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The Latest News!!!



Award Winner August 2006

Best Table Topic Speaker
John Sih, DTM
(Singapore's Durian)



DCP Progress

Goals	Achieved
2 CTMs	0
2 Additional CTMs	0
1 ATM	0
1 Additional ATM	0
1 CL, AL, or DTM	0
1 Additional CLs, ALs, or DTMs	0
4 New Members	3/4
4 Additional New Members	0
4 Officers Training x2	1/2
Officer List and Dues Submitted On Time	1
Total	2 1/4

Cairnhill Toastmasters Club Mid-Autumn Festival

27 September 2006

Happy Mid-Autumn Festival

This month's topic is a boring topic, Mid-Autumn Festival. Most Singaporean and those staying in Singapore know about it. Every year it is being celebrated. Yet, as I have said in my last month speech, "It is boring if you say so". Think positively! Say it! Make it an interesting meeting! We are the one that will determine whether the meeting will be a boring one or an interesting one.

Member's Profile

We know our immediate past president, Jamie, very well. We know he's a good communicator and a successful leader. Being a good Captain, he navigated Cairnhill Toastmasters into a new height. "Operation BrightHill" is one of his wonderful achievements during his presidency period. However looking at the photo below, I believe he is over-qualified to become my gardener.

Being a successful businessman himself, he is still able to show his passion and spirit to participate and contribute in Cairnhill Toastmasters Club. Let us see what is his secret of doing well in both world.



Q. What are you doing for a living?

A. I run a matchmaking company with my wife Violet Lim. Before that I was a System Analyst with a Bank.

Q. Does your job interfere with Toastmasters?

A. Well... life for everyone is getting busier. There will always be something to do, some matters to handle or some other event to attend. Sometimes there will be conflicts but I see how I can integrate everything. It helps me push myself harder as well and as a result, I continue to grow.





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Quote of the Month

“For every minute you remain angry, you give up sixty seconds of peace of mind”

By: Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Perception is reality to the perceiver”

By: Jude D. McCoy

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We meet on 4th Wednesday of the month

27 September 2006

25 October 2006

22 November 2006

20 December 2006

Q. How do you manage your time for your career and Toastmasters?

- A.** I enter Toastmasters' events in my calendar so there is a system to remind of it.

I realize my career and self development are two integrated matters. I also recognize that Toastmasters is a very important place where I can truly develop myself in this lifetime. Therefore, I choose to make time for it. There is can be no self-improvement with unless you are willing to sacrificetime and effort for it.

I have no regrets as due to this choice, I have been witnessing the benefits from Toastmasters ripple down to all aspects of my life and career. I just wish more people would give it a chance.

Q. How do you think Cairnhill Toastmasters progress during your leadership? Are there room of improvements for Cairnhill Toastmasters?

- A.** I believe in gradual and lifelong improvements. This goes the same for any organization that wishes to survive in a fast changing world. Cairnhill Toastmasters must never cease to push itself and improve.

Complacency and lack of momentum will result in it being obsolete. Let us hope that day never comes.

I think the area to improve would be getting curent members to recognize how effective toastmasters can be for them and do their projects. We also must get more members involved in the club's development and keep growing together.

Q. How do you think Violet's role in Cairnhill Toastmasters? Do you have any concerns of her joining Toastmasters, especially when she's pregnant now, and soon to have babies?

- A.** Violet has been an inspirational force that has touched may member's lives and helped glued many members together in the club. I am a lucky man that she is my wife.

As for her being pregnant now and soon to have a baby. The Toastmaster system is flexible and if you are truly unable to attend for a while, they do not kick you out but encourage you to develop things according to your liking and practical timetable. We also do not believe in burning bridges and once she is able, she will be back to serve the club with what she can give.

Once my baby grows up, I will be encouraging him to join Toastmasters as well as well :)



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Q. Do you have any suggestions for Cairnhill Toastmasters and OutInspire?

- A.** For Cairnhill, keep improving and learning together. We have good leadership and ex-co team under Li Hua and we all have to support her.

For Outinspire, you are certainly doing a good job with your dedication and effort. I am sure this year, Outinspire will rise to new heights.

Thank you Jamie for your inspiring and encouraging words. We are waiting for our new member 18 years later (or earlier). We hope you are doing well, and keep your good job. We hope more members will mark their calendar to remind them of next chapter meetings.

World News

Cost of words

Choosing your words wrongly can cause problems and misunderstanding. For Pope Benedict XVI, the most influential figure in Roman Catholic Church, the costs are several churches, demonstrations across the globe, and a nun's life.

On 12 September 2006, the Pope gave a speech to the scientists in Germany. He quoted a Byzantine Emperor's remarks about Islam and prophet Muhammad, which apparently offended the Muslims. He has since apologized for his remarks, and affirmed that he respects the Muslims as much as he wants peace over the world.

The Pope certainly did not mean to offend the Muslims, yet most of the time we do not offend others on purpose.

We learn that choosing our words before saying it is very important. However as we can't avoid mistakes all the time, apologize! The great man, the Pope, has shown us his great heart and given us an example. However most important word is "**forgive**"!

~ Peace for the world ~