



(Club No: 8141/51)

A President's Distinguished Club since 2003

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### Editor's Notes



Just a blink of eye and we are already in April of 2010. Months have since passed and most of us have already settled into 2010, carrying out our plans and resolutions for the year. For Toastmasters, this also marks the last quarter of 2009/ 2010 term. This is the time where we see the months of hard work and effort turning into real results. I am glad to report that our club is making great progress in achieving 10 DCP points for 2009/ 2010 term. Let's keep up the good work and make our club a Distinguished Club again!

In this issue, you will find the story of Money Mastery-KL Toastmasters Club- how it all started. We also have an exclusive interview with the pillar of our club- Distinguished Toastmaster Francis Ng. It is always pleasing to meet and learn from an inspiring figure.

As always, we welcome any feedback and comment from our readers. We promise we will listen to them attentively.

Now, let's enjoy the newsletter!



Some pictures from our previous club meetings

## Message from The Club President



By Liew Siew Yin, Club President

# Sweet Memories

Time flies. My presidential term is ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Reminiscence, reflection and remembrance. I am truly honored and grateful for the privilege to serve as Money Mastery-KL Toastmasters club's president. Being the President gave me a wonderful opportunity to develop, practice and enhance my leadership skills. I learned to plan, organize, delegate, provide constructive feedback, set goals, monitor progress, manage time, facilitate, follow up and recognize members for their efforts and contribution. The beautiful part is I get to apply what I have learned here in all areas of my life.

***Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass...it's about learning how to dance in the rain.*** There are challenges in leading the club and the executive committee (exco), meeting the performance standards as the Club President, making the club dynamic and ensuring the club achieves its President Distinguished Club status. However, I received overwhelming support and assistance from my dedicated exco, experienced Toastmasters and committed members. They helped me sail through the storms to dance in the rain. I am truly grateful and blessed for being able to experience "Friends Helping Friends Succeed". Thank you for the opportunity to serve the club. Thank you for all the sweet memories. It is definitely an enriching and rewarding experience.

You have heard this many times before... ***"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand"***. Being a leader is like that. Leadership skills cannot be acquired simply by reading or attending leadership courses. You will only learn by serving in positions where you can practice them. By serving as a club officer, you will experience the magical transformation of becoming a purposeful and confident leader.

The club officers' election for 2010/ 2011 will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010. I would like to urge all of you to step forward to serve as a club officer. We only have 7 'openings', so grab this golden opportunity to continue to learn and grow. Trust me, the rewards are tremendous.

***"The only ones amongst you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve"*** - Humanitarian Albert Schweitzer

***The heart that gives, gathers*** – Marianne Moore

So, be the next club officer for 2010/ 2011 and see you in the new executive committee!

# *Money Mastery KL Toastmasters Club*

## *- How it All Started*

by Haji Naburi, CC, CL.

I was one of the participants of the Money Mastery Boot Camp held in January 2002 at Renaissance Hotel, KL. About 300 participants attended the 3D2N Boot Camp organized by Money Mastery. Presently Money Mastery is known as Mastery Asia under the Quest group of companies, a human development organization.

The principal trainers were its founder, K C See and a Canadian Gerry Roberts, the writer of the best-selling Book, "Millionaire Mindset".

At the closing of the Boot Camp, K C and Gerry Roberts recommended that the graduates of the Boot Camp form a Toastmasters Club as a platform for continuous learning to enhance our communication skills and improve our public speaking ability as part of the necessary ingredients to achieve success in whatever fields of endeavour we choose in our life.

On the 27th July 2002, K C invited the Boot Camp graduates to attend a demo meeting of Toastmasters at the Bankers Club in Amoda Building Jalan Imbi. The meeting was conducted by members of the KL Advance Toastmasters Club, led by DTM Geoff Andrew. About 30 people attended the meeting.

After the demo meeting, a protem committee of MMKLTMC was elected comprising of me as President, Chong Huey Yee as VPE, Francis Ng as Secretary.



***Haji Naburi***

I was then living in Ipoh. I had to travel 130km to KL to chair the meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, at the Grand Paradise Hotel, in Brickfields.

