.30 a.m. at my bus stop (approximately 5 mins from my home) . I left my house at 7.25 a.m. I walked briskly to the Bus Stop. I applauded myself on the shoulder for reaching the bus stop at 7.29 a.m (right on money). To check the time, I took out my mobile phone. The date on my mobile screen was 23rd March 2020!! It was my first day of WFH. I looked around and felt that suddenly the bus stop had become deserted. A thought came up to my mind that I had exposed myself to corona virus by just stepping outside the house. As soon as this feeling sunk in me, I ran like Usain Bolt to my house. I think, I must have come pretty close to breaking his 100 m record on that very day.

I shed all my clothes, washed my hands so much that they looked like hands of a fairy princess. I took a bath and wore my household clothes. Then I went straight to the bed and covered myself with a thin blanket pretending it to be nightmare. I slept like a Baby and woke up straight at 11.30 a.m.

I tried to find my mobile as soon as I woke up. I saw two missed calls from my boss. I slapped myself hard to bring myself back to reality. I called my boss and apologised for not being able to pick up earlier with a lame excuse. My boss scolded me and gave me few homeworks. Then It was business as usual. I was glued to my chair & my laptop till 6 p.m.

My First day of WFH.

I made a first dairy entry after almost 15 years on that day (23-03-2020) to mark this accomplishment.

As on 27-03-2020, The Dairy entry on 23-03-2020 is still my last entry.

I think I have now fully understood the meaning of "WFH". Its not so different from "W#F".



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