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Picture on front cover by Local Artist Emily Por: A poignant moment in Singapore; I am inside this pristine abode, gazing towards the outside world of Peranakan shophouses. "Double Happiness" is a reflection of our inner and outer views. We can make a difference when we use our gifts and talents to inspire and impact lives, ultimately bringing joy to all.



Continue Making A Difference to and enriching the lives of as many people as you can reach to

Abdullah Tarmugi Speaker of Parliament



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MESSAGE BY ABDULLAH TARMUGI, SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT & MP FOR EAST COAST GRC

My heartiest congratulations to the Officers and members of Toastmasters International District-80 for successfully upholding the noble Mission of the District for the term July 2007 – June 2008, culminating in your District MAD Annual Convention today.

The buzzword you have chosen for your convention – MAD (Make A Difference) – aptly describes your mission and the unique character of your organization. I have myself witnessed the difference Toastmasters here and abroad have made to the lives of many people.

On this your auspicious day of celebration and fraternity, I salute you and urge you to continue Making A Difference to and enriching the lives of as many people as you can reach out to."

ABDULLAH TARMUGI

### Toastmasters: Shaping Ourselves...Shaping Our World

Chris Ford, DTM International President 2007-2008



Toastmasters throughout the world, including your international officers and directors, congratulate you and wish you the best on the occasion of your Spring Convention on May 23-25, 2008.

Toastmasters International helps people shape their lives. During your event, look around and celebrate the communication and leadership skills of your friends and fellow club members. Then take a minute to consider what you have become as a result of participating in the Toastmasters programme. Aren't you amazed at the transformation? Haven't you shaped yourself into a more

confident, more eloquent and overall better person? Haven't you become more willing to help others in and out of your club environment? If you have, then join me in proclaiming the theme for my term in office — "Toastmasters: Shaping Ourselves...Shaping Our World!"

The Toastmasters programme is ideal for helping us **Shape Ourselves** and therein **Shape Our World**. We were once self-conscious, hesitant members who have blossomed into assertive, confident and passionate Toastmasters; we have **Shaped Ourselves** into the Toastmasters we are today. Many of us began as non-committed members and we **Shaped Ourselves** into efficient, capable leaders in our organisations and our communities. We started as groups of people who hardly knew each other. Look how we have **Shaped Ourselves** into charismatic, dynamic and successful Toastmasters! As we **Shape Ourselves** individually, we are **Shaping Ourselves** organisationally as well.

The skills we have gained from Toastmasters are endless in value when we use them to our advantage outside of our Toastmasters environment. Our effective communication and leadership skills are priceless when we use them to **Shape Our World**. By applying the knowledge we have acquired from Toastmasters to our lives and communities, we are paying our share of the rent for the space we occupy in this world. We must continue **Shaping Ourselves** by improving our communication and leadership skills, so that we may help our members and clubs **Shape Themselves** with our support, coaching and encouragement.

Our organisation depends on members such as you to help more and more people **Shape Themselves** and **Shape Their World** through the Toastmasters programme. Thank you for all you do, and congratulations on this important occasion!



You came to stand by me... you believed in me and that had made all the difference

Michael Wee, DTM

District 80 Governor 2007-2008



I lost my job in the recession of 1986. For an anxious twomonth period, I was without employment. Finally, in the third month, I took on a job as a sales agent.

Throughout this difficult period, when my self-esteem was low, my wife stood by me. My family and friends were there for me. Their support and encouragement made all the difference and it wasn't long before I was back on my feet.

Looking back over half a century, I believe I have led a fairly successful life. But I will be the first to admit that all would not have been possible without the help of people around me. Their care and concern had made all the difference.

None of us has gotten where we are solely by pulling ourselves up from our own bootstraps. We got here because someone bent down and helped us.

~ Thurgood Marshall

And so, the theme of the May 2008 convention, "Make A Difference" holds special significance for me on a personal level.

In the year 2005, when I needed help, many of you were there for me. And over the past three years, you continued to support and to encourage me.

When I was lonely, you came to stand by me. When I needed to be understood, you believed in me. And that had made all the difference.

Build relationships and knowledge that will definitely make a huge difference in your life

Goh Wei Koon, DTM

District 80 Lieutenant Governor, Education & Training 2007-2008



Our founder, Dr. Ralph C. Smedley once wrote, "Everyone wants to feel himself an integral part of something active, vital, worthwhile".

The 2008 District 80 Annual Convention provides the opportunity for each and every one of us to be part of the excitement, vitality and meaning as members of Toastmasters International. It enables you to enhance your Toastmasters experience.

The greatest benefit of attending our District Conventions is the incredible friendships that are forged! This is where in Singapore 2008, you will meet many friendly, outgoing, confident and positive people, more than you will ever meet in your entire life! This is where You Make A Difference AND this convention will **Make History!** 

We are all given the power when we join Toastmasters – the power to touch and change lives. I encourage you to touch as many lives as possible in Singapore 2008 and to change as many lives as possible because you are given this power to Make A Difference! I am sure that this convention will lead you to discover your hidden abilities, bringing these latent talents to use, and thus enriching your life. It will be a **Simply Amazing** experience!

I wish you a great convention, where you will build relationships and knowledge that will definitely make a huge difference in your life. Start at this convention to enjoy the journey as a Toastmaster and surround yourself with people who energise and inspire you.

Together, let us Shape Ourselves and Shape Our World. Let us Make A Difference!

Go For It! Go For Greatness!



### You need to be MAD to take up challenge and make it happen

Neil Sy, ACB CL District 80 Lieutenant-Governor Marketing 2007-2008



Welcome to the 2008 District 80 Annual Convention. This year, the team led by our Organizing Chair, Tay Yiang Ping, has come up with the theme "MAD - MAKE A DIFFERENCE". When I heard the name, the first thing that came to my mind was that it would be something to be remembered in the years to come.

I was the Organizing Chair for the 2007 District 80 Annual Convention. I fully understand that you need to be MAD

to take up the challenge and make it happen. Do not be frightened by me and shy away from the great learning opportunity of taking up the challenge to be the organising chair for future conventions. When I say **MAD**, I mean you have to think out of the box and believe that you can do it - nothing is impossible, if only you try.

I am happy to see that the 2008 Annual Convention is under a group of "MAD" members who think out of the box and work closely with each other to make sure this will be a different and memorable convention for everyone. I can still remember attending my first convention in Bangkok in 2005. From that experience, I changed my views and feelings about Toastmasters and District 80. It gave me the energy and power to serve the community as well as invite more people to become part of the family. I am sure this year the MAD team will bring us different feelings and experiences toward Toastmasters conventions. Let us thank the committee and members who make this possible, and enjoy what they have done to enable us to experience a MAD (MAKE A DIFFERENCE) Convention.

Let us enjoy every step toward making this a wonderful convention.

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Engage in new choices and make different decisions! Start now to Make A Difference to your Life and Help Others

Poh Kim Siong, DTM Immediate Past District 80 Governor 2007-2008



Best wishes to all of you gathered here for the 2008 District 80 Annual Convention in Singapore! Under the leadership of our District Governor, Michael Wee, DTM, you are witnessing how Toastmasters International helps each of you Make A Difference to yourself, which in turn brings out the talents to help others Make A Difference and make our world a better place.

What a wonderful opportunity you will have this weekend, to attend enriching and enlightening educational sessions that will empower you to be a successful individual, rendering your club a successful club, and your district a successful district. You will have the opportunity of meeting old friends as well as make new ones. You will have the opportunity of being part of an experience that can change your life forever.

As is worded in our Vision Statement, Toastmasters empowers people to achieve their full potential and realise their dreams. Somewhere out there is a future District Governor, a future President of Toastmasters International, a future business or community leader. It could be **YOU!** Toastmasters truly helps people "Make a Difference"! I encourage you to take full advantage of what this weekend may offer you. I guarantee you will go home with the realisation that Toastmasters is "Shaping Ourselves...Shaping Our World!"

I wish you fun and great learning at this Convention, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the International Convention in Calgary, Canada in August 2008, where I envisage District 80 will be celebrating another year of success!



#### A memorable event that will set new benchmarks

Dr Khong-Lim Chooi Peng, DTM Past District 80 Governor, 2005-2006



I have been physically away from District 80 for more than nine months now. And that is time aplenty to think of (and miss dearly!) the numerous Toastmasters friends to whom I shall always be grateful for many of my most treasured memories.

Tight schedules, new challenges, and work-related travel will prevent my attending this 2008 Annual Convention.
This will be my first absence since becoming a Toastmaster.

I shall miss very much the opportunity to greet District 80 members and guests. This is more so because I have been a small part of the MAD Team under the truly amazing leadership of Tay Yiang Ping, DTM. I have watched them plan, grow, and become increasingly enthusiastic about the huge responsibilities they have taken on. They are now much more than just a team - they embody the bonding based on such great affection that it has simply been wonderful to watch them work together, even from afar.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish District 80 the very best for this Annual Convention. I know it will be a memorable event which will set new benchmarks.

### Fly in position in order that all members can fly further

Gea Ban Peng, DTM Past District 80 Governor, 2004-2005



Before a man achieves recognition, observe with whom he is associated;

when he becomes rich, watch to whom he gives his money; when he assumes a high office, look at whom he promotes; when he is in difficulty, notice what things he refuses to do; when he is poor; see what he does not accept.