At the beginning, when we were at our infancy stage, we were assisted by a number of Clubs, the likes of Bangsar Toastmasters, KL Advance, MIM. The few notable toastmasters who deserve mention as they are still our friends and mentors till today are Lakhmichand (Lucky); Geoff Andrew; Low Yat Seow; Richard; Stephen Gomez the past DG, and many more whom I forgot their names. Please forgive me.

I must congratulate and express my profound appreciation and gratitude to the founder members of the club who are still members until today. They are Francis Ng, the pillar of the club, Chong Huey Yee, Tan Ben Hoe, M K Low, Cindy Foong, Alwin Chuah. They have served the club with full commitment, loyalty and selflessness to make the club one of the top clubs in District 51. We achieved Distinguished Club in our first year, and from the second year on, President's Distinguished Club until today.

Kudos and congratulations to all members of the Club. Keep it up!

## Interview with Francis Ng



By Victor Wan, ACB,  
CL

Once in awhile, we stumble upon a precious gem and get the good fortune to keep it. We have such a gem in our club... Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) Francis Ng!

He joined Money Mastery-KL Toastmasters Club in our charter year of 2002. His commitment and dedication to the club and Toastmasters movement helped the club achieve many milestones in Toastmasters. He is a full-time Toastmaster and would even cancel his 'money-making' appointments if he has committed to anything Toastmasters.

He has helped the club gain the reputation of an awesome club to belong to and we have consistently achieved President's Distinguished Club status since the term 2003/2004.

We decided to interview this precious gem for this issue and here are some words of wisdom from our very own one-in-a-million, DTM Francis ...

**Victor** : How did you come to know about Toastmasters program?

**Francis** : *I heard of Toastmasters from the Money Mastery boot-camps. In all the boot-camps, the trainers always encouraged us to attend at least one Toastmasters Club meeting to check it out. Sometime in the year 2002, we decided to form one, ourselves.*



**Francis Ng**

**Victor** : Were you were a charter member and did you hold any position in the charter committee?

**Francis** : *Yes and I was also the charter secretary. There were 25 charter members and 5 of us are still around today.*

**Victor** : Were there any challenges during the chartering of Money-Mastery-KL Toastmasters Club?

**Francis** : *I don't recall any major challenges. However, after we were chartered and very late into the term 2002/2003, we found out about the goals needed in the Distinguished Club Program. Fortunately, due to the dedication and commitment of the members back then, we managed to finish the term with Distinguished Club status. That was a great achievement.*



***I strongly believe in the concept of GIVING and sincerely want to give back what I've gain which is so much more.***

**Victor :** We can see that you are very passionate and enthusiastic about serving in the Toastmasters community. Why and what make you do that?

**Francis :** *I've personally grown and benefited so much from being a Toastmaster. I've also seen many people progressed from their involvement in the program. So many Toastmasters have guided me during these years on my journey. I strongly believe in the concept of GIVING and sincerely want to give back what I've gain which is so much more.*

**Victor :** We learn about leadership in Toastmasters. What is different about leadership in Toastmasters compared to leadership in a corporate organization?

**Francis :** *Toastmasters is a non-profit organization. We practice service leadership. We are not paid and we 'serve to lead'. We must be able to convince our team to commit to our vision and values and willingly follow us to achieve these goals. In a corporate organization, in most cases, one of the strong motivating factors is financial, likely win/lose situation.*

**Victor :** What makes a good service leader?

**Francis :** *We learned this in our High Performance Leadership project. A good service leader is one who is effective in six major areas or dimensions.*

**Victor :** How did the club get its Money Mastery-KL Toastmasters name?

**Francis :** *The idea of starting a Toastmasters Club was initiated during one of the Money Mastery boot-camps. It was with the strong support and sponsorship of the company that we were able to charter the club. Obviously, we took the Money Mastery name. We added 'KL' as we also planned to have a sister club in Singapore, which was chartered a few months later.*

**Victor :** What made you joined Toastmasters?

**Francis :** *My mentor, Gerry Roberts encouraged me to join. You do what your mentor asks of you, right?*

They are:

1. *Vision and Values*
2. *Direction*
3. *Persuasion*
4. *Support*
5. *Development*
6. *Appreciation*

**Victor** : What do you think was the most challenging club/district officer position for you?



**Francis** : *All positions have their own unique challenges. The thing about our organization is that we get into leadership position, not because we know how to do it. We get into it to learn and we have only 1 year to do it. It is dealing with people that is the most challenging.*

**Victor** : You were recognised as the “District 51 Area Governor of the Year” for the term 2005/2006 and then the “District 51 Division Governor of the YEAR” in the following term. How did you feel about that achievement?

