



# REMINISCENCE



*As I look back...*

**Daffodils Toastmasters Club, Newsletter - November 2015 Edition.**

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## From the Vice President Public Relation's desk | *Sindhu Bharadwaj*

*As I look back, I am grateful to Toastmasters for helping me face the limelight!*

I still remember the first time I walked into Daffodils Toastmasters Club. The Table Topic Master dished out a topic for the guests, and I was called upon. That was the first time I was in front of about 50 people, completely lost and speechless. That was the first time I realised I feared the limelight as much as I loved it.

And then, I joined Toastmasters! Taking up roles in the meetings, and always volunteering for table topics, ensured that though I failed incessantly, it was all shaping me up into becoming the speaker I am today.

Nothing grandiose, nobody verbose.

I still stutter, I still fumble - but I am proud that I can now string my thoughts into sentences and speak, in spite of all those butterflies down there!

*This Diwali, as gratitude to all those experiences that have shaped us into who we are, we present our newsletter themed:*

*"Reminiscence"*

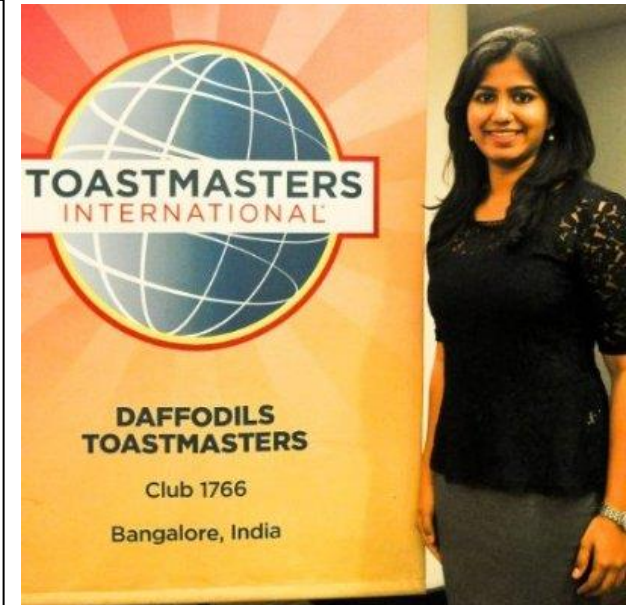
*-As I look back...*

The Associate VP-PR Sachin Manjalekar and I thank our PR Guru-Anish D'Souza, President-Siddharth SP and VP-Education Amitesh Bhagwan for encouraging our efforts all the way.

Also, our gratitude to the members who have shared invaluable reminiscences, which make this newsletter all that it is - A reflection of true Daffodilian identity.

We have all put in efforts to give you articles within 350 words, to keep it light and hearty.

*I now invite you to read on, and enjoy the music of a thousand words...!*



*The VP Public Relations, a national medallist in badminton, and currently a CA Finalist, Sindhu is a soul with varied interests - a traveller, Bharatanatyam dancer and a writer rolled into one, here's one "sambhar rice" girl who can tackle any challenge head on!*

## President's corner | Siddharth SP

*As I look back, Toastmasters has created the most memorable tune in the adventure called, "Life"*

Walking into Daffodils TM, three years ago, I had been gripped with the same questions that I had when I walked into kindergarten the first time, "What am I doing here? Where am I going?"

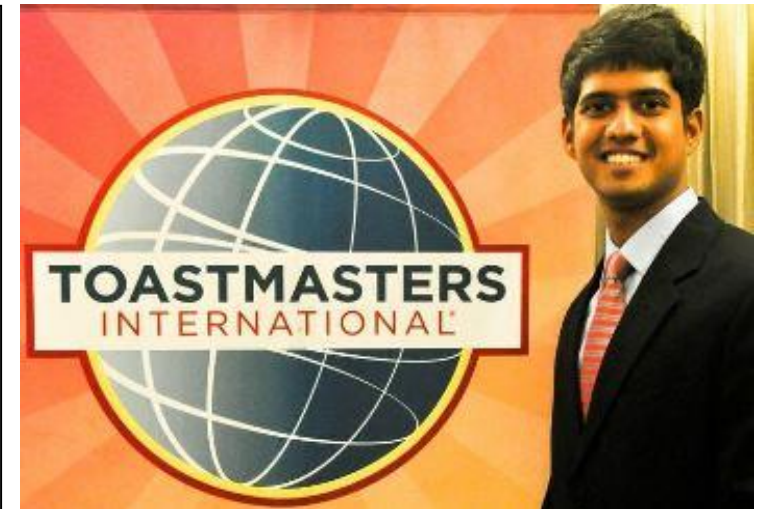
Sitting through the meeting for two hours and being unable to comprehend the proceedings, I sat glued to my seat, with a sole objective – Not to be a Public Speaker, but the Best Listener! What started off as sitting through a "class" and making notes, went on to create the most memorable tune in the adventure called, "Life".

