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Behind the Scenes - From the Editorial Desk

Right from an impressionable age, I have been raised with one constant mantra – dream, and dream big - because, life is but a huge empty canvas, and the more you dream, the more vibrant your brush strokes become, and the resultant picture is “Beyond Imagination”.

Imagine Beyond - the theme that district PR has adopted for their tenure 2023-2024. A theme which reflects the aspirations of the District leaders, and a theme that gave the newsletter creative desk, ample play field to bring a visual that matched. What better place to explore the unknown, than "space" ! Our space analogy draws on the fact that there needs to be a strong foothold from where we start , in this case the legacy that our earlier leaders have left us, and the resources that we need to forge ahead and make history.. In this case, the skilled/ professional drivers of the various committees and the technology that we are leveraging to bring members closer and knowledge sharing easier.

105@105 - 105 days into this term and going strong, we bring to you this first edition of the district newsletter. In the ensuing pages, we present the goals that our leaders have set themselves for their term, how they intend to achieve it and also what they have achieved thus far....

Happy reading!

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Through Service, We Excel: The Vision

Reflecting on this 105th day of our term, I am truly humbled by the opportunity to serve as your District Director. I would like to share with you some thoughts for our future that align with Toastmasters' core values and our district's tagline, "Through Service, We Excel."

Vision

My vision for District 105 is one of growth, empowerment, and unity. I envision a district where every member not only achieves their personal and professional goals but also actively contributes to the growth of others. Let us become a community that thrives on mutual support and shared learning, where excellence is not just a goal but a way of life.

Goals

1. Member Empowerment: Let us work together to provide high-quality education programs, mentorship opportunities, and create a culture of continuous improvement so that every member can realize their full potential through Toastmasters.
2. Club Growth: Our district's growth is possible only through the strength of our clubs. I urge you to support and expand existing clubs and assist in the establishment of new ones making Toastmasters accessible to all.
3. Leadership Development: To excel in Toastmasters and life, leadership skills are essential. We need to grab opportunities that come our way and nurture a generation of confident and effective leaders.

Aspirations

My aspirations for District 105 are deeply rooted in our core values of Integrity, Respect, Service, and Excellence. I aspire to see every member living these values, both within Toastmasters and in their broader communities. Through service, we will excel not only in our public speaking and leadership spheres but also in our capacity to make a positive impact on the world.

In conclusion, I invite each of you to join me on this journey. Together, we will write a chapter in our District's history that reflects our commitment to growth, leadership, and the spirit of service in our united quest to achieve our vision, goals, and aspirations.

Yours in Service and Excellence



DTM Jameel Shakeel
District 105 Director

Engage, Excel, Elevate and Celebrate

The success of any effort, whether a collaborative project, the pursuit of a common goal, or professional cooperation, depends on the unity, empowerment, and elevation of the team involved. The team members will be capable of achieving more significant accomplishments collectively than Individually. They will integrate their unique perspectives, experiences, and talents to achieve even seemingly impossible common goals as a team.

As the Program Quality Director for the year 2023–24, I am enthusiastic about devoting my best efforts to fostering an environment that promotes mutual respect, inspiration, and personal growth for all the team members of District 105.

Our common goal is to uphold Toastmasters' four guiding principles: integrity, respect, service, and excellence. Each team member of the District is expected to contribute their own set of skills, experiences, and viewpoints for the growth of our newly restructured District 105. We all are unique and may have distinctly different perspectives and work styles. By recognizing and celebrating these differences, we can efficiently tap into the pool of diversity to foster the growth of the entire District.

Our goal is to ensure that the voyage is both enjoyable and enlightening, in line with the philosophy of our beloved founder, who stated, "We learn most in moments of enjoyment."

The Program Quality team commits to providing adequate resources and specialized training programs. Using the Flipped Classroom method of training.

Let us persevere with vigor and let the cumulative result of our collaborative efforts exceed what any of us could accomplish individually.

It is essential to remember that when the collective capabilities of a team are enhanced, we all engage positively and elevate our beloved District 105.



DTM Saiju Victor
Program Quality Director

Perceptions

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

The completion of the first 2 months as the Club Growth Director of District 105 has been an amazing journey, where I got an opportunity to interact with a lot of people across many countries. I came to know that they have excellent insights and strengths in their own field of work which we can utilize to good effect. The work could be hectic sometimes, but these are challenges that one has to encounter as a District leader.