**Francis** : *I could not have achieved what I set out to achieve as Area Governor and Division Governor without the dedication, commitment and strong support from all my team members. We were all willing to share and learn. Credit must go to them.*

**Victor** : Now that you have achieved the highest achievement in Toastmasters (aka datuk-ship of Toastmasters), what is your next step, Datuk?

**Francis** : *I don't see this as the highest achievement. I see this as one of the many paths in my Toastmasters journey. To me, there is no end in this journey. There is so much to share and learn. I'll always contribute to our wonderful organization in whatever capacity I can.*

**Victor**: Do you think Toastmasters can benefit a corporate organization?

**Francis** : *Our program empowers individual to foster self-development and personal growth. Providing a mutually supportive and positive learning environment for the staff to practice effective communication and leadership skills can only be beneficial to an organization. Our programs provide precisely that.*

*Individuals make up an organization. These confident staffs will definitely add value to the organization.*

**Victor** : What makes a good Toastmaster?

**Francis** : *In my humble opinion, those who practice the 10 Toastmaster's promises diligently make him/her a good Toastmaster.*

**Victor** : Lastly, what advice would you give to a person on the street about Toastmasters?

**Francis** : *Go and check out a Toastmasters Club meeting.*



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*Francis Ng at first toastmasters meeting of AFC Toastmasters Club in 2008*

Obviously, we can't fit all his words of wisdom into this article. To feel his enthusiasm and commitment for Toastmasters (hopefully, his enthusiasm is contagious), do have a chat with Francis Ng. His personal story of transformation into the confident person he is today is quite inspiring.

## Doctor vs Mechanic

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop.

The surgeon was there, waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take valves out, fix them, put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic... "Try doing it with the engine running."

# My Life in My Own Words



By Jitin

Dear friends,

It's my pleasure to share with you the most beautiful and awesome subject - **My Life**. Thousands of people have written thousands of autobiographies using thousands of words, but I got 5-6 minutes and 750 words to summarize my entire life in front of you so without wasting the space I would hit the bull's eye...

*What everyone wants from life is continuous and genuine happiness.* The same was the desire of my parents but destiny had to test their patience for long, and their biggest happiness came after 10 yrs of their wedding when on the 83<sup>rd</sup> year of 20<sup>th</sup> century and 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, they got a baby boy, after 3 daughters. Yes, that's me. Those who know about Indian culture would appreciate their madness. It was dream come true for them but a life full of dream for me. Being the most pampered and privileged child, I didn't miss any chance to spoil myself.

Without any proper aim in life, I spent my life luxuriously and wasted 10 years of my life until I met this Teacher of mine, Mr. Shruti Pandey. I still remember that day very well. We were given an exercise to write an application and I had to write my name at the end. The shameful thing was that a 10 year old boy didn't know the spelling of his own name in his own national language. Mr. Pandey called me and gave me my notebook with a brutal slap on my face and I stood there for 5 minutes in silence with my right hand on my cheek. When I opened the notebook to find out my mistake, there was a big circle over my name and a remark which said "*Jitin- Lift the first step of your life, the second will follow...*"

That phrase changed my life, gave me aim and made my efforts fruitful. For 3 consecutive years, I topped the entire school and gave happiness to my parents. This attitude and success of mine got me admission into better schools and I became a very good student. I received an award from the then First Lady of India, for scoring the highest mark in mathematics in a state level exam at the age of 16.

Life suddenly became a dream for me. Every student wanted to talk to me, study with me, play with me and I was the talk of the school and a 16 year boy could not take all this and my hard working attitude changed into over confidence. Once again I lost the right direction and followed the wrong one, few crucial years passed by and I had no aim to do anything. But again life sympathized with me by sending another angel – a girl came into my life, and she became my ultimate aim and desire and destination but getting her was the most difficult part.

