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IPM TOASTMASTERS NEWS LETTER



***BE THE SPEAKER
YOU WANT TO BE***

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New Year! New Vision!!

Yes!!!! We have great pride in introducing the First News Letter of IPM Toaster Master Club in the blooming year of 2012. The purpose of publishing this newsletter is, to expand the horizon of the IPM TM club, by communicating the Club events to the IPM stake holders as well as to the other Toast Master entities. We have made an effort to provide the insights and highlights of the IPM Toast Master club events taken place during the last year. I believe the contents will create inspirations to the readers to become a member of our club to gain the benefit of Toast Mastering. I welcome all readers to give your valuable suggestions for improvement of this news letter in the coming months. Toast Mastering is all about communication and Leadership and this is our attempt to initiate both, in a diverse manner in a friendly atmosphere. I thank our energetic Club President TM Genie Gunawardane, who has the will to make our club a **DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENTS CLUB**, this year. We are just there !!!.

Rajee Ravichandran CC
Vice President – Public Relations

BEST WISHES FROM THE DIVISION GOVERNOR



It is a great pleasure to write these few words The first issue of your Club News Letter. I am Pleased to note that during these few months of the new Toastmaster year, your club has achieved many goals in the DCP program and well on course to achieve the Presidents Distinguished Club status in this year. I hope the members of your club will participate in all the Division and District activities and develop their leadership skills and their communication Skills.

I wish the IPM Toastmasters Club all the Best.

Ajantha Jayawardena
DIVISION A GOVERNOR

WHAT IS TOASTMASTERS??????

From a humble beginning in 1924 at the YMCA in Santa Ana, California, Toastmasters International has grown to become a world leader in helping people become more competent and comfortable in front of an audience. This non-profit Organization now has over 250,000 members in more than 12,500 clubs in 106 countries, offering a proven and an enjoyable way to practice and hone communication and leadership skills. Toastmasters is all about 'FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS'. The objective of the Toastmaster fraternity is to develop themselves and help develop others.



MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT-2011/2012

It gives me immense pleasure and honour to open this page, as the President of the IPM Toastmasters Club, at the inauguration of the IPM Toastmaster's News Letter, today.

Toast Masters International (TMI) is a non profit making Organization that operates clubs worldwide, for the purpose of helping members improve their communication, public speaking and leadership skills. TMI offers two separate tracks - the Communication track (CC) and the Leadership track (CL) designed to help members learn the art of speaking, listening and thinking, adopting a 'learn by doing' philosophy. Each member learns at a pace suitable to his/her development needs, progress along each track by presenting speeches and taking roles within their Club, Area, Division District, and TMI itself. The IPM Club Membership is open to all Members. Students and

the staff of IPM. The IPM Toastmasters Club was chartered only in May 2009, and was able to achieve the 'President's Select' status in 2011, reaching 8 out of 10 TMI goals. I am amazed at the unlimited potential and hidden talents of the members of this Club, and it gives me great pleasure to observe the enthusiasm they have to complete their communication projects and Leadership roles, and the dedication and the commitment of my Executive Committee, to reach the 10 goals this year, to claim the 'President's Distinguished' status and take the IPM Toastmasters club to the heights it truly deserves.

I encourage all members and students of IPM to join the IPM Toastmasters Club and take this as an opportunity, to learn, lead and refine your speaking, listening and leadership skills, and build relationships. Once you taste success, you will not look back!

Genie Gunawardhana - ACB.ALB

CLUB OFFICER INSTALLATION IN JULY 2011



The installation of the Club Officers for the Toastmaster year 2011/2012 was held on 22nd July 2011 at the HR House, with District Governor D 82 – DTM MZM Saleem as the Chief Guest. The Division A Governor- TM Ajantha Jayawardane, Area A Governor – TM Lawrance Madapatha and President Elect – IPM Sri Lanka, AVM Rohitha Ranasinghe attended the ceremony. Area Governor inducted the new Club Officers for the new year 2011/2012.



EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF CLUB MEMBERS

JULY 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 2011

COMPETENT COMMUNICATORS (CC)

- Rajee Ravichandran
- Hana Saleemdeen
- Dilrukshi Rajapaksha
- Naushalya Rajapaksha



Rajee- CC.CL



Hana – CC

COMPETENT LEADERS (CL)

- Sonali Dunuwille
- Thilini Weerasuriya
- Dilrukshi Rajapaksha
- Rajee Ravichandran



Dilrukshi– CC. CL



Naushalya CC

ADVANCED COMMUNICATORS – BRONZ (ACB)

- Genie Gunawardhana
- Ratnasiri Senadeera



Sonali – CC. CL



Thilini - CC. CL

ADVANCED COMMUNICATOR – SILVER (ACS)

- Prialal De Silva

ADVANCED LEADER – BRONZ (ALB)

- Genie Gunawardhana



Prialal ACS



Genie ACB ALB



Ratnasiri ACB. CL

CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS – DCP

JULY 2011 TO JANUARY 2012

WE HAVE ALMOST DONE IT!!!!!!!

