

THT Youth Club Newsletter



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Budget Goals For 2020

- Goal: \$300
- Max: \$600
- Min: \$250

We would like to acknowledge that we recently received a generous donation towards the THT Youthclub from our donors, Mrs. & Mr. Chandra. This helped us exceed our initial goal for the youth club this year!

Thank You Jane and Suresh Chandra for your generous donation!

Welcome!

Greetings Folks!

We are proud to present our fourth official Newsletter! This month, we have some new ideas that we are excited to share with you all. September 26th concluded our annual Food Bank Drive; all donations will be going to the Urban Ministry, and we thank those of you who helped out in any way possible. In addition to that, it concluded a Toastmasters YLP Workshop done by our Youthclub Officers. Finally, we will be looking into the pros and cons of virtual learning and how it is affecting students in different grades and schools. On behalf of the Newsletter Committee, we extend our gratitude to everyone who takes the time to read our newsletters, and we would love to have your feedback!

*Regards,
THT Youth Club Newsletter Team*

MISSION STATEMENT

THT Youth Club is a group of passionate individuals who want to impact the youth of our society. We know that our strength lies not only in the words we stand by, but most importantly through the actions of our initiatives. Our goal is to help the succeeding generations thrive in their future leadership roles and understand the importance of giving back to the community.

Story of the Month: Two Friends and the bear

Contributed by : Adhvika, Author : Unknown

Vijay and Raju were great friends. On a holiday they went walking into a forest, enjoying the beauty of nature. Suddenly they saw a bear coming at them. They became frightened.

Raju, who knew all about climbing trees, ran up to a tree and climbed up quickly. He didn't think of Vijay, who had no idea how to climb the tree.

Vijay thought for a second. He'd heard animals don't prefer dead bodies, so he fell to the ground and held his breath. The bear sniffed him and thought he was dead. So, it went on its way.

After the bear had left, Raju climbed down from the tree and said, "It looked like the bear was whispering into your ear, what did it say?"

Vijay replied, "The bear asked me to keep away from friends like you"...and went on his way.



Moral of the Story:

A friend in need is a friend indeed.

Inspirational Quotes of the Month

*"Life is about making an impact, not an income."
- Kevin Kruse*

*"If you want to lift yourself up, lift someone else up."
- Booker T. Washington.*

*"The only way to do great work is to love what you do."
- Steve Jobs.*

Toastmasters YLP Workshop

By: Shruthi

Our THT Youthclub Officers, Shruthi, Advay, Roma, Srikar, and Mr. Deepak Kumar recently held a Toastmasters YLP Workshop sponsored by Analog Devices. This workshop took place every Saturday in the month of September, and the number of registrants exceeded our expectations. The mentors {Youthclub Officers} worked on giving the participants feedback, guiding them through each discussion and demonstration, and helping them understand the concepts they were taught. Our goal is to help the next generation improve their public speaking skills and encourage them to strive to be the leaders we need in the future. The Workshop had a great outcome, and we hope the participants learned something new that they can implement in their daily lives.



Quiz: Define the following...

- Quorum
- Constitution
- Bylaws
- Standing rules
- Motion
- Presiding officer



We asked one of the participants to give a review of her experience in the workshop; here's what she said. "I really enjoyed the mentorship I got at the Toastmasters YLP Workshop! The mentors were so helpful and made sure that no one was left out. They gave us wonderful feedback and taught us so much! It was a great experience; I learned so much from this workshop and have definitely improved my public speaking skills. It was great for us to hear other people's feedback, learn how to do evaluations, and learn how to present ourselves while giving speeches. This workshop was extremely informative and helpful. I learned how to properly write evaluations and participate in Table Topics, where I learned how to give an impromptu speech. I also learned the proper etiquette of a Toastmasters Session and how to do everything in a timely manner. I would recommend this workshop to anyone over the age of 10 who is willing to learn about public speaking and leadership! I would definitely rate this workshop a solid 10/10. :)"

Inspirational Quotes of the Month

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is now."
- Chinese Proverb

"Fall seven times and stand up eight."
- Japanese Proverb

"Everything has beauty, but not everyone can see."
- Confucius

Back to School During COVID

Our interviewees were asked the following questions:

- 1) How do you feel about starting the new school year virtually?
- 2) Do you prefer being in school or at home, and why?
- 3) How was being at home 24/7 affected you?
- 4) Is learning virtually difficult for you?
- 5) What are your thoughts about staying virtual for the entire school year?

LAHARI

- 1) It's exciting and scary at the same time. As a new experience, I'm excited to see how a completely digitalized education system can be. There may be both advantages and disadvantages to this type of learning, and I am excited to see how this school year will turn out.
- 2) I prefer being at school because it is easier to contact teachers and know their expectations of what they are looking for in my work. Being in school also has more opportunities to socialize vs. being at home.
- 3) Being at home gives me a lot of family time, so I've gotten a lot closer to my family. Being at home also means that we only have our devices to connect with other people, so being at home has made me use devices more frequently for communicating with people.
- 4) Virtual learning can be hard to adjust to, because we do not know what exactly the teachers are expecting in assignments and homework, but I'm sure it'll get easier with time.
- 5) I think it'll be a very different and unique experience. One of the fun points of school has always been lunch and clubs where we can actively communicate with other people, but with communication only through devices, it will be a very new experience.



SAMHITHA

- 1) The truth is, I'm not very excited about learning virtually especially since it's my first year of middle school, and it's online. So, I was hoping it would be at school and getting to meet new friends at a new school, so it's not great.
- 2) In school, because I can meet my teachers and my friends in person, and I already have some friends going there, so it'd be nice to see them again.
- 3) So, my family and I've gotten to spend more time with each other with my dad not having to go to work every day, but school is not that fun like I said earlier.
- 4) It's not difficult, it's pretty much the same as school, but I don't like it as much as I like going to school. Out of 10 (10 being easy), I would rate the difficulty of school a 10.
- 5) I would not like to stay virtual the whole school year, but if it's necessary, I will. If I was given an option to go to school, then my choice would be based on what is going on with the crisis.

Food Drive Update

By: Aditya & Adhvika

The THT Youthclub recently held a canned food drive, led by Aditya Karthik, Adhvika Karthik, Kaushya Reddy from August 15th, to September 26th.

Thank you to the people who donated. The purpose of this food drive, was to collect canned foods and other non-perishable food items to restock local pantries such as Urban Ministry. The donors were asked to fill out a form with contact information, and THT Youth Club Volunteers would go and collect the canned goods from the donor's doorstep, no-contact. The volunteers would collect the canned foods every Saturday, between 3-6 PM.

This food drive was very successful, with us collecting around 200 canned goods!

There will be more of these opportunities and events soon, and we will keep you updated as the months go on.



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Thank You for Your Time!
Make sure you read the next issue!

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