The World Championship of Public Speaking 2023 in the Bahamas was a mesmerizing experience that I will cherish throughout my life. It got me connected to a world of passionate Toastmasters across the globe. The 2 days of leadership training and group discussions were very useful for me to perform my duties as a District Officer.

In our Toastmasters Fraternity, you are never alone. You will post something and someone who has had a similar experience will chime in with a thumbs up and sound advice. These connections can result in collaborations and knowledge-sharing resulting in solutions to most of your queries and doubts.

As District leaders, we are dedicated to the success of the members. We listen, respond, and help you find what you need in your Toastmasters journey. However, if we are not able to do it, we will work hard to get it for you.

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”

— William James



Cyprian Misquith, DTM
Club Growth Director

PRmote, Engage & InsPiRe

At District 105 Toastmasters, we firmly believe that imagination is the key to personal growth and success. It is through the power of imagination that we can transcend boundaries, embrace innovation, and create meaningful change in ourselves and our communities. We aim to encourage our members to explore new horizons, challenge their limits, and unlock their true potential. We truly believe that this will be achieved through effective communication, transparency, and building strong relationships within our community and beyond.

Our Vision to Action will be propelled by three distinct themes - PRmote, Engage, InsPiRe.

PRmote: Change is inevitable, so is learning in leadership.

A picture speaks greater than a thousand words - more so in this digital age. Hence the PR team has been constantly helping all the 130 clubs of District 105 create stunning posters by providing PRO tools and ensuring necessary guidance is given to the users.

Engage: The value in an idea lies in using it. – Thomas Edison

All the District members are constantly engaged with timely communication on the upcoming events and a glimpse of the events that have passed in the previous month. A comprehensive District calendar has been put down for better visibility and planning of the Club, Area and Division events.

InsPiRe: "Brains, like hearts, go where they are appreciated."--Robert McNamara

We believe that inspiration is the catalyst for personal and collective growth. Throughout the year, we will showcase the stories and achievements of our members, celebrating their successes and highlighting their journeys. By sharing these inspiring narratives, we hope to ignite the spark of possibility within others and motivate them to embark on their own transformative paths.



TM Avodai Nayagam
Public Relations Manager

As we embark on this exciting year, we invite you to join us on this journey of personal growth, exploration, and collaboration. Whether you are a current member, prospective member, or simply interested in learning more about Toastmasters, we welcome you to be part of our community. Together, let's PRmote, Engage, and insPiRe as we imagine beyond our perceived limitations and unlock a world of endless possibilities.

Navigating Financial Leadership

In May 2023, the newly elected District Director provided me with this challenging opportunity of Finance Manager for District 105. A role that I have embraced with the support of the District Trio!

My role as Finance Manager is to collaborate closely with the District Director, Program Quality Director, and Club Growth Director to ensure that the District 105 is making cost-effective decisions—within the policy framework of TMI that results in effective fiscal management.

I will be playing a pivotal role in ensuring the financial health and stability of the district finances. My primary mission is to manage the financial resources of District 105 efficiently and transparently. This entails safeguarding the district's finances, optimizing resource allocation, and fostering a culture of financial responsibility. Financial Stewardship focusses on maintaining a balanced budget, ensuring that income meets or exceeds expenses, tracking revenues and expenses meticulously, identifying areas for cost savings, and overseeing financial transactions.

Strategic planning and collaborating with district leaders is vital to align financial strategies with the district's strategic plan. Timely feedback and insights will help prioritize educational, training, and member services goals. My role is to promote fiscal transparency by providing regular financial reports to district leaders and council members which will help the district and empower members to make informed decisions. Effective allocation of resources is crucial to support district programs, contests, events and to enhance member experience and help clubs thrive. It is also important to identify and mitigate financial risks and ensure compliance with Toastmasters International financial policies and procedures.



TM Sandeep Mohite
Finance Manager

Finally, as the Finance Manager of Toastmasters District 105, I believe that this position will undoubtedly provide possibilities for personal and professional development, networking, and the opportunity to make a significant contribution to the Toastmasters community. I embrace this role with dedication and will play a vital part in the district's continued success.

What Next?

This question popped up in my mind early this year when I was cruising towards the end of my term as the Division N Director.

Here onwards, what does Toastmasters have in store for me?

And just then DTM Jameel Shakeel, the incoming District Director called me up and asked me whether I was interested in taking up the role of the District 105 Administration Manager for the year 2023-24. I thought for a while and said yes. And let me admit, I would have regretted it if I had said no to this wonderful opportunity. I have learnt so many new things and am enjoying working with the fellow members of the district team.

