

DAFFODILS TOASTMASTERS CLUB

# SUMMER OF 69

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

VOLUME 1



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# ABOUT TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL



**RALPH C SMEDLEY**

**A catalyst to groundbreaking transformation in individuals, Toastmasters International was the brainchild of Ralph C Smedley that took form in Santa Ana, California in 1924**

**Toastmasters International is a non profit organization that provides a learning platform to people from all walks of life to learn public speaking and leadership skills.**

**It is a network of over 300,000 members, over 15,800 clubs spread across 159 countries, united by the same cause, to revolutionize the art of Public Speaking and Leadership.**

**A carefully curated curriculum to help members learn various aspects and uses of Public speaking ensures learning of practical application of skills. The various leadership opportunities at both the club level and beyond help members adapt skills necessary at different levels of management.**

# **DAFFODILS, Sorry, We call it Home**



**It all started when an extraordinary group of individuals decided to knit a community that helped people reach their public speaking and leadership goals. 12th June, 2003, almost 19 years ago was when the club came into existence, clearly it has stood the test of time and proved to us that a little love and support can go a long way.**

**The ideology behind the name was to propagate freshness and to help people discover their hidden talents and unleash them like a blooming Daffodil. The club belongs to Area A4, District 92 and is located in the hearts of many, but also physically situated in Malleshwaram.**

**“ The search for the best club ended when the Executive Director of TMI , declared Daffodils, The world’s best club. ”**



# MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*Stars who have held the name of Daffodils high*

**DTM Ashok Nayak**  
**DTM Kumaran Pethi**  
**DTM Usha Iyengar**  
**TM Pranab Singh**  
**TM Umanath KT**  
**TM Madhu Sudhan**  
**DTM Nikhil Rao**  
**TM Aashish**



*Watch out for some of these stars in the upcoming events*

**CONFERENCE MENTOR- CORONATION 2022**

**REPRESENTING DAFFODILS AT THE DISTRICT**



**TM PRANAB SINGH**



**TM MADHUSUDHAN & TM KESHAV**

# EDITOR'S DESK



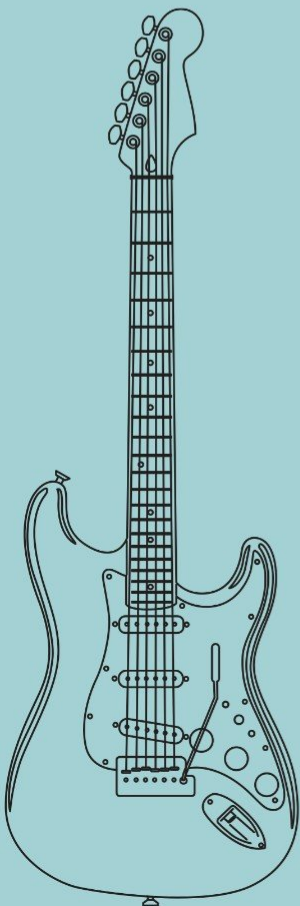
**TM HARINI NAGRAJ**  
**VICE PRESIDENT PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**Life is a collection of moments, both good and bad, The good ones are what we mostly hold on to. These are those events that shape us as adults even sometimes.**

**Memories are a soothing balm to the itch that nostalgia leaves you with, we look back on them when we are filled with the bitterness of not being able to bring back a moment.**

**Through this curation, we want each and every member to live through the joy life has brought in each other's lives, to cherish and appreciate every fond memory and to gain a deeper sense of knowing.**

**All of us were doing different things in the summer, but through this walk down memory lane, all of us can get an insight into the other's scrapbook of memories and time travel for a bit.**



# PRESIDENT'S DESK



**Sunday of 2019**

If you are like me, your mood follows the sun on a Sunday. The day starts with bright possibilities of catching up on hobbies, health, family and great food, amplified by the firm closure of the usual sources of drudgery—your office and kids' schools. But Sunday also delivers you into the lap of Monday—when the sleeping establishments vengefully wake up, and whiplash you for next five days; the very thought makes the mood is somber. Spending Sunday well is therefore an art.

