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The Growth is in the Giving



Share your light and let the Whole World See



ABOUT SIYANE' TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Siyane' Toastmasters Club is affiliated to Toastmasters International. The club was chartered on 27th September 2010. Club number is 1553096 and it belongs to Area3 of Division F in District 82.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL MISSION

We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders .

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.

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The Club is Open to All Parties



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We at Siyane' Toastmasters Club are blessed to get maximum benefits through Toastmasters' experience over the years. Most of us grown up from almost nowhere to somewhere, can be satisfied in terms

of leadership and communication skills we acquired while accomplishing remarkable personal and professional growth.

“The beauty of Toastmasters experience is that it has provided framework for us to grow ourselves while sharing what we learnt, experienced and accomplished, with others within and outside the club environment.”

Therefore, the theme of this Newsletter, based on a statement of Immediate Past International President of Toastmasters International, Balraj Arunasalam ,DTM is enriched with the things we have been doing and experiencing through Toastmasters' Interventions.

Hence, we have set up our strategy in this Toastmaster year to create multiple avenues for our members to share our learning and experience within and outside the club environment through creating passion among all of us. Let me share how our strategy is driven through 03 pillars and 09 core activities which create multiple avenues for us to reach growth while giving.

04 Focused Areas of Excellence:

1. **100% fulfillment of member expectations/development** identified through the survey of YPP (Your Personal Plan)
2. **Provide equal opportunities for every member to go beyond the club** through exploring various leadership interventions

3. Support members to achieve their personal and professional goals

4. Strengthen mentor- mentee relationship to boost up the member development

03 Strategic Priorities:

1. **Pathways** – Every member to experience enroll in Pathways within 2018/2019
2. **Language** - Enhance the English language skills of members through uplifting the quality meeting proceedings
3. **Talent** - Strengthen Siyane' Talent Academy to create champions going beyond the Division

02 Behaviours:

1. Culture of Empowerment - Promote member engagement by strengthening the rewarding and recognition channels while creating a rich culture of enjoying every second of Toastmaster experience and frequent pulse checks to understand member satisfaction.

2. Collaboration - Seek opportunities to expand the horizons of collaborating/ creating strategic partnerships with other clubs, Area, Division, District and community to benchmark the performance and standards while supporting the Toastmaster fraternity and branding Toastmasters.

Therefore, I would like to invite all our members to do their best in terms of giving others what we learnt and experienced through Toastmasters using opportunities through all these avenues. This is what will bring us to the next level.

Eranga Dilhan CC, CL
President
Siyane' Toastmasters Club

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A New Road; A New Way

Having started the journey in Toastmasters

As a new Princess -

Crowned with nine more Princes and Princesses -

Welcomed warmly by all the club members,

It is a happy time.

Starting from a speech,

Which broke the ice between you and the audience,

You hop up on to the stage

To do a few roles in meetings,

In front of fellow friendly Toastmasters;

You receive feedback and start loving playing roles,

You start loving leading, in a minimal sense;

You actually think it is better than speaking -

And you look forward to more of it -

You dream of being a Contest Chair and a DTM

And you start loving it.

You start thinking about your long-postponed second speech, When...Suddenly...

Comes a bolt of lightning - Startling you a lot...

A new educational method

Called "Pathways" -

Ten different paths and Five levels in each path,

And each path starting

With an ice breaker speech -

It is quite a lot of work!!

For a moment,

I turned to my CC and CL manuals

And longed to continue them

Doing CC and CL is also, by no means, easy

But still, as a fresher,

Who completed just one CC project,

I immediately longed for my two manuals...



Paths to take per our need and wish,

Achievements to be gained,

Taught with lessons -

Hard work needed -

Way ahead is not easy; but beautiful,

A lot of courage and determination must be surged -

Your future and your life to be moulded

Successfully with PATHWAYS

Imagine a human

Trudging up a mountain,

With slow and weary step,

Beads of perspiration on the forehead,

Back bent double with the weight of the backpack,

A hike in the mountain

Is not a piece of cake...

Similarly, Pathways

Is not a piece of cake,

Nor a ride in the highway -

It is a hike in the mountain

Meant to be so,

To make your achievement more valuable

With your

Slow and weary steps,

Perspiration beads,

Bent back,

And most importantly,

Your SUCCESS.



TM SHANIKA RANASINGHE

Let us be the Wind beneath the Wings!

We all know the **winds** are responsible for the flight of a body using **wings**. If there is no wind, there is no flight. Similarly, there are people in our life who allow us to fly, who help us to achieve great heights. Siyane' has produced a considerable number of effective communicators and great leaders by becoming the wind beneath the wings of many individuals over the past eight years.

