**Area 28 Motto-Teamwork makes, Dreams work!**

Area 28-Divn F organized its annual conference on March 2nd, 2018. 4 clubs participated, Discovery Gardens Toastmasters Club, JLT Toastmasters Club, Greens Dubai Toastmasters Club and GE Lot Toastmasters Club. We have a 5th club in our Area, Mastercard Toastmasters Club. As it was chartered in Jan 2018, they found it was too early for them to compete. They conveyed their apologies.

Our theme for the event was ‘Team work makes Dreams work.’ Why did we select this theme?

While public speaking is outward persona of a Toastmaster, team building is its inner core, says…. nobody, really. But I do believe so.

While learning the craft of public speaking one project at a time, our Toastmasters program also inculcates in us valuable lessons of team spirit. And these teams help us realize our dreams. If it is your dream to win a best speaker’s trophy, a team of mentor and mentee will help you realize that dream. As a TMOD, if you dream about hosting a vivacious, vibrant and virile club meeting, then you can’t do without a robust team of silent role-players. Our club ex-coms must work closely as a team to realize a dream of securing 10 on 10 DCP points. Won’t you agree?

In area 28, we took this team effort 1 step further. At annual club contests it is a dream of every club President that all its members should participate, so that competition will be tough and the best candidate from the club will move further to Area and Division level contests. However, if the best candidates are busy organizing the club contest, there is a problem. We found a solution to this dilemma. 3 Clubs in Area 28 hosted each other’s contest. This year Greens Dubai TMC hosted annual club contest of JLT TMC. JLT TMC hosted club contest of DGTC and Discovery Gardens TMC arranged club contest of Greens Dubai TMC. It was a wonderful experience.

Credit for this novel endeavor goes to our mentor DTM Deeps Surendran. Kudos to her and club Presidents TM Rehna Khalid-JLT TMC, TM Jenson George-Greens Dubai TMC and TM Rowena Neelakantan- Discovery Gardens TMC, for supporting this idea a showing splendid team spirit.

This arrangement improved member participation and freed all the club ex-coms and allowed them to participate freely. It was a wonderful experience. I hope other Areas and clubs learn from our experience.

Hence our motto is, Teamwork makes, Dreams Work.

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