To master the art, we have been trying the usual divine uses of the day—over sleeping, binging on movies, early morning park, and filling oneself silly at brunches. This Sunday was different

A conversation about Samosa's freshly out of a piping hot "Karahi" with "garam chai" on a windy Sunday morning drew our full family to a local eatery, packed in a car. But we were early. With time to kill, we were forced to meander; we decided to stop at all good-looking food joints we encountered and nibble a few bites, while managing to leave some space in the tummy for our original quarry—Samosas.

What unfolded was a culinary adventure interspersed with humor, worth adding to the Sunday menu. To douse the pangs of hunger we needed an urgent filling; we made quick dash to a shop which served us better than expected shakes and juices. Beginners luck, we would soon find out. Satiated, we moved on leisurely.

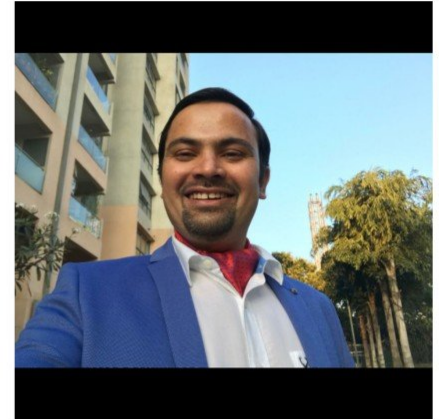
Our next stop served us laughter instead of food—on seeing "chaa-times", I leaped at the opportunity for a steaming "chaa(i)", only to learn that that the shop is "chaat-imes", that serves cold savories! Never mind, the incident was good enough to laugh heartily.

Wiser, at the next point, I enquired before ordering; the recommended "open butter masala dosa"—a fluffy textured creation, layered with lightly tempered potatoes, gun powder and a dollop of butter—was the best Dosa ever eaten by us. I got some chai too.

Finally, we circled back to the first point which as now open, and devoured steaming hot Samosas and Vada pao, chased by tangy masala fresh lime soda. By noon, we were full and happy.

Unlike planned outings, there is a lightness in meandering—expectations are flexible. The flavor of new culinary encounters is seasoned with great conversations without the weight of expectations, errors are a comedy not a tragedy. Starting early helps as there is more parking available. For enjoyable munching eat in the car and quickly hop between places. This is a great alternate to Sunday brunches that leave a heavy stomach and a light pocket. In our family, this cost us Rs 3,000 lesser; with ten such outings in a year, we could save enough to fund a and extra weekend trip!

Try something unpredictable. The romance of Sundays lives on, at least in the first half!



**TM MANOJ KUMAR**

# MEET THE COMMITTEE

## LEADER- TM MANOJ



**Our Captain, sorry, our president can be often confused for Steve in more than one ways. Not just the good looks, but also how he leads a team and harnesses the raw talent individuals have to offer and make it a beautiful work of art reminds us all of the “First Avenger”**

## EDUCATION NINJAS- TM CHETANA, TM MANU, TM ANKITA



**TM CHETANA, Is the keeper of Magic, she must be a distant cousins of wanda's as she possesses empathy instead of telepathy. All in all, she serves us magical meetings.**

**MORE ABOUT TM MANU IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES, I REQUEST FANS TO BE PATIENT**



**Gamora uses martial arts when she's trouble and our TM Ankita just dances her way out of them. Art definitely makes them alike, she's the incredible strength the educational team possesses**



# **MEET THE COMMITTEE**

## **MEMBERSHIP AND GROWTH**

### **TM MANU**



**Like Thor and his hammer the VP Membership, Manu and his people skills go hand in hand. True to Thor's reputation, his strength is where his heart is. A true lover of a community, he aspires expand the horizons of our club and bring several new additions to our family.**

## **MEDIA CONTROL AND OUTREACH-**

### **TM HARINI**



**Our VP- Public Relations is an individual that's creative and plays hard, much like Tony. She's a hardcore feminist which even sits well with her alter ego. Iron- fe, Man= Male. She plans on putting the club under the spotlight just the way Tony would do for himself.**

# **MEET THE COMMITTEE**

## **MEMORY RESERVE- TM SONA**



**The resemblance between Sona and Nat would be so uncanny, she holds the committee down just like Agent Romanoff did after the war against Thanos. She is the calm before the storm. Kindness is her weapon. She aspires to keep the communication going between the members and the committee.**