Oscar De La Hoya says, "There is always space for improvement, no matter how long you've been in the business."

This statement resonates beautifully with me. I had joined Toastmasters to learn leadership and communication skills and I feel that the role of administration manager will help me tremendously in this journey of self-development.

This is my first time in the district team and as the Administration Manager I am witnessing how Toastmasters works, how a dedicated team of district officers works to make Toastmasters an enriching and satisfying experience for every single member.

As an administration manager, my duty is to assist in completing the district success plan, help in conducting district executive committee and district executive council meetings and in general help the team in achieving educational and club growth milestones.

As the administration manager, I will endeavor to make the process of communication between the district team and the divisions, areas and clubs hassle free. I want to work around logistics so that we develop an efficient system of communication within the district, which enables us to spend more time on working on our skills and less on organizational logistics.

Rainer Maria Rilke says, "the only journey is the one within", and I totally agree with it. We need to continuously look within ourselves and figure out how we can contribute to the cause of Toastmasters. I am trying to do this, I am trying to live up to our district vision, "Through Service We Excel".



TM Namratha Pandey
Administration Manager

كيف تصبح انسان افضل

إذا كانت لديك الرغبة في أن تضيف جديداً إلى الوجود، وأن تحدث فرقاً في العالم الذي تعيش فيه.

إذا كانت لديك الرغبة في أن تكون نسخة أفضل من نفسك، وتقبل على الحياة بنفس إيجابية معطاءة.

حينها يتعين عليك اكتساب مهارات التواصل والقيادة، مهارات تجعلك قادراً على التحدث بطلاقة، وعرض أفكارك على الآخرين بأسلوب شيق وجذاب، ومهارات تجعلك مبادراً، وحكيماً، وناقداً بأدب واعتدال.

هل سمعت عن مكان يمنحك ذلك كله، ودون أن تتكلف الكثير لاكتسابه، تحتاج فقط إلى الإرادة والمثابرة لفعل ذلك؟

هل سمعت عن أندية التوستماسترز الخطابية، التي تمنحك الفرصة لتتحدث بطلاقة، وتتحلى بالثقة الكافية التي تجعلك تقف أمام الجمهور، وتحدثهم عن أفكارك و رؤيتك ، بل وتلهمهم.

في تلك الأندية، ستجد أصدقاء يشاركونك الهدف، تتعدد مشاريعهم وثقافتهم، بل ودرجاتهم العلمية كذلك، لكن المميز فيهم أنهم يعلمون بعضهم بعضاً ؛ فلا أستاذ هناك ولا تلميذ، فالكل يتعلم من الكل، ثم إنهم يشجعونك دائماً، ويحفزونك لتمضي قدماً، والأهم من ذلك كله أنهم يستمعون إليك بشغف.

ابحث اليوم عن ناد من أندية التوستماسترز لتنضم إليه، فربما لو بحثت قليلاً ستجد نادياً في مدينتك أو بلدك، وهي أندية تتعدد فيها اللغات، فمنها من يعتمد الإنجليزية كلغة خطاب، ومنها من يعتمد اللغة العربية، ومنها كذلك من يعتمد لغات أخرى، إيماناً من منظمة التوستماسترز العالمية بتعدد الثقافات واللغات، الأمر الذي لا يجب أن يكون عائقاً أمام النمو الشخصي والقدرة على الإلهام.



TM Salem Said Al Alawi
Arabic Chair

إذا انضمت يوماً إلى ناد من أندية التوستماسترز فعلى الأغلب ستشكرني، لأنك ستجد بيئة لطيفة إيجابية جاذبة، وأصدقاء رائعين ومميزين، سيشكلون جزءاً من حياتك وعالمك.

بيئة نادي التوستماسترز محفزة فعلاً، وستساعدك على النمو والتطور ولكن..

ولكن شريطة أن تكون لديك الرغبة الحقيقية لذلك، وأن تتسلح بإرادة صادقة، وتجعل المثابرة والاستمرار سلوكاً ثابتاً ومتأصلاً فيك.

إذا بحثت عن التوستماسترز فلن تضل الطريق، وتأكد أن جمهورك ينتظرك.

Driving a Culture of Excellence

As we approach the 105th day of our leadership journey this Toastmasters year, it gives us a chance to reflect on our vision, dedication and the role each one of us plays in District 105.