***Lift the first step of your life, the second will follow.***

She was everything I was not. She was intelligent, disciplined, determined and ambitious. The moment I felt I was going to lose her, my efforts became stronger. With her persuasion and my determination, I completed my bachelor degree and MBA with very good grades. She became my wife on 28<sup>th</sup> of Jan 2008. She inspires me a lot in many ways and because of her I am what I am. Now I truly understand the meaning of commitment and hard work.

Things were very smooth but nature had to play its part too. My career had just started to pick up when we got the news that my mom had third stage cancer. We had no option but to go back to India and be with her but it was she who made me realize that *life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you, they're supposed to help you discover who you are.*

On 22nd Dec 2008, she left us. Her leaving left a huge gap in my life but time is the biggest healer. Now I am settled here with my wife. My dad visits us once a year and we do the same. This is life, my friends and it goes on... *in the end it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years.*

*Life is like a staged show where we all have parts to play. The show must go on irrespective of the odds. My life has just begun and one of the lessons I have learnt so far is this... there is a difference between dreams and aim, for dreams you need effortless sleep and to achieve your aim you need sleepless efforts.*

So, let's start today.....



# Club Updates

## Distinguished Club Program (DCP)

### Club 8141 - "Money Mastery-KL Toastmasters Club"

District: 51

Division: W

Area: 1

Membership Base: 37

Membership to Date: 31

	GOAL	ACTUAL	ACHIEVED
CCs	2	2	*
Additional CCs	2	0	
ACs	1	1	*
Additional ACs	1	1	*
CL, AL, or DTM	1	1	*
Additional CLs, ALs, or DTMs	1	1	*
New Members	4	4	*
Additional New Members	4	4	*
Officers Trained (both required)			
•June-August	4	7	
•December-February	4	4	*
Submitted on time (both required)			
•October or April Renewal	1	2	
•Officer List	1	1	*
<b>Total Goals Achieved To-Date:</b>			<b>9</b>

*One more point to go!* 😊

## Save the Dates

9th May 2010

### **8th Annual General Meeting of Money Mastery KL Toastmasters Club**

Venue: Level 1, Menara PJ, Amcorp Trade Center, PJ.

Time: 8.45pm-9:30pm

Attendance: Compulsory for all members

21<sup>st</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010

### **The Toastmasters International District 51 17th Annual Convention 2010 MIRI**

**Venue: Imperial Hotel, Miri, Sarawak**

Fee: Normal Registration Fee RM500 per person

For further details, please visit:

<http://toastmasters-miri2010.blogspot.com>

22th June 2010

### **Club 200th Meeting cum 2010/11 Club Officers Installation Night & Club Recognition Night**

Venue: Money Mastery-KL Toastmasters Club

Time: 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Attendance: Expecting 100%!

12th June 2010

### **DEBATE jointly organised by CENTRAL DIVISIONS (Division B, C, P & W)**

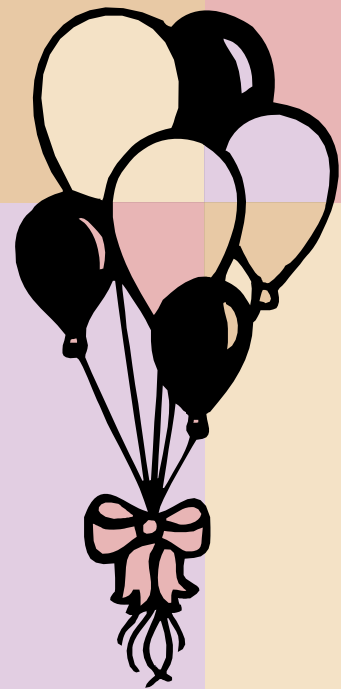
Topic: Topics Related to Sex, Religion & Politics should not be allowed in a Toastmasters Meeting

Time: 2:00pm - 6:00pm

Venue: Room 1.1, 1st floor, Kolej Damansara Utama, Petaling Jaya

Ticket: RM25 each (Available through Division P Governor & all Area Governors) Area W1 Governor, and Johnny (012-3110181)

(Special promotion: RM120 for 6 tickets - before 12th May)



## Happy Birthday to You!!

### April

13<sup>th</sup>

Liew Siew Yin

20<sup>th</sup>

Loh Kiat Loon

### May

27<sup>th</sup>

Low Meng Koon

### June

5<sup>th</sup>

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