## **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT- TM KARTHIK**

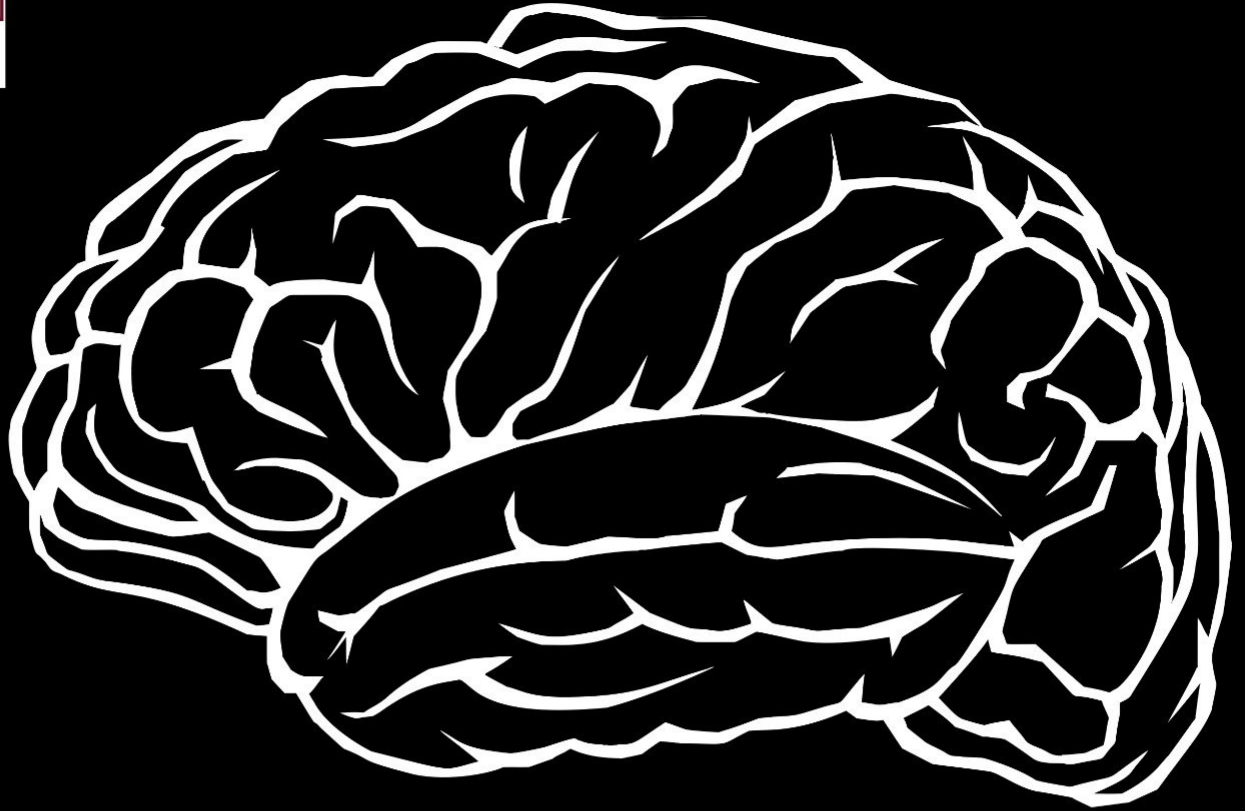


**The Treasurer for our term does not miss a single target, in terms of finances and goals. A sharp shooter, with steady plans for the financial needs of the club. The avenger he resembles closely to is obviously Hawk eye. He puts the Daffodils family first, always!**

## **OPERATIONS SUPPORT- TM CHANDIRA**



**The Seargent, the ground team is a one woman army all by herself. Restoring order is her favorite pass time both in the club and outside. A quality that Ant man displays in trying times. Her agenda for the term is to uphold the structure of the meetings and the club as a whole.**



# GREY MATTER

CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT NOT HUMANS  
-DTM ASHOK

GLOW WORMS IN MY JAR - TM PRANAB  
SINGH

STICK AROUND, YOU'LL GET THERE- TM  
KESHAV

LEADERSHIP- TM PRANAV

MUMBAI RAINS- TM ANKITA

GALAXIES INSIDE OF ME- TM HARINI

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# CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT NOT HUMANS