To say the least, my experience in Daffodils has been nothing short of exhilarating and enticing. From the very start, there was a sense of belonging and the warmth of being surrounded by people who do not judge you, rather, help you discover yourself. What sets a club like Daffodils apart from the rest is the exuberance coupled with courage and the willingness to fail and in turn succeed to become better public speakers. It is not often, that you see a place where fun and learning go hand in hand. So do walk in on an eventful Saturday evening and I guarantee you a memorable experience that you will cherish

As I reminisce, it has been a long road the club has journeyed. With many stalwarts having laid the foundation, I truly believe that we can soar into the sky and touch greater heights. This club has taught me lessons far greater than what I had learnt previously – to challenge myself, to serve without expectations, but most of all, a leader moves in unison, by holding hands, because when we do that, the sight is splendid.

The sight of a host of Dancing Daffodilians...Because together, We Can. We Shall. We Will.

*With the essence of creativity blended with the heartiness of the articles, I hope you have a good time reading this newsletter, which I am sure will bring a smile on your face, just like it did on mine!*



*The President, being a student of Electronics and Communications, is an avid sports enthusiast, loves playing squash, swims regularly and is also an avid kick boxer! A firm believer in pushing limits, Siddharth aspires to serve in the Indian Army!*

## Message from our Founding President | Madan Govindraj

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***A**s I look back, I am proud of the initiative we had taken - to form Daffodils!*

Dear Reader,

I had seen how Toastmasters was making a difference to people and to me in particular. We wanted to spread this movement, to make a difference to more people and hence, we founded Daffodils to bring the Toastmasters fraternity to our part of town.

From the very first meeting at Daffodils, our vision was to help people get out of their nutshells, speak confidently and share ideas.

I recently attended the 600th meeting and was mighty impressed with the way the meetings are conducted. So as I look back and reminisce, I'm proud of the initiative we had taken because today, Daffodils Toastmasters Club is the epitome of quality.

There has been a phenomenal rise in the energy and enthusiasm of the club which is very heartening. I wish the Daffodilians all the best of luck for the coming years.

*Remember, enthusiasm and energy go hand in hand.  
That was, is and will be the strength of Daffodils.*



*The Founding President Madan Govindraj, led Daffodils from January 2004. A facilitator in communications and also in risk management, he believes in looking at the positive side of things and going forward always!*

## One state, many worlds | SS Desai

*As I look back, it made me realise, it is all about one's perspective.*

It was the year 1985, month of October, that my family decided to tour South Kanara to see what the melee regarding this part of Karnataka was all about. We did our research and drafted a carefully planned itinerary. Our destinations were set.

Our first stop was the land of the famous Udipi Shri Krishna. Housing one of India's most legendary temples is just one of the distinctions that this place was known for. Udipi is also one of India's oldest Yakshagana centres in the country. Basically, the Brazil of India.

We also decided to visit Manipal because I wanted to see The Manipal Power Press who are the publishers of Udayavani, a well known Kannada Newspaper, Taranga, Tushara and Roopatara, well known Kannada magazines. During my days Udayavani had won the award of The Best Vernacular Newspaper for 8 years. The place astounded me for another compelling reason - Dr T.M.A. Pai's efforts in developing the barren land of Manipal. Manipal is also the founding place of the Syndicate Bank. Further, it has developed as one of the leading Education centres of South India with The Manipal University. Basically, the Greece of India.

Our next unusual stop, was the town of Kundapur. It was on our itinerary because this place has a beach on one side of the road and a river on the other side. Unusual because, very few such places exist, the very few others, being in Europe and USA!

Technically speaking, I had just taken my family to USA!

We started with a certain idea in mind, which turned into something completely different by the time we were back in Bangalore. However, today as I look back, it made me realise, it is all about one's perspective. I set out on a trip of Karnataka. Instead, I had just been to Brazil, Greece and USA. My excitement was similar and my enjoyment much more!

