



Marching Towards Excellence!

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Club's Website Launched

20th July was a memorable day for the club. On this day Mr. Imad Gholmieh, CEO, Nesma & Partners Contracting Co. Ltd. formally inaugurated the club's website

<http://nesmapartners.freetoasthost.info> .

Mr. Imad Gholmieh in his brief speech lauded the club's initiative and efforts to develop its website. He appreciated the professionalism and dedication of the club's members. The CEO also advised to link this website to the corporate website of Nesma & Partners Contracting Co. Ltd. Mr. Imad encouraged members to exploit the full benefits of the club's website.

TM Mohammad Safiullah, Webmaster/ Site Administrator made a brief online presentation explaining the various features of the website.



Club President's Corner

Dear Fellow Toastmasters,

Thank you for your confidence and electing me as your President once again. As a matter of fact our past Presidents TM Mohammed Safiullah and TM Ravi Karkera have built the club's structure in its full length and shape. My challenge this year is to achieve the President's Distinguished Club status. I am sure if we work together we will succeed.

Another important challenge in front of us is to participate in the Club, Area, Division & District Contests and eventually up to the International level. I would like to see our members bring laurels for our Club.

Felicitations to TM Mohammad Safiullah for taking up as the Editor of Nesmanorama. It was his creation and let us expect more colorful issues of newsletters. Please contribute by writing articles, poems, short stories etc. This is an opportunity to improve your writing skills.

Best regards,

**Alex Philip ACB, ALB
President**

Editor's Desk

I have a fond memory about the club's newsletter Nesmanorama as I conceptualized, designed and launched it back in April 2010 when I was the President of the club as well as the Chairman of the Editorial Committee. Naturally I have an attachment to it similar to what a mother would have it for her child. Eventually I had to take over the editorial work recently.

I always enjoy the joy of creation as well as innovation. This time I incorporated a vibrant colour to the look of the newsletter without changing the basic design. However, I will try to change the design completely from the next issue in line with the Toastmasters International's latest Brand Manual.

I am thankful to the President TM Alex Philip and his EXCOM for putting confidence in me. I am also thankful to those who either contributed their articles or offered suggestions & help.

Enjoy reading.

**Mohammad Safiullah CC, ALB
Editor**

4th Anniversary Celebration

The 4th Anniversary of Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club was celebrated with due solemnity and grandeur at Nesma Village on 02nd June 2011.

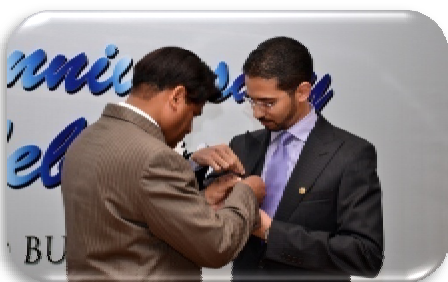
The function was attended by the members of the club and their families. Besides, the dignitaries from Nesma and the Toastmasters fraternity also attended this annual event.

Mr. Abdulrazaq Ali Alturki, Managing Director, Namma Cargo Services and Lt. Governor Marketing – Toastmasters District 79 graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Mr. Imad S. Gholmieh, C.E.O., Nesma & Partners attended the function as the Guest of Honor. Mr. Bahij Riachi, C.F.O., Mr. Andrew Burgess and Mr. Bechara El Hayek were among the various dignitaries from Nesma companies. LGM District 79 TM Saif Ali Sheikh, Divn. F Governor TM Shaila Koya, Area 60 Governor TM Abraham Thomas, veteran toastmaster DTM Lancy D'Souza were among others from the Toastmasters Fraternity.

The president of the club TM Ravi Karkera, in his welcome address, mentioned the achievements of the club & its members. He expressed his thanks and gratitude to the club's EXCOM, members of the club, Area & Division Governors and other senior Toastmasters and the management of Nesma for their cooperation & support.

The Chief Guest Mr. Abdulrazaq Ali Alturki, the Guest of Honor Mr. Imad Gholmieh, TM Saif Ali Shaikh, TM Shaila Koya, in their speeches, appreciated the outstanding achievements of the club and lauded the roles of the club's Executive Committee and members for the success of the club.

Mr. Imad commended the role of the club towards development of communication & leadership skills of Nesma employees.



4th Anniversary Celebrations (contd.)



He appreciated the current and past presidents of the club for leading the club successfully. He also congratulated the club for achieving the President's Distinguished Club award and encouraged the newly elected President Mohammed Kadri to work hard in order to achieve the similar award during his term scoring 10 out of 10.

As usual the function included the Induction Ceremony of the new EXCOM for the year 2011-2012. The newly elected President TM Mohammed Kadri, in his speech, thanked the club members for putting their confidence in him by giving him the opportunity to lead the club. He vowed his commitment for the success of the club and achieving the President's Distinguished Club award during his term. He urged the EXCOM, the past Presidents, members of the club, Toastmasters Governors & the veteran Toastmasters and Nesma management for their support, guidance and patronage.