Life always throws challenges at us. It allows us to enjoy the results depending on how we respond to them. Toastmasters shows us new ways of looking at challenges and teaches us unique ways of facing them. Life becomes so much easier when we are surrounded by people who can infuse positive vibes to us. As individuals, Toastmasters inspire us with the magical benefits we reap by helping others to become the best version of themselves. It provides us an ideal platform to practice teamwork and togetherness.

Living the Toastmasters core values; Integrity, Respect, Service and Excellence have undoubtedly helped Siyane' to be prominent in the fraternity.

There might have been challenges along the way but plenty of awards and accolades smoothen any rough edges.

Our founder, Dr. Ralph C. Smedley has always encouraged clubs to strive to reach the highest standards of performance which will in turn provide the best experience for the members. Siyane' is a giant tree, has helped many little plants to grow big.



TM RUWAN JAYASOORIYA
Area Director

Yet, there is more room to reach out to many individuals who have not had a glimpse into what Toastmasters is. The club is blessed with members who we can genuinely be referred to as servant leaders. It is now time to nurture a few more.

"Servant-leadership is more than a concept, it is a fact. Any great leader, by which I also mean an ethical leader of any group, will see herself or himself as a servant of that group and will act accordingly." — M. Scott

To be a servant leader requires the right attitude, hard work and commitment but ultimately, we can enjoy the self-satisfaction more than anything.

Let's try to 'be the wind beneath the wings' of more and more individuals!

I'm always proud to be a member of Siyane' family.

▶ Upcoming Events

September 30th

Smedley Achievers
By District 82

October 06th

New Member
Orientation

October 07th

New Member Induction

October 14th

Club Contest-
Humorous Speech
Contest and
Evaluation Contest

October 21st

Outdoor Meeting

November 11th

Area Contest

December 09th

Division Contest



Speechcraft at ATG Glove Knitting (PVT) LTD in Wathupitiwala Export Processing Zone



Toastmasters educational programme helps people become effective communicators and leaders. When we benefit from Toastmasters educational programme it is our noble duty to help others to become better communicators and leaders. Conducting a Speechcraft programme for non-Toastmasters is one way of doing it.

Speechcraft programme is one of the Success Communication programmes. Club members gain invaluable experience and satisfaction by helping out in a Speechcraft programme.

Prior preparation is required to conduct a successful speechcraft programme. The coordinator has to prepare a programme for 10 days including the educational presenters and club members who will attend the programme. As per Toastmasters guidelines, individual club members should be assigned to each and every speechcraft participant throughout the programme for proper guidance and mentoring.

Toastmaster Nilantha Bandara, President of Siyane' Toastmasters Club contacted me on the First of March 2018 and requested me to be the Coordinator of ATG Glove Knitting Speechcraft programme which was scheduled to be commenced on 14th March 2018. He mentioned that his prime motive for conducting this programme is to give an opportunity to our club members, to **“learn and grow by giving what they have already learnt”**.

The first session of any Speechcraft programme is the demonstration of a model meeting conducted entirely by Toastmasters. Twelve members volunteered to attend the first session of the programme.

Junior toastmasters attended the programme and supported the Speechcrafters by giving evaluations. The more experienced toastmasters were there to help them. They had the talent to learn anything quickly and perform as experienced Toastmasters. At that time they had not given any evaluations in our club since they were fairly new to the club. Speechcrafters appreciated the way they provided evaluations. They were very friendly with the Speechcrafters and trained them very well. The confidence they gathered and experience they gained by helping the Speechcraft programme is immense. My good friend Toastmaster Wanasinghe shared his knowledge and valuable experience throughout the programme. All resource personnel who carried out the special educational sessions of this programme were from Siyane' Toastmasters club. This is the first Speechcraft programme we conducted without the support of external resource personnel. P. Kamburawala, Chandrasiri Wanasinghe, Nilantha Bandara, Ruwan Jayasooriya, Chamin Athauda and Neluka Gunasekera conducted valuable education presentations on different topics which are useful to sharpen presentation skills of the participants. The programme was a rewarding and satisfying experience for both Toastmasters and Speechcrafters and a happy memory for the Siyane' Toastmasters Club.

TM Punsirimewan Kamburawala
Coordinator– ATG Speechcraft Programme

Who Am I?

TM SADARI JAYASEKARA



It was a fine evening at Educational Meeting of Siyane' Toastmasters club. Toastmaster Kamburawala came to me and gently asked me, "Sadari, can we start a Youth Leadership Programme (YLP) at Thakshila College?" I was new to the club, not even two weeks of being a Toastmaster. I was puzzled by the very first suggestion he made. He briefed on YLP and I was overjoyed to hear the objectives of the programme. That was my sincere dream from the day I became a teacher of English. As it is my working place I had a strong feeling of launching the programme as soon as possible.

