

## Meeting Recap

**Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)**

**Thursday, May 8, 2014**

**12:00-1:00PM**

**Theme: "Mother's Day"**

**Kapolei Hale, Conference Room C**

**(Submitted by Joyce Bullion, with edits by James Fu)**

### **1. Opening of Meeting:**

- President James Fu, ACB, CL opened the meeting and we followed his lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- James welcomed 13 members: Jayne, Kim, Jerome, Lisa, Owen, Libra, Holly, Joyce, Mariea, Alex, Sara, Rose, James and five guests: Randy Roman, Robby Loo, Eddie Joseph, DTM, Kenoi Koli'i, DTM (Division B Governor), Kim Okamura, CC, CL (Area 5 Governor). There were a total of 18 people at the meeting.
- James introduced the TMOD: Jayne Arasaki

### **2. Education Session:**

- **TMOD:** Jayne Arasaki, TM was a gracious Emcee.
- **Time Keeper:** Lisa Enanoria, TM is our newest member. We appreciate her volunteering for a role. She seemed so polished as she explained her timekeeping role.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Kim Abe shared with us the details of her role, and she chose a great word of the day, "Mellifluous", which means soft spoken or sweet. sounding.

### **3. Featured Speakers:**

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Libra Forde, TM, speech was titled "The Other Side of Fatigue" CC Manual, project 9. Libra's phone rang as soon as she approached the podium to speak. She answered and it was a call which said "I am

calling to let you know that your husband was injured in Afghanistan.” She explained this happened a few years back when she was 8 months pregnant. She got on the “Other Side of Fatigue” and took her kids to the park. The kids were happy and excited to go to the park and that really helped Libra to maintain her joy. While her husband was on home and on leave, he was set to return to duty the next day. They were watching a video and there was a knock at the door. When her husband answered the door, there was a person who informed him that the owners of the house they were renting had not paid the mortgage, and they had 15 days to vacate. There was a tear running down her husband’s face. Libra comforted him because she is on the “Other Side of Fatigue”. Great speech, Libra.

- **Speaker 2:** Jayne Arasaki, TM speech was titled “100 Years from now” from CC manual, Project 7. Jayne introduced herself as she was TMOD and speaker. Jayne is the Director of Seagulls Preschool and she is passionate about her work. She stressed the importance of equal education for all keiki and the importance of having sufficient funds for early development. She also stressed the importance of health screening and development. She ended with “we all could make a difference in the life of a child as to whether that child eventually burglarizes you or helps you when you are in a wheelchair.” Jayne, we look forward to hearing more of your speeches. It was a well-organized speech with provoking thoughts of what will happen 20 years from now or even 100 years from now...

- **Speaker 3:** Rose Martinez, ACB, CL gave a speech from The Special Occasion Speech advanced manual titled, “The Difference Between Winning and Succeeding”. Rose stepped in at the last minute and spoke in place of a scheduled speaker had to cancel at the last minute and she did a great job. She defined success as not an accumulation of “things” but as the attitude we use to approach life. Rose gave us 5 steps needed:
  1. Persistence;
  2. Inspiration;
  3. Being a role model;
  4. Lead by example;
  5. Excellence.
 Rose then mentioned that Libra had all 5 steps necessary and she honored her. Rose’s presentation was mellifluous. Rose was soft and warm and sincere in her presentation; she touched all of our hearts. Libra cried. It was a wonderful presentation and very accurate.

#### 4. Table Topics:

- **Table Topics Master:** Mariea Vaughan presented an inspirational question “If you can make it in New York, you can make it anywhere.” She called on two speakers to share on this:
- **First speaker** was Kenoi Koli’i, DTM. Kenoi shared that she was born in Waianae on a Pig Farm. She was told that people from Waianae born on a pig farm do not make it in life. She has devoted her life to helping those who have less and she did become very successful in life.
- **Second Speaker** was Holly Holloway, CC, CL. Holly shared that she was abused at the age of seven and was convinced that she had to be smart to make it in life. She spent a lot of time in the library and graduated from nursing school with a 3.75 grade point average and was successful in nursing.

## 5. Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator #1:** Holly Holloway CC, CL evaluated Libra and appropriately so, since she is Libra's mentor. Holly gave kudos to Libra for the ringing phone which got us all involved. Holly mentioned that Libra's speech was sincere and authentic since she used her own personal experience. Libra had good hand gestures and vocal variety. Libra persuaded us not to just assume but to "listen" to the other person's needs. The only suggestion was that Libra make better use of the speaking area.
- **Evaluator #2:** Jerome Ababa, CC evaluated Jayne Arasaki. Jerome mentioned Jayne's great start because it involved us all. He said her mellifluous voice was effective. Jayne appeared to be well versed on her topic because she is director of the Seagull Preschool. He also mentioned she had a great ending as it was thought provoking and made us think about what would happen 100 years from now. His suggestion as that she use more vocal variety and we hope to see her sooner than later.
- **Evaluator #3:** James Fu evaluated Rose and told us how he appreciated her stepping in at the last minute. The speech was good because she listed 5 items it takes to achieve success. Rose was wise to recognize Libra's recent win with the International Speech contest for District 49. Her speech was very warm, and it touched each of our hearts.

## 6. Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Lisa gave a clear and effective report.

- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Kim also gave a clear and concise account of everyone's use of grammar and effective pauses. Many used the word of the day!
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Jayne made her closing remarks but was brief because our time was limited.

## 7. General Evaluator:

- Joyce Bullion, TM gave a report of evaluating the evaluators and gave kudos for the readiness of the room. There had been a little confusion about the room availability until about 11:30 so Joyce kiddingly suggested we have at least 30 minutes advance notice if we need to switch meeting rooms. Remarks were brief so as to allow time to our special guest speaker, Kenoi Koli'i.

## 8. Special Message:

- **Kenoi Koli'i, DTM** Division B Governor came to suggest to each of us to get involved in what we can do for our District 49 in addition to our home club activities. Kenoi started out with the Kapolei Toastmasters and has advanced to become Division B Governor and she recently became a DTM. All of us can request mentors-even seasoned toastmasters. We can request it through Barney's helpers-James and Holly. Kenoi congratulated Libra for winning the International Speech Contest for our District and said she will represent our District well. Kenoi also mentioned that this is the fourth year in a row that we are headed towards winning the President's Distinguished Club Award. The Kapolei Toastmasters needs only one more Competent Communicator (CC) to become President's Distinguished. When Libra completes one more speech, our club will achieve that goal. We were honored that Kenoi took the time to visit our club and give us her special message. We also thank Kim

Okamura, CC, CL and Area 5 Governor for visiting our club today. We are honored to have both attend our meeting

### **9. Announcements/Adjournment:**

- James honored Holly Holloway, CL CC for receiving her Competent Leadership Award. Holly has done a lot in a short time and is a blessing to KTM. Congratulations Holly!
- James announced that on May 15 we will have an election of officers and Owen is the election chairman. We can email Owen during the week with our nominations.
- Holly had passed around the spreadsheet for signing up for future roles and he encouraged us to sign up.
- Libra brought cookies and sparkling juice; she was thankful for all the support for all the members that have supported her.