If you know these five aspects about a person, who should be appointed prime minister.

Li Ke - 5th Century - China

The wild geese know that if they fly in an **V-formation**, every one has to fight the full force of the wind. All of them will be exhausted very soon. None of them will be able to reach their destination.

The wild geese will always fly in a V-formation. The strongest goose takes the lead position. The rest of the flock spread out on both sides where the wind resistance is less.

But even the strongest goose gets exhausted quickly flying where the wind resistance is strongest. It will drop to the back after a short time flying at the lead position. And another goose will take over the leadership.

By flying together and by taking turns serving in the leadership position, the wild geese are able to fly for a very long time without stopping and they are able to travel very long distances.

No matter how strong we are, we cannot get very far on our own. By working together, every one is able to achieve more.

We have many great leaders flying lead position at club level, at area level, at division level, at district level, and the international level. They put in extra efforts in order that all members can fly further in their journey to become better listeners, better thinkers and better speakers. They go the extra mile in order that we may fly higher to become better leaders.

This Convention is a great opportunity to thank our leaders, to meet old friends and to make new ones.



#### Let's Be MAD!

Tay Yiang Ping, DTM MAD 2008 Organising Chair



Our *MAD* Baby is finally born! This *MAD* Baby, District 80 Annual Convention, Singapore 2008, is the most beautiful and exciting thing for our *MAD* Team, a baby that we carried for 18 months since our first *MAD* Team meeting at the 2006 Semi-Annual Convention in Macau.

The November 2007 Semi-Annual Convention was held in Singapore and this is the first time we have two consecutive conventions at the same location. Our challenge is we need to be dramatically different and hence, the theme "MAD – Make A Difference".

Working with the *MAD* Team was really enjoyable. We had successfully organised the Pre-Convention Workshop by Dr Arulnathan DTM and received rave reviews. We had more than 12 *MAD* meetings; we even formed a *MAD* Gongfu Team and the most memorable day was when more than 50 members of the *MAD* Team turned up at the *MAD* Team-Building Day. To be *MAD*, we agreed that this Convention is about Leadership and Delegates. We want to raise more leaders and we are committed to "Excellence through Customers' Delight beyond satisfaction!"

Thank you for believing in me! I truly appreciate our District Governor, Michael Wee DTM for inviting to be the Organising Chair; my very supportive husband, Tan Kay Chuan; our *MAD* Co-Organising Chair, Michael Rodrigues DTM, our hardworking *MAD* Leaders and their Teams; the HK 2007 Organising Committee for their guidance and sharing of experience and especially our Millennium Sponsor, Cristofori Music School for their generous sponsorship. Last but not least, I thank members from my home club, Toa Payoh Central CC Toastmasters Club, for their unwavering support. You have all Made A Difference to me.

Thank you sponsors! Without you, it would have been difficult for us to organise such an event. We are able to maintain the affordable convention fees despite bringing in two world-class speakers, Ed Hearn and Anne Barab DTM and choosing the most prestigious world-class convention venue, The Singapore Suntec Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Most of all, YOU, the **MAD** Delegates, your friendly and encouraging response have touched our hearts; we owe you a good **MAD** Convention.

As toastmasters, we never stop learning. Let us have your constructive feedback. We hope that our knowledge and experience will be passed on to future leaders to Make a Difference for better District Events to come.

Lastly, I wish our overseas delegates a pleasant stay, an eye-opening event for the first timers and a good learning experience for our seasoned Toastmasters, at the 2008 MAD Convention. Let's be *MAD*!

### Experience the MAGIC of Toastmaster as we strive to Make A Difference

Michael J. Rodrigues, DTM MAD 2008 Co-Organising Chair



When Tay Yiang Ping accepted the challenge in Macau on 26 May 2006 to organise and stage this Toastmasters International District 80 Annual Convention 2008, she caught me by surprise by naming me the Co-Organising Chair even before she spoke to me about it. I know Yiang Ping is a more than able organiser. I've always been fascinated by her business acumen, enthusiasm and drive and that was what encouraged me to join her in this venture. So gung-ho was she that after the closing ceremony in Macau on 28 May 2006, she convened our first organising committee meeting and we unanimously decided that this 2008

Annual Convention would be one with a difference. Thus the 2008 MAD Convention was born and Tay Yiang Ping was its MAD Mother.

Little did we realise then the obstacles, objections and discouragement we were going to face. The more we wanted this convention to Make A Difference, the more negative feedback and objections we received. However, we would not let any discouragement affect us as we sought to let it galvanise us in our efforts and enthusiasm instead. All our early MAD plans and work evaporated even before they could get warm and loony. It was only after four months of consultation and hair-raising discussions with the District Leaders that we began to pen down definite MAD plans.

I would like to pay particular compliments and admiration to our Organising TEAM. They have proven to be a TEAM of comrades working for one another towards the success of this MAD Convention. I cherish their noble efforts, enthusiasm, integrity and creativity. From the Sales and Marketing Committee to the Secretariat, the Events Committees, Hospitality, Logistics and Volunteers, they have all worked tirelessly and selflessly. They are why the Toastmasters International District 80 2008 Annual Convention is MAD.

We welcome all delegates to this Convention and we hope that you will experience the Magic of Toastmasters as we strive to Make A Difference in your Toastmasters journey.



The most important lesson is a humility in asking for help. Together we Make A Difference!

Kris Tay, ACS CL

MAD 2008 Souvenir Magazine Chief Editor



I've known Tay Yiang Ping, DTM for nine years. She received kudos from everyone on her accomplishments in Toastmasters. When she approached me to be the Chief Editor for the MAD 2008 Convention Souvenir Magazine, I took up the appointment out of respect for her. She has the "never-say-die" mentality and I know that working with her would challenge me towards excellence!

As the Chief Editor, I was given the liberty to decide how the Souvenir Magazine would depict the theme "Make A Difference".

Firstly, I did not want the "run-of-the-mill", predictable cover. I had the privilege of being introduced to an accomplished local artist, Ms Emily Por. She had graciously consented to allow us to feature her paintings on our cover. "Double Happiness" portrays the inner and outer views. We can Make A Difference as we use our gifts and talents to inspire and impact lives, bringing joy to all. This aptly describes our journey in Toastmasters.

Another point of difference would be the articles from the pioneer Toastmasters Club in Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand. Through the many years of evolving, these Clubs have weathered through good and bad times, but the indomitable Toastmasters spirit continues.

Thanks to all Toastmasters who submitted entries for the Essay Competition. The theme was "Has joining the Toastmasters Movement Made A Difference in your life?" It was enriching to read about your experiences. The top five entries are featured in this Souvenir Magazine together with excerpts of the other entries.

The MAD 2008 Convention Souvenir Magazine will be a true momento, a collectible keepsake as a concrete representation of our joy to inspire all of us.

For me, the most important lesson, is humility in asking for help. I could never have accomplished this project by myself. The Souvenir Magazine that you now hold in your hands will never be possible without the help from the entire Organising Committee. Kudos to every member of the Editorial Committee. Together we will continue to "Make A Difference!"



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### Make A Difference - Pursue Your Passion!

Ed Hearn 2006 World Champion of Public Speaking



There are millions of people who inhabit this planet we call earth. Yet, the amazing thing is that no two people are exactly alike. Each of us has something to contribute to life that in turn, can make a difference to the lives of others.

We also have dreams that we hold deeply within our hearts - dreams that can change our society and improve the plight of those around us.

It has been said that living your dreams is the result of three things: information, inspiration and perspiration! As we come together for the District 80 Spring Conference, we will be examining these key elements and see how they can apply to make a difference in all of

our lives. The time will be well spent, and the speeches are designed to challenge all those present to get up and get motivated to "Make A Difference."

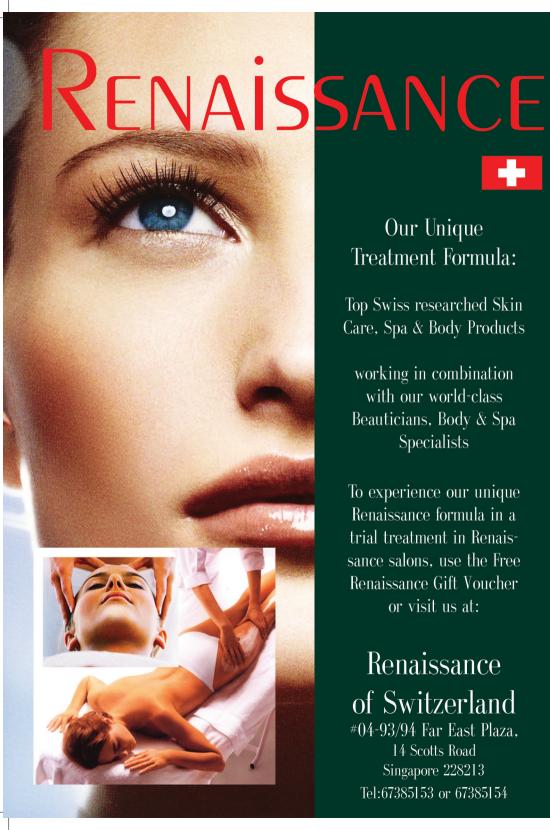
Somehow, I can sense that there are people, even in Toastmasters, who could be doing far greater things in life, if only they would put forth the effort to try -- if only they would pursue their true passion in life.