Toastmasters represents professional growth and District 105 motto, "Through Service We Excel " emphasizes this belief. Service is not just an action; it is a commitment, a promise we make to ourselves and our community. While serving the District 105 community as the Logistics Manager, my goal has always been to ensure operations, timely deliveries and effective communication. However, beyond these aspects lies the core of my vision; inspiring through service.

At Toastmasters, our vision goes beyond speaking; it encompasses the lasting impact we create with every word spoken. My aspirations within the district revolve around two pillars. Firstly, I aim to make every event and interaction seamless by providing members with the tools and platforms to showcase their potential. Secondly, I strive to act as a bridge that enables experiences of inspiring individuals to step outside their comfort zones and turn every challenge into an opportunity for growth.

The significance of our roles in District 105 cannot be underestimated.

At every level of our organization, whether you're a team member or an experienced leader, each individual has the ability to drive change, foster growth and promote innovation. As we continue on this path, my aim is to create a culture of excellence that permeates through all levels. We should not only excel in our roles but also inspire others to do the same. I envision a district where the spirit of service is not a slogan but an integral part of our daily lives.

To all members of District 105, I urge you to share your visions, aspirations and goals. Let's not only gain knowledge from one another but also motivate and uplift each other as we progress together.

With commitment and devotion.



TM Safiya Al Yarabi
Logistics Manager

What's on our Dashboard?

We embark on, every Toastmasters' calendar year, a new journey with goals in our minds and on our dashboards. Striving for excellence, we achieve more and miss a few. The best part of it is we don't give up but reset and resurge. So, what's on our dashboard?

This Toastmasters year i.e. 2023-24 is not just special, but extravagant. Why? We are celebrating the 100 Anniversary of Toastmasters International. It's a wonderful opportunity for our newly reformed District 105 to create an indelible mark by putting our best foot forward. My vision is to see our District 105 in the top 10 districts at the end of its 1st year journey. My role is to provide the right data and information to our District 105 Teams at the right time to make the best strategic decisions in making the dream of our District Director, Jameel Shakeel, DTM i.e., to achieve at least the Select Distinguished District recognition, a reality. Our D105 team is all set to support the existing clubs in achieving their goals and members in becoming their better versions.

The first step to make this journey an enriching experience is to prepare the Club Success Plan aligning our member's goals following the guidelines of D105 District Success Plan. The club officers are empowered to access this tool in the Club Central. The members can monitor their progress in the Pathways Base Camp and club's progress on the Toastmasters International portal. The revamped Toastmasters International website is a storehouse of knowledge and expertise. Our D105 vision is 'Through Service, We Excel'. Let's first strengthen our clubs, then our area and division. Our District 105 can reach new heights with the progress of all members and clubs.



Suryakant Kirloskar, DTM
Dashboard Analyst

It's time to spread the benefits of the amazing Toastmasters Program in our organizations by starting new corporate clubs. We can motivate our colleagues to get together and start community clubs with like-minded friends. Let's create more awareness about the benefits of the Toastmasters program across the platforms and encourage new guests to join corporate, community or open-for-all Toastmasters clubs in the proximity.

We will find a revamped purpose when we see what's on our dashboard to make D105's first year journey successful.

Building on the Legacy

"Continuity gives us roots, change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights"

July 1st could be a regular day for most people, but from a Toastmasters perspective, it is absolutely the contrary.

It is a day that marks new beginnings, a day that introduces new teams, and a day to jot down new chapters and experiences. Any new beginning commences from another beginning's end, and the obstacles and challenges experienced before could be the gateways to new successes and achievements.

All leaders who served a position last term, be it at the club level or up to the district level, have contributed immensely to the growth and sustainability of our fraternity.

That journey has absolutely enriched our experience with lessons and skills to move forward to the next level. Yet, as we progress into our new endeavours, it is our utmost duty to support, guide, and assist the new leadership teams along the way.

Our job has not ended on June 30th but it has transformed and been elevated to a higher mission. The objective now is to support the new generation of leaders to sustain and grow the success legacy and also to ensure that those missed growth opportunities are properly utilised this time. It is also vitally important to ensure best practices that led to accolades and achievements by the members and clubs last term are implemented as well.

The things we do for ourselves are gone when we are gone, but the things we do for others remain as our legacy.

What legacy are we aspiring to build this year? How are we going to live up to the fraternity's tagline "Where leaders are made" and become the catalyst for positive change?

I invite each one of you to reach out to your successors, ignite that spark of excitement and commitment that would encourage them towards progression and growth.

Let us all work together and be their beacon of hope and guidance, to continue this amazingly rewarding voyage towards remarkable excellence.