I submitted that novel idea to the school principal. He had a clear estimate of my abilities and the permission was granted. Support of the coordinator Toastmaster Neluka Gunasekera who was an old girl of Thakshila, Toastmaster Kamburawala and Toastmaster Wanasinghe headed by the Immediate Past President of Siyane Toastmasters Club Toastmaster Nilantha Bandara with the energetic crew of the club was the biggest strength to make this event a success.

Student participation on the first day was not encouraging. DTM Mahesh Jayasinghe, the coordinator of the 1000 Schools YLP programme was disappointed. His disappointed face was the energizer for me to increase the number of participants. The effort to increase the students' headcount made it into 42 at the following meeting.

English knowledge of our students being below the expectations. Therefore, the students were hesitant to speak in front of an audience.

We conducted practice sessions before every meeting with the help of Toastmaster Kamburawala and Wanasinghe. Gradually the students improved. Also, the educational presentations conducted by senior Siyane' Toastmasters made the Youth Leaders more confident in speaking.

The programme continued for 10 days with 10 practice sessions. In the meantime, an outbound session was conducted where students got a very rare opportunity to mingle with different ethnicities. They exchanged their feelings and became friendly at the end.

The three semi-finalists who represented Thakshila College made the ceremony more colourful and it was one of the emotional moments for all of us. The friendly and straightforward nature of the YLP coordinator, Toastmaster Neluka Gunasekera was one symbolic element to make this programme reach success. Genuine and supportive attitudes of Toastmaster Kamburawala and Wanasinghe were the soft touch for Youth Leaders' to rid themselves of stage fright. The continuous and generous support of Siyane' Toastmasters was the secret behind this success. I appreciate the fullest support of the principal of Thakshila College and the parents of Youth Leaders.

“I humbly accept the effort and the energy given to Thakshila YLP as the biggest satisfaction in my teaching career.”

There's no argument that making one speak to an audience in a foreign language is one of the hardest targets in language teaching.

Yes, there we are, Growth is in the Giving...

“Growth is in the Giving”

A man holding a single candle can hold it out for others to light up theirs. He loses nothing. But the act illuminates the place for everybody to see.

We, the Siyane’ Toastmasters have held out our light to the community outside the club in the form of Speechcraft programmes and Youth Leadership programmes during the past year. The programmes not only helped these communities to be better speakers and leaders but also ignited the passion in them to become Toastmasters.

Toastmasters with different levels of experience contributed to these programmes and the programmes were a unique platform for the budding toastmasters to learn from.

The last speechcraft programme for the year was conducted for ATG Gloves Knitting Pvt Ltd, Wathupitiwala. The grand finale was graced by the **Immediate Past International President Balraj Arunasalm ,DTM** who, while conversing with the budding Toastmasters of Siyane Toastmasters Club on the experiences they had participating in Speechcraft programs and Youth Leadership Programs, said: **“Growth is in the Giving, Find the Avenue for that”**.



Experience outside the comfort of the home club comes in various ways. It could come by meeting new people from different fields of expertise, meeting people with different language skills, making friends. Gaining experience, opportunities to speak more and lead more for only practice makes perfection.

Apart from communication and leadership skills, you will gain a whole lot of other things to feed and nourish your soul as a human being. The selfless dedication, the hardships endured in the name of some people whom you never knew, all the while expecting nothing but self-contentment is the real personal growth.

Meet new people, make friends.

Toastmasters is all about developing our communication and leadership skills. The bigger your circle is, the greater the opportunity. If your home club is the pool where you learned to swim, the outside-the-club programmes are the river or ocean where you get to test your abilities and sharpen your skills while teaching another to swim. During the last year, most of our toastmasters got this opportunity to immerse themselves in these new experience. And excitingly we met a lot of people, from teenagers to well-experienced veterans out there in the field. The more we mingled with them, taught them, listened to them and evaluated them, we got to know that we have yet to fill a lot of gaps in our own skills. Their fresh ideas, experiences and also inborn talents provided us with a mirror to look at ourselves.

Experience

Participating in these programmes nourished us in another very important way. That is the variety of the audience. We, breaking from the club environment and the predictable applause of toastmasters, step in front of a different crowd. We learn to fight the anxiety we feel in front of a diverse audience which we rarely get to see in the home club. We learn to adjust our communication to cater different people with diverse expectations and meet different objectives. Hence we become more confident in facing new challenges.

Practice makes perfection

In Toastmasters fraternity, giving is synonymous with receiving. Because every speechcraft programme and every youth leadership programme is a platform we exercise our skills. We speak more, we lead more and we interact with different people. Thus it keeps the ball rolling and continuous practice brings us closer to perfection.

Self-growth

Toastmasters who participated in these programmes know one thing. That the feeling we savour at the end of the day is priceless. Every aching muscle, every drop of sweat trickling down the brow, the metallic soreness of the throat is a reward for those who know that they have sown the seeds of goodness among the youth, among the eager adults.