Just think about all of the inventions that could aid humanity, all of the speeches that could motivate and inspire our youths, and even books that could be added to the shelves of universities, all by the extremely gifted people in our society. If only these people would pursue their passion!

As this year's featured speaker, I am convinced that the District 80 Spring Conference will ignite a fire in all those who attend, and set forth a very real and basic theme about life and those who dare to live it to the fullest. I am further convinced that there is a desire in each of our hearts to pursue with passion the highest goals life has to offer; to find fulfilment and meaning in a noble and challenging cause in this life, and to simply "make a difference" as a result of our efforts. There is a very unique power at work in each of our lives; a creativity deeply locked within our hearts that is longing to be set free! Somehow, unless we pursue life with this passion, our efforts here on earth would soon become meaningless and mundane. However, when we really understand the importance of living life with this passion, we begin a process of transformation that not only changes us, but changes all those around us.

Finally, please be informed that all those who attend this year's District 80 Spring Conference speeches will be inspired to believe that anything is possible. All that matters is that each of us decides what it is we are seeking in life, that we develop the courage to try, that we secure the needed information and passionately apply it to our lives, and that we never give up! These factors will be enthusiastically presented during the conference and will become the basis for helping all those who attend to "make a difference" as they pursue their ultimate life goals.

Let's come together for the Spring 2008 Conference and strive to Make A Difference in the lives of all.





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### Never Give Up On Your Dreams!

Anne Barab, DTM Accredited Speaker



Toastmasters International is an organisation that helps you dream **BIG** dreams.

Ten years ago, a friend invited me to her Toastmasters club. My lcebreaker speech set an International Indoor World Record with 43 "um's" and "ah's." Clearly, my presentation skills stunk! I began working on them earnestly, but it seemed that the harder I tried to control my speech and posture on the platform, the clumsier I got.

After six months I joined an advanced club where I rubbed elbows with many district leaders who encouraged me to compete. I was placed second in district in both the International Speech and Humorous

Contests for two consecutive years. The dream of becoming a professional speaker began to take root.

Delivering the same speech eight times in a row as a target speaker during the Evaluation Contest season taught me how different audiences respond to the same material. I volunteered to speak at new club demonstration meetings, district training events, and regional conferences. Toastmasters continued to nourish my fledgling dreams.

Then one day, while thumbing through the C&L manual, I noticed something called Accredited Speaker, a unique designation for the Toastmaster who desires to become a professional speaker. It took two years, but finally I gave my competition speech at the 2002 convention in San Antonio and, amazingly, became the 51<sup>st</sup> person (and only the 11<sup>th</sup> woman) in the history of the universe to earn the Accredited Professional Speaker designation! My dreams grew bigger.

Because of this exposure, I was invited to speak at the Toastmasters and Guests Luncheon at the 2003 convention in Atlanta. Yes! Then last August I was privileged to be the FIRST Toastmaster in over 20 years to deliver the Closing Keynote at the 2008 convention in Phoenix. WOW, big dreams really CAN come true!

That keynote has now brought me to **YOU** - the District 80 Spring Conference in Singapore. This is the realisation of my lifelong dream to bring hope, encouragement and humour to people around the world.

What can **YOU** learn from Toastmasters?

**First - be an encourager in your Toastmasters village**. You never know when your simple words will be the match that lights someone's Toastmasters fire.

**Second - keep pushing yourself to excellence** in communication and leadership. The one common characteristic that all Toastmasters share is a desire to improve.

Third - participate actively and enthusiastically at the club, area, division, district, regional and international level. You'll learn something new every time Toastmasters gather together.

And lastly - never, never, never give up on your dreams!

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### MADLy Passionate since 1954...

### The Secret of Success of The Hong Kong Toastmasters Club

Daniel Chan, CC Hong Kong Toastmasters Club

Cheers to **54** years of joy for our Club which was chartered in **1954** in Hong Kong! In Hong Kong, any organisation prefixed with "Hong Kong" occupies the leading position in their industry e.g. Hong Kong Bank, Hong Kong Post, and Hong Kong Club etc. The Hong Kong Toastmasters Club is no exception. When you search the Internet for a Toastmasters Club in Hong Kong, our Club's website (www.toastmasters.org.hk) is ranked first by the search engine. Coupled with our historical background, this gives us a competitive advantage to recruit new members.

What makes us the oldest Toastmasters Club in Hong Kong? Let's step back for a moment and recall what has happened in the last 54 years up to 2008.

First, a long-standing Club like ours is the result of hard work by many hands, heads and hearts over the past 54 years. Indeed, the true owners of the Club are our members. Though people come and go from time to time, we have a heritage of attracting quality members who are very dedicated and self-motivated. Our members are mostly business executives and professionals with diverse cultural backgrounds. With proactive participation, we learn and grow together in the communication and leadership arena. We would like to take this opportunity to salute our passionate members who have played indispensable roles in the success of the Club.

Second, the Executive Committee in each term comprises a wonderful team to ensure quality meetings and speeches. We couldn't pay for a greater team like this as the Committee members have contributed selflessly their time, energy and talent, for which we are tremendously grateful. We firmly believe that the warm and friendly environment is vital to our members to deliver, listen and evaluate quality speeches.

Third, it is the selfless leadership of the Presidents of the Club, especially the founding President, Mr Adam Aitken, who set up an "Adam Aitken's Award" to encourage members to strive for outstanding achievements in any of the four annual Speech Contests. The Club could not have done her best without the persistence of the Presidents to strive for continuous improvement of the Club. It is only appropriate to thank them for their commitment.

A Club with a long history does not automatically guarantee her continuous success for years to come. A Toastmasters Club, new or old, requires persistence to excel in three critical areas: Quality Members, Quality Meetings and Quality Speeches in order to sustain its growth and continuity!

We have made a difference; you too can Make A Difference! Wishing you a rewarding Toastmasters journey!

### MADLy Passionate since 1955...

### Shape Our World Increasingly

Jen Lomethong, CTM Bangkok Toastmasters Club

It is a great honour to be invited by Kris Tay, ACS, CL to write an article for the MAD Convention Souvenir Magazine 2008 and the theme is "Make A Difference".

I was born in a little village and I have experienced many changes to my life ever since. My parents passed away when I finished Grade Two at age eight. Thereafter, I went down to a small town to further my studies. One day, I found myself at a church, listening to the sermon delivered by the Reverend. He said, "There are many opportunities for you to gain success. You have to pursue them with creative thinking, decide and take appropriate actions". I was very impressed with him. Since then, I kept telling myself, "Jen, one day you will deliver a speech in front of an audience just like that Reverend".

In late 1971, I met Toastmaster Somboon, a member of the Bangkok Toastmasters Club (BTC) and I spoke to him in my "broken" English. He invited me to visit BTC which I finally did. Subsequently, I became a member of BTC in early 1972. After completing Project 7, work commitments forced me to be absent from club meetings very often.

I have been striving to build my confidence and expand my social circle. Later, I became a member of a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO). There were chances to attend and deliver speeches at international conferences around the world, including the United Nations conferences in Geneva and New York.

Topics on sex, politics and religion are sensitive issues that we, as Toastmasters, avoid. However, I realised that we don't have to talk about religion or politics to get our point across. For example, Olusegun Obasanjo, a Christian who lobbied for votes to become the President of Nigeria, a country where the majority is Muslim. I realised that he didn't talk about religion and politics when he lobbied them. He merely said, "You are Nigerians, I am Nigerian, we all are Nigerians. Let us shape ourselves to restore peace and develop our country."

I had applied the skills I learnt from Toastmasters and found that I was able to foster good relationships with people from different political systems, cultural backgrounds and religions. What is important is to listen deeply to elicit the speakers' real meaning, think of ways to construct the idea(s) which can be accepted by the listeners and to speak to them with confidence by using the invaluable skills which we learnt from Toastmasters.

Please don't call me an 'old folk'. I love to hear people address me as 'Toastmaster Jen'. I constantly seek to improve myself, just like any new Toastmaster. It seems to me that the most precious thing on earth is not invaluable assets, but self-satisfaction. It will never become archaic with the passing of time, nor will it be destroyed or stolen by someone. It will always remain as fresh as ever.

Recently, I met a friend and I shared with him my experience with the newly-formed Toastmasters clubs – the people behind them, the location of these clubs and when they were formed. I shared with these new clubs my views on how this world is filled with conflicts and how these could be resolved. I strongly believe that if only every country is dominated by Toastmasters, this world would be more peaceful.

Therefore, we must shape ourselves to shape the world. Let us, as Toastmasters, Make A Difference!



### MADLy Passionate since 1967...

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Elsa Lim, ATMB CL Toastmasters Club of Singapore

Sometime in January 1990, a nervous young executive entered a function room at the Singapore Mandarin Hotel to check out the Toastmasters Club of Singapore (TMCS). Someone had told her that the Club would cure her of her fear of public speaking.

She was warmly welcomed by the group. She saw several members, all having a ball of a time delivering their speeches and airing their opinions during the Table Topics session. Thus began her adventure with the Toastmasters movement.

