

Message



Governor, Division F

Dear President of Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club,

It gives me a great pleasure to celebrate with all members and officers of Nesma & Partners club and members of Division F the First Anniversary of Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club. Nesma & Partners club added to the community and to Division F new members, education program, and development of human resources which in return will benefit members, companies as well as the community.

We are targeting perfectionism with talented members, dedication, commitment, enthusiasm and willingness to support others. It is important that all clubs within our Division is playing such a major role and support one another which we are very proud of. Division F is known for being the master in producing winners for Table Topics, Humorous and International speech and we have seen winners from Nesma & Partners during the Area and the Division contests as well. Division F did make a difference within Saudi Arabia community in supporting members to enhance their communication and leadership skills and reviewed their presentation with constructive evaluation.

We must realize the importance of communication skills and the process that is needed to encourage and motivate members to contribute their ideas and harness their potential. It is our responsibility as members to stand as one team, encouraging new members to overcome barriers and use communication tools to improve themselves and in turn help members to be the top in the area.

We are sure that members of Nesma & Partners club will continue their great effort to make difference within Division F and wishing them all the best in the coming years and assure them of our continued support to achieve Toastmasters objectives.

Abdullatif Al-Harhi

Message



Governor – Area 32

Congratulations! Today indeed is a Land Mark day for Nesma and Partners and Area 32, Division “F” as they celebrate the First Anniversary of this great rising club. A club although still in its infancy, already showing signs of things to come!

Communication has always been an integral part of personal or corporate world. Today, when the world has become one Global Village, it has even become a part of school curriculum. 82 years ago a visionary Dr. Ralph Smedley visualized this and created an organization called Toastmasters International. Since then more than 4 Million individuals have benefited from this great non-profit making movement. I congratulate the visionary decision makers of Nesma, who saw the potential of developing communication skills of their staff, a great pool of in-house, untapped Human Resource. Toastmasters is probably the most cost friendly and effective mode of in-house training workshop to sharpen the communication skills of the staff.

I have been very fortunate to see your club flourish from strength to strength. You have some great talent and potential in your organization. Recently we all witnessed firsthand the transformation of one of your members, TM Oussama Turk. A champion of your Club went up to be the First Place Winner at the Area level and then he won the most coveted Runner-up Trophy at the Division level competing with 34 Clubs in front of a strong audience of 800!

Not only we witnessed in you great communicators but also witnessed at the Area Level Talent Show, the great and talented pool of artists led by TM Ravi Karkera, who performed a Saudi Dance and Music! That was also a delight and talent at its best!

This little step of the visionaries of Nesma may bring in great CEO’s and Managers from this little group of Toastmasters in times to come!

On this Land Mark Occasion of your Club’s Anniversary Celebrations I take this opportunity of congratulating one and all and look forward to seeing the club blossom further.

Anil Madan

Message



Mentor - Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club

President – Oasis Toastmasters Club

CONGRATULATIONS to a new tree in the forest of toastmasters fraternity and its first birthday. The tree is one of the richest blessings of creation. It takes carbon dioxide out of the air, and releases oxygen so that we all may live. It uses light and chlorophyll to fix nitrogen, fertilize the earth and provide vegetation. From the trunks of trees we get bark, cork and maple syrup. From among the leaves we get all sorts of fruits – apples, mangoes, pears and many others. Leaves provide shade, and their gentle rustling pacifies the human spirit.

Every tree, however majestic, starts out as a tiny seed. Similarly, every Toastmasters club starts with a seed of vision, a desire for a place where people challenge their comfort zones and look beyond the horizon. This kernel of vision, which is the starting point of all Toastmasters club, will sprout and grow into a mighty tree, but only if it is fertilized by the involvement of many members. Some provide the water of support, serving as sponsors and mentors and just positive people building the self-confidence of a new club. Others provide the nutrients of outreach, by voluntarily taking up assignments and officer roles which keeps new sap flowing in the trunk. But it is the fertilizer of bonding among the club members that makes for a majestic tree. At *Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club*, I have noticed just that. *The camaraderie and ownership towards the club is enviable.* This is a group whose members really like one another.

My dear Nesma & Partners TMC members, You have just started and will trod a long path to reach heights of success which you are destined for because you have what it takes to be a great club. Rejoice in your strength, but remain vigilant. Trees are subject to blights, fungi and other parasites that batten off them and block them off from the light. Look for those who are team-builders. Having elected them as your Executive Committee, support them, volunteering with a “how can I help?” attitude. Everyone has his/her own special gifts, and there is no such thing as a member who has nothing to offer. An involved membership is rich fertilizer for a club tree.

As the mentor of your club, I feel privileged to have witnessed the progress of so many of you from the time you could not utter a single word to now confidently speaking on any given topic. I am sure you can sense the difference that this confidence has brought in your professional and personal life. I also have the dual honor of being the President of your sponsoring club, i.e. Oasis TMC and offer our full support in your endeavor to excel. In you, I already see potential champions who would bring laurels to Area 32. TM Oussama Turk, winner of the humorous speech contest at Area 32 and runner-up at Division-F contest, is a shining example of that. Believe me, there is nothing you cannot do. As you accomplish, you will make the forest a healthier place for all of us. May you ever bloom and grow, and may you always bear good fruit!

Best wishes.

Firoz Ahmed

Message



President

Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club

Fellow toastmasters and honorable guests

One year ago our Nesma & Partners Toastmasters club started only as a modest get-together club that brought my memory back to high school days when I joined a very active debating club which took the president then few months to enforce discipline and debating manners to order. At Nesma, it was a big burden on our shoulders, but with the help of the guidelines from Toastmasters International and the continuous support of our valued mentors, the club, while achieving the educational goals of Nesma, became in a short period the rising star in area 32.

