

# Newsletter

## Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club

November 2022



## Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club

Club No: **2321352**

District **82**

Division **I**

Area **4**

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Deadlines:

### Theme Meeting

31st December 2022

### Visiting Toastmaster

31st December 2022

### Presentation from Successful Leadership Series

31st December 2022

We meet every Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month from [05:30 pm to 07:15 pm]

For more information, visit our club update

Toastmasters International  
[www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org)

## Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club

The Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club (ASTMC) was chartered in March 2012 as a corporate club of District 82. DTM Azam Bakeer Markar served as the club's inaugural president. The club received the esteemed Golden Gavel award from District 82 in its charter year and the Golden Gavel Plus honor in the following year. The Aitken Spence Toastmasters club was one of the rare clubs that did so during their charter year.

Since 2013, the Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club has earned the title of President's Distinguished Club continuously. This is the highest recognition in the Toastmasters fraternity. The ASTMC has also won numerous other awards such as the Smedley award, Talk Up Toastmasters award, Beat the Clock award, and the Triple Crown award.

In addition to holding significant administrative positions, our members have represented the club in competitions at the area, division, and district levels as well as held key positions in the administration.

### Toastmasters International Mission

We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders

### District Mission

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

### Club Mission

We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth

### Toastmasters International Core Values

◊ Integrity ◊ Respect ◊ Service ◊ Excellence

### Toastmasters International Envisioned Future

To be the first-choice provider of dynamic, high-value, experiential communication, and leadership skills development.

## Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club Executive Committee 2022-2023

President TM Rizmika Dahilan

Vice President Education TM Nishantha Dodangoda

Vice President Public Relations TM Zaharine Hameen

Vice President Membership TM Praveen Corea

Secretary cum Treasurer TM Aneeka Edirisinghe

Sergeant at Arms TM Janith Abeysekara



**TM Rizmika Dahilan**



**TM Nishantha Dodangoda**



**TM Zaharine Hameen**



**TM Praveen Corea**



**TM Aneeka Edirisinghe**



**TM Janith Abeysekara**

## Message from President

### Best Wishes!



It gives me great honor and privilege to pen these words as the President of the Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club for the tenure of 2022-2023.

Honor, in my opinion, carries a stronger obligation to uphold the standards set by our predecessors. The previous presidents have done a fantastic job leading our club to greater heights and overcoming many obstacles. Now we have a higher bar to uphold and benchmark ourselves.

As we bounced back from the pandemic, the New Executive Committee was elected via an online meeting.

The Aitken Spence Toastmasters have proven their ability to pursue in the face of obstacles. The foundations of our club's success were our passion, commitment, and enthusiasm for lifelong learning and development.

With the help of my Executive Committee colleagues, I was given the best possible strength & support. Our progress toward our objectives has been aided by their continuous assistance and diligent endeavor to gain success.

In the first term, we had a lot of educational sessions led by seasoned Toastmasters and a lot of training programs for our members. We had various themed meetings, a fantastic joint meeting with the IIT Toastmasters Club, and visiting toastmaster meetings. All of them intended to make learning enjoyable and exciting for both our members and visitors from the Aitken Spence group.

We decided it was time to switch back to our physical meetings even though we continued to engage and have fun with our online meetings. Consequently, we did so at our first in-person physical meeting on the 27th of September 2022. Since then, we continue to have hybrid meetings as we have experienced more people can join us virtually for each meeting.

For the new term, we have had 10 brand-new members along with the new executive committee! It is a great achievement to bring these Spensonian's skills to light and allow them to shine brightly in a learning environment! We believe we have numerous hidden talented gems that we have already begun to cut and polish so they may shine brightly on their own in the near future.

Our plans include achieving the Toastmasters educational goals for our members as well as representing our club in Area, Division, and District events. We pledge to give our members an incredible experience with continued educational sessions that will groom them as future leaders.