*Truly, One state. Many Worlds. Not literally, but figuratively. For it is your perception that makes you see the many worlds in one state.*



*One of the most senior members of Daffodils Toastmasters Club, Desai Sir is a never ending source of knowledge on India and Indian history. He is an entrepreneur and runs Desai Effective Ads. His undiluted enthusiasm for Toastmasters and constant improvement is an inspiration to all of us!*

## Alternatives | Nikhil Rao

*As you look back, is your "How" congruent to your "Why"?*

Alternatives. Choices. Decisiveness. In all possible fluctuations of the lightning striking hard, there will be certain distinct notions which you presume, assume and defuse your thinking to rightly say, oh yes!, oh no!, ah may be!.

The point when you blink is when you realise; it wasn't the one I was looking for. In a plane, it's about the destination you go to, not the plane you go through. If the vehicle did matter to you, then your decisiveness depends on the journey and not on the goal. "It is about the journey. You've to live today, enjoy and be assured even if you aren't reaching your destination, you'll at least crash somewhere near but you'll be happy about crashing" – The Dark Horses

These horses are hidden around us. It doesn't matter which plane they take. Wherever they reach or crash, they're bound to be happy.

Now the horses which aren't dark, they know where they are going. They are flexible. They have built a skill of "up-skilling" themselves. This allows their growth to reach beyond imagination. While travelling to a known destination, you cannot live in the moment and be happy. If you said this, oops. You are incorrect.

You say it because you haven't found your destination currently and the day you find, no matter what, thin or thick, small or big, you will love every moment. If you don't, perhaps it's not where you want to go.

As you look back, is your "How" congruent to your "Why"?

*Fly high. Reach beyond imaginations. Challenge your mind.*

*Unlock the destination. That's the key to your happiness. An alternative is not an option.*



*An ardent Toastmaster from 7 years, Nikhil is a speaker of élan. He is a trainer who has worked wonders into many lives and is also an entrepreneur, heading an education start-up "Learnberry". He was recently placed third in the Evaluation contest of the Division A&B Conference - Scintilla 2015!*

## Rachana Uninhibited | Rachana Gupta

*As I look back, I am grateful to my experiences because now, I am stronger than ever before.*

I was born to a wealthy, happy family staying in the very heart of Bombay. For good or bad, it was short-lived. With the reforms of 1991, the family business crumbled; debts summed to 8-digit numbers. We had to relocate to a suburb of Bombay, which was still in the nascence of development.

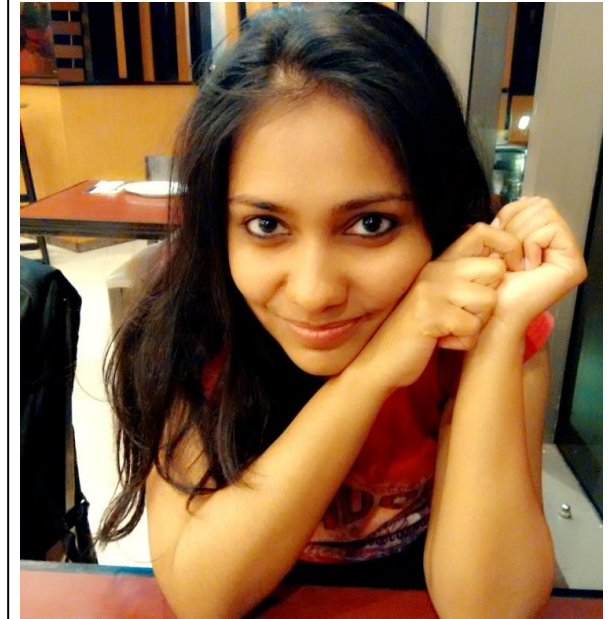
My elder sister and I were bright young students. The transit from a well-known Bombay girls' school to a very ordinary, co-ed in an underdeveloped, far-out suburb was too overwhelming for me in 2nd standard. My sister, elder by 4 years, eventually stressed to me, "Rachana, just stick to doing your best at studies somehow. We are the only ones who can get our parents out of this misery someday. We will do it." The impression of her statement was immense. I resorted to immersing myself in books... they were sweeter than the bullying classmates who detested me for being a nerd.

At home, my parents were embroiled in the turmoil of having to manage the family finances, for over a decade. Eventually, being the youngest I fell prey to their complete neglect. I had no choice as a growing child but to "bring myself up" with no complaints.

I had to rack my brains and build my own practicality and intelligence while taking any decisions. Through trials and errors, sheer discouragement and imperfections in decision-making - with no guide - I had to find my own way through life, somehow. I had to experience what being broken and weak was, with just myself to rely on. It was hard to tide over this whilst retaining sensibility, especially as a child.

