**iToast Toastmaster Club 184**

**Minutes of the Meeting #271 held on March 12, 2017**

Location: PEO Room, Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Ave, Ames, IA 50010‎

**Attendees (15)**

**Members (12):** J. Ezequiel Guzmán, Kayoko Kimura, Cecilia Cabrera Hernández, Soham Pal, Mahesh Bhandari, Phil Barutha, Doris Santiago, Insook Wessels, Paul Valencia, Susmita Bhandari, Denusha Shrestha, and Gaurav Rawal.

**Guests (3):** Toshikazu Kawaguchi (1st, Kayoko’s), Nobutoshi Ebashi (1st, Kayoko’s), and Thang Tran (1st, Soham’s).

**Called to Order:** Insook Wessels **2:08 PM**

Insook Wessels, extended warm welcome to all members and guests, opened the meeting and introduced the toastmaster of the day.

**Toastmaster of the day:** Mahesh Bhandari

**Word of the day:** “Ominous” introduced by Cecilia Cabrera Hernandez

***Speaker #1:***  Doris Santiago

CC #2: Organize your speech.

*Title:* “Changes: How to deal with them?” (4’59”)

*Evaluated by Phil Barutha* (3’54”)

***Speaker #2:***  Gaurav Rawal

CC #1: Ice Breaker

*Title:* “My life story: How I ended up in the middle of the corn field” (4’49”)

*Evaluated by Soham Pal* (3’00”)

*Speaker #3*: Kayoko Kimura

*Title:* New educational system, Pathway (17’00” including Q&A)

**Table Topics Master:**  Mahesh Bhandari

Paul (1’54”), Soham (1’45”), Cecilia (1’00”), Thang (1’08”), Ezequiel (?), and Insook (1’15”)

**General Evaluator:** Paul Valencia

**Timer:** J.Ezequiel Guzman

**Word Master:** Cecilia Cabrera Hernandez

**Ah Counter:** Kayoko Kimura

**Grammarian:** Insook Wessels

**General Evaluator** Paul gave overall evaluation and returned control of the meeting to the toastmaster of the day.

**Award Master**: Kayoko Kimura

**Ah Monkey**: Soham Pal

**Enthusiastic Tiger:**  Mahesh Bhandari

**Helpful Panda:** Phil Barutha

**Joke of the day/Quote of the day:** Insook Wessels

**Education meeting was adjourned at 3:27pm.**

**Business Session conducted by President, Insook Wessels.**

1. **Minutes** of Feb.12 & 26, 2017 meetings: Approved as corrected and sent.
2. **VPE:** March-April schedule is posted in google calendar. Please check your roles.
3. **Treasurer:** Dues are due. Please pay Kayoko $51 either in check or cash. If you cannot pay today, please send a check to Kayoko Kimura, 2217 228th Place, Ames 50014 soon.
4. **Voting in of new members:** Kayoko Kimura moved to accept Susmita Bhandari, Gaurav Rawal, and Denusha Shrestha as our club’s new members. Mahesh Bhandari seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Induction of new members:** J. Ezequiel Guzman, VPM, conducted induction ceremony for Susmita, Gaurav, and Denusha.
6. **Area 74 Speech Contests:** Held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the Auditorium of the Ames Public Library. Kayoko won the 1st place of Table Topics and 2nd place of International Speech Contest. 1st and 2nd place winners of each contest will represent Area 74 at Division D Contests held on April 15 at the Urbandale Library from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.
7. **District 19 Spring Conference**: Will be held on April 28-29 at the Best Western Inn of Marshall Town. Kayoko will attend this Saturday. If you want to attend this, Kayoko can give you a ride.
8. **Award presentation:** Cecilia Cabrera Hernandez, VPE, handed J. Ezequiel Guzman with $10 District 19 Book store bucks and AC-G Ribbon for his achievement of AC-G.
9. **Replacement of SAA**: Betty Young has to leave from our club due to her other commitments. Mahesh Bhandari accepted to be the new SAA from now on.
10. **Membership campaign**: Kayoko announced the winner of this campaign. Since Mahesh Bhandari recruited 3 new members, he will receive Kayoko’s homemade cookies and cake (Kayoko forgot to bring them. They will be delivered to Mahesh’s place.). In addition, dues of Mahesh are waived.

Business session was adjourned at 3:46.

**Next meeting on March 26th:** TM (Insook) will contact J (?), W (Ivan), S (Sofia, Soham, and Susmita?), TT (Ahmad), and GE (Ezequiel). GE (Ezequiel) will contact T (Maria), E (Doris, Kayoko, and Mahesh), G (Roman), A (Roman), Award (?), and TM (Insook).