The main goal of Toastmasters is to help people develop their leadership and communication skills. Our Club offers a welcoming and encouraging learning environment that empowers members to enhance their leadership and communication abilities, leading to an increase in self-confidence and personal growth.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my executive committee and our senior members, and to welcome our new members to the exciting path that lies ahead of us!

Join me as we climb together to reach new heights!

**TM Rizmika Dahilan**

**President**  
**Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club**  
Division I District 82  
Toastmasters International

## Club Achievements

### SMEDLEY AWARD

The ASTMC was awarded the Smedley Award for retaining a base of 21 members as a result of the rigorous PR effort undertaken with the help of the Exco and VP Public Relations. By September 30, 2022, we had welcomed 10 new members to the club and had paid TMI in full.

### MOT SESSION

The MOT session was conducted by TM Raviendra Madugalle on August 30, 2022.

### PATHWAY TRAINING

The club conducted Pathways training programs for all new members on 30th October 2022 with the assistance of Assistant Area Director TM Raviendra Madugalle

### 100% PATHWAY COMPLETION

The ASTMC completed 100% Pathways by the 31st October 2022.



- Pathway training -

## Club Achievements

**We appreciate all the members who renewed their membership !  
We are super excited to warmly welcome our new members to the ASTMC.**

### Renewed Members

TM Deepa De Silva  
DTM Dhilmini Palipane  
DTM Yasangi Randeni  
TM Johann Steinwall  
TM Raviendra Madugalle  
TM Nishantha Dodangoda  
TMAneeka Edirisingher  
TMJanith Abeysekara  
TM Praveen Corea  
TM Zaharine Hameen  
TM Rizmika Dahilan

### New Members

TM Achini S. Konara  
TM Dileesha R. Fernando  
TM Hasantha Sooriyaarachchi  
TM Hansimali Edirisinghe  
TM Nimesh R. Fernando  
TM Nisansala Chandrasoma  
TM Sajeewani R. Rajanayake  
TM Shafiq Samsoodeen  
TM Sawanthy S. Wimaladharma  
TM Supun T. Jayawardana



-New or experienced, together we stand -

## Member Achievements

### DTM DHILMINI PALIPANE & TM RUMALKA AMANTHI

DTM Dhilmini Palipane Completed all 5 levels in Dynamic Leadership Pathway and TM Rumalka Amanthi completed Levels 2,3 & 4 in Innovative Planning Pathway enabling ASTMC to win the Triple Crown in 2021-22



DTM Dhilmini Palipane  
Dynamic Leadership Pathway  
Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

TM Rumalka Amanthi  
Innovative Planning Pathway  
Levels 2, 3 & 4



### TM RAVIENDRA MADUGALLE

TM Raviendra Madugalle hosted the World Tourism Day event organized by Aitken Spence Travels on 27th September 2022.

### DTM YASANGI RANDENI

DTM Yasangi Randeni Moderated the Webinar on Crisis in Crises: Unlocking the Power of Alliance towards Innovative Recovery. It was conducted by A PAD International Symposium 2022 with an elite panel on industry experts.



### DTM DHILMINI PALIPANE

DTM Dhilmini was appointed as the representative for the Sri Lanka German Business Council on behalf of Aitken Spence Cargo Pvt Ltd.

## Member Achievements

### DTM DHILMINI PALIPANE & TM ZAHARINE HAMEEN

DTM Dhilmini Palipane & TM Zaharine Hameen represented ASTMC for Area I Evaluation Speech Contest.



### TM NIMESH FERNANDO & TM ZAHARINE HAMEEN

TM Nimesh Fernando & TM Zaharine Hameen represented ASTMC for Area I Humorous Speech Contest.

### TM ZAHARINE HAMEEN

TM Zaharine was placed 2nd Runner up under Evaluation speech Contest. She went on to represent the club at Divisional Level on Evaluation Speech Contest.



