

Meeting Recap
Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Thursday, May 22, 2014
12:00-1:00PM

Kapolei State Building Room 577B
Theme: "Honoring Libra Forde"

(Submitted by Joyce Bullion, Kapolei Toastmasters, with minor edits
from 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: Guy, Jerome, James, Rose, Jared, Sara, Mariea, Holly, Joyce, Libra, James, Alex, Owen.
- And 12 Guests: Melanie Baguio, Mung Fa Chung, Tanya Mendoza and her sons Kaleo and Kawika, Yoly and son Dominic Agsalud, Nicole Woo, Eddie Joseph, Robby Loo and honored Guests (Governor of Area 5)- Kim Okamura, CC, CL and Kenoi Koli'I, DTM (Governor of Division B).
- A total of 25 people. What a great turnout!
- James introduced our TMOD: Guy Kidder, TM

2. Education Session:

- **TMOD:** Guy Kidder, TM. It was Guy's first time to be TMOD, and he did an excellent job. He was at ease and kept a good flow and had good humor. He was a kidder!
- **Time Keeper:** was Robby Loo (Guest): Our hats are off to Robby as he always steps forward when asked to help out. He is much appreciated. We only wish he could receive credit for all his free gratis.
- **AH/Grammarians/Word of the Day:** was Mariea Vaughan, CTM. The "WORD OF THE DAY" was AMORTIZE which means to pay off.

3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Alex Aagsalud, TM, gave a speech from Project number 6, Vocal Variety, from the Competent Communication (CC) manual titled: "When A Dreamer Speaks". Alex gave a powerful speech on how important and effective speeches are. He mentioned Martin Luther King's speech on "I have a dream" and Churchill's speech that was effective in ending World War 2 when he said "Never give up and never give in". He also mentioned Reagan's speech when he told Mr. Gorbachev to "Tear down this wall!" The Berlin wall came down and there was no division between East and West Germany. Alex also made mention of Clinton, Mandela, and Libra Forde who recently won the District 49 international speech contest. Libra will compete in Malaysia with the champions vs. champions for the highest award for International Speech Contest. Libra has motivated and inspired all of us. Alex, you gave an inspirational and motivational speech and used vocal variety in high fashion. Effective speeches can end wars,

knock down divisions and end racial inequality. You effectively relayed this.

- **Speaker 2:** Joyce Bullion, TM, gave a speech from Project No. 8 on visual aids from the Competent Communicator (CC) manual, titled “The Road Map”. Joyce handed out 23 visual aids to each person and asked them not to open them yet. Joyce started by talking about our dreams in life and how sometimes they do not come about because of things beyond our control. We then become confused and often wonder “What is our purpose in life?” She shared her personal experiences and how she wanted to live in Hawaii and it took 40 years for that to come to fruition. As a result of this experience she realized how to find your purpose in life. She found her road map. She then asked everyone to open their gifts. Joyce said the key to each person’s happiness and success in life is in this gift. The gift was a small mirror. She asked them to look into the mirror and repeated Libra’s saying of “Don’t let small minds convince you that your dreams are too big”. She was stressing that each person is responsible for their happiness. Joyce shared personal experience of how she had bad health and big debt. Because of this, she found more hidden talents after she had to stop working and co-authored three books, took up photography and art. Her point was that our passions combined with our gifts give us a road map to our purpose in life. Joyce honored Libra by discussing her #BeTALL –the acronym for Thrive, Affect, Laugh and Love. And by tearfully telling of what an honor it is to know Libra.
- **Speaker 3:** Libra Forde, CC gave a speech from Project No. 3 from the advanced manual, Speaking to Inform.

Her title was “On-Line learning”. Libra started by asking all of us: “What do you call a classroom with no walls?” Someone answered with “A virtual school.” She then began showing slides that showcased on-line learning and talked about her daughter, Heavenly, who participates in this school. She stressed that this school is for children and adults-all ages. Libra’s goal was to inform and she did so in high fashion. We all enjoyed cake and ice cream to honor Libra!

4. Table Topics:

- **Table Topics Master:** Jared Lum, ACS was our Table Topics Master and he was a master. In keeping with the theme of our meeting, he asked questions related to Honoring Libra.
- **TT 1: Rose Martinez, ACB, CL** was the first speaker and her question was: “What do you admire most about Libra’s speaking? Rose mentioned she uses “vocal variety” well. She is tall but she speaks softly and in style.
- **TT 2: Eddie Joseph, DTM** was the second person to be called on and his question was: “What is the importance of speech contests?” Eddie said speech contests better develop our speaking skills. Eddie just spelled it out by saying that Libra can do anything she wants to do. She is an excellent role model for all of us.
- **TT 3: Kim Okamura, CC CL,** was the third Table Topic speaker. Her question was: Tell us what is required for a quality speaker? Kim responded with: 1. Confidence

and 2. Speak from the heart. These are two things Libra does well.

5. Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator #1:** Holly Holloway, CC, CL evaluated Alex Agsalud and gave him kudos for having a good flow. She loved his quotes and the message he relayed. He had excellent vocal variety. His choice of topic was excellent. She suggested Alex use less notes for better eye contact and more gestures.
- **Evaluator #2:** Jerome evaluated Joyce's speech and said she had good flow and gave a good touch by sharing personal experience. He said the props were a good visual aid. He suggested she refer to notes less and learn better how to use notes more effectively.
- **Evaluator #3:** Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB evaluated Libra Forde, TM. Owen said she had an excellent beginning by asking all of us a question and connecting with us. He jokingly suggested she amortize her trip to Malaysia by using on-line schooling. He said she did well to use the overhead projector and was thorough in her presentation. His suggestions were that she give us an example of someone who has used the on-line school and to use an example of adult learning in addition to the child's school.

6. Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Robby Loo gave a thorough report of everyone's time. Only one person went over their time.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Mariea gave a report of those who had used the word of the day and made note that

nearly everyone used good grammar. Thank you Mariea for your report.

7. T.V. Interview with Libra Forde