BY -DTM ASHOK NAYAK

**Youthfulness is associated with curiosity; those who display curiosity are often childlike, acting on pure instinct, hungry to know, to see what's beyond the horizon.**

**One incident that is still fresh in my mind is when my father brought me a mouth organ from London. I was fascinated by this creation, the craftsmanship seen in it was incredible and it was a treat to anyone who heard it.**



**DTM ASHOK NAYAK**

**I played it day in and out, I was wrapped around the magic of my new mouth organ.**

**My curiosity now demanded answers to questions like, how was it put together, what is the component that causes the wonderful melody, Can I replicate a similar set up? - I decided to find out. On dismantling the first layer, I was left with the wooden framework of the instrument and it still played like a dream, I went in further to investigate the structure and suddenly, the melody was no more. I was disheartened.**

**As I grew up, I understood that even though the outcome of curiosity may be destructive, it is the mother of invention.**

**This has been the foundation of my learning, as a surgeon, my curiosity led me to understand a great deal and simplify multiple procedures.**

**Hence, destruction caused by curiosity and then a bigger construction is always better than stagnation.**

**Stay Curious, Stay young.**

# **GLOWORMS IN MY JAR**

**BY - TM PRANAB SINGH**

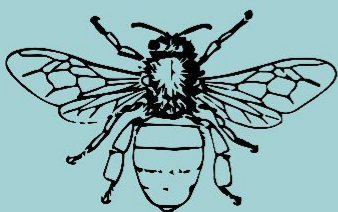
Once, when I was 12 years old, I saw something twinkling in an overgrown bush beneath a transformer near my house. I crept closer and pushed my little head into an opening. There on the grass, nestled between grass-blades laden with evening dew, lay three little worms; their rear ends carried what looked to me like tiny shards of kryptonite - green, glassy, glowing! My mind raced with amazing thoughts and my small feet slapped forward along the muddy road home. I was back with a glass jar from our kitchen. They looked up at me from my palms gently cupping their weightless, precious, dazzling beings. I placed them in the jar and ran to a dentist who had recently set shop. This dentist was the only 'science' person I knew and I was certain he would know everything. In my buzzing head, I had a theory - these were regular worms. But their mother had left them under the transformer. This transformer had a leak. The energy radiated through their bodies and transformed them into mutant worms, a life-form the world had not seen before!



**TM PRANAB SINGH**

Then, the only 'prizes' I knew of were '1st prize', '2nd prize', '3rd prize' and 'The Noble Prize'. I was convinced I had made a startling discovery more worthy than a 1st prize. 'They are glow-worms. You haven't seen them before?' asked the dentist, not looking away from a book he was reading. I left without a word. The worms were returned to their homes and the glass jar was put back in the kitchen for my grand-mother to store her pickles in. But the memory remained.

I held on to the vision of me walking down the road that night, with a glass a glass jar tucked close, searching for answers. That glass jar became a real place in my head. A place for all my questions and curiosities. There would always be room for glow-worms and mutants and all the wonders that may be. So don't mind me if I'm asking too many questions, I have a glass jar that can't be kept empty



# STICK AROUND, YOU'LL GET THERE

**BY - KESHAV NAGANATHAN**

**When one hears the word nostalgia, usually people think of the highs - the moments that make them look back and smile - in my case however a nostalgic moment in my life is when I was at my lowest and a very special person who brought me back up.**

**A time that will always be a part of me in my life - is when I had hit rock bottom. I had been in Toastmasters for more than 3 years - I hadn't won a single award, did not hit any major milestones in my public speaking journey and always felt that I was overshadowed by every other senior experienced Toastmaster. I had all these thoughts that maybe Toastmasters is not for me - I felt like I'm just a mere drop in an ocean of such fabulous speakers and was going so unnoticed I just thought it was time for me to end my Toastmasters journey.**

**The ones who joined in after me were all performing so well - winning contests, getting recognition at the district level and were capturing a place in the hearts of everyone and making a mark there - but here I was not even able to make a small impression let alone a mark.**

**It really felt like I was in the wrong place and no matter what I did I would never be able to reach upto my maximum potential.**

**I had too much bottled up inside me and it began to eat away at my insides. I felt that before quitting Toastmasters once and for all, I had to talk to someone.**

**Someone who knew me from the start of my journey - someone who has seen me closely right from the beginning - it was of course none other than my mentor, Madhusudhan**



**TM KESHAV NAGANATHAN**



# **STICK AROUND, YOU'LL GET THERE**

**BY - KESHAV NAGANATHAN**

I naturally felt very scared and really intimidated opening up like that to someone who I consider a legend in the club and halfway through my outburst even though this was a bad idea.