TM Bhabana Dinesh delivered an entertaining humorous speech. This was followed by a lively Table Topics Contest, conducted by TM Azhar Saeed Butt. Toastmasters as well members of the audience were called to speak on various interesting topics. Mr. Imad Gholmieh's son Shawki Gholmieh, an Engineering student, won the contest.

TM Ravi Karkera conducted an interesting fun session which was very much enjoyed by the audience.

The much-entertaining Cultural Program, conducted by TM Ravi Karkera and TM Vasudev included Indian dance, Hindi, Arabic & Bengali songs and piano etc.

The program ended with the distribution of awards and trophies. The attraction of this segment was the Toastmaster of the Year Award and Best Attendance Award. Toastmaster of the Year Award went to TM Alex Philip while he and five other members got the Best Attendance Award.

Sumptuous dinner, consisting of a variety of delicious dishes from Nesma Catering, was served at the end.

TM Mohammad Safiullah, Past President was the Chairman – Organising Committee as well as the Master of Ceremony. In his concluding remarks he thanked the members of various committees and all concerned for their successful endeavour. The function was indeed a well organized and entertaining one, enjoyed by all. It will remain in memory for long.



New EXCOM's Induction Ceremony held

The Induction Ceremony of the newly elected Executive Committee of the club was held on 2nd June 2011 during the 4th Anniversary Celebration. TM Mohammad Safiullah, Immediate Past President of the club, conducted the Induction Ceremony.



Outgoing EXCOM

Premanandan Kurunthil – Sergeant @ Arms
 Shekhar Chander Tiwari – Treasurer
 Abdul Gaffar Shaikh – Secretary
 Damodar Kalani – VP Public Relation
 Afzal Ahmed – VP Membership
 Mohamed Kadri – VP Education
 Ravi Karkera – President
 Mohammad Safiullah – Immediate Past President



New EXCOM

Jinesh Padmanbhan – Sergeant @ Arms
 Mohammed Al Ahmad – Treasurer
 Premanandan Kurunthil – Secretary
 Ahmed Al Kindi – VP Public Relation
 Shekhar Chander Tiwari – VP Membership
 Azhar Saeed Butt – VP Education
 Mohammed Kadri – President
 Ravi Karkera – Immediate Past President

Domain Knowledge

There was this family with one kid. One day the mother was out and dad was in charge of the kid, who just turned three. Someone had given the kid a little 'tea set' as a birthday gift and it was one of his favorite toys. Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when kid brought Daddy a little cup of 'tea', which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea from father, kid's Mom came home.

Dad made her wait in the living room to watch the kid bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!'

Mom waited, and sure enough, the kid comes down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watches him drink it up, then she says to him, 'Did it ever occur to you that the only place that baby can reach to get water is the toilet?'

Mothers know!

Moral of the story:

Domain knowledge is very important!!! Else your supplier will trick you.....

Collection: Ravi Karkera, CL
Immediate Past President

Key of Happiness



Don't go for the final task. Once you are completing your final task, I mean the end task of your life, imagine what will happen then! Surely you will start thinking of your life: maybe I am very near to the end, maybe this year..., maybe next month..., maybe next week..., may be this week..., maybe tomorrow ..., maybe today.... We all are practicing this; but I am sure we can change this reality of our life by generating new tasks, assuming that we have a lot to do. Every sunrise comes with new task. Every sunset generates new ideas for the next task. I believe this is the only solution to live long, live happily. We should always try to keep ourselves busy. We should always be helpful to others till the final handing over. So, never ever fix your final task. Don't wait for something; let something wait for you. Be a wise man and start from now. Be creative. Start searching the key of happiness, the key of life.

Shekhar Chander Tiwari, CC, CL
VP - Membership

Corporate News

Certificate of Appreciation from Makkah Governor

Nesma & Partners has been awarded with a Certificate of Appreciation by H.R.H. Prince Khalid Al Faisal, Governor of Makkah Region for its active participation and significant contribution during the execution of “Jeddah Emergency Storm Water Drainage Project” that resulted in the successful completion of this project within a record time of three months with outstanding quality and safety.

Certificate of Recognition from Saudi Aramco

Nesma & Partners has recently been recognised by Saudi Aramco for achieving “10 Million Safe Man-hours without Loss Time Injury” at the Jubail Export Refinery – Package 4 Cocker Unit project. Jubail Export Refinery is developed by Saudi Aramco Total Refining & Petrochemical Company (SATORP) with a capacity of 400,000 bpd world-class full conversion refinery in Jubail.