Fast forward to 2008. As I look back at my 18 years as a Toastmaster, I realised how much and yet how little things have changed at my club, TMCS, the oldest Toastmasters Club in Singapore. With the advent of the internet and mobile communications, anyone can preview the websites of all Toastmasters Clubs in Singapore. They need not walk through the door like I did, not knowing what to expect. They can even attend meetings at their own in-house clubs or at their neighbourhood Community Clubs.

So why have we lasted more than 40 years, with a membership base of 66 and still growing? To quote our new member, Ramesh Dharma, "I think one big 'secret' of TMCS is its uncanny ability to appear as the first hit when someone searches on the internet for Toastmasters Singapore". I have to admit, that's how I signed up. It was only AFTER I paid the membership fees that I discovered that there were more than 100 Toastmasters Clubs in Singapore!

I believe that our magic ingredient is PASSION with a capital "P". Yes, at TMCS, we are PASSIONATE about having a good time – not merely practising but enjoying the art of public speaking!

Walk into a TMCS meeting and one is immediately swept into a cosmopolitan crowd of different nationalities and professions, exchanging different ideas and opinions. Who needs to travel abroad, when we can learn about the Canadian Arctic from our Canadian member, Cresswell Walker? And if you are shy and awkward around ladies, just listen to our suave and polished Ng Cher Khim's hilarious and infamous speech, "Me and My Girls."

Table Topics sessions feature "no-holds barred" discussions on wide ranging topics and issues – frank and uncensored, punctuated with lots of laughter and humour. All are encouraged to take part – even the guests!

The warm welcome I experienced 18 years ago and the friendly faces who greeted me are still around: 86-year old Mr Ling Lee Hwa, founder of TMCS; Ernest Chen, author of "Earnestly Speaking"; and veteran Kee Chin Ho – not to mention the many long-time members who have imbued our club with colour and character.

Now, as an 18-year veteran of TMCS, I am bearing their torch with pride. The Club may be 41, but you can't keep a good lady down – especially if she's sexy, fun and fabulous!

## சிங்கப்பூர்த் தமிழ்ப் பேச்சாளர் / சொல்வேந்தர் மன்றங்கள்

தமிழ் டோஸ்ட்மாஸ்டர்ஸ் மன்றம்:

அறிவில் உதித்த அரும்பெரும் கருத்தை அருந்தமிழ் மொழியில் அவையில் படைத்து தானும் உயர தமிழும் உயர உதவும் சமூக அமைப்பு

சிந்தனை ஆற்றல், கருத்தாற்றல், பேச்சாற்றல் மற்றும் ஆளுமைத்திறனை மேம்படுத்தும் நோக்கோடு <mark>டோஸ்ட்மாஸ்டர்ஸ் மன்றங்கள்</mark> இயங்குகின்றன. இந்த நோக்கத்தை தமிழிலும் அடைய முடியும் என்ற நம்பிக்கையுடன் மூன்று தமிழ் டோஸ்ட்மாஸ்டர்ஸ் மன்றங்கள் சிங்கப்பூரில் செயல்படுகின்றன.

2001 ஆண்டு அக்டோபர் மாதம் உலகிலேயே முதல் டோஸ்ட்மாஸ்டர்ஸ் மன்றம் என்ற பெறுமையுடன் தொடங்கியது சிங்கப்பூர் தமிழ் சொல்வேந்தர் மன்றம். மாதாந்திரக் கூட்டம்: மூன்றாவது சனிக்கிழமை, பிற்பகல் 2 மணி இடம்: ராடின் மாஸ் சமூக மன்றம்.

தமிழ் மொழிப் பண்பாட்டுக் கழகப் பேச்சாளர் மன்றம் 2002ம் ஆண்டில் தொடங்கப்பட்டது. இம்மன்றம் உலகின் இரண்டாவது தமிழ் மன்றமாகும். மாதாந்திரக் கூட்டம்: முதல் வியாழக்கிழமை, மாலை 7 மணி இடம்: உமறு புலவர் தமிழ்மொழி நிலையம்

சிங்கப்பூரின் மூன்றாவது தமிழ் பேச்சாளர் மன்றமாக **மக்கள் கழக நற்பணிப்** பேரவை தமிழ்ப் பேச்சாளர் மன்றம். கடந்த 2006ம் ஆண்டு ஆகஸ்டு ஒன்பதாம் தேதி தொடங்கப்பட்டது. இம்மன்றம் உலகின் ஐந்தாவது தமிழ் மன்றமாகும். மாதாந்திரக் கூட்டம்: கடைசி சனிக்கிழமை, பிற்பகல் 2 மணி இடம்: அடித்தள மன்றம்.

பேச்சுத் தமிழை வளர்த்துக் கொள்ள ஆசையா? தன்னம்பிக்கையுடன் சரளமாக தமிழில் பேச விருப்பமா? வாருங்கள், எங்கள் தமிழ் பேச்சாளர், சொல்வேந்தர் மன்றங்களில் சேர்ந்து பயனடையுங்கள்.





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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MAD DELEGATES

#### REGISTRATION

Please come early to avoid the MAD Rush!

**Registration open:**- 23 May, Friday: 8am – 5pm

24 May, Saturday: 8am - 5pm

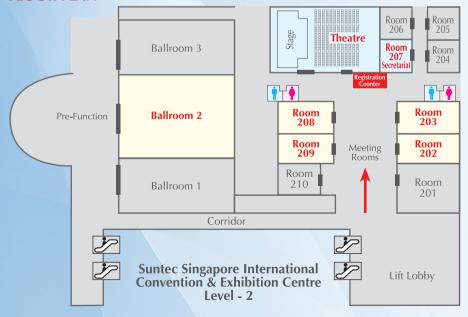
Workshops Counter open: 23 May, Friday: 8am – 5pm

24 May, Saturday: 8am - 2pm

#### Secretariat/Registration Desk will be located at Room 207.

- Convention Packets will be issued to Delegates
- For those who have pre-registered online for the Saturday workshops, the coupons will be included in the Convention Packets
- For those who have not pre-registered online for the Saturday workshops, please proceed to the "Workshops Counter" to collect the coupons. Availability of coupons will be based on first-come-first-serve basis
- All Delegates must show their Convention Badges for admission to the general events
- For the Saturday workshops, Delegates will be admitted based on the workshop coupons
- "Event Only Tickets" will not be sold at the counter

#### **FLOOR PLAN**



### Day 1 - 23 May, Friday

Time	Programme	Venue
8.00am	Credential Desk Open	Room 208 & 209
8.30am - 10.30am	District 80 Exco Meeting	Room 208 & 209
10.30am - 11.00am	Tea Break (For District Officers)	
11.00am - 12.30pm	District 80 Council Meeting	Room 208 & 209
12.30pm - 2.00pm	Lunch (Not included)	
	2 Concurrent Workshops	
2.00pm - 5.00pm	English Workshop Please Shut Up and Listen to ME! - Anne Barab DTM, Accredited Speaker	Room 208 & 209
2.00pm - 5.00pm	Mandarin Workshop Master - 李秉萱 DTM 成功的秘密 - 孙策	Room 202
6.00pm	Latin Social Dance Lesson	Ballroom 2
7.00pm - 11.00pm	Welcome Dinner, Theme - "MAD"	Ballroom 2
	Dress Code: "MAD" is our theme - Come Outrageous	y dressed!!!

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Friday - 23 May 2.00pm - 5.00pm (Room 208 & 209)

### Anne Barab DTM

### Please Shut Up and Listen to ME!

#### How to communicate more effectively?

The purpose of communication is not to speak, but to be heard and understood. Real Communication is 80% listening and only 20% talking. In this programme, participants will learn:

- Principles of in-depth communication
- Techniques for asking quality questions to improve customer service
- Difference between advising and coaching
- Tools for presenting your ideas with clarity
- Practice in experiencing the "feel" of quality listening and talking



### 华语专题讲座

Mandarin Workshops: Friday - 23 May 2.00pm - 5.00pm (Room 202)

### 李秉萱 DTM

### △ 幽默大全

题解: 对幽默的由来进行探索、解读、分析、诠释

学习得益: 先全方位地了解幽默的真谛、再掌握幽默的 使用与变化、建构智慧型的幽默人生。

### 李秉萱 DTM

Past Division M Governor, District 51, 1999-2000 新加坡国大、南大、中国北大MBA课程兼职讲师 新加坡中华总商会社会事务委员会主席 思明貿易有限公司董事经理 三江学校 校长 新加坡三江会馆 主席



Mandarin Workshops: Friday - 23 May 2.00pm - 5.00pm (Room 202)

### 孙策

### ≣成功的秘密

想知道成功背后的秘密吗?与您分享成功背后的秘密! 你了解自己吗?为什么我们学习了很多,却做到的很少? 是谁阻碍了我们的成长,我们如何才能在自己的领域里有所成就? 生命中我们要做些什么事情算是成功呢?什么是衡量成功的标准?