## MESSAGES FROM SOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

### TM ACHINI KONARA

Being a toastmaster has helped me to overcome my fear of speaking in front of people. I think it has helped me to reintroduce myself to myself. I have done something that I thought I could never do because of toastmasters club. I got the inspiration to make one of my dreams possible because of the club. I got the opportunity to meet new people from the club and got the opportunity to get a new experience for life. I consider being a toastmaster as a golden opportunity to rebuild my self with good confidence.



### TM NIMESH FERNANDO



Life granted me an unconditional opportunity with endless number of possibilities to have a wonderful journey with wonderful people. I was and I am surround with the people who always with me during my better times no matter the situation. I'm grateful to those extraordinary people for be the part of my life! Joining Toastmasters have expanded possibilities! I believe it gives me a platform to enhance my abilities and reach heights never imagined before! Looking forward to a greater journey with fellow Toastmasters!

### TM HANSIMALI EDIRISINGHE

As a person who follows the self-motto "affirm - attempt - attain", Toastmasters has paved the path to brighten myself, pursue things I love and achieve things in style.

The seamless opportunities have enthused to polish up my oratory skills, confidence and teamwork.

I am willing to utilize the challenges as opportunities and improve myself in every aspect the club has to offer.



## ASTMC MEETINGS

After a long period of virtual meetings, ASTMC was able to conduct its first physical meeting on 27th September 2022. In par with the technology trends and ease of collaboration, the club utilized the opportunity to conduct hybrid meetings.

Further, the club was able to conduct a joint meeting with IIT Toastmasters on 18th of October 2022. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with them. Also, ASTMC club members joined the Halloween theme meeting of the same club, which was another exciting experience.

Here unfolds our meetings and moments



-Hybrid meetings -



-TM Raviendra, taking us through the "attitude of gratitude" -



-ASTMC and IITMC - Joint meeting -

## Warm Welcome

Area Director's visit

**Theme for the day**  
**Sun, sea & smiles**

Exclusively for Aitken Spence staff

**TM Shabran Hameed**  
7.00 p.m onwards  
Tuesday | 23rd August 2022  
Via MS Teams  
Meeting link will open from 6.45 p.m

**Toastmaster of the Day**  
**TM Zaharine Hameen**

**Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club**

-Sun, sea and smiles -

## AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE BRINGS GREAT THINGS

**TM Raviendra Madugalle**  
Toastmaster of the day

**22ND NOVEMBER**  
05.15 TO 7.15 PM

9th Floor | Hexagon Board Room  
Via MS Teams

**Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club**

-An attitude of gratitude brings great things -

## ASPIRE TO INSPIRE

Theme of the day

**TM Aneeka Edirisinghe**  
Toastmaster of the day

**Educational Session on**  
**TIPS & TRICKS FOR AN EFFECTIVE SPEECH**

**Zaidh Naushard DTM**

**Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club**

05.15 to 7.15 PM  
25th October 2022  
9th Floor | Hexagon Board Room  
Via MS Teams

5.15 p.m onwards  
Tuesday | 27th September 2022  
Hexagon Board Room , 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Via MS Teams  
Meeting link will open from 5.15 p.m

-Educational session by DTM Zaidh Naushard -

## "Eyes on the Prize"

1<sup>st</sup> Physical meeting for 2022

**Toastmaster of the Day**  
**TM Johann Steinwall**

**Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club**

-Eyes on the Prize -



-We now have a human selfie-stick! -

-Mentoring and Guiding -



-Newbies and seniors -



-One wonderful meeting -



-Session with DTM Zaidh Naushard -



-Speaking with confidence -

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE



I am honored and excited to compile and present the Club Newsletter for the year 2022/23 November 2022.

Embracing the use of technology and ensuring maximum participation of members through hybrid meetings was a great achievement of the year.

Here unfolded the stories of a wonderful corporate Toastmasters club which I believe you enjoyed stepping through.

Long live Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club!

**TM Zahareen Hameen**  
VP Public Relations  
Aitken Spence Toastmasters Club