However today, as I look back, as I reminisce, I am stronger than ever before. If any such experiences recur, I stay undaunted. Even if I am late in finding my path, I know it is never going to be bigger than me. In any untoward situation today, I know how to carve a sensible way out. Your age remains but a number.

*The inner passion and drive for realising your dreams is what will fuel you constantly, keep your feet white on flames and ultimately propel you to success.*



*A new entrant into Daffodils Toastmasters Club, Rachana is a management student in CMS Jain University. She is highly accomplished with the French language and has worked for different start-ups as a content writer and conceptualiser.*



## The Haircut | Nischal Shetty

*As I look back, this act of getting one's hair scissored has, is and will remain a laughable act of social compliance!*

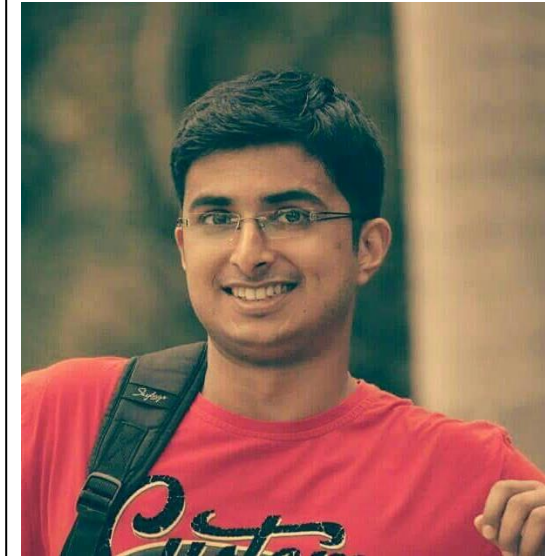
Of all the inane practices that “civilized” human society has devised, paying a fellow human to scissor a benign part of your body on a Sunday morning seems, to me, most absurd. Yet, the practice of cropping a man’s (or a boy’s) hair is deemed necessary by society for a man to portray himself as mannerly.

Unless, of course, you are a religious guru, or a machete wielding villain in a South-Indian movie. My earliest memory of getting a haircut was when I was a tiny boy, handheld, and led by my mother to the Hairdressers’ – an unwary lamb led to the slaughterhouse. Once in, my mother handed me over to the menacing hairdresser who attempted to alleviate my apprehensions with an unhelpful grin. He led me to an old chair which resembled a bygone Maharaja’s throne. I waited in tense silence while the hairdresser opened the cupboard, extracted a wooden plank, and placed it on the armrests of the throne. I was hoisted onto the plank – a ribbing reminder that I was still too little to merit the place of men. I was draped in a green surgical cloth (highly ominous), until the only thing that I could see of me in the mirror was my petite head.

The hairdresser pulled out a pesticide sprayer – now bearing water – and gave it a few squeezes, thus drenching my tiny head, hair, and face with hostile tap water. Finally, the shearing session started. My tiny head, gripped by the hairdresser’s powerful comb-wielding hand, was bobbed from side to side, while the loudly clicking steel scissors devastated my 4-weeks of hair growth. Ten minutes later, after the blade was employed, the talc dabbed, my head and face unmercifully brushed, the hairdresser took off the drape and set me down on the floor to be examined by my mother. After inspecting my crop and ascertaining that the haircut would last another 4 weeks, she paid the hairdresser and led me home.

I am 23 years old now. The haircutting experience has vastly improved with modern parlours and fancy equipment. I get my hair cut voluntarily and return feeling good about it.

*Yet, the practice of haircutting remains, in my opinion, a laughable act of social compliance – to pay to have one’s hair scissored on a Sunday morning for the mere purpose of looking civil in a civil society.*



*A blogger and a humourist, Nischal is popular for his memes and has a passion for reading, writing and speaking. He currently works for Dell Research & Development and evinces an interest in a career combining psychology and marketing.*

## Change is the new constant | Lekha Manjunath

*As I look back, change is inevitable, change is the new constant.*

When I was asked to write an article on the theme, “Looking back,” the first thing I did was look back through the old files on my system hoping for something I had written before that would spark some thought. Unsurprisingly, as I am not really a proliferative writer, this did not take much time. As I was reflecting upon the different stages of my experience at Daffodils, I realized a few things:

The first meeting I walked into as a guest over five years ago, I came across many unfamiliar faces, witnessed some veterans do what they do best, was impressed by the speaking abilities of the members and thoroughly enjoyed myself during the meeting.