However, I rambled on and after I had said everything I had to say - I just waited in bated breath as to what Madhu had to say to my rant.

The next few minutes of his words of wisdom that he calmly shared with me in his soothing tone really changed my whole perspective and the way I have seen Toastmasters all this while.

Until that point, I had just seen Toastmasters as a battleground - where each member fights teeth to teeth , fist to fist - to finally ascertain who would emerge victorious at the end.

Madhu completely shifted my perspective and suggested to me to look at Toastmasters as a playground instead - A place where you just play with kids of all ages - learn from them continue experimenting - see what works best for you, fall down multiple times dust yourself and get back up only to not make the same mistakes again and emerge wiser and more experienced.

He also instilled belief in me that it was way too early for me to give up in my journey and sooner or later he could sense things were looking up for me.

“Stick around Keshav, you’ll get there” - were his final words to me that wouldn’t stop ringing in my ears.

Just with that bounty of confidence I got from my mentor - I continued on with my Toastmasters journey and I am so glad I did because just as Madhu predicted, things really started looking up for me.

Winning the club level evaluation contest - then making it to the area and then winning at the Division with all the help and support from my wonderful Daffodils family - it all felt like a big dream come true and a moment of pride that I would be representing the World’s Best Club at the District Level Contest.

All this would have just remained a dream if not for the never ending support system and the belief my mentor had in me for which I will forever be indebted to him.

# LEADERSHIP

BY - PRANAV GURUDUTT

## Leadership

**Leadership should be fearless ;  
Fearless from the front in times of conflicts  
And in times of  
Peace  
Leading from the front and always setting  
With an example to observe  
And to replicate  
Such poise and harmony  
To steer clear to prosperity and overcoming  
Times of hardship, distress and suffering  
To once again anchor the ship  
Through peace and prosperity;**



**TM PRANAV GURUDUTT**





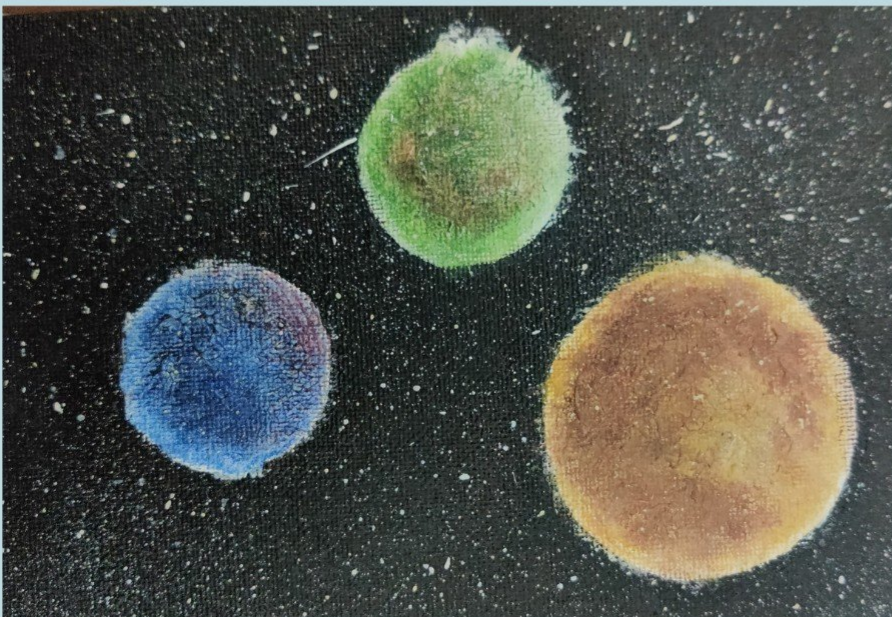
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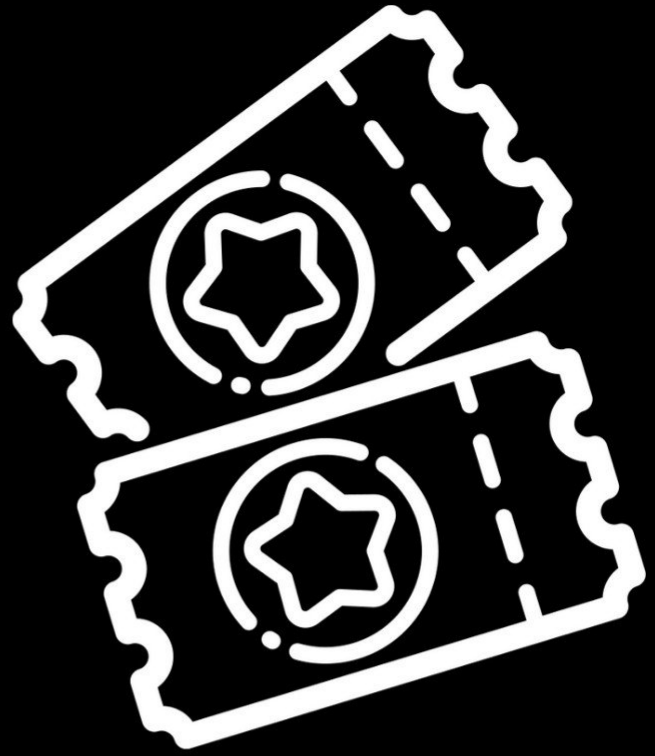
BY - TM ANKITA



