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Rising to the challenges of COVID 19, Toastmasters International move to online meetings. Croydon Communicators demonstrate how to do this successfully under Dan Magill's leadership!

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Meet the new July 2020-2021 committee who will serve Croydon Communicators under the new leadership of Aseem Kapoor

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THE UNEXPECTED 2020

by Caroline Rainford

Looking back at to the goals we set ourselves for 2020 as Toastmasters, never would any of us have anticipated the global impact which was to come. It would be hard to create a newsletter without mentioning the impact of COVID-19 not only to our toastmasters journey but to everyone around the world. We find out how Toastmaster of the year Florence Nakkozi used this period to flourish in her toastmaster journey! (Continued on page 6)





GOING ONLINE

At Croydon Communicators we proved that lock down couldn't impact the quality of our meetings.

We moved seamlessly from face to face meetings to online zoom meetings.

We have had Toastmaster guests from across the Area to across the waters in Canada and the USA.

Going digital has allowed us to increase our reach and gain inspiration from seasoned professionals.

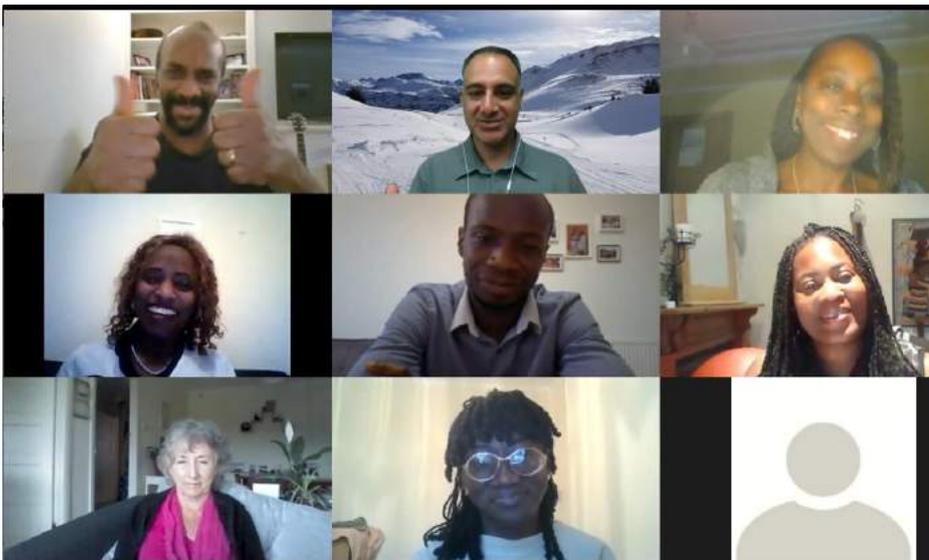
We have had added more meetings, and meet some Wednesdays depending on the needs of our club. This is in addition to our 2nd, 4th and fifth Thursday's a month. This has allowed us to deliver more speeches to which has enabled members to continue to progress their Toastmaster journey.

Online meetings provide us with all the usual fixtures of a toastmasters meeting: warm up, timed speeches, grammarian report, table topics and general evaluation.

We have found new ways of doing things and we now complete impromptu evaluations which have proved very insightful.

As the lock down lifts and more places open, we may not know when we will return to face to face meetings... but one thing we know for sure...here at Croydon Communicators we will always have quality meetings !!

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Welcome your 2020/2021
Croydon Communicators
Club Committee

NEW COMMITTEE

A WELCOME TO THE NEW COMMITTEE 2020/2021



Aseem Kapoor- President

Aseem has been a toastmaster and Croydon Communicator for many years and served many committee roles. He has mentored many other toastmasters and has been a solid foundation at our club serving as our VPE prior to taking on the role as the club's president. He has gained many qualities/skills since he began his toastmaster's journey such as patience and planning. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role of President- including his experience of visiting clubs across the globe since we moved to virtual meetings! He has set his ambitions high and wants to raise the bar for our members to see more development and growth than any other Toastmasters club.



Aminat Omotosho-Vice President of Education

Aminat is the epitome of what it means to be a toastmaster. Having only joined the club in February, she has taken on the role of VPE and demonstrates to us all what it means to be proactive and be the master of your ship. She has taken on a variety of roles since beginning her toastmaster journey, including being Toastmaster a couple of times. She brings a number of skills to this role, including role modelling the way forward.



Norma Powell-Vice President of Membership

Norma has been a Croydon Comumincator for over a year and is one who shys away from the camera but has persisted with her toastmaster journey. She has delivered a number of thought provoking speeches as well as serving as our Secretary on the previous year's committee. She is a calm thoughtful presence in our club and brings lots of skills and attributes to her new role, which we know she will continue to excel in.