Wishing you all a successful 2023-2024 Toastmasters year.



Rania Abul Rub, DTM
Immediate Past
District Director

The Spirit of Service

As your District Parliamentarian, my aspiration is deeply rooted in District's vision for the year; Through Service We Excel. The core of my aspirations lies in providing guidance, integrity and upholding the principles that define Toastmasters.

First and foremost, my primary goal is to ensure that every meeting, conference and event reflects fairness, transparency and adherence to the Toastmasters constitution. By committing to this principle, I envision a District where every member feels heard, valued and confident knowing that their rights and interests are protected by established procedures.

Education is key to empowerment. As your Parliamentarian I am dedicated to organizing workshops and training sessions aimed at demystifying the rules and regulations that govern our organization. By enlightening our members about procedures, we not only maintain the dignity and efficiency of our meetings but also equip members with skills that extend beyond their involvement in Toastmasters.

Furthermore, I strive to be a source of support for the leadership team, by making decisions that drive our district towards excellence. This beneficial relationship, built on trust and understanding will ensure that our combined efforts are aligned with the interests of our members.

Lastly in my role I strive to inspire members to embrace positions of service emphasizing that it is in serving others that we truly shine, grow and make contributions to the good. Let us always remember that every role we take or every responsibility we assume and every act of service we undertake – no matter how small – contributes to the tapestry of our District's legacy.

By embracing service not only do we excel as individuals, we also uplift our entire District. Together, let us champion the spirit of service and set District 105 on a path towards excellence.



Gurbinder Punj, DTM
Parliamentarian, for
District 105

Nurturing Excellence Through Resilience

My journey into the world of Toastmasters began in February 2015. It was a friend's encouragement that initially piqued my interest back in 2010, but for nearly five years, I made excuses, hesitant to venture into a club meeting. However, the day I finally stepped into a Toastmasters gathering as a guest, I discovered something truly transformative.

Toastmasters was more than just a platform for improving public speaking skills; it was a place where personal and professional development thrived. I witnessed countless success stories of individuals conquering their barriers, transforming from reserved speakers into confident leaders. These tales of personal growth and transformation inspired me to embark on my journey of leadership development within Toastmasters.

Over the years, I took on various roles within my club, stepping into leadership positions and embracing the opportunities for growth and development. It was during my time as an Area Director that I encountered a turning point – a moment that exemplified my leadership philosophy.

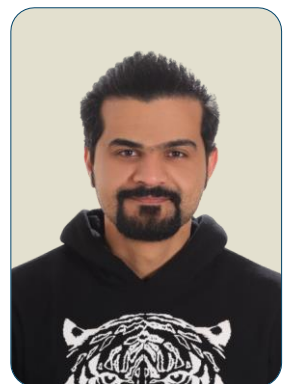
Leadership, as I learned, isn't solely about basking in the glory of achievements and successes. It's about taking full responsibility, even in the face of challenges and failures. It's about clear and specific communication, ensuring that every member's voice is heard and valued.

As the Division A Director, I've had the privilege of leading by example, embodying qualities of humility, sincerity, and unwavering support for each member. My leadership philosophy centers on being close to everyone within our Division, understanding their unique journeys, and being there to provide guidance and encouragement.

Looking ahead, I envision expanding Toastmasters' presence beyond Jordan's capital city, Amman. Our goal is to ensure that the benefits of Toastmasters reach every corner of Division A.

On a long-term horizon, I aspire to lay the foundation for a larger expansion within the Division, creating new opportunities for growth and development. This journey, which began with my personal transformation, continues with my dedication to nurturing excellence in every Toastmaster within Division A.

I invite you all to join us on this remarkable journey, where compassionate leadership, resilience, and inclusivity converge to foster personal and collective growth. Together, we will shape the future of Division A, creating a brighter and more inclusive Toastmasters community.



TM Mohammad Basheer
Division A Director

Fostering Diversity and Inclusion Towards Excellence

With great excitement and humility, I assume the role of Division Director for Division B. As I embark on this journey with my dedicated team of exceptional leaders, we are committed to the core values of Toastmasters: integrity, respect, service, and excellence. Our District tagline, "Through Service We Excel," resonates deeply with our collective aspirations for the term.

Our vision is to foster an environment where every member is inspired and empowered to reach their full potential. Division B will stand as a beacon of what Toastmasters can achieve with dedicated leadership.

We are committed to leading by example, ensuring that we are responsive and approachable leaders for Division B. Through active engagement with clubs, we aim to provide the essential resources and guidance our members need to flourish.