Award of new projects

Nesma & Partners Contracting Co. Ltd. has been awarded the following new projects:

1. Design, Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) of a Nylon 6.6 and Petrochemical Conversion Project for the Petrochemical Conversion Co. in Jubail.
2. Design, Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) of the 7,000 tpd Najran Cement Plant - Line 3. The plant is an extension to the existing 9,000 tpd Cement Plant (Line 1 & 2) which was also previously constructed by Nesma & Partners.



Birth of a Toastmasters Club in Bangladesh

A new Toastmasters Club, the very 1st of its kind in Bangladesh, came into being on 13th September, 2011. The club was formed for the CMA professionals based in Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh. It was named as “CMA Bangladesh Tigers Toastmasters Club”. The historical event took place with the sole initiative of TM Mohammad Safiullah, Past President of Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club. He made Toastmasters presentations before the ICMAB National Council as well as ICMAB Dhaka Branch Council & potential members and also conducted training sessions prior to the final presentation and demonstration meeting. Nesma & Partners Toastmasters Club being the parent club of TM Safiullah and Alif Advanced Toastmasters Club jointly sponsored the club. Sponsoring Toastmasters as well as mentors for this new club are TM Mohammad Safiullah and Alif Advance Toastmasters Club’s President TM Saif Ali Shaikh. The response from the CMAs was overwhelming; as many as 34 CMAs instantly decided to be the charter members. The first Executive Committee of the club was formed in the same meeting. The club’s long term vision is to spread the Toastmasters activities all over Bangladesh.



How to Improve Your English (As a 2nd Language)

At present we all are living in a global village. Be at home or abroad we are often coming in touch with people of different nationalities and cultures. These people have their own mother tongue. Communicating effectively with these people needs a medium which is understood by both the parties. It's no surprise that you will find most of them are able to speak, if not fluently but with a varied degree of difficulty, in a common language which is English. Besides speaking English you may need to read and write English in your daily life. English is the language which has been dominating around the world for centuries. In most of the countries, nowadays, English is taught as a 2nd language at the primary schools parallel to the mother tongue.

Learning English (or any language for that matter) requires lots of effort over a long period of time. It's a process ongoing; it does not happen overnight. When you think about learning another language, consider the time it took to learn your native tongue. You have to persevere patiently.

If you are serious about learning English you have to plan and develop a strategy. Start small and follow the steps to build solid skills over time.

From my personal experience and knowledge I am giving you some useful suggestions to follow. I am confident that if you follow these you will continue to improve your English language skills.

1. Define your learning objectives early: What do you want to learn and why?
2. Make learning a habit. Try to learn something every day. It is much better to study, read, or listen to English news, etc. 10 minutes each day than to study for 2 hours once a week.

3. Learn grammar and relate to practical usage. Grammar by itself does not help you use the language. You should practice what you are learning by employing it actively.
4. Choose listening and reading materials that relate to what you are interested in. Being interested in the subject will make learning more enjoyable - thus more effective.
5. Listen to the BBC World Service and CNN radios.
6. Tune in to American and U.K. television broadcasts.
7. Read English-language newspapers and magazines.
8. Practice speaking whenever possible. Get together weekly with a friend for coffee and agree to speak only in English. Critique each other.
9. Keep a small notebook or maintain a file (Excel or Word) in your PC with a running list of new words including meanings.
10. Install the free real-time grammar software WordWeb in your PC and use it anytime while working in Word, Excel, PowerPoint etc. and even during email messaging and internet browsing. Check the meaning, pronunciation, usage, various forms, synonyms, antonyms etc.
11. Use the Internet. The Internet is the most exciting, unlimited English resource that anyone could imagine and it is right at your finger tips.
12. Be patient with yourself. Remember learning is a process - speaking a language well takes time. It is not a computer that is either on or off!
13. Last but not the least; practice, practice and practice. Don't forget, "Practice makes a man perfect."

Mohammad Safiullah, CC, ALB
Past President

Excel Tips: Format Data by using Shortcut Keys

Apply the outline border	CTRL+SHIFT+&	Apply or remove strikethrough formatting	CTRL+5
Remove all borders	CTRL+SHIFT+_	Hide rows	CTRL+9
Apply or remove bold formatting	CTRL+B	Unhide rows	CTRL+SHIFT+(
Apply or remove italic formatting	CTRL+I	Hide columns	CTRL+0 (ZERO)
Apply or remove an underline	CTRL+U	Unhide columns	CTRL+SHIFT+)

Contributed by: Mohammad Safiullah

Annual Awards Distributed

The following awards were distributed at the club's 4th Anniversary function held on 2nd June, 2011:

A. Toastmaster of the Year Award:

1. Alex Philip

B. Best Attendance Award

1. Alex Philip
2. Ravi Karkera
3. Afzal Ahmed
4. Shekhar Chander Tiwari
5. Premanandan Kurunthil
6. Abdul Gaffar Shaikh



Special Awards

In order to make the club meetings more lively and exciting a new session "Fun & Learn" has been introduced. The idea originated by the Immediate Past President Ravi Karkera.