# GALAXIES INSIDE OF ME

BY - TM HARINI





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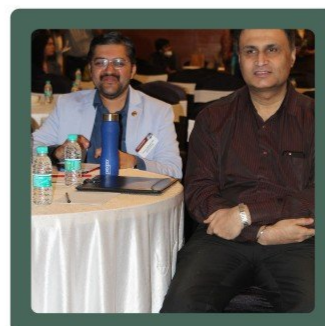
GOKARANA- OUTDOOR TRIP  
INSTALLATION CEREMONY- GOLDFINCH HOTE  
EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

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# GOKARNA



# INSTALLATION CEREMONY





# EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS BY VETERANS

The image displays three posters for educational sessions. The first poster on the left features a man in a striped shirt and text: "DAFFODILS TOASTMASTERS CLUB", "Base, Pace and Ace the speech contest", and "An educational session by - DTM KUMARAN PETHI". The middle poster features a man in a suit and text: "DAFFODILS TOASTMASTERS CLUB", "IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE", "BY DTM NIKHIL RAO", "February 5th 2022". The right poster features a man in a blue shirt and text: "DAFFODILS TOASTMASTERS CLUB", "#Meeting no. 944", "PRESENTS A SPECIAL MEETING", "WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE; BUT KNOW NOT WHAT WE MAY BE", "NUTS AND BOLTS OF A SPEECH WRITING", "DTM KATHIRAVAN M PETHI", "International Speech Contest Winner", "Toastmasters International", "TM Manoj PRESIDENT", "TM Kishan EMCEE", "TM Ankita SPEAKER", "TM Sona Timer", "APRIL 2ND, 2022 | 5:45 PM", and "#In\_It\_To\_Win\_It".

Three photographs showing award presentations. In the top photo, a man in a light blue shirt receives a trophy from a man in a dark suit. In the middle photo, a man in a white shirt receives a certificate from a man in a dark suit. In the bottom photo, a man in a white shirt receives a certificate from a man in a dark suit.

**DR. RAM JAYARAMAN  
INTER-CLUB DEBATE CONTEST**

## DR. RAM JAYARAMAN INTER-CLUB DEBATE CONTEST



# LET'S TALK

AREA A4 DIRECTOR RICHA THACKER  
REPRESENTING DAFFODILS AT THE DISTRICT  
TM MADHUSUDHAN AND TM KESHAV

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# LEADERSHIP AND MORE

**DTM RICHA THACKER**

**How has your journey in leadership progressed?**

**“ I have been in the toastmasters fraternity for about 3 years now, I was first exposed to leadership when I was elected as the Vice President of Membership, Then I was elected as the President. Now I am acting Area Director of Area A4. I also was the treasurer as I had a dual membership”**