### 孙策

新加坡爱龄学院执行总裁 生涯教练机构的首席教练 "讲出来"演讲训练营创办人 中华教育训练发展协会会员 《早安您好》电视节目的特约嘉宾 胜利一生(Winning for life)授证讲师 DISCus 人格特质系统分析师 958城市广播电台多次采访 最新出版的《1+1+1=9》的作者

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### Day 2 - 24 May, Saturday

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	Time		Programme	Venue
	8.00am		Registration	
۱	9.00am		<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	Theatre
			<ul> <li>Flags Parade</li> <li>Opening Speech         <ul> <li>Michael Wee DTM, District 80 Governor</li> </ul> </li> <li>Guest-of-Honour Speech         <ul> <li>Mr Abdullah Tarmugi Speaker of Parliament, Singapore</li> </ul> </li> <li>Official Launch of MAD 2008 Convent</li> <li>Entertainment / Performances</li> </ul>	
1	9.55am	- 10.25am	Tea Break	
	10.25am	- 11.50am	Plenary Session	
	12.00000	1.2000	The Courage To Try - Ed Hearn 2006 World Champion of Public Speaking Lunch	Theatre
1	12.00pm	•		D 202
	1.30pm	- 5.30pm	Tamil Workshop / Contest பேச்சுத் தமிழ்: அழகு, நகை, சுவை - G B Srithar	Room 203
	1.30pm	- 2.15pm	General Session	
			Make A Difference - Pursue Your Passion! - Ed Hearn	Theatre
l	2.30pm	- 5.30pm	Mandarin International Speech and Table Topics Contests	Room 202
	2.30pm	- 5.30pm	English Breakout Sessions - Concurrent	
ı	Session 1			
	2.30pm	- 3.15pm	The Magic of Public Speaking - Gerald Green DTM	Room 208
			<ul><li>■ Personal Branding Starts with Me</li><li>- Andrew Goh</li></ul>	Room 209
			Creative Presentations - Presenting Colourfully in a Black-and-White Crowd - Alison Lester	Theatre



### Day 2 - 24 May, Saturday

Time		Programme	Venue
Session 2			
3.30pm	- 4.15pm	Why Are You Like That?  Maximising Communication Effectiveness with DISC Profiling Tool  - Kelvin Ong DTM	Room 208
		<ul><li></li></ul>	Room 209
	<b>₩ Breaking through the Barriers</b> - Lynn Desker DTM	Theatre	
4.15pm	- 4.45pm	Tea Break	
Session 3			
4.45pm	- 5.30pm	<ul><li><b></b> Be a Charismatic Leader</li><li>- Talis Wong DTM</li></ul>	Room 208
		☐ Dialogue with Ed Hearn	Room 209
		<ul><li>■ Capitalizing on Your Image, Learn how Leaders' Image Impact the Difference</li><li>- Jill Lowe</li></ul>	Theatre
6.00pm		Latin Social Dance Lesson	Ballroom 2
7.00pm	- 12.00mn	Latin Gala Dinner	Ballroom 2
		Dress Code: Formal / Latin Dance Wear	
		How to Think Like a Leader Regardless of Position within the Organisation - Anne Barab DTM	
		Installation of District Officers 2008-2009	)
		Dance Performances	

Saturday - 24 May 10.25am - 11.50am (Theatre)

#### Ed Hearn

### The Courage To Try - Keynote Speech

The programme is designed to evaluate the reasons why some people excel in various fields of endeavour, while others, who may be equally talented, refuse to try. The programme will encourage all present to seek greater levels of effort in pursuing their own personal greatness, and to understand that only by trying can one overcome mediocrity and failure.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- To analyse personal success potential in each participant
- To evaluate the excuses set forth in accepting failure in our lives
- To motivate each participant to strive for the very highest level of excellence in their professional endeavours

Saturday - 24 May 1.30pm - 2.15pm (Theatre)

#### Ed Hearn

### Make A Difference - Pursue Your Passion!

What does it take to pursue your passion in life? Why is it that some seem to do it so easily while others cannot even begin the process? This session will examine the three vital keys to living your life and pursuing your career with passion.

### **Learning Objectives:**

#### There are 3 C's to pursuing your passion

- Understanding the need for CHANGE
- Being prepared to deal with **CHALLENGES**
- Making certain you have the **COMMITMENT**

Ed Hearn is an American Criminal Lawyer.

Bachelor of Science Degree (B.S.), from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois - 1980

Ed Hearn is living proof that failure is not final, and that we can all overcome life's adversities, if we are willing to try. His story is motivational, inspirational, and humorous, all at the same time! His passion, love for life, and ability to touch the hearts and souls of an audience is also the primary reason Ed was crowned the 2006 World Champion of Public Speaking.



Tamil Workshop: Saturday - 24 May 1.30pm - 5.30pm (Room 203)

#### G B Srithar

🔌 பேச்சுத் தமிழ்: அழகு, நகை, சுவை

Having spent about 15 years in Human Resources Management and Development, G B Srithar is currently the Assistant Director of Change Management in a statutory board. He is in charge of leadership team development, internal communications and culture building initiatives. From his school days, he has been passionate about Tamil - having partic

From his school days, he has been passionate about Tamil - having participated in debates and oratorical competitions and has done plays and kathakalachebams (story-telling through songs). The Singapore Tamil audience knows him as a television and stage show host. Having hosted many variety and current affairs programmes on television over the past 10 over years, he has most recently been the Chairman for the Sorsilambam and Sorkalam Tamil Debates on television."

Session 1: Saturday - 24 May 2.30pm - 3.15pm (Room 208)

#### Gerald Green DTM

The Magic of Public Speaking

"When you can develop a speech, and then deliver it effectively, you can change a person's mind. When you can change a person's mind, you can change his life" ~ William James.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

Using the word **M A G I C** as an acronym, Gerald will share powerful tips which you can put into use immediately to be a better speaker.

**Gerald Green** is a professional speaker, author and trainer/coach in Speech Communication.

He holds a 29-year track record conducting "SPEAK UP WITH CONFIDENCE", his flagship course. Author of two books 'The Magic of Public Speaking' and 'My Pocket Speaker's Brief', he is presently working on his third book, 'Speak like a Leader'.

He was instrumental in the formation of MAPS, The Malaysian Association of Professional Speakers, and was its second President.

Gerald is Malaysia's first Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) and the first Asian to receive the Presidential Citation (Toronto).

In 1994, he achieved the status of Accredited Speaker, and was also the first Malaysian to be a featured speaker at a Toastmaster World Convention. (New Orleans 1997).

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Session 1: Saturday - 24 May 2.30pm - 3.15pm (Room 209)

#### Dr Andrew Goh

### 🗵 Personal Branding Starts with Me

"Personal Branding" is the rage currently. Just as organisations, in marketing themselves, seek to "brand" themselves so as to stand out from the competition, individuals may also reap similar benefits.



#### **Learning Objectives:**

- "Know Thyself": you are your best and only asset
- USP re-visited: what is so special or unique about you? What do you really have to offer?
- The fiercer the competition, the more identical the market, the greater the need to be Distinctive

#### Dr Andrew Goh

One of Asean's Top Motivational and Management Trainers, Dr Andrew Goh is a Management Consultant specialising in the area of Attitudinal Change and Development. He serves as Honorary Editor of IMPACT MAGAZINE. He is chair of the Board of World Vision Singapore, a Board member of Halogen Young Leaders Foundation and elder of Riverlife Church, Singapore.

Session 1: Saturday - 24 May 2.30pm - 3.15pm (Theatre)

### Alison Jean Lester

### A Presenting Colourfully in a Black-and-White Crowd

This programme will offer ideas for stepping away from the limitations of the traditional presentation towards more engaging, interesting approaches of content.



#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Understand which parts of traditional presentations are worth keeping and which can be discarded
- Know where to look for creative opportunities in their presentations
- Know how to use creativity to maintain audience's attention
- Recognise the risk in not taking creative risks

Alison Jean Lester, Director of AJ Lester Communication Training, is a communication coach, comedienne and author. She has been training, speaking, writing, and performing in Asia for over 17 years. Alison excels in motivating clients with her creativity, confidence, and communication skills training. She has developed programmes for multi-national companies in Asia.



Session 2: Saturday - 24 May 3.30pm - 4.15pm (Room 208)

### Kelvin Ong DTM

### Mhy Are You Like That?

Maximising Communication Effectiveness with DISC Profiling Tool.
Using a set of D.I.S.C. behavioural tool, we can identify the behavioural preferences of people and tune our communication style towards their



#### **Learning Objectives:**

preference.

- Identify your own behavioural type
- Identify behavioural type of others
- Use this added knowledge to communicate effectively

**Kelvin Ong, MSc, DTM** is the First District Governor of the Pan-Southeast Asia Toastmasters District 51. He is named in the President's Circle, Toastmasters International Hall of Fame.

Kelvin has been in the training and development field for more than 20 years. He specialises in people development training, with the belief that a positive personal mind-set and strong team cohesiveness brings out the best in productivity and work-life balance.

Session 2: Saturday - 24 May 3.30pm - 4.15pm (Room 209)

### Damrong Watanaluck ATMS

#### Humour in Action

This is a "MUST" workshop for any Toastmaster who wants to learn the art and skill of making people laugh. The sense of humour and a positive attitude can be cultivated. Let us laugh together as laughter makes the world go round.



A speech injected with humour is interesting, memorable and will keep the audience alert.