The heart swollen with humble pride knows that the growth is not only in that promotion, in that award, in that trophy or the certificate but also in the courage and determination developed through resisting and defeating that gloomy morning, that down pouring afternoon, that scorching sun, that crowded bus and that empty wallet to attend these programmes. There is no better way to be leaders who serve the society without expecting anything in return. The true selfless dedication, that immense feeling of responsibility and the pride of witnessing someone else's success lift your consciousness to a higher level. You expected nothing, but eventually you were showered with more than you could have wished for.

If you have a candle, light those candles of others. If you learned something today, teach someone else.

And take that opportunity to go out into the society. Mingle with people. Teach them. Lead them. Resist that urge to remain in the comfortable harbour of the home club. Because you are a ship and ships are built for the ocean, smooth or rough, that is your purpose. And every time you step out, you know you will return back to your harbour bringing with you more than what you have given away so that you can nourish your own brethren as a better Toastmaster and a better person.



TM ROSHINI PERERA



I gained a lot of experience from Siyane' Toastmasters about speaking, leading and interacting with people. From YLPs, I learned the value and happiness in helping others to learn, grow and develop their skills for their betterment.

TM Shanika Ranasinghe

It was because of the YLP that I received the opportunity to make an educational presentation. That was a big leap in my Toastmasters journey. Also, seeing the young leaders come out of their shells and unleashing their potential was one of the greatest satisfaction I have received and was proud to be part of.

-TM Shehara Dissanayeka -

I highly value the experience gained while participating both the speechcraft and YLP programmes as it enhanced my presentation ability and speaking ability. Moreover I studied the behaviour of the participants, their capabilities and analyzed the requirements of them individually”

TM Chandrasiri Wanasinghe

The experience was so fulfilling. I pushed my limits and worked so hard, even if the situation was not so good. However, towards the end I saw the results. So what I learnt is that even if you don't see any positivity at the beginning, just wait and see. Definitely you will see the results at the best time.

TM Neluka Gunasekara

It was a great learning platform for me also I could serve the society in return.

TM Thulani Dayarathna

I'm passionate in helping others from my childhood and self satisfaction is the reason behind the motivation. When I became a Toastmaster, I continued sharing knowledge and helping others with more sense. Now, I'm delighted to realize how an individual build confidence and improve knowledge when serving others. There is no argument to the statement "Growth is in the Giving" -TM Ruwan Jayasooriya

Give better things you have and best things will come to you.

TM Chamin Athauda

Evolution of Artificial Neural Networks



Have you noticed that Google and Facebook have become smarter than it was a few years back? When you type something in the Google search, did you notice that it instantly predicts what you are going to search? It may not just be based on the words, but it is as if it knows what your behaviour has been throughout the last few days. For example, if you are looking for a frock of your favourite colour which you are hoping to wear for a dinner out, you will see similar dresses everywhere on the screen. You will see advertisements for dresses in the same nature in your Newsfeed on Facebook. Soon you will figure out the intention you had in your mind is visible to the rest of the world. It happens not only to you, but billions of internet users every day.

If you summarize the mechanism of those multi-billion companies observe your behaviour, you will find out a common structure which has been built very recently. It is called 'Deep Neural Net' which has the capability to mimic the human brain. The idea was formed back in the 1950s by one revolutionary paper published by Alan Turing called 'Computing Machinery and Intelligence' which was based on the Turing Test. Afterward, with the military funding from the US and UK governments particularly, scientists started working on this interesting topic on building a machine which can think. It was an exploration on neurology, mathematics, and computing. Neurologists have found that the human brain works with electrical signals which are fired and upon a thought process.

Norbert Wiener's cybernetics described control and stability in an electrical network and Alan Turing's theory of computation showed that any form of computation could be described digitally using ones and zeros. Based on these 3 pillars, Artificial Intelligence (AI) was born.

In the 1970s, the enthusiasm of artificial intelligence was lost due to lack of computational power. Furthermore, most of the mathematicians criticized the idea because the basic principles of AI did not contain a strong mathematical backup. Scientists could not prove their results due to limited computational power. Hence, the funding was stopped. This era is known as the winter of AI.

As the Moor Law predicts, computational power has doubled every two years so that scientists could again work on the theories they have formed in the winter. It worked. The work on AI has boomed in the first decades of the 21st century.

Enough about history! What is so beautiful about Neural Networks and Artificial Intelligence? To answer this question let me briefly describe what artificial neural networks do in simple terms. It is a system which can predict something based on past experiences. It is like a child who gets trained to stand up on his own. After many attempts, the child knows how to keep the balance when he is standing, how to keep his body straight, the distance he should maintain between feet, the pressure he has to put on the limbs and so on.

Like that, this computer programmed network can learn any task adjusting the weights of its metrics (tensors) at each try. After it has been fully learned, it can generate an output closer to the desired output of a given input with a calculated accuracy and learning rate.