The club's quarterly newsletter Nesmanorama was conceptualized, designed and launched by Mohammad Safiullah, Past President.

Their special initiatives were recognized by awarding crests.



Educational & Other Awards

Educational Awards were distributed to the following toastmasters:

Ø **Competent Communicator Award (CC):**

- TM Mohammed Kadri
- TM Ahmed Al Kindi
- TM Shekhar Tiwari
- TM Mohammad Safiullah
- TM Mohamed Elsic

Ø **Competent Leader Award (CL):**

- Alex Philip
- Mohammad Safiullah
- Ravi Karkera

Ø **Advance Communicator Bronze Award (ACB):**

- Alex Philip

- Ø Our club has achieved the President's Distinguished Club Award for the year 2010-2011, for the first time.
- Ø Also the club received the Smedley Award during 2010-2011.
- Ø In 2010-2011 the club received the following awards from the District:
 - i) DCP Achiever Award
 - ii) Competent Communicator Award
 - iii) Governor's Award for Ravi Karkera & Afzal Ahmed
 - iv) LGM Silver Membership Award for all members.



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**EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**
(July 2011-June 2012)

President:
Alex Philip
(Elected after Mohammed Kadri, resigned in Sept. due to job relocation)

VP - Education:
Azhar Saeed Butt

VP - Membership:
Shekhar Tiwari

VP – Public Relation:
Ahmed Al Kindi

Secretary:
Premanandan Kurunthil

Treasurer:
Mohammad Al Ahmad

Sergeant @ Arms:
Jinesh Padmanabhan

Immediate Past President:
Ravi Karkera

**EDITORIAL
COMMITTEE**

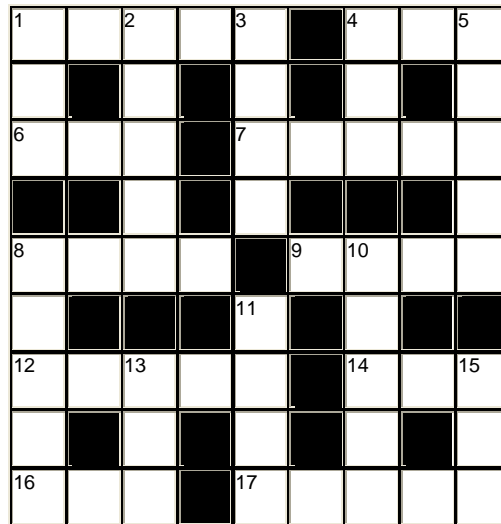
Ahmed Kindi – Chairman
Mohd. Safiullah – Editor

Visit the club's website at:
<http://nesmapartners.freetoasthost.info>

Upcoming Event

- Ø Club Speech Contest – 2012 will be held on 16th February, 2012. The contest will be on all four categories:
 - i) International Speech
 - ii) Humorous Speech
 - iii) Table Topics Speech
 - iv) Evaluation Speech

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1. Ties shoes
- 4. Sleep on it
- 6. Space between 2 things
- 7. Sequence of items
- 8. Without covering
- 9. Pleased
- 12. Approximately
- 14. Colour of blood
- 16. Kit ____
- 17. Sliced food staple

Down

- 1. Fall behind
- 2. Adventure
- 3. Footwear
- 4. Not good
- 5. Challenged
- 8. Without colour
- 10. Very big
- 11. Sharply pierce
- 13. Not in
- 15. Thing that fails to work

Answers to April 2011 Issue:

Across: 2.bus, 5.maze, 6.avid, 7.SUV, 8.pest, 10.ends, 13.weep, 16.soup, 18.art, 19.shin, 20.AWOL, 21.ear **Down:** 1.pave, 2.best, 3.save, 4.died, 8.paw, 9.sue, 11.Neo, 12.sap, 14.echo, 15.pane, 16.star, 17.upon

About Our Club

Charter Date: 12th June 2007

Club Type: Corporate Club

Meeting Frequency: Twice a month

Meeting Day: Thursday

Meeting Time: 01-30 PM to 03-00 PM

Venue: Nesma Auditorium

Location: Prince Majed Street – Cross 6, Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia.

Membership Eligibility: Any employee of Nesma group of companies is eligible to be a member.

Present membership: 50

Join our club and master the art of communication & leadership skills.

Why you should join Toastmasters!

The Toastmasters program offers many benefits that help people in all walks of life. As a result of participating in Toastmasters, you will:

- Increase your self-confidence;
- Become a better speaker;
- Become a better leader;
- Communicate more effectively.