Education is the cornerstone of personal growth and we aim to enhance our educational programs by encouraging diverse and engaging club meetings, supported by workshops, mentoring, and collaborative events fostering a continuous learning environment for our members' mutual benefit.

At the heart of Toastmasters lies inclusivity. We are dedicated to fostering an environment where every member in Division B feels valued and respected, irrespective of their background or experience. Together, we will excel by supporting each other's growth and success.

Our dream extends beyond Division B's success within District 105. We aspire to see our members not only excel in their Toastmasters journey but also make a positive impact beyond our organization. By nurturing strong leaders within our Division, we aim to extend our influence to the larger community, embodying the spirit of service and excellence.

With your unwavering support and dedication, we are sure to come out with flying colors.

Here's to a remarkable journey ahead. We eagerly anticipate witnessing Division B soar to new heights!



Nidhi Bhandari, DTM
Division B Director

Working Towards a Unified Vision

In the role of Division Director, one presents a visionary perspective that embraces the cherished ambitions and objectives held dear in the toastmaster's community. My vision in this leadership role is rooted in four fundamental principles, all with the shared purpose of fostering a dynamic and supportive atmosphere for each member within our clubs.

Enlightening the quest of new members: The first and foremost goal is to ensure that new members are well-informed about the tremendous advantages of being part of the Toastmasters community. We are not just a club; we are a supportive network of individuals committed to personal and professional growth. It is my aspiration to make certain that every new member feels welcomed, valued, and aware of the vast opportunities for development that lie ahead within Toastmasters.

Celebrating achievements: Our division's success is built on the dedication and hard work of our members and club officers. Recognizing and celebrating their achievements, whether they are significant milestones or small victories, is paramount. This not only motivates them but also inspires others to strive for excellence. Let us take every opportunity to applaud and honor those who contribute to our collective success because, together, we achieve greatness.

Quality Education Programs: A fundamental pillar of our division's success is the provision of a high-quality education program. I am deeply committed to ensuring that our clubs offer the best possible learning experiences. Working together, we will provide a diverse range of educational resources, mentoring, and opportunities for members to develop their leadership and communication skills.

Fun-Filled Learning: Learning should be an enjoyable journey, and I want every member to find joy in their development. Toastmaster's meetings are more than just speeches and evaluations; they are about building camaraderie, confidence, and having a good time. Let's infuse enthusiasm and laughter into our gatherings, making our clubs vibrant places of growth and connection.

In conclusion, together, we will educate, celebrate, provide quality education, and have a blast along the way. Let's make this year a remarkable one for the division, and together, we will rise to new heights of personal and professional development.

In Toastmasters spirit



TM Pooja Kumar
Division C Director

Passion, Learning and Giving Back

Thanks to my long journey with Toastmasters, I have enriched my skill sets in networking, communication and leadership. As a result, my career curve has been on the ascent.

This is the reason why I am passionate about taking the benefits of Toastmasters to a wider group. My desire to serve this esteemed organization as a Division Director, springs from two roots causes i.e., self-mastery and service. While it is a challenging task to be a Division Director, I believe that success is inevitable if we have clear targets and goals to improve the way members are learning and enhance the marketing for Toastmasters events within the clubs. These two goals are the most important to help enrich the member experience and increase membership.

My aim is to provide training sessions on basecamp and pathways so that the members, especially the new members, are able to reap the benefits of the Toastmasters educational program fully. I also would like to take the marketing of all the clubs inside Division D to a different level. Focusing on this will definitely help all the members bring more people to the clubs, and it will definitely motivate the members to deliver more speeches.

The most important factor is the fun element in the meetings and I am of the opinion that it is vitally important for our team to explore every possible way to make every meeting both enjoyable and educational.

With the help of the District team, and with the help of all members of my core team, I am sure we will be able to create positive changes in Division D. I am sure, with the availability of these wonderful people in my team, we will be able to achieve our targets with joy and laughter..



TM Yousuf Al Abri
Division D Director

Elevating Excellence Through Service

As this journey starts, I'm eager to share my vision for division E, intertwined with the district 105 vision: "Through Service, We Excel." Together, we will strive to create an environment that nurtures personal growth, empowers leaders, and celebrates success.

A Vision of Vibrancy: I envision a vibrant division where every Toastmaster is not only a proficient public speaker but also a capable leader, where clubs thrive as supportive communities, and every member's journey is valued. Through service to our members and clubs, we will excel together.