The importance of Artificial Neural Nets can be matched with the ‘human evolution’ proposed by Da-Vinci. Our body, our brain and our limbs have developed and evolved through millions of years. Not only for human beings, but everything on earth has evolved over a million years and produced the optimum shape and form for their existence. From a living cell, an unimaginable number of iterations might have gone through and our DNA has corrected its biological memory at each iteration. Similar to that, we run an artificial neural network thousands of iterations so that its weights can adjust for our trained task.

Currently most of the developers are working on image recognition and speech recognition since it has a wide range of applications such as character recognition, object detection, abnormality detection and etc. Moreover, it is about to hit the Robotics arena as well, where robot manipulations are done using neural networks. It is assured that the coming years will be the summer in Artificial Neural Networks and for more development. People will use this technology and there might be a decade where we will question the growth of artificial intelligence over humanity, because it took millions of years to learn certain tasks optimally for the human. Now we can shrink it off to a few hours of learning time. Yes, It is scary!



TM KASUN JAYALATH

Value of Time

Time is the most precious gift we could have ever received from Mother Nature. Without time we cannot do anything at all. Time is measured by various units like years, months, weeks, days etc. Let’s find out how valuable each unit of time is.

To know the value of a **Year**, ask from a student who had failed a competitive exam.

To know the value of a **Month**, ask from a mother who had given birth to a child premature.

To know the value of a **Week**, ask from an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To know the value of a **Day**, ask from a laborer who works for a daily wage.

To know the value of an **Hour**, ask from a lover who is eagerly waiting to meet his sweetheart.

To know the value of a **Minute**, ask from a passenger who had missed his train or bus.

To know the value of a **Second**, ask from a person who had narrowly escaped from an accident.

And finally

To know the value of a **Millisecond**, ask from a world class runner who had missed an Olympic medal. (Quoted from Marc Levy)

Let’s take maximum use of every millisecond in our lives through our wonderful experiences gained from Toastmasters to become excellent communicators and leaders.

TM DILAN PERERA



Treasured Moments

If you were offered an opportunity to go back to your school where you have your childhood memories; who would say “No”? I was one of them;

“It was a lifetime experience I gained through being the coordinator of Youth Leadership Programme at Rathnavali Balika Vidyalaya in Gampaha, which is my Alma Mater.”

The programme started on 3rd (Saturday) February 2018, continued for 10 weeks and ended with a grand finale where 13 students delivered their maiden contest speeches in front of their parents and teachers. The programme was conducted for 23 students who were in grade 10,11 and 12. Each meeting was carried out under different themes which were chosen by students themselves. Awrudu (New Year) theme meeting consisted of Awrudu games, Awrudu rituals and a notable food table adding colour to the programme.

All educational sessions were conducted by the resource personnel of Siyane’ Toastmasters Club in the areas of public speaking, impromptu speaking, organizing speeches, listening, gestures in speaking and voice and vocabulary.



TM WARUNI PERERA
Coordinator of the YLP–
Rathnavali Balika Vidyalaya

I’m glad about the fact that I embraced the opportunity of playing the role of the coordinator as I gained immense knowledge in public speaking by actively participating in the programme. It crafted new leadership skills. Not only that but also this programme refreshed and strengthened the bond between me and my school

“I got the opportunity to put the project management theories that I had learnt in a lecture room into practice” by planning, organizing, leading and monitoring this programme.





Thus, it created a “WIN-WIN Situation” to all of us and I realised the fact that “Giving for someone else’s Growth is the way forward”.

DISTRICT 82 EVENTS

COLOMBO



Let’s walk together to spread the awareness of **Toastmasters** and invite new members to the fraternity.

 Date: 30th Sept 2018	 Time: 7:00 AM	 Venue: Diyatha Uyana, Battaramulla
 For more information visit http://www.d82.org/latest/news/		

RECOGNITION



TM Nilantha Bandara presenting the token of appreciation to TM Chamin Athauda for his service as the coordinator of Speechcraft programme at Jiffy Products (Pvt.) Ltd, Mirigama.



TM Nilantha Bandara presenting the token of appreciation to TM Waruni Perera for her service as the coordinator of YLP programme at Rathnavali Balika Vidyalaya, Gampaha.



TM Nilantha Bandara presenting the token of appreciation to TM Punsirimewan Kamburawala for his service as the coordinator of Speechcraft programme at ATG Gloves Knitting (Pvt.) Ltd, Wathupitiwala.



TM Nilantha Bandara presenting the token of appreciation to TM Neluka Gunasekara for her service as the coordinator of Speechcraft programme at Thakshilla College, Gampaha.

The 09th Installation Ceremony of Siyane' Toastmasters Club was held on 29th July 2018 at Hotel Nature Gardens, Yakkala. The event was graced by TM Sarma Mahalingam. Mr. Vikum Rajapakse, the Co-founder and Managing Director of Kantala (Pvt) Ltd. delivered the key note speech in which he highlighted the importance of pursuing one's dreams and never giving up. He also brought into the attention of the audience the importance of networking.