1. 02 COMPETENT COMMUNICATORS
2. 02 MORE COMPETENT COMMUNICATORS
3. 01 ADVANCED COMMUNICATOR-(ACB)
4. 01 MORE AD. COMMUNICATOR-(ACB)
5. 01 COMPETENT LEADER
6. 03 MORE COMPETENT LEADERS
7. 04 NEW MEMBERS – JULY 2011
8. 05 MORE NEW MEMBERS – AUG/SEP 11
9. ALL 7 OFFICERS TRAINED-JULY/AUG 2011
ALL 7 OFFICERS TRAINED-JANUARY 2012
10. ONE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-SEPT 2011

OFFICER LIST TO BE SENT IN JUNE 2012

CLUB AWARDS-JULY 2011 TO JANUARY 2012

***SMEDLEY AWARD**

The Club registered 5 new members in August and September 2011, and qualified to receive its first Award for the Club.

***FOUNDERS AWARD**

The IPM Toastmasters with the Millenium Toastmasters initiated a Speech Craft Program for the visually impaired in October 2011, and for the first time in the history of the Toastmasters world wide, a Toastmasters club for the visually impaired was chartered on 13th December 2011. Our President's untiring efforts as the Mentor of this program paved the way for our club to receive this prestigious award.

THE AREA GOVERNOR'S FIRST VISIT TO OUR CLUB

The Area Governor Area A6 - Division A, TM Lawrance Madapatha made his first visit to the club on the 25th August 2011. He was received at a simple ceremony held, and 11 new members were inducted by him on this day. It was a pleasure to have him with us that day, where the usual educational meeting was conducted with members doing their project speeches. These were his comments.

quote.....*"It was a great pleasure for me to make my official visit to IPM Toastmasters club, on 25th August 2011. I was really inspired after seeing the proceedings of the club meeting. The president was so confident and committed to train the members. The IPM Club is lucky to have leaders like this. The support given by the fellow members were also excellent. The enthusiasm of young energetic members gave me the feeling that there would be more leaders from IPM in the near future, to disseminate the toastmasters' message among the young generation. I have no doubt that they can inculcate best practices of toastmasters in to their lives and help others to develop their values. I wish the IPM team all the very best to achieve all the set goals in this education year and make area A6 proud where that will eventually assist to meet the goals of the Division and the District."*.....unquote



THE SPEECH MARATHON ON 15TH AUGUST 2011



In order to accommodate the enthusiastic members of the club to complete their manual speeches, the club organized a speech marathon on 15th August 2011. It was indeed a great encouragement to witness eleven members delivering their project speeches. Toastmaster Shantha Dias Gunaratna and TM Zafraz Lameer from Ralph Toastmasters Club, attended this event as Speech Evaluators.

WHAT TOASTMASTERS CAN DO FOR YOU.....

When you come to IPM Toastmasters Club, you will find yourself amidst a mix of people from various walks of life, who are all there as one single family. The core objective is to develop one's self and to help develop others. You can go wrong a thousand times and the members of this family will be only too happy to listen to you all over again with keen interest to ensure that you totally overcome your stage fright and develop confidence to deliver a spectacular speech. COME TO IPM TOASTMASTERS – YOU WILL VERY SOON

- Learn to communicate more effectively
- Become a better listener
- Increase your leadership potential
- Become more successful in your career
- Reach your professional and personal goals and
- Increase your self confidence

Thilini Weerasuriya – CC. CL
VICE PRESIDENT – EDUCATION

REVERBERATION 2011 HELD IN MANGAOLORE, INDIA IN NOVEMBER 2011



Our Club President TM Genie and Secretary-TM Sonali represented the Club at the Reverberations 2011 held in Mangalore, in November 2011. In the picture are also, the Area A Governor TM Lawrance Madapatha, Division A Governor - TM Ajantha Jayawardana and District Secretary – District 82 – DTM Ajitha Goonewardana.

IPM TOASTMASTERS AT THE MID YEAR CONFERENCE HELD AT BLUE WATERS WADDUWA



The Division Mid Year Conference was once held at Blue Waters – Wadduwa. A few members participated, representing the IPM Toastmaster Club. Some of the members at the Fun Night in Wadduwa.

THE CLUB OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAM HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2011



Eleven Members including the 7 Club Officers participated at the 2nd and final OTP program for the year 2011/2012, held at the CIMA Auditorium on the Saturday, 14th January, 2012.

THE SURPRISE

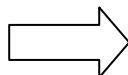
On 8th September 2011, I stepped in to IPM for the usual Educational meeting. I had no clue that something special was going to happen that day. I saw people whispering to each other, going out of the room, sudden discussions and I was curious as to what was going on and why I was not included as always, in what ever was happening. Suddenly, when the Evaluators' reports were read and completed, the Toastmaster of the day – Naushalya stood up and requested all members to rise to recite the Toastmasters' Promise. Very unusual action!! In response, everyone rose from their seats., and then to my utmost surprise, she started to sing Happy Birthday, and everyone followed. It was truly the best surprise Birthday I every had in my life, and my gusto grew even more when I saw Nehansa with a mouth watering cake with candles on top of it, entering the room. It was indeed an unforgettable experience. One would say that to be an IPM toastmaster is extraordinary and great, because everyone of our members are compassionate and cooperative to the furtherance of the club and for the stimulus and contentment of its members!