Besides the cultural sessions, evaluations and workshops throughout the year, we had unforgettable memories and friendship ties that I hope will continue in the years to come.

I am fully confident that the new president and his team will carry the Nesma & Partners Toastmasters torch to the best of their ability. Wishing them and the members a prosperous and successful future that everyone will be proud of,

I remain;

Yours Truly

Oussama Turk

Message



Co-Sponsor - Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club

Immediate past Governor – Area 32

Dear President TM Oussama Turk &
Members of Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club,

Today as we celebrate the first anniversary, I wish to congratulate you all for managing to keep the Club functioning and also establishing its presence in Area 32 and Division F by winning the Humorous Speech Contest Awards.

In spite of the hurdles of a new club, the leadership of Nesma & Partners Club has worked hard to enable this infant club to continue to provide a forum for all within the company which I believe would surely help to achieve and uphold the cherished vision of Nesma & Partners: "Together, we build Excellence".

As I look back, I recall the day in February, 2007 when I was invited by TM Abdulrazaq Alturki at his office where we met Dr. Marwan Gholmieh and Mr. Oussama Turk. Consequently TM Abdulrazaq Alturki and I decided to co-sponsor the proposed new Corporate Toastmasters Club at NESMA.

In April 2007, we got the green signal from NESMA Management and the required Club Sponsorship of the prestigious OASIS TM Club of Area 32 in Al Khobar. Also two of their Senior Toastmasters, TM S.S Raju and TM Firoz Ahmed, were duly appointed as Mentors for the proposed new Club. The Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club was formally inaugurated on April 25, 2007 and TM Abdulrazaq Al Turki, the main Sponsor for this Club presented its Chartering Certificate as received from TMI Headquarters.

The Club Mentor TM Firoz Ahmed and lately TM Lancy D'Souza, have worked hard to nurture this club. The Club leadership has managed to achieve so far 4 out of 10 points on the Performance Scale of Annual Recognition by TMI Headquarters in USA. They expect to add one more point to their club's performance before 30th June, 2008, in order to achieve the honor of becoming a Distinguished Club in its very first year.

I would like to extend my best wishes to all members of the Club on this occasion and wish the Club a much brighter future in the years to come. Also, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the continuous support and encouragement to the Toastmasters Club by Mr. Imad Gholmieh and Dr. Marwan Gholmieh.

I trust that more Managers and Supervisors will take the lead in coming forward to join, support and actively participate in this Corporate Toastmasters Club. By availing the opportunity they would be able to enhance effective Communication and Leadership skills for their own self-actualization. In return it would benefit not only Nesma & Partners but also the other NESMA Group Companies in the Eastern Province.

Feroz Fazal

*From the Desk of
Chairman – Anniversary Organizing Committee*



*Chairman – Anniversary Organizing Committee
Mentor – Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club*

Greetings to my friends in Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club

We are so very fortunate to belong to a great movement that helps people enrich their lives and others around them, communicating effectively.

Going down memory lane, when I first joined toastmasters over fifteen years ago, my life began to look meaningful. The toastmasters program shaped me to be more humane, understanding, accommodating.

We make this world a better place, when we one by one learn to communicate. And so over the years I learned;

- Humor and to laugh at myself.
- To evaluate others in the way it should be, with critical appreciation.
- Body language, hand gestures, facial expressions that taught me to smile at the world.
- Vocal variety, voice modulation, pitch, volume that helped me voice my thoughts aloud for the world to hear.

Most importantly, to appreciate others by being a team player in the toastmasters family.

As the club prepares to celebrate this memorable occasion on the first anniversary of Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club, I wish to raise this simple toast to the members.

May the warm winds of heaven blow softly across Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club.
May the Great Spirit bless everyone who enters there,
May the rainbow of sunshine touch each member's shoulders,
And may every day of this year and the rest of your lives
Be memorable and vibrant, bringing many more reasons to celebrate.

Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club has huge potential, talented speakers, sociable company and team spirit. I take great pride to be associated with this Challenging Club.

Have a blue chip first anniversary!

Lancy D'Souza DTM

Executive Committee
Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club



Oussama Turk
President



Alex Philip
Vice President
(Education)



Aravind Pillai
Vice President
(Public Relation)



Zeina Issa
Vice President
(Membership)



Damodar Kalani
Sgt. At Arms



Ravi Karkera
Treasurer



Mohd. Safiullah
Secretary

First Anniversary Organizing Committee & Sub-committees

The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one who gets people to do the greatest things.

- *Ronald Reagan*

A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs – jolted by every pebble on the road.

- *Henry Ward Beecher*

Organizing Committee

- ✓ Lancy D'Souza - Chairman
- ✓ Firoz Ahmed – Member
- ✓ Oussama Turk – Member
- ✓ Feroz Fazal - Member

Souvenir Sub-committee

- ✓ Zeina Issa – Chairman
- ✓ Mohammad Safiullah – Editor
- ✓ Aravind Pillai - Member
- ✓ Damodar Kalani - Member

Cultural Sub-committee

- ✓ Ravi Karkera – Chairman
- ✓ Lekhraj Sharma - Member
- ✓ Mohamed Kadri - Member

Registration & Reception Sub-committee

- ✓ Alex Philip - Chairman
- ✓ Mohammed Abdullah - Member
- ✓ Naser Steitieh - Member