The vision of the newly appointed Executive Committee is "Unleash the Potential" that is to help the members to discover the best version of themselves and grow as speakers and leaders, both personally and professionally.



UNLEASH THE POTENTIAL



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President



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TM Nilantha Bandara
Immediate Past President

▶ **SPECIAL SEGMENTS**



**Installation Chair
TM Waruni Perera**



**Guest of Honor
TM Sarma Mahalingam**

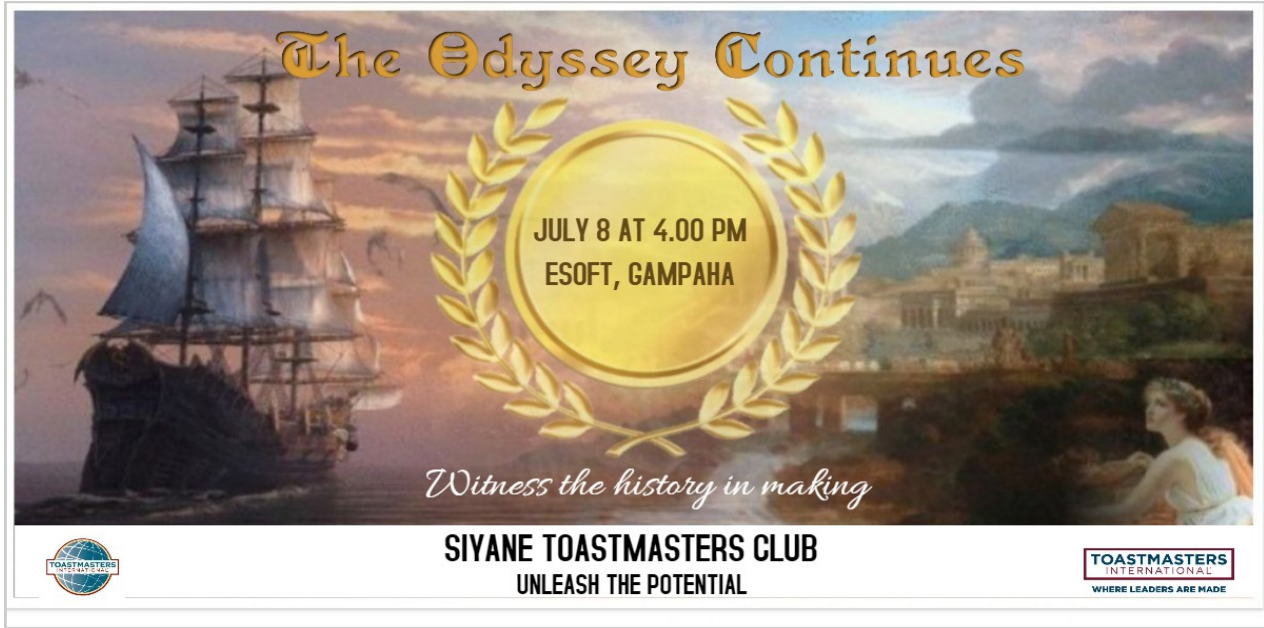


**Key Note Speaker
Mr. Vikum Rajapakse
Co-founder & Managing Director
at Kantala (PVT) Ltd**



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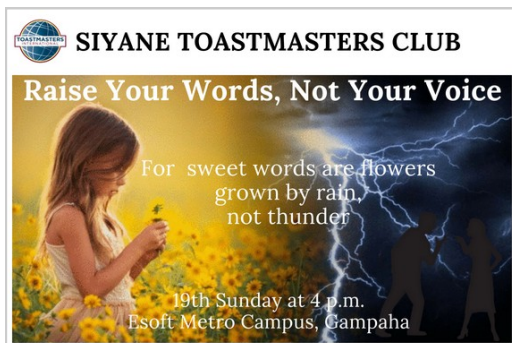
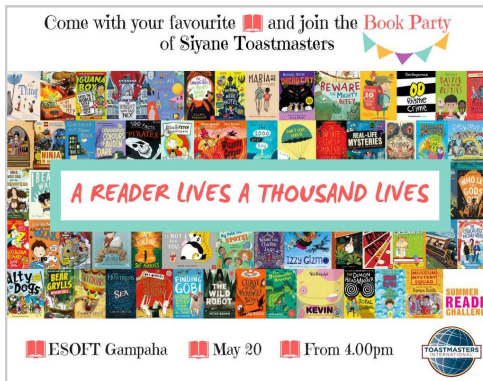
▶ **SIYANE CELEBRATES 200TH MEETING**



Siyane' Toastmasters Club celebrated the 200th educational meeting on 8th July 2018 which was also the first educational meeting conducted under the newly appointed executive committee.