Any given meeting I would have attended, say two years ago, I would come across many familiar faces, witness veterans and budding talent, be happy with the quality of speeches and have a good time during the meeting.

The last meeting I attended over five weeks ago, I came across many unfamiliar faces, saw toastmasters of varying experience, was impressed by the speeches and enjoyed myself during the meeting.

In a small way, this describes what Daffodils has done so well for so long. It has maintained that elusive but oh so important balance – a balance between change, which is inevitable and the core values of the club. Yes, things have changed. The people that attend week in and week out have changed, which necessarily brings about a change in the club.

However, some things still remain the same – things that for me, that define Daffodils. As I looked back, I came across a short note I had written three years ago that described my experience at Daffodils then. “What I have gotten from Daffodils is what everyone who steps into these halls can also get –

*And that, is the confidence to face a crowd and express yourself, the happiness at coming to a meet every Saturday, the joy of public speaking and of course, the pride at being a part of bright and blooming Daffodils.”*



*A thorough academic, Lekha has been a past President of Daffodils Toastmasters Club. She has mentored most of the stellar speakers of Daffodils and is currently pursuing a PhD in Biochemistry, in the Indian Institute of Science.*

## Sessions on Education!

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*H*umour is an aspect that either makes your speech or breaks it!

To help us conquer this skill, we had TM Chendil Kumar who gave us a great educational session on the different facets of humour, be it with your content, body language or rhetoric devices. Not to forget the rib-tickling anecdotes he brought in, it was truly a session to remember!

*T*able Topics, a sleeping giant, which when wakes up, slays most speakers!

To help more and more speakers overcome this giant, we invited the champion of table topics - DTM Kumaran M Pethi who kept the audience hooked on to every single tactic he regaled us with.

Appropriate stories to connect, members to display the skill he just spoke of and a well needed summary summed up what was a great session with umpteen takeaways!

A huge thank you to our VP Education Amitesh Bhagwan and his associate Sadashiv Pujeri for organising these sessions for the benefit of all the members.

*This is what makes speakers better and better speakers the best. Looking forward to more and more!*



*TM Chendil Kumar*



*DTM Kumaran Pethi*



*VP Education Team*

## Club Contest Winners

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### Humorous Speech Contest



*1<sup>st</sup> place - TM SS Desai*



*2<sup>nd</sup> place - TM Ashwini*



*3<sup>rd</sup> place - TM Parikshith*

### Evaluation Contest



*1<sup>st</sup> place - TM Madhusudhan*



*2<sup>nd</sup> place - TM Nikhil*



*3<sup>rd</sup> place - TM Prithvi*

## And the Champions say...

### *Stick to Basics - Nikhil Rao, 2nd Runner Up, Evaluation Contest - Div A&B Conference Scintilla 2015!*

If a Contest is the lock, then the Preparation has to be the key. Now the big question is which key? Well, I've been trying to figure that out myself and I've found zillions which opened many doors before and after contest. I hope to get my red carpet soon.

My mentor, Kumaran sir has always been there to support me. His wisdom and guidance make my performance go higher each time I take to the stage. The participation shown by our crowd was massive, assertive and supportive in Scintilla-2015.

The experience was invaluable and no matter what I did, irrespective of the results at the contest, it was wonderful to see the Feeling of Togetherness and Learning. This distinguishes Daffodils from the rest. Stick to basics. You all are masters already. You just need to be evaluators or humorous.

### *Ask yourself what makes you laugh! - Parikshith V, 1st Runner Up, Humorous Speech Contest - Div A&B Conference Scintilla 2015!*

The feeling of representing Daffodils at the Division is an out of the world experience. I joined Toastmasters 2 years ago and since then I wanted everyone to see our club as one of the best clubs. When I was representing the club, I was happy I was able to do that, it's always nice to make your family stand out in front of others. I fell short by a step at the division but I am sure this is a start and I guess next year, things will be much different.

Preparation for my speech was never compromised upon. I made sure I didn't stop at myself to evaluate the speech. I spent a lot of my time with my mentors, D.T.M Kumaran Sir and TM Nikhil. I wanted to make sure I was comfortable when I made a fool of myself and when people laugh at me.

A message for others speakers to be humorous would be to follow the below steps on Google!

- 1- Ask yourself what makes you laugh!
- 2- Make sure you try and laugh at the most silly puns and jokes cracked by your friends.
- 3- Trust in your inner sense of humour.
- 4- Most importantly, accept others laughing at you, don't get annoyed if anyone laughs at you for small reasons as it will help you in getting to know the person's sense of humour.



