Lesson of life  
  
Dear toastmasters, does anyone failed in any examination? Does anyone feel happy and lucky after your failure? Ten years ago I failed in one examination, but one year later I felt very happy and very lucky for that failure because I got a lesson for life from that failure.  
  
At that time I lived in Huilongguan and my daughter got her birth. So I needed to buy a car but before that I must get the driver license. I went to Haidian driver school and studied how to drive to get it.  
  
Generally we needed pass three examinations to get the driver’s license. For the first examination you just need go to the class, read books and answer questions on one computer.  The second examination is to park the car into some blocks. It was easy after the coach told you some tips. And the last examination is to drive a car on the road and a police officer will sit on the co-pilot seat and decide to give you the license or not. It was a little bit difficult. But we’ve got 40 hours to practice for it.  
  
You know at that time I was still young and much smarter than now. After some practice my coach praised me "have you already bought a car and practiced? You drive pretty well" At that moment I felt happy and thought maybe I had some gift on it. I was confident that I can pass the examination easily.  
  
On the day of the examination I was a little bit nervous because I needed to face a police officer. I recalled the actions I learned and took a deep breath. I got into the car and said hello to the officer. Turn on the turning light, gear up, speed up and stop. I did all of these perfectly. I would pass the examination so easily? No, the officer failed me because I forgot a little thing - I forgot to tie the safety belt. I argued:" it's such a small thing, please let me pass. I will make sure to always tie it later". The officer looked at me, had a pause and said “there is no small thing when you drive. And there is no later when something really happened. The safety belt may save you in some day".  
  
I felt very sad because it is the first time I failed in one examination. This made it unforgettable for me to use the safety belt every time. One month later I joined the examination again, passed it and got my driver license.  
  
After that I bought a car a ford focus. I drove it from home to office and back, to anywhere I wanted to go. I just used the safety belt as a habit but didn't think it will really save me until one day. It was an early morning and the traffic was pretty good. All cars were running very fast including myself. Suddenly the car before me braked greatly. I was shocked and braked at once also. But it was too late. Today I still can recall the scene: the tires were screaming, the car before me was getting closer and closer, and the safety belt hold me in the seat tightly. My car crushed into the front one and got damaged badly. But I was hurt very little because of the safety belt. When my mind got back I recalled the words that officer said, the safety belt really saved me.

Later I did some research and found if the drivers or passengers did not use the safety belt they will be hurt badly, when the speed is just over 30 kilometer per hour, it is pretty slow. And the airbag will make it worse. I can’t imagine what will happen if I didn’t use the safety belt at that day. But I notice many people didn’t use the safety belt because of kinds of reason every day. It is very dangerous when the accident really happens!

Dear toastmasters today I'd like share my story, the lesson learned with the risk of my life just for one simple point. Please use the safety belt when you get into a car. The safety belt will really reduce the damage and save your life when you face the danger. This is serious, please explain the importance of the safety belt and encourage all your families, your friends to use it. Thank you.