Thank you all for that lovely Birthday surprise. I shall always cherish it. I am glad I chose become a member of this great family called 'IPM TOASTMASTERS'

Hana Saleemdeen CC

WHAT OUR MEMBERS DO – WHEN THEY ARE NOT SPEAKING.....

TM Nehansa and Dakshitha in the Act 'HOLE IN THE BUCKET' at the Club Officer Installation ceremony held on 22nd July 2011



TM Naushalya and Dakshitha waltzing to 'Chandrame Re Paya Ava' at the ICASL Club Officer Installation ceremony in October 2011.



TM Genie and Shiromi in 'Kola Kada Kada' dance performance at the Division A Mid Year Conference

OUR MEMBERS POSSESS AMAZING TALENTS.

JOIN IPM TOASTMASTERS – THAT'S WHERE THE OPPORTUNITY IS TO UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL WHETHER IT BE SPEAKING, LEADING, DANCING ETC.

HIGHLIGHTS.....

CLUB CONTEST - 22ND SEPTEMBER 2011

HUMOROUS SPEECH CONTEST



Hana Saleemdeen – First Runner up
Naushalya Rajapaksha – The Winner
Nehansa Weerasinghe – Second Runnerup

SPEECH EVALUATION CONTEST



Dakshitha Wickremaratna – Winner
Naushalya Rajapaksha – The First Runner Up
Sonal Dunuwila – Second Runner Up

AREA CONTEST WINNER

HUMOROUS SPEECH AND EVALUATION CONTEST



Naushalya made IPM Toastmasters Club very proud in emerging the Winner of both the Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contest held on 13th October 2011, from among 12 contestants who participated from the BEPZ and Serendib Toastmaster Clubs in Area A6. Naushalya is an old girl of Museus College, Colombo and is a PQHRM student of IPM – Batch 58, and she is currently reading the Bachelor of Law Degree UK at the Royal Institute, Colombo.

OUR CRICKET TEAM – 2011/2012

Seated from left....

Naushalya Rajapaksha, Hana Saleemdeen (CAPT) and Nehansa Weerasinghe.

Standing from left....

Dakshitha Wickremaratna, Jagath Munasinghe, Senura Senadeera, Suminda Mudannayaka (V.CAPT) and Ramesh Carvalho (not in the picture)



OUR HISTORY.....

THE CHARTER CEREMONY IN MAY 2009



IPM Toastmaster Club was chartered in May 2009, as an Open Club, by an initiative taken by Rohitha Amarapala – a Member of IPM.

While serving as the VP-Public Relations of the BCIS Toastmasters Club, Rohitha initiated the formation of the IPM Toast Masters club, and was installed as the Charter President of the Club, with 20 Charter members.

CHARTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2009/2010



PRESIDENT	ROHITHA AMARAPALA
VP-EDUCATION	NAMAL JAYAWEERA
VP MEMBERSHIP	RATNASIRI SENADEERA
VP PUBLIC RELATIONS	YASH NAIK
SECRETARY	DILRUKSHI RAJAPAKSHA
TREASURER	DIANA FERNANDO
SGT. AT ARMS	ARJUNA WIJESINGHE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2010/2011



PRESIDENT	NAMAL JAYAWEERA
VP-EDUCATION	GENIE GUNAWARDHANA
VP MEMBERSHIP	RATNASIRI SENADEERA
VP PUBLIC RELATIONS	PRIALAL DE SILVA
SECRETARY	THILINI WEERASURIYA
TREASURER	YASH NAIK
SGT. AT ARMS	ARJUNA WIJESINGHE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2011/2012



PRESIDENT	GENIE GUNAWARDHANA
VP-EDUCATION	THILINI WEERASURIYA
VP MEMBERSHIP	PRIALAL DE SILVA
VP PUBLIC RELATIONS	RAJEE RAVICHANDRAN
SECRETARY	SONALI DUNUWILA
TREASURER	LAKMINI RAJAPAKSHA (resigned)
	DAKSHITHA WICKREMARATNA (apptd)
SGT. AT ARMS	NEHANSA WEERASINGHE

Drop in at our Club meetings, along with friends, family and colleagues, straight after work, and we will make sure that you get a refreshing cup of tea, and a plate of delightful short-eats, before you get all ready to set the stage on fire!!

When do you meet??	:	Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month
Where??????	:	At HR House, IPM, Narahenpita
What Time???	:	6.00 – 7.30 pm
Whom should I contact??	:	President – T/master Genie - 0773689167 VP-Education – T/Master Thilini - 0774274156