## New Beans!

Dear Reader,

Sometimes, we need a fresh perspective, a fresh angle and a fresh set of ideas to tell us where we are going, if we are on the right track, if we are moving forwards progressively. To speak of our meetings and our efforts, we asked a couple of guests to write for us, what they think they felt about Daffodils and Toastmasters in general. Here is what they had to say!

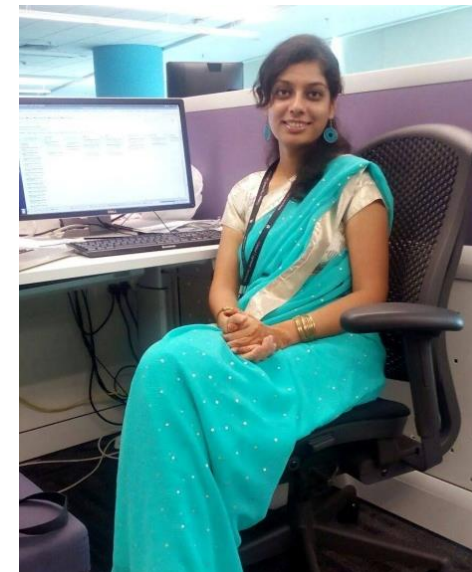
*I will come back!* - Surendra Patel

I have noticed that my communication skills are not quite up to the mark. After attending a Daffodils meeting, I saw that Toastmasters is an excellent platform for a person like me, who is quite shy and afraid of public speaking. What really appealed to me at the session is the way it is designed and organised. The feedback system is truly amazing and I never once imagined that public speaking could be an art in itself. Also the division of roles and responsibilities among the members is a very good example of excellent team work. I hope Toastmasters, through its well structured and systematically organised meetings will help me overcome my barriers and become a confident speaker and leader.

*My Tryst with Toastmasters* - Charul Bansal

An acknowledgement of firm handshakes, a passion for the spoken word and zeal to interact with more and more people, these are the colours in which I painted my first picture of the Toastmasters at Daffodils. Daffodils helps provide me an evening full of interesting conversations, conversation between a speaker and his/her audience, conversations to remember old friends and make new ones and most importantly, conversations to express & identify with myself. What else can spell a perfect weekend, if not all this coupled with delicious snacks?

At the end of a hectic week at work, Toastmasters is literally like a breath of fresh air for me. It combines pleasure and learning in such a tempting manner, that one cannot resist taking the stage, even if that brings them to the edges of their comfort zone. Seeing people from the age group of 18-80 participate with equal enthusiasm, awakens in me a strong will to break the barriers of a monotonous NoFixedTime job and do something worthwhile. More than anything else, it gives me a smile, which for some reason, refuses to go away. And every Saturday evening at 8, I'm left pining for more.



## Scintilla 2015 & Jamboree 2015

### *Scintilla 2015!*

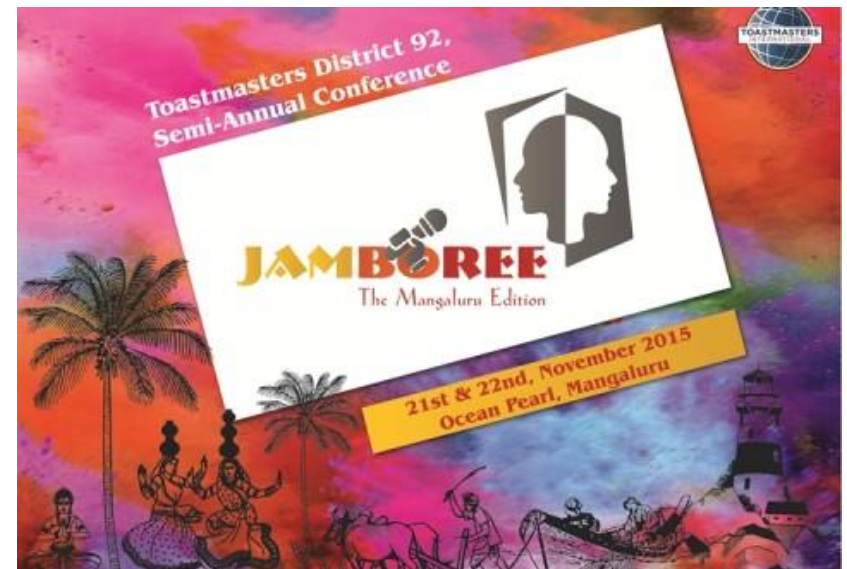
Division A & B Semi -Annual Conference: Two divisions, four contests and one conference. There couldn't have been a better way for toastmasters across two divisions to come together, interact and learn. Scintilla -2015 was held on October -11th and we had TM Nikhil Rao representing our club in the Evaluation contest and TM Parikshith Virupaksha in the Humorous Speech contest.

