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***Undeniably, it’s a Desert Vibe!***

With Toastmasters, you can break barriers.

At the time I joined Toastmasters in 2016 as a Speechcraft, I somehow did not dearth confidence and positiveness. Instead, I have had a hale and a hearty dose of self-confidence, which abetted me get on track in the Toastmasters Club. What I didn’t anticipate was how my nerve and conviction would cultivate and where the firsthand confidence would take me. I didn’t see how much I would grow and how much enthusiasm I had doing it!

Sometimes, I would remember, I cudgel my brain around what to say and speak, how to make it better, and how to make an influence on someone’s life with my speeches and messages. I route my drive and dynamism to figure out how to be effective than fretting about how many ways I can fail and rattle myself. My approach shifted from being pessimistic to being optimistic.

Most of the folks know the benefits of Toastmasters. Subjectively, I had one great advantage that I have enjoyed being part of the ***Smedley Toastmasters Club*** and Toastmasters fraternity in general. Amongst the perks and gems that I couldn't sense or perceive until I become one. And I would mouth, Toastmasters have been an incredible experience, and I want to dish out with you just what’s so boundless about it.

***I gain personal rewards in helping others.***  When I started mentoring a new joiner and help them in understanding their goals, the feeling is tremendous. I have also appreciated that when you support somebody come out of their comfort zone or a nutshell and put their feelings and opinions across, it is precious and immeasurable. I have always had that feeling nagging my heart because I have been ceaselessly mentored by a champion yet meek and humble speaker to define.

***Toastmaster has always inspired me, just like spending a summer rambling around the Arabian Desert***.  As if in every club meeting, where prepared speech, evaluation speech, or table topic speech I get to participate, the desert vibe is up and raging. Alternately, in a speech contest, I am in, I would feel the desert vibe, while we speakers in different clubs, areas, and division vie and compete for the first-place award.  Each of us, across the desert, is “no sweat” like that of an Arabian camel; I would say, we are just all amazing and stellar in our burning style.  There are so much fun and learning, and the atmosphere in the desert camp; referring to the contest stage is something exceptional and extraordinary. I have outgrown the wilderness in me as I relentlessly navigate my Toastmasters’ journey.

What I have got and acquired from Toastmasters is far-flung and more. Being a Toastmaster is advancing in myself and my best possible future. I gaze at every potential and possibility to encourage, elevate, and engender growth or development. Cheers to Toastmasters, I have tried brand new things and contemporary I would not endeavor before. And something novel that traversed a difference in my soul and personality.

Hitherto, notwithstanding the ongoing pandemic, that shakes the universe on a massive spectrum, I am still enthusiastic and passionate about elevating and inspiring myself and other Toastmaster members in the field of public speaking, communication, and leadership. Nothing can beat the desert vibe within me that is silently fierce and flaring.

Indeed, there is no insurmountable barrier in Toastmasters.