



FIREBIRDS TOASTMASTERS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Club News And Events

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Membership Renewed

This session 13 members renewed increasing the club strength from 11 members in the last session.

Achievements

TM Suman successfully delivered back to back speeches in consecutive meetings within two weeks of joining.

Upcoming Events

Global Table Topic Session on 10th May evening.

Firebirds to try alternate timings 4pm to 6pm on 30th May.

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 Editor –TM Shweta Malhotra

Hello friends, hope all of us are keeping safe and healthy. This month, some of us may be resuming their duties again. On behalf of firebirds I urge you all to take full precautions while stepping out. In this edition, Words from our president is included in the section below. Hope you all enjoy reading the newsletter!!!

New Firebirds

TM Suman Muhal

Occupation: Student (preparing for Government job)

Interest: Reading books, newspaper, and blogs, playing basketball and running. Her interests also include writing diary, and listening to poetry. She even loves to watch web series and movies.

Reason to join Firebirds: To enhance her leadership skills as well as become an eloquent speaker. She also wants to improve on her stage confidence and interpersonal communication skills.

Tips from Toastmaster

Practice makes permanent

Rehearse your speech aloud using any equipment and/or visual aids you'll use during your presentation. Rehearse as often as you can

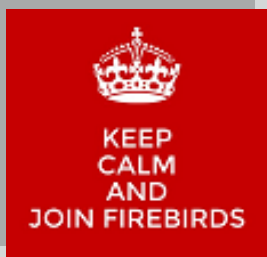
Time yourself

Time your speech every time you rehearse it to ensure you don't go over or below the five- to seven-minute time limit.

Club Activities

Events and News

★ New Membership and renewals still open with a discount of Rs.500. You only pay Rs.4000 and be a Firebird for next 5 months.



In words of the members

The new normal – Club President TM Ayush Singh

Amid the Covid 19 crisis where our "Fast Forward Life" and so called "Normal Life" came to a halt. We were all worried how our new normal life be. What will happen to our other life priorities? A big question was what will happen to my quest for self development? What will happen to my weekly "Toastmasters Meeting"? Will it come to an end ? But I and my team were resilient to continue the action of learning with more zeal and enthusiasm Afterall our 350th meeting was coming up. When the world was going digital, we also decided to adapt to the circumstances and move on to a digital platform and conduct our meeting online. .We successfully conducted our first online meeting, a landmark which will be remembered for a long time. 50 days has passed since our first online meeting, we have effectively and successfully conducted our 6th (355th) online meeting. The zeal and energy has reached to new heights in last few weeks in the entire team even in during the quarantined period. Kudos to everyone for always going an extra mile for his/her quest for self development. I must say that our new normal have definitely taught us a lot of things like to stay calm in tough times. Let's Stay Safe and Pray for better days ahead.

Fashion...in the time of Corona - TM Soham Seth

The topic itself can raise some eyebrows! How can one think about a petty subject like fashion when the world has bigger and darker problems like dealing with a pandemic!

Well ! A light hearted diversion during this trying journey is important. While eagerly waiting for this ordeal to end, we can have a glance at ourselves in the mirror. A lot of us will be astonished to see the 'new' and 'improvised' look we adorn these days. Gone are the days of formals, matching stole with suit, matching earrings, a crisp shirt with a tie and brightly polished shoes in which one could see his or her own reflection. Instead, this has been replaced by a 'work from home culture look' in which pajamas and a comfy t-shirt are the new cool.

Even in Toastmaster online meetings the members are embracing a casual 'at home' attire. No one knows how long will this virus last, but one thing is for sure, that this 'informality' in everyday fashion will soon become a millennial trend.

Story of the month

ABCD of Corporate Meetings- by TM Naveen Sood

Meetings play an important role in business management. They are important tools for communication and vital to track and report progress on various projects.

There are various types of meetings – from meetings which are conducted for the purpose of knowledge sharing to ones which are organized to discuss important projects and business issues and to board meetings which discuss issues related to organization vision and strategy.

They are important to keep the people motivated and the business on track. However if the meetings are managed badly, it can have a negative effect on the productivity of the employees.

Hence it is extremely important that a meeting is called only when essential. Enough preparation should be done beforehand so that it is conducted professionally. Remember, post meeting follow-ups are equally important.

During corporate meetings, I have seen various kinds of behaviour. And I have classified them in 4 categories and the model is called **ABCD**.

The **first** category of people can be classified as **Acceptors**. These people generally do not have an opinion of their own. They listen to others and form their opinion accordingly. They would normally concur with the majority opinion. They will not contest and/or contribute in any heated discussion.

The **second** category of people is called **By-standers**. These people would generally be zoning out since they have lost interest. They would be busy on their smart phones or their laptops and their own thoughts. When asked to give an opinion, they would politely pass the baton to someone sitting next to them.

The **third** category of people is critical for success of the meetings and they are the **Contributors or Challengers**. These people have a strong opinion and are not afraid to express the same. They are not even afraid to challenge the majority opinion with their views and give important suggestions. They are the ones who drive the meeting forward.

And the final category is that of the **Disruptors**. These people are nay-sayers and generally low on ideation. They like to go against the flow and derive energy from their ability to disrupt the meeting and delaying the decision(s).

And yes, there are some smart people who change their behaviour depending on who has organized the meeting and the issue(s) being discussed.

Analyze your colleagues and I am sure you would be able to place them in one of these categories.



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