TM Parikshith in his speech “My Career Golmaal” said that the ultimate solution to all his career problems would be to become a baba (a God -man) who offers solutions to everyone's career needs, which ultimately fetched him the 1st Runners Up position at the event. TM Nikhil Rao's crisp, clear and confident evaluation bagged him the 2nd Runners Up place at the event.

Division A and B decided to bring people together with a purpose of learning and growing in the best way they can, with the intention of using all their wisdom combined. And indeed, what a fabulous conference Scintilla - 2015 turned out to be!

### *Jamboree 2015!*

District 92 Semi-Annual Conference JAMBOREE is to be held on the 21st and 22nd of November, at the prestigious Ocean Pearl, Mangalore...You wouldn't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to listen to the Best of the Humorous Speeches, Excellent Evaluators from all Divisions, not forgetting the learning, bonding with the Toastmasters of the District along with spectacular, unique performances at the Fun-Night entertainment program too. So go ahead Toastmaster! Book your tickets and be there for some fun!



## An Officer Speaks | Poornima Srinivasan

### *R*ear view mirror!

As I look back, my renaissance is my journey in Toastmasters, through Daffodils!

Life is a journey and the milestones in this journey indicate the success of this travel. To me, joining Daffodils is one such milestone in my life. "Objects in the mirror are closer than they appear" is a statutory message on any rear view mirror on the vehicle.

As I look into my journey's rear view mirror, I can see my fellow Daffodilians closer to me. My Renaissance is my journey in Toastmasters through Daffodils club.

Fantasized by mythology, I believe Toastmasters is like "Akshaya Patra" - Bountiful source of nectar. One gets what he/she wants. Here, if one wants Self-confidence or Communication skills or networking or bonding or friends for lifetime, one will get it for sure.

We, Daffodilians come from different walks of life, yet we as a family form a huge asset to Toastmasters fraternity. I am extremely proud of being a part of this esteemed club, and as the Area Director of Area B2,

*I wish the club all the best of luck in all its endeavours!*



*Poornima Srinivasan has been an enthusiastic part of Toastmasters since 2013. She hails from Chennai and is in Bangalore, working for Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited as a Project Engineer. She has founded many Gavel Clubs and is a leader in every way!*

**- Area Director, Area B2**



## An Officer Speaks | Rakshith Bhagavath

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*And he said....*

It is always a pleasure to be at Daffodils, an old and endearing club, that is to say an established club full of young members and also some in age but all in spirit!

Not only is the club full of warm, interesting people, I have walked away from each meeting.

I attended with a fresh perspective, having learnt something new about myself. A great way to spend a couple of hours every Saturday evening!

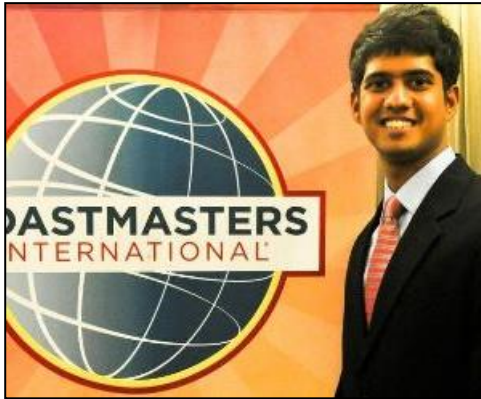
*My best wishes to the club, may they keep up the great work and churn out excellent speakers in faster accession!*



*Rakshith is a genuine and warm extension of the Daffodils family. It is indeed a privilege to have him attesting our meetings and give us areas of improvement.*