Goal-Oriented Service: To materialize this vision, we shall focus on three core objectives:

Club Expansion and Enhancement: Our journey involves not only the growth of new clubs within our division but also a dedicated focus on enriching the existing clubs experience. By doing so, we aim to ensure that everyone could harness the transformative power of Toastmasters.

Member Engagement: Through service-driven initiatives, we will curate inspiring events, dynamic workshops, and tailored sessions to cater the diverse needs and interests of our members, ensuring their continued engagement and growth.

Leadership Nurturing: My goal is to cultivate a pipeline of leaders by providing opportunities for members to assume district leadership roles. Through their service, we will ensure a legacy of leadership excellence.

Aspirations of Unity: I aim to create a division where each member feels cherished and empowered, with service at our core. Members will flourish as communicators and leaders, creating positive impacts both within and beyond Toastmasters.

The Impact We Seek: My goal is to fortify our division's essence. Through unwavering service to clubs and members. I envision each member discovering belonging, growth, and success. Division E shall stand as an excellence beacon in Toastmasters International, echoing District 105's service commitment.

I invite you to join us on this remarkable journey where service is our cornerstone of success. Together, we'll bring our vision to life, and create an inspiring district that empowers everyone to reach their full potential through the gift of service.

With unwavering commitment



TM Asma Al Senani
Division E Director

When the Odyssey Ahead Beckons

As I assume the role of Division F Director, I find myself both deeply humbled and exhilarated. This position presents a unique and cherished opportunity to illuminate the path of our members with a resplendent beacon of purpose, audacious goals, and unwavering guidance. I invite you to join us on this remarkable journey where service is our cornerstone of success. Together, we'll bring our vision to life, and create an inspiring district that empowers everyone to reach their full potential through the gift of service.

Foremost among these is my steadfast commitment to nurture the flourishing of our division. I envision a rich tapestry of thriving clubs, each adorned with a robust and vibrant membership, and an environment teeming with the relentless pursuit of knowledge. To bring this dream to fruition, I shall forge intimate alliances with our club leaders, reinforcing their ranks through membership drives, illuminating pathways via mentorship programs, and sowing the seeds of new clubs. Together, we shall cultivate an expansive Toastmasters community, offering individuals the canvas upon which to paint their personal and professional growth.

In the second pillar, I place unwavering faith in the transformative power of continuous development. I yearn to witness our members evolve into eloquent communicators and sagacious leaders. To manifest this aspiration, I will concentrate my energies on elevating club meetings to symphonies of inspiration, orchestrating resounding educational events, and expertly choreographing the dance of leadership training. Through these concerted efforts, I ardently aim to unlock the untapped reservoirs of potential within our members.

Finally, my compass remains fixed on leaving an indelible imprint on Division F. I envision our members not only excelling within the cocoon of Toastmasters but soaring beyond, disseminating their honed skills and experiences across the broader community.



Dr. Rajulal Rafeek, DTM
Division F Director

By promoting a spirit of community outreach and fostering collaborations, we shall harness our communication and leadership prowess to engineer waves of positive transformation that ripple far beyond the confines of our club meetings.

In conclusion, my vision as Division F Director is one of ascension, enlightenment, and transcendence. With unwavering dedication, I pledge to walk shoulder to shoulder- with our devoted members and leaders in pursuit of these lofty objectives. Together, we shall kindle the fires of excellence, empower individuals to scale new peaks and carve a legacy in our communities. The journey ahead beckons and I am brimming with eagerness to witness the transformation we shall catalyze within Division F of District 105.

Facing Limitless Possibilities as a Team

Over the years, I have borne witness to the incredible power of teamwork and dedication within our Toastmasters community. It is a privilege to be a part of this vibrant journey of personal and professional growth.

In Toastmasters, teamwork transcends being a mere concept; it is a way of life. It represents the harmonious synergy that arises when individuals of diverse skills, backgrounds, and experiences unite for a common purpose. It is the combined endeavor that ensures every member has the opportunity to flourish and prosper.

Teamwork stands as the cornerstone of Toastmasters' achievements. Our clubs, areas, divisions, and districts are all intricately connected, operating in unison to attain shared objectives. As we embark upon this new Toastmasters year, I wish to underscore the immense significance of collaboration within our teams.

The pursuit of excellence in our Toastmasters journey inherently makes us more valuable contributors to our fellow members and our broader community. When we embrace the spirit of service, it propels us toward excellence. Service entails the generous sharing of our knowledge, the offering of guidance, and active participation in the growth of others. Through this, we not only aid our fellow members but also refine our own skills and understanding. Excellence and service are not hollow catchphrases but rather guiding principles that illuminate our path.