#### **Learning Objective:**

- Know the difference between a humorous speech presentation and a joke
- Learn the art of making people happy, merry, laugh and live cheerfully
- Apply a number of instant benefits from friendly gestures and humorous dialogue
- Know yourself and others

Damrong Watanaluck ATMS, LL.M. is an Attorney by profession. Owner of "Lawbis Law Office Co., Ltd." in Thailand. 1st Runner-Up in District 80 Humorous Speech Contest 2007. Organizing Chair of The first District 80 Semi-Annual Convention in 2004.

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Session 2: Saturday - 24 May 3.30pm - 4.15pm (Theatre)

### Lynn Desker DTM

### **W** Breaking Through the Barriers

Leaders are charged with the responsibility of setting goals, planning, executing and achieving them. To achieve breakthrough performance, great leaders know that they need to move beyond their individual comfort zones. Personal breakthroughs energise and inspire others to strive for their own breakthrough experiences. This interactive presentation will equip participants with tools to support breakthrough performance.

#### Learning Objective:

- Mind over Matter: The steps to create a mental state that supports breakthrough performance
- Actions that Matter: The importance of taking motivated action to achieve breakthroughs
- People who Matter: Creating and contributing to a network of people who support each other in creating breakthrough achievements

**Lynn Desker, DTM** is an Organisation Development Practitioner. She works to create and sustain improvements in human systems (corporations, communities, groups and families).

Session 3: Saturday - 24 May 4.45pm - 5.30pm (Room 208)

### Talis Wong DTM



What Makes a Good Leader? The Harvard Business School says 'Charisma' is one of the 9 major attributes that make a Good Leader. Can we be a Charismatic Leader? Is Charisma in-born, or can Charisma be acquired, learnt or trained like presentation skills?

### **Learning Objectives:**

- What Makes Charisma?
- How to be Charismatic as a Leader?
- How to be Charismatic as an Individual?

**Talis Wong, DTM** is a Certified Global NLP (Neuro-Linguistics Programming) Trainer and a Distinguished Toastmaster. He specialises in communications training, including presentations and performance, impromptu speaking training, MC training, sales and persuasion training, negotiation skills training, image grooming and personal charisma workshops; business and personal applications of NLP.





Session 3: Saturday - 24 May 4.45pm - 5.30pm (Room 209)

#### Ed Hearn

### **Z** A Dialogue with Ed Hearn

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Session 3: Saturday - 24 May 4.45pm - 5.30pm (Theatre)

#### Jill Lowe

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She has written two books, "Humor Us" and "The Leadership Path", plus over 40 articles about education and family living. She is accredited by the Texas Education Agency and speaks at the National Staff Development Council, USA.

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# DAY 3

#### Day 3 - 25 May, Sunday

Time	Programme	Venue
8.00am	Registration	
8.30am - 12.30pm	<b>English International Speech Contest</b>	Theatre
9.55am - 10.25am	Tea Break	
10.25am - 11.50am	<b>English Table Topics Contest</b>	Theatre
	Closing Ceremony	
12.30pm - 2.00pm	Farewell Lunch	Concourse L3
2.00pm - 5.00pm	Incoming District Exco Meeting	Room 208
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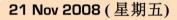
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7:00pm - 11:00pm Welcome Dinner

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11:00am - 12:15 pm English Key Note Speaker

- Mr Adam Khoo From Local

Chinese Key Note Speaker
- Mr Ling Zhong Bo From Taiwan

12:15pm - 12:45pm English Workshops & Chinese Workshops Concurrently

12:45pm - 1:45pm Lunch

2:00pm - 5:00pm English Speech Contest 7:00pm - 11:00pm Gala Dinner & Hall of Fame

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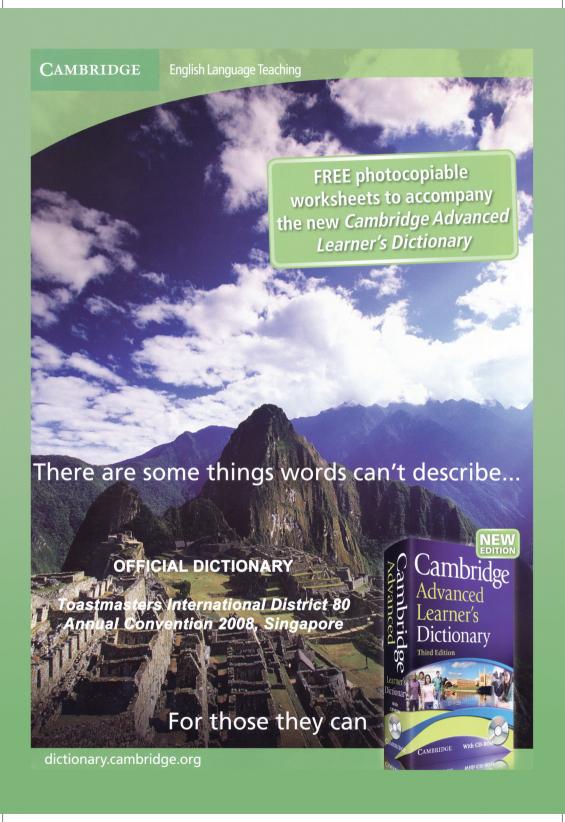






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#### Has joining the Toastmasters Movement made a difference in your life?

Chan Wei Ting Nee Soon East Toastmasters Club

I was procrastination personified. It took me a long while, three years in fact, to decide to find out more about Toastmasters. I was then in my third year in my undergraduate studies at the National University of Singapore, doing my Honours year. It was then that I began to write my resume and I started to panic about finding a job soon after I graduate. When I began to write my achievements in my resume, under the category – outside academic life, I realised I had nothing to write about. I needed to beef up my resume. And I needed to do so fast. I quickly went online to seek details of any clubs near my home, and contacted Nee Soon East Toastmasters Club. I was then on my way to my first chapter meeting.

The first night, I was surprised by how warm the members were. They laughed and learnt from each other. What really made an impression on me, was the fact that all had a full time career, and they derived no additional salary or rewards from attending the session. One senior member, the one whom I had contacted, in fact, explained to me in plain words — "I have benefitted from this programme, now it is time for me to give back." It wasn't until I would fully immerse myself in their culture that I understood his intentions then.

I signed up immediately for Toastmasters after that chapter meeting, not because I was convinced of the benefits it would give me, but rather out of desperation. I needed to beef up my resume quick!

I did a lot of projects and then it dawned on me that the benefits I got weren't in attaining awards, or meeting new people, but to my overall development as a man. I became more confident in my daily life and social interactions. I could think clearly on my feet even while under pressure. My friends commented that I was wittier and I could read other people's body movements even without me being aware of it. It is with this revelation that I knew truly, I have arrived. I have truly become a Toastmaster.

It is not just a label simply because I had paid my dues every quarter. It is a sense of belonging. I have since graduated, and nailed myself a prestigious management trainee job with A.P. Moller-Maersk. I am happy in my current job, and have no need to beef up my resume further, not for the time being. And I am still in Toastmasters, still learning everyday. Today, I am an Advanced Communicator-Silver, and Competent Leader. I have no desire of relinquishing my Toastmasters status anytime soon. And judging from the many Distinguished Toastmasters still around in Toastmasters, I have finally come to understand what I was told way before when I first joined Toastmasters.

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M Chandran

Braddell Heights 1, Braddell Heights 2, Braddell Heights Advanced TMC

Joining the Toastmasters Movement has, indeed, made a qualitative difference in my life. Investing ample time and emotion in the 57th year of my life, pending retirement, paid off handsomely. The Movement helps me through an ongoing process of uprooting my public speaking fears. I can now deliver more authentic speeches through the power, beauty and wit of the English language which comes ALIVE in our English-speaking clubs. The gains in speeches, therapeutic humour and increased self-confidence flow into my life, personality and outlook. This translates for me into a more fulfilling and exciting retirement.

Now in my 64th year, white-haired and retired, I have gone on to become a member of three clubs in my vicinity, Braddell Heights 1, 2 and Advanced. And within five short years into my Toastmasters journey, I am already a new creation – an ACS & CL with fire in my belly. My new vibrant, humorous self is a far cry from the morose, hesitant passerby who had blundered into a Toastmasters meeting at the Braddell Heights Community Centre one Tuesday evening in January 2003, and STAYED ON - mesmerized by the verbal fireworks.

Certainly, my Toastmasters dividends are many-splendoured. One of them, language richness, constitutes a real treasure. Before I became a member, English ran in my blood; after, the blood runs in my English. Fish don't applaud, our Toastmasters do. So it was MUSIC to my ears to join Toastmasters where I had an opportunity to win members' gratitude by sharing language resources like jokes, puns and rhetorical devices, rather than to keep fish.

No one walks solitary the Toastmasters circuit but in the company of like-minded members, all anxious to benefit from public speaking. In the often lonely and aimless retiree's routine, the Toastmasters, with its networking has given me a new lease of productive life – with a passion for wanting to enjoy life to the fullest. And in the process, conferred on me a certain dignity by substituting the mumblings, grumblings, fumblings and stumblings common to senior citizens, with something more positive – public speaking. The dozen contest trophies glinting in my house attest to the right choice I made in becoming a Toastmaster. This has earned for me my wife's grudging approbation when she graciously noted "You are not completely useless, after all!"