The theme of the meeting was "The Odyssey Continues" which was to signify that the newly appointed executive committee will carry forward the Siyane' Legend.

▶ **EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS**



THEME MEETINGS

Meeting No: 205 - "All the World's A Stage"



GUEST PARTICIPATION



204th Educational Meeting under the theme "True Friends: Hard to find– Lucky to have" recorded a guest count of 23. Each member had invited their friends to witness a Toastmasters meeting. The meeting had been a exciting experience for the guests as they got the opportunity to put their public speaking abilities to test in front of a supportive and a cheerful audience.

Summons From The Sea

Travelling in a van
With friends around -
New and old -
Befriending and making them feel at ease
Getting ready for the educational meeting

Passing buildings and trees,
Boring cities and monotonous sceneries,
Moving onto new surroundings -
Fresh breezes splashing our faces -
Whipping our hair around -
Relaxing and soothing us;
Moving our hearts to love our summons...

Nearing our destination,
Bit by bit, metre by metre,
Realizing you are closer to the blue water -
'Cause of the sea breezes,
Which embrace your face -
Makes your hair dance -
And pulls you out of the van,
Tugging at your heart and soul,
Reminding you of the summons
Making you long for the time
More and more...

Finally you reach the place
You get goose bumps,
With all the excitement
That you are feeling...
Out of doors,
Near sea, sand, and sunset,
Sea breezes welcoming you,
Chances to enjoy time with friends,
Wearing shades and a flower hat,
Watching the blue sea -
And walking on the sand...

Finally answering the summons
Arriving at Grand Star Beach Hotel;
Going to the beach area
To get ready for the meeting

What a joy! What a chance!
Such delight... And frolic...
Best of outdoor places
Near the horizon, Near the sunset,
Your heart jumps to your mouth,
Thumping with pure happiness.

TM SHANIKA RANASINGHE

Imploration

Share your words,
And your thoughts
For a world full of colour and hope.

Care for the poor,
The ones in need,
And give them a second chance to breathe.

Love another,
And let go of
Hate, anger, envy, and ego.

Do all these,
And just know
That it'll be a brighter tomorrow.



TM PRAWEENA WEERASINGHE

► **Convention 2018**

Congratulations Ramona J. Smith from District 56 on finishing first place in the world Championship of Public Speaking at the 87th Annual Toastmasters International Convention.

Congratulations to Sherrie Su (Second Place) from District 88 and Anita Fain Taylor (Third Place) from District 47.



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1 | Ramona J. Smith (Left) with Apsara Ranasinghe from Siyane Toastmasters Club (Right) at the 87th Annual Toastmasters International Convention

2 | Sherrie Su (Left), Ramona J. Smith (Middle) and Anita Fain Taylor (Right)

3 |From left to right Sherrie Su, Ramona J. Smith, Apsara Ranasinghe and Anita Fain Taylor

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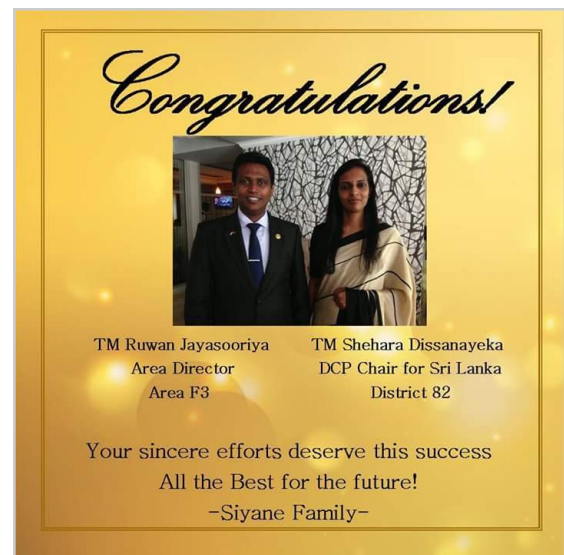
Congratulations

► **NEWS FROM DISTRICT 82**



In the Hall of Fame, District 82 was recognized as the #1 District in the world, at the International Convention in Chicago. Members from all over the world cheered for District 82.

► **NEWS FROM SIYANE' TOASTMASTERS**



Siyane' Family is proud of you and delighted to see you taking the leadership skills outside the club and serving the fraternity.