**- Area Director, Area C4**

## THE COMMITTEE | July 2015 to December 2015



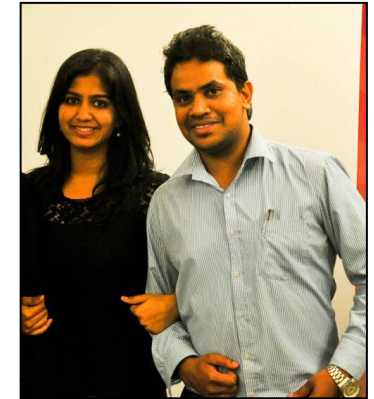
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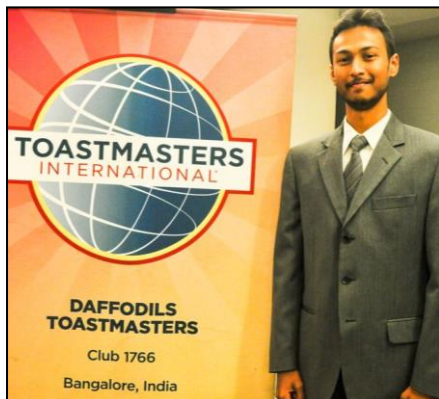
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# DCP Status & Events Report | As of 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

**TOASTMASTERS**  
INTERNATIONAL

**Club Status**  
2015-2016

**Month of October**  
As of 10/18/2015

00001766 Daffodils Toastmasters Club			
Club Alignment	Membership		Goals
<b>Region</b> 13	<b>Base</b> 53	<b>To Date</b> 26	<b>Goals Met</b> 4
<b>District</b> 92	<b>Required</b> 20		Distinguished 5
<b>Division</b> B	20 members or a net growth of 5 new members		Select Distinguished 7
<b>Area</b> 02	<b>Chartered</b> 06/12/2003		President's Distinguished 9

	Goals to Achieve	Goal	To Date	Status
1	Competent Communicator (CC) awards	2	0	2 CCs needed
2	More Competent Communicator (CC) awards	2	0	2 CCs needed
3	Advanced Communicator (ACB, ACS, ACG) awards	1	0	1 AC needed
4	More Advanced Communicator (ACB, ACS, ACG) awards	1	0	1 AC needed
5	Leadership Awards (CL, ALB, ALS) or Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) awards	1	1	✓
6	More CL, ALB, ALS, or DTM awards	1	2	✓
7	New members	4	4	✓
8	More new members	4	2	2 New Members needed
9	Club officers trained June-August	4	7	First Training Period Achieved
	Club officers trained December-February	4	0	Second Training Period 4 needed
10	Membership-renewal dues on time	Y	1	✓
	Club officer list on time	Y	1	

## CLUB EVENTS

Events	Date
<b>Installation Ceremony</b>	<b>04/07/15</b>
<b>Education session by TM Chendil Kumar on adding humour to speech</b>	<b>22/08/15</b>
<b>Education session by DTM Kumaran M Pethi on winning over table topics</b>	<b>12/09/15</b>
<b>Club level Humorous and Evaluation speech Contest</b>	<b>05/09/15</b>
<b>Area level Humorous and Evaluation speech Contest</b>	<b>12/09/15</b>
<b>Sharpen those pens and swords - Debate night</b>	<b>Nov End</b>

## More than just a club...

Daffodils Toastmasters Club was chartered on 12th June 2003 and is a community club based in Malleswaram. We are part of Area B2, Division B, District 92 of Toastmasters International. Daffodils has been distinguished ever since inception and our biggest testimony comes from the Executive Director of TMI , Daniel Rex who termed Daffodils "The Best Club In the World".

**Unity is our biggest strength and we pride in ourselves because we are "More than just a Club".**



**Join us every Saturday at 6.00 pm!**

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## As I look back... | Sachin Manjalekar

Dear Reader,

*You have just sailed past invaluable reminiscences of all our members, which we took quite some time to do justice to in the form of a newsletter.*

During this journey of almost a month, there was one profound thing that Sindhu and I learnt...

The world is full of people saying, never look back, it is all in the past and will never come back.

But what we realised, is that there is one salient rationale to look back...

To see how far you have come, to feel proud of all you've accomplished through the years, to give yourself a pat on the back, for making it so far, maybe bruised, but..... ALIVE!

**So here's Sindhu and I, wishing you a very happy Diwali and signing off....!**

*Do give us your feedback; it will help you get a better newsletter the next time! :P*



*The Associate VP Public Relations, Sachin is an ardent Chelsea fan. Humour runs in his blood and is an upcoming humorous speaker. He currently works as Corporate Communication executive and loves all things related to marketing and public relations.*

# *Díwali = Crackers...?*



- ✓ They cause air pollution! I'm against it. – Sachin
- ✓ They cause noise pollution! I'm against it. – Siddharth
- ✓ It is the fruit of child labour! I'm against it. – Sindhu
- ✓ Causes injury to human and animal life! I'm against it. - Amitesh

*We're against it. Are you...?*

*Take a stand this year.*

*Here's wishing you all a Happy and Safe Díwali!*