Toastmasters is not just about attending meetings. It is, rather, a way of life - one embracing the finer things in life. In short, FEE: Fellowship, Education, and Entertainment. The ability to speak confidently before an audience and improve leadership and organisational abilities through club activities impacts positively on our working and social lives.

The Toastmasters Movement is, therefore, for ALL - young and old, not just the eloquent but those challenged in various ways. Everyone benefits generously – even young parents when finally able to combine family lives with club meetings - and in ways unimagined, depending on needs, life situations, and inputs.

For, ultimately, what you get from the Toastmasters is what you put in.

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Sng Ban Seng Tiarel Toastmasters Club

"What else is there for you to learn? What more is there for you to achieve? You are already a Distinguished Toastmaster, the highest achievement and award that Toastmasters International can accord a member. You are the most sought-after Language Evaluator. You have made regular appearances at Division and District Contests, not only for International Speech and Speech Evaluation, but also Table Topics, and even Humorous Speech." These are familiar questions and statements thrown and thrust point-blank in my face.

Ten years in the Toastmasters organisation and I am still as enthusiastic as ever, if not, more so than ever. What an immense difference Toastmasters has made in me. The benefits I have derived from the meetings, the conventions and workshops I have attended, and the numerous contests I have participated in, have made a huge difference to my life.

Has there been any regret? Yes! I wish I had known about the organisation or that someone had invited me to a Toastmasters meeting much, much earlier.

Toastmasters has made a tremendous impact on my life, both personally and professionally. My learning curve shot up steeply. It makes me more mentally alert, and keeps me going physically and intellectually.

I met and made more friends since becoming a Toastmaster than all the earlier years of my working life combined. The camaraderie is superb and the fellowship and friendship, priceless. These, I treasure and cherish.

The publicity and visibility I have gained at the numerous clubs I have been invited to, the countless invitations I received to speak outside Toastmasters clubs, the opportunities to conduct courses and classes in educational institutions, companies and government departments, have increased tremendously and raised my profile widely. All these, I owe to Toastmasters, truly an outstanding organisation.

What a monumental difference these priceless opportunities have made to my life! I have become a better person, more forgiving, and accommodating, and more tolerant and patient.

I am much indebted and shall always be grateful to Toastmasters International and fellow Toastmasters for these valuable qualities. The many lessons I have learnt are immeasurable and invaluable.

I have become more poised, more polished and more proficient as a speaker than I ever was.

Toastmasters has certainly made a GREAT DIFFERENCE to my life.

Thank you, Toastmasters.



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Soft Swee Kiat Toastmasters Club of Singapore

As I sat down to think about what I should be writing in this essay, a thought, and a selfish one, came to mind and it was, "Wouldn't this be a good platform for me to brag about my achievements or laurels and feel puffed up?" That would be a natural tendency for anyone who had come this far in the Toastmasters Movement. Far from putting myself on a high pedestal, I feel rather humbled by the fact that I have been enabled to put in so much time and effort, in my speeches, evaluations and office-bearer roles. Through those experiences and opportunities of equipping, I was able to give to others what I had received.

I believe many of my fellow Toastmasters, who have given their time, shared their talents and "treasures" in the Movement, for the past five, ten years or even decades, are indeed exemplary in their fervour and selflessness. A few have even passed on while in service. If I may put it bluntly – being a true-blue Toastmaster calls for commitment, dedication, humility, and selflessness.

Having been in this fraternity for nearly nineteen years, having met countless people, having delivered numerous speeches and evaluations, having participated in speech contests, having judged speech contests and having taken on various office-bearer roles... if all these involvement have not made a difference in my life, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually, I wonder what it must be like, perhaps a robot? The experiences have, to a great extent, shattered the shell of shyness that had shielded me for decades. The experiences also revealed the potential in me, one of which is the strong command of the English Language, that could be used for the benefit of others.

My participation in the Toastmasters activities has not been on a road of regret (although table topics can still be quite daunting), but an avenue of opportunities in enlarging my circle of friends, in maintaining and enhancing my mental faculties and in honing my speaking and leadership skills. When I give, I am blessed with receiving more and this is a fact of life.

I thank God in bringing two significant persons into my Toastmasters journey. Augustine Lee DTM, assisted me in my role as the then District 51 Public Relations Officer in 1995 and Tay Yiang Ping DTM, who prodded me to organise the Area D1 Speech Contest in 2004. They were instrumental in helping me attain the coveted and highest award in Toastmasters, the Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) title.

I feel privileged to be part of this life-giving and life-changing organisation without which I may be just a normal man on the street today, going about his humdrum routine. If you wish to make a difference (or wish to be "MAD") in enriching your life and the lives of others, Toastmasters provides the platform for you to achieve that.

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Tan Kian Hua Barry

Punggol Toastmasters Club, ITMA Toastmasters Club

Initially, Toastmasters only involved attending club chapter meetings and delivering my project speeches.

But that has transformed into a chapter in history. Eight months after I decided to be a Toastmaster, I was introduced into the leadership arena when I was appointed as the President of Punggol Toastmasters Club and Area U2 Governor. My Toastmasters journey brought me to a crossroad, where I wondered if I was able to accept such heavy responsibilities.

Anthony Robbins once said that "it is in your moments of decision that your destiny is shaped". I left the crossroads, chose the path as a Club President and Area Governor, took my first step, and never looked back ever since.

Although I was only an eight month-old Toastmaster when I began serving, I did not let this shortcoming hinder my leadership journey. I would like to mention a quote by George Bernard Shaw, that "a life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing". I cannot agree more. Yes, eight months in Toastmasters did not equip me with all the knowledge that I need as a Club President and an Area Governor. However, it was these eight months in Toastmasters that gave me the necessary courage to take up the challenge and to embark on a new voyage of learning, similar to how I stepped out of my comfort zone, overcame my fear, and bit the bullet by delivering my first project speech as a Toastmaster. Yes, this was a path that led me to learning new things everyday.

The journey wasn't easy. To juggle schoolwork as a third-year medical student and the leadership commitments was no easy feat. However, the same path of learning taught me the ability to prioritise and manage my time more wisely.

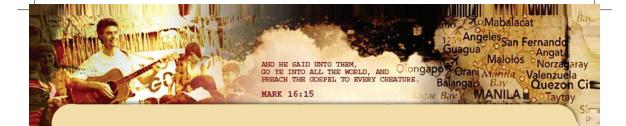
I am no born leader. My success in leading my club to achieve the President's Distinguished Club award and my area to achieve the President's Distinguished Area award did not mean that I was a good leader. The honour of being the District 80 Area Governor of the Year did not equate me with being a wonderful leader. It reflected the invaluable guidance I received from other great leaders in the Toastmasters movement, the same helpful people who dropped pearls of wisdom for me as I followed their paths of effective leadership.

No, this is not an avenue for me to showcase my achievements, but an opportunity for me to share with you how much I have benefitted as a Toastmaster, in the hope that you'll be inspired by this chapter of my life. Now, who said that Toastmasters only involved attending club chapter meetings and delivering project speeches?

Hence, today if you were to ask me if joining the Toastmasters movement has made a difference in my life, without any doubt, I will give you the same answer as I would have given if you had asked the same question yesterday, or tomorrow.

Yes, it certainly has.

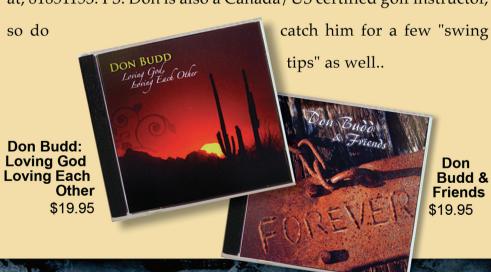




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#### Has the Toastmasters Movement made a difference in my life?

As Henry Ford says "If you think you can or you can't, you are right." I say, if you think Toastmasters Movement does or doesn't make a difference in your life, you are right too!

~ Carolyn Huang CPA, CPA Advanced & Open Alumni Toastmasters Clubs

Toastmasters has made a difference to my life and will cherish the friendships I have made forever. They are there as friends, working partners & buddies on the same wavelength.

~ **Ong Wen Shun Gerald**New Millennium Advanced Toastmasters Club

I recommend all should become members of Toastmasters Clubs throughout the world. Toastmasters Clubs prepare us for the future. Yes, I can have good paper qualifications but if I lack speaking skills I will always lose out. Join the Toastmasters Club today.

~ Jasbir Singh Tanjong Pagar CC Toastmasters Club

I dare claim that I am a much happier, more creative and more fulfilled person now. I am transformed from a shy and introverted person to a leader who can now speak off the cuff and inspire with panache.

~ Kam Choo Choo Dennis Wee Group Toastmasters' Club

Evidently, the Toastmaster's Movement is my life's positive change agent. I am now obviously happier than before. Toastmasters has certainly Made-A-Difference (M.A.D.) in my life and in all of ours.

~ Katherine Tan Ah Neo Breakthrough Toastmasters Club, PMTA Mandarin Toastmasters Club



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#### Has the Toastmasters Movement made a difference in my life?

The Toastmasters program will only benefit those who participate actively in the Toastmasters development. This is the only way to develop you. Thanks to Dr. Ralph C. Smedley, founder of International Toastmasters Movement. It has 'Made A Difference' in my life.