In conclusion, Together, we shall continue to pursue excellence through service, enriching not only our lives but also the lives of those around us.

As we journey forward in the realm of Toastmasters, let us keep in our hearts the profound impact that teamwork and dedication can have on our division and our individual odysseys.

Let us persevere in our collaboration, support one another, and devote ourselves to our shared mission of empowering individuals to become effective communicators and leaders.

I am genuinely excited about the limitless possibilities that lie ahead and eagerly anticipate the remarkable achievements that our teams will undoubtedly accomplish in the forthcoming months.



Praveen Panicker, DTM
Division G Director

Stand out or Fit in

“There are good leaders who actively guide and bad leaders who actively misguide. Hence, leadership is about persuasion, presentation and people skills.”

- SHIV KHERA, author, motivational speaker

As the Division H Director, I believe in the adage that a useful vision has to be rooted in your past, address the future, and deal with today's realities. It represents who you are and what you stand for. It inspires you, and the people whose commitment you need, to make constructive changes towards a future you all want to see.

As a leader who symbolizes the core values of Toastmasters International, I firmly advocate the values of integrity, dedication to excellence, service to the members and respect for the individuals. It is essential that we rightfully portray the District 105 tagline - Through service we excel being the leaders of District 105.

My vision as the Division H leader is to create a learning platform for the members wherein, they feel empowered to face the challenges of the 21st century with aplomb and judiciousness. A vision statement provides guidance and motivation, thus, keeping the team united and inspiring them to overcome challenges with a shared philosophy.

Setting a goal is another important perspective of leadership. A leader without a goal is akin to a rudderless ship lacking any sense of direction at all. Goal setting can keep your thoughts focused, direct your energy and inspire the hope that is needed to move through and beyond moments of despair. A leader, I believe, should be a visionary who is able to keep the team and its members spirited and passionate towards fulfillment of the goals.

Have you ever wondered why some people are so good at fulfilling their dreams and living a life of purpose? What is their 'secret mantra' of success?

Some people would say that all you need to do is work hard to achieve what you want in life. Yet, others feel there are those born with access and that they are given all the breaks in life. However, statistics demonstrate that those who create goals and have a regular and consistent goal-setting process are much more likely to achieve their life's dreams.

As leaders, let us keep the flame of learning and collaboration ablaze with the values of empathy, humility and perseverance.



TM Ann Thomas
Division H Director

Virtual to Vibrant: Join the Celebration

We are extremely honoured and happy to announce the DTAC 2024 through this newsletter aptly titled "Imagine Beyond"! The DTAC 2024 (District Toastmasters Annual Conference) of our new district 105 is going to be special in many ways.

Most important, this is going to be the first District annual conference of our baby district 105. Even though we retained the district number as 105, we are still new, young, with bubbling energy and excitement at the same time little anxious of the future. Indeed, with the zest that each one of the members possess, complemented by the commitment our district/ division/ area/ club officers bring, the future will definitely be exciting and bright.

The second reason the DTAC 2024 is going to be special because, we will have the much-awaited face to face in person contest and conference after 4 years of online meetings and contests due to Covid related restrictions.

Are you excited to meet your fellow Toastmasters in a friendly, fun filled and exciting 2 days of DTAC 2024...? Then please block your calendar for the DTAC 2024 weekend in May 2024, and book your tickets to Muscat in advance. (For those members from Oman, block your calendar so that you can be part of the welcoming team. The exact dates will be announced soon.

The third reason this DTAC is going to be special is because the DTAC is coming back to Oman after 5 years. The Omani people and Toastmasters in Oman are famous and well known for our warm hospitality. So, we wait with extended arms to welcome our fellow Toastmasters to Muscat to enjoy DTAC 2024.

Friends, join us, and be part of the conference that every Toastmaster in the region looks forward to like a pilgrimage every year. And finally, we are putting together a lovely program for 2 days filled with learning, fun, and many other events and occasions to remember for.

Exciting contests, world class educational sessions and keynote address, mouthwatering delicious cuisine and other activities are only tip of the iceberg.

So, what are you waiting for...?

Join the conference as a role player, as a participant, or as a contributor by visiting the DTAC website:

<https://www.district105.org/dtac-2024/>

Or simply, email us at dtacOman2024@gmail.com.

See you during DTAC 2024.



Girish Kumar, DTM
DTAC 2024 Chairman

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