**iToast Toastmaster Club 184**

**Minutes of the Meeting #272 held on March 26, 2017**

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

**Attendees (13)**

**Members (11):** J. Ezequiel Guzmán, Kayoko Kimura, Cecilia Cabrera Hernández, Insook Wessels, Mahesh Bhandari, Susmita Bhandari, Gaurav Rawal, Roman Lynch, Doris Santiago, Denusha Shrestha and María Isabel León.

**Guests (2):** Thang Tran and Ahmed Ahmed

**Called to Order:** Mahesh Bhandari **2:04 PM**

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

**Toastmaster of the day:** Insook Wessels

**Word of the day:** “Roseate (noun and adjective)” introduced by Denusha Shrestha

***Speaker #1:***  Denusha Shrestha

 CC Manual Project #1 “The Ice Breaker”

 *Title:* “Secrets behind joining Toastmasters” (4’49”)

 *Evaluated by Doris Santiago* (1’26”)

***Speaker #2:***  Susmita Bhandari

 ***CC Manual Project #1 “The Ice Breaker”***

*Title:* “My Wonderful Journey from the East to the West” (5’36”)

 *Evaluated by Cecilia Cabrera Hernández* (2’17”)

**Table Topics Master:**  Ezequiel Guzmán

Maria Isabel (1’26”), Kayoko (2’18”), Mahesh (3’36”), Roman (2’10”), Cecilia (1’07”), Doris (57”), Susmita (1’26), Gaurav (2’10”), Ahmed (2’42”) and Thang (1’52”).

**General Evaluator:** Kayoko Kimura

**Timer:** Mahesh Bhandari

**Word Master:** Denusha Shrestha

**Ah Counter:** Gaurav Rawal

**Grammarian:** Roman Lynch

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

**Award Master**: Gaurav Rawal

**Ah Monkey**: Thang Tran

**Enthusiastic Tiger:**  Kayoko Kimura

**Helpful Panda:** Insook Wessels

**Joke of the day:** Denusha Shrestha

**Education meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.**

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

1. Minutes of March 12, 2017 meeting approved.
2. VPE Cecilia Cabrera: Cecilia raised awareness about room for more speakers in our coming meetings, check the Google Calendar. Also, be careful when editing the Google Calendar, just make sure you write your name for the role you will fulfill.
3. Treasurer Kayoko Kimura: Kayoko reported our balance as of 03/26/2017 in $379.36. We have 16 paid members and 4 that will be expected to renew their membership.
4. New members. Kayoko made a motion to accept new members Thang Tran and Ahmed Ahmed. Ezequiel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Ezequiel, VP Membership, conducted induction ceremony for the new members.
5. Awards: Maria Isabel was given the Competent Communicator ribbon and the Toastmasters pin for completing the Competent Communication manual.
6. Officers 2017-2018. Insook provided handouts with officer roles descriptions. If interested in a role, let Kayoko and Insook know.
7. 2017 Division D speech contests will be held on Saturday, April 15th, 2017 at Urbandale Public Library from 1 pm to 4 pm. Kayoko will represent Area 74. We are all encouraged to attend the contests.
8. VPM Ezequiel Guzman reminded of taking advantage of the Toastmaster program by using our toastmasters skills in our professional or student environments. Ezequiel also encouraged mentors and mentees to build in their relationship. Finally, Ezequiel mentioned that one division of Area 74 most likely will disappear, so our area will join the Northwest region. He will provide details when the time comes.
9. 2017 District 19 Spring Conference, including International and Table Topic Speech Contests, will be held on April Friday 28 – Saturday 29 at Marshalltown (Best Western Regency Inn). Conference details: <http://district19.me/spring-2017-conference-home/>. This is a paid event.

Business session was adjourned at 3.45pm.

**Next meeting on Sunday, April 9th.:**

TM (María Isabel) will contact GE (Mahesh), S (Doris, Paul, Thang and Ahmed), TT (Cecilia), W (Susmita) and J (Gaurav).

GE (Mahesh) will contact E (Soham, Ezequiel, Roman and Insook), A (Danusha), G (Sophia), and T (Kayoko).