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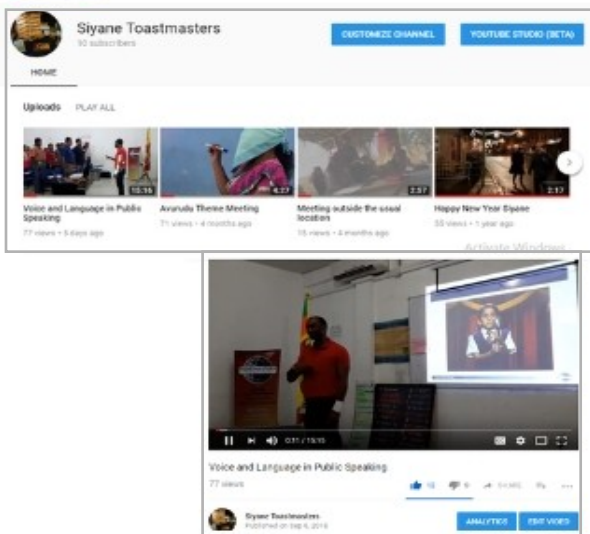
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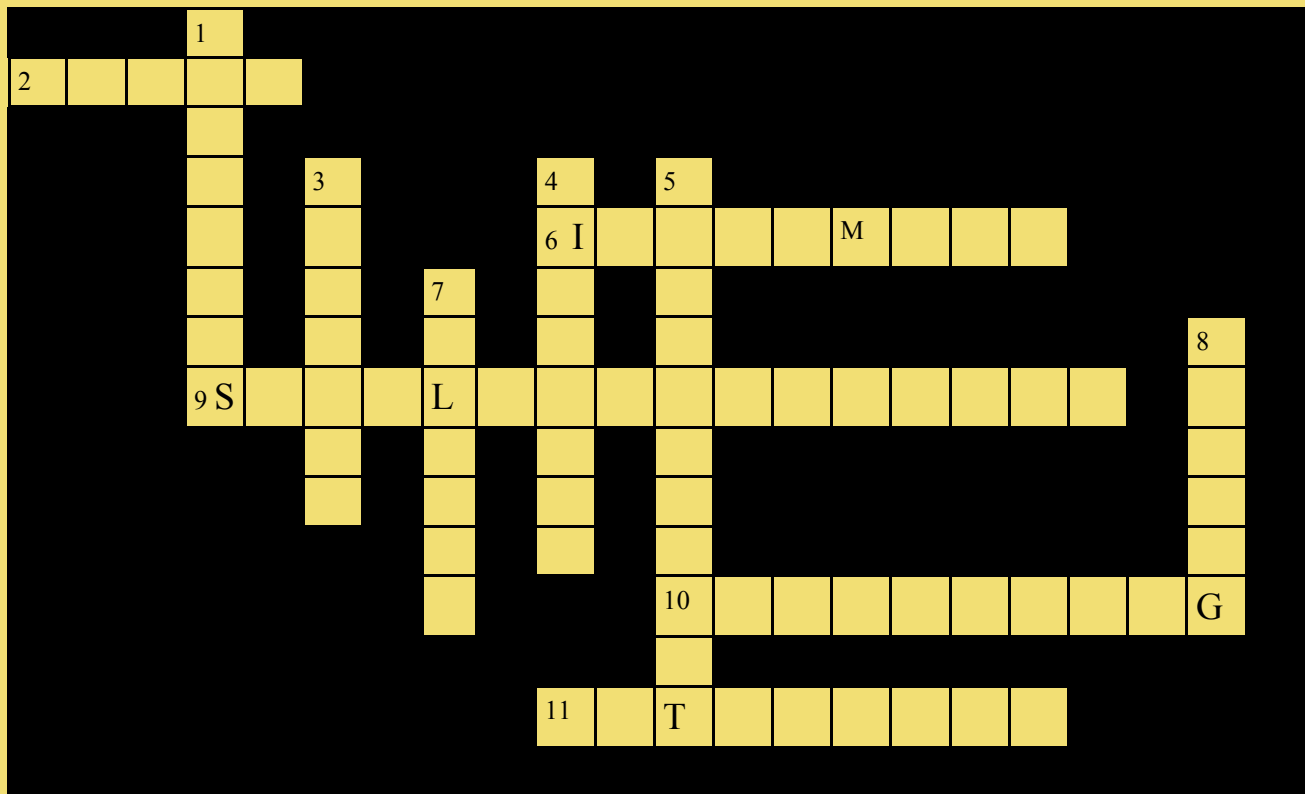


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RISE TO THE CHALLENGE



DOWN

ACROSS

1-The new educational programme of Toastmasters

2- Area Director of District 82-Area F3

3- Speechcraft is one of the _____ Communication Programmes

6-Speaking without prior preparation

4-Home district of the winner of international speech contest

9-The name of the event held on 30th September, organized by District 82

5- The programme conducted to create awareness among non-toastmasters

10-His computational theory showed that any form of computation can be described digitally using ones and zeros

7- Vision of Siyane Executive Committee 2018/2019
“_____ the Potential”

11-One of Toastmasters Core Values

8- “Growth is in the _____ “

Send your answers to siyane.toastmasters.club@gmail.com

The first 3 winners will be announced on the Facebook Page of Siyane’ Toastmasters Club

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