~ **Lim Poh Pian** Toa Payoh Central CC Toastmasters Club

I find life more meaningful and fulfilling. The Toastmasters Movement has made a great difference in my life. And I urge everyone who is not a Toastmaster "Join the Toastmasters Movement to make a difference in your life!"

~ Lucy Tan Mei Yuen Yio Chu Kang CC Toastmasters Club

The Toastmasters Movement has allowed me to have friends all over the District (Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore and Thailand) and maybe, one day, the world because we belong to a worldwide organisation.

~ **Ng Kwee Lan** Fuchun Toastmasters Club

Toastmasters has certainly made a difference in my life. I realise it is not too late to learn, even though I am almost seventy years old now.

~ **Soon See Cheong** Breakthrough Toastmasters Club

I can communicate well with people around me. I can have gentle conversations instead of resorting to punches and vulgar words. That is MAD in my life.

~ **Teo Seo Kock**Bukit Timah Community Club Toastmasters Club



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Emily Por started her art training in Japan in the 1980s and graduated from the Stamford Art School, Singapore in 2003 and thereafter begun pursuing her passion in the art world.

Her works mainly focus upon themes or subjects inspired by nature, music and her emotions. Some of her paintings reflect vibrant colors, rich and joyful hues as well as textures while others evoke a more transcendent concept of tranquility and optimism she feels about life. She sees painting and life as one, and believes strongly that 'Life is but a canvas to your imagination.'

Her paintings are found in America, Australia, Canada, Holland, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, and Malaysia.

#### MADLy Different...

True freedom is breaking free from the expectations of the world!

Emily Por

The tagline, Making A Difference, resonates passionately with me as an artist, with the thoughts of sharing the serendipitous journey with fellow beings.

I can still recall vividly and my memories are punctuated with poignant moments. Five years ago, amidst deep remorseful sentimentality, I decided to give up my career as an Interior Designer with 20 years of experience. This decision was due to these impactful words of a close friend: "Change your perspective, and your life will change, Take a different path and you will make a difference."

My dream is laced with misty splendour. I have a romantic passion for beautiful expression; the acts of courageous expression with my hands, heart, soul, and vision. Ultimately, it is painting that could rejuvenate me.

I am grateful that I can artfully compose visual images that I perceived into a real spectrum of colours, textures, patterns and its cognitive sensations onto the canvas. I studied ferociously, and was mentored by various masters of the brush and palette knife, practised incessantly day and night, painting emotionally canvas upon canvas. I have completed over two hundred paintings, many of which have found their way to homes and offices scattered all over the world.

My desire is to fill rooms of the world with expressions of my heartbeat. That every stroke, colour and texture will bring joy and inspiration to the person whose gaze finds that piece of my passion. Today, my greatest partner is the freedom that comes from having nothing left to prove. It is this freedom that allows me to be me, and it is this expression of me that Makes All the Difference.



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#### MADLy Different...

#### The Servant Leader – A Model for Toastmasters Club Officers and Members?

Albert H S Lim, DTM MAD 2008 Souvenir Magazine Editorial Committee



Toastmasters has certainly 'made a difference' in our lives. It is timely to take stock and re-examine our roles in the Movement, be it just an ordinary member or a Club Officer.

In a typical organisation, leadership is always top-down. The 'boss' conceptualises, gives the orders and those at the bottom of the hierarchy end up implementing them. It applies to the government service, the armed forces and corporate organisations.

What about voluntary organisations like Toastmasters? These organisations are usually bottom-up, like an 'inverted triangle'. The 'boss' is not always the one giving orders, sometimes the 'boss' ends up implementing

the orders decided upon by the ordinary members. This is true of the Toastmasters Club. The Toastmasters Club exists to serve the ordinary member to help him achieve his education goals, and in the process, the Club and its Executive Committee will achieve their goals.

Some of the following characteristics are common to both the servant leader and Toastmaster:

- 1. Listening The leader has a deep commitment to listening intently to others and to one's own inner voice and seeking to understand what one's body, spirit and mind are communicating. Listening is essential to the growth of the servant-leader.
- 2. *Empathy* The servant-leader strives to understand and empathise with others, especially those they are leading.
- 3. *Healing* Learning to heal is a powerful force for transformation and integration. A great strength of servant-leader is the potential for healing oneself and others.
- 4. Awareness General awareness and especially self-awareness, strengthens the servant-leader.
- 5. *Persuasion* The servant-leader relies on the power of persuasion, rather than one's positional authority.
- 6. *Conceptualisation* Servant-leaders must look beyond the day-to-day realities and nurture the ability to 'dream great dreams'.
- 7. Foresight The ability to understand the lessons form the past, the realities of the present, and the consequences of a decision for the future.
- 8. Stewardship Holding something useful in trust for another for the future.
- 9. Commitment to the growth of people.
- 10. Building the Community. (Source: Greenleaf, R. K. 2003)

How can we apply this? The Club, Area, Division and District Executive Councils are ideal places to apply the Servant-Leader principle. Officers are elected to this high office to serve the members at large. Setting good examples is paramount as members look to the Club and District officers as role models.

Just like links in a chain, a Club is as strong as its weakest member. Every member is important! By applying the traits of the Servant-Leader in the conduct of Chapter and Exco meetings, members would develop themselves. As the members grow, so will the Club, Area, Division, and eventually the District. Serve first, growth will come naturally.



#### MADLy Different...

#### Pre-Convention Workshops "Power of Your Subconscious Mind" & "Memory Techniques"

12th January 2008 Queenstown Community Club

James Tan, ATM-S, CL

This year's theme for the Toastmasters International Convention is "Make A Difference or M.A.D.", in short.

With this theme in mind, members of the organising team were encouraged to think out of the box for ideas that would "make-a-difference" and add value to the upcoming convention.

Hence, we arranged for an overseas speaker, Dr Arulnathan DTM, from Malaysia, a brain surgeon, a devoted Toastmaster, who was the past District 51 Governor, to speak on topics related to the mind, something close to his heart. These topics also had a mass appeal to a great number of Toastmasters and non-Toastmasters alike.

The logistics team comprised 10 members from the MAD Convention who liaised with the Queenstown Community Club management on the stage setup, ushering, food reception and a host of other requirements. They also coordinated the printing of notes, tokens of appreciation, camera man, AV technician, registration and even engaged a Salsa dance performance as a "special" item.

Dr Arul was a very dynamic speaker, engaging the audience all the time with his powerful knowledge and stimulating hands-on exercises. There was no lack of volunteers when it came to participation on stage. At the end of the workshops, there was nothing but praises for his educational, entertaining and enlightening speeches. The audience clamoured for an encore with a standing ovation.

We learnt many lessons in organising an event of this scale. Firstly, we learnt to work together with the Marketing, Education & Training, Logistics, Secretariat, Hospitality Committees and various other sub-event groups. Secondly, it taught us how to improve our hospitality for our invited speaker from overseas. Finally, we learnt "people management" in terms of registration, crowd control and food distribution.

We had an almost full house on the workshop day. Kudos to the marketing, registration and logistics teams for their dedication and hard work, without whom the Workshop would not have succeeded.

At the end of the day, the Workshops contributed some funds towards the organisation of the May 2008 convention at Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre. This workshop also attracted 10 new convention delegates and enthused the audience to look forward to attending the forthcoming Convention.

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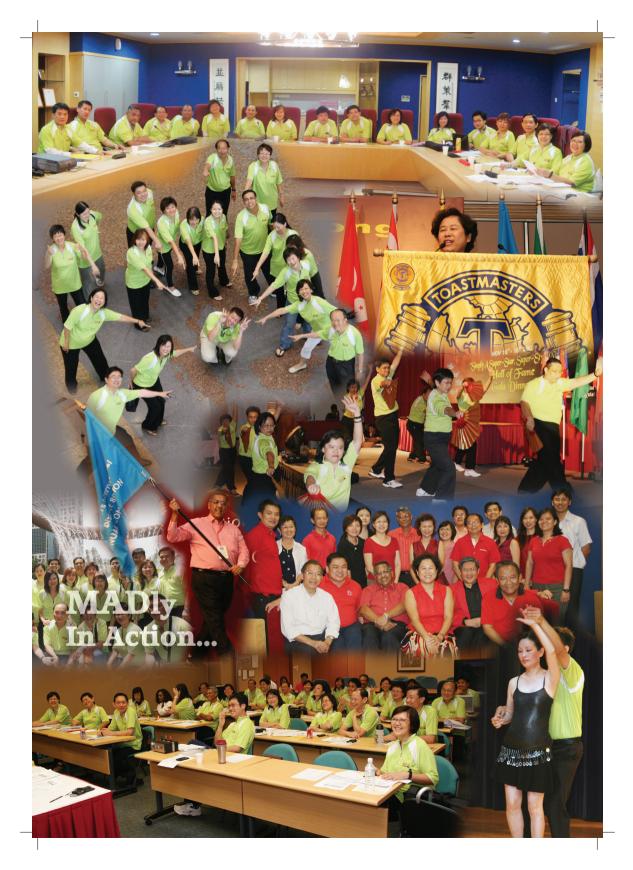
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#### Mission of the Toastmasters Club

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