**DTM RICHA THACKER**

**What has been one key take away from every role you have taken up?**

**“ The role of Vice President membership looks very easy from a distance, seems like we don't have to do much until renewals come around but getting people to be a part of the club is quite a task, Through this experience I learnt that you can get anything you want if you stay persistent. As a president, my term went online. It was a challenge to keep things interesting for people to join in and stay connected, my abilities were questioned in a couple of instances but my team and I pushed through it all. Team effort is key.**

**Finally, as a treasurer, I am able to learn a much sought after skill, resource management. “**

**What are the challenges you faced during your journey?**

**“ A lot of it has been me discovering my own potential, there were times people did not believe in me and I did, that was all that mattered to me. As an Area Director, taking care of 7 clubs is definitely not a piece of cake. One of the corporate clubs I am involved with had to almost shut down, I learnt quite a bit about my own abilities while trying to tackle this issue “**

# **BREAKFAST FOR CHAMPIONS**



**TM MADHUSUDHAN**

“ I've always taken it one speech at a time. This time has been no different. Online contests can be challenging in many ways. Getting the setup right is a task itself. Something that we wouldn't pay much attention to in an in person contest. Regarding the speech preparation, the endeavour is to make make it as brief as possible, like they say brevity is the soul of wit. 🌟”

“ Very excited and nervous about representing Daffodils at the District stage for the first time..Very eager for the D-day to arrive soon and absorb that feeling altogether 😊

As for preparations.. Taking evaluation roles at our club and other clubs and of course getting mentored by the senior Toastmasters in the club regularly and keeping track of my progress in the journey ”



**TM KESHAV**



RSVP HERE

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LAUNCHING THE DAFCAST  
19 YEARS OF DAFFODILS  
CORONATION 2022

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## EMPOWER

**A carefully curated 8 week session which is a fast track to the fundamentals of public speaking  
Don't miss it**

## THE DAFCAST

**With a club full of stars, we needed a platform to interview them.  
Stay tuned for lot's of fun and gossip**



## 19 YEARS OF GREATNESS

**Our beloved home ground turns 19!  
Love, Joy and Celebrations to come on this lovely occasion.  
Don't miss the party!**



# CORONATION 2022

**CORONATION IS A DISTRICT LEVEL CONFERENCE THATS TAKES PLACE ANNUALLY THIS IS THE HIGHEST DISTRICT LEVEL CONTEST BEFORE THE PARTICIPANTS GO INTERNATIONAL**



**From the past 2 years, Weren't we missing those samosas and tea in our toastmasters meetings? In my opinion, we were not missing those samosas and tea, but the times when we interact with our fellow toastmasters during the samosas and tea time. That's the power of networking.**

**Team Coronation 2022 is excited to celebrate those connections and the power of networking this year. We are all set to give the audience a memorable conference by having a few accredited speakers coming on board to give a fun-filled learning experience. Coronation 2022 stage is all set to be the arena of the battle of the best of best speakers of our district. We are ready to give a toast and celebrate all the connections we make in toastmasters**



**“ Our Daffodillian TM  
Pranab Singh -  
Conference Mentor ”**



# THROWBACK TUNES

A CURATION OF THE FINEST TRACKS

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# RECOMMENDATIONS

**Zoobi Doobi - TM Shanoli**

**Give me some sunshine - TM Karthik**

**Shala lala- TM Sona**

**7 Nation Army TM Pranab**

**Dil Dhadakne Do - TM Pranav**

**Bhor Bhaye Panghat - TM Vedika**

**Leaving on a jet plane - TM Chandira**

**The Times They are changing - TM Manoj**

**Pal Pal dil ke paas - TM Chethana**

**Tumsa Nahi Dekha - TM Dr. Ram**

**Yeh Bombay hai meri jaan - TM Desai**

**Lag ja gale - TM Trupthi**

**Aapki Nazron Ne - TM Ankita**

**Jeena yah, Marna Yaha - TM Mita**

**Chaiya Chaiya - TM Kishan**



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# THANK YOU



*I would like to thank Daffodils for giving me an opportunity to bring everyone closer in the name of nostalgia,*

*Our trip down memory lane ends here, but each one of us have our own Journey*

*I would like to thank my mentor, for guiding me and believing in me, for always pushing me to do my best.*

*Finally, a shout out to TM Trupthi and TM Shanoli*

*for being a fabulous team to work with!*