Florence Nakkozi-Vice President of Public Relations

Florence has not only achieved Toastmaster of the year 2019-2020 but she is also serving in her role as VPPR for the second year running. She hit the ground running in her first year in the role ensuring our facebook page, website and other social media outlets are current and vibrant. All whilst showing us how anything is possible if you put your mind to it and flew through her speeches to achieve her Advanced Communicator Bronze award. We know our public relations is in good hands!



Troy Udall-Club Treasurer



Troy has had a firm presence at Croydon Communicators for the last few years and has taken on a number of roles. He is serving his second year as our Treasurer, having taken on the role last year and learning the ropes under the guidance of Aseem. He has previously been our Sergeant of Arms and always welcomes guests and visitors with a warm smile. Our books are in good hands with Troy.

Sandra Fallon-Sergeant of Arms



Sandra joined Communicators last year and even before she was a member she impressed us with her courage to give everything a try. She has delivered her speeches with honesty and openness and demonstrated her courage by entering club competitions even whilst a new member. She takes on her first committee role as Sergeant of Arms and has already shown us the importance of starting our fabulous meetings with a bang on time, she will ensure we keep to our club schedule!

**THANK
YOU!**

HUGE THANK YOU TO THE COMMITTEE OF 2019-2020

President-Dan Magill, Vice President-Aseem Kapoor, Vice President of Membership-Kevin Lakidi, Vice President of Public Relations-Florence Nakkozi, Secretary-Norma Powell, Vice President of Mentoring-Caroline Rainford, Sergeant of arms- Gertrude Onichabor and Treasurer-Troy Udall

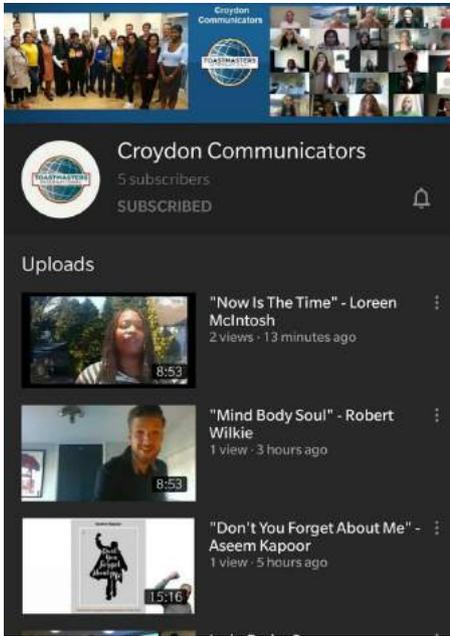


SUCCESSSES OF 2019-2020

By Dan Magill

As we move from one toastmaster year to another, our previous president Dan Magill shared his many highlights during his reign:

- Movie Night in July
- PRT as Black Panther
- Caroline's Mentoring Workshop
- Sandra's
- Humorous Speech Contest Performance
- Afia's Table Topic Triumph
- Estela's Incredible Icebreaker
- Halloween With Impromptu Agenda and Troy's General Evaluation
- Our Christmas Dinner
- The Bachelor and the Rottweiler
- Aseem's Musical Swansong
- Seeing All Our New Members Develop So Quickly
- Our Seamless Move to Quality Online Meetings
- Florence Pushing Herself to Become an Advanced Speaker
- Aminat and Dr. Viv's Croydon Communicator's Video Podcast



The legacy he leaves behind is the Dan persuasion...



TOASTMASTER 2019-2020

Florence Nakkozi

Florence has been a member of Toastmasters since February 2017. She has achieved her Competent Communicator award and the Advanced Communicator Bronze award.

She took on her first committee role as Vice President of Public Relations in the last toastmaster's year and has chosen to take on the role for a second time.

Previous president Dan Magill said:

"Florence has worked with bags of energy and enthusiasm to help our club be amongst the best promoted clubs in the District. In addition, Florence spent the last few months pushing herself to become an accredited Advanced Speaker before the end of the Toastmaster year. Taking one of the most difficult routes, where she was required to prepare and deliver a series of keynote speeches in a short space of time, Florence has set a high bar for all of us at the club with her commitment and determination to the cause.

When asked how she managed to continue her Toastmaster journey during lock down Florence said 'at the beginning of lock down I made a decision to complete all the remaining projects of the bronze advanced communicator level...during my free time I wrote all 6 of my speeches...In addition to this I enjoyed my role as VPPR!...I have learnt so much during this time'

Florence shows us all the greatness that can be achieved when we make a decision...a lesson for us all.

MOST IMPROVED TOASTMASTER

Sandra Fallon is our most improved toastmaster of 2019-20. A member since March 2019. Sandra has shown great courage and tenacity since joining our club and this award is well earned.



*"People do not
decide to become
extraordinary.
They decide to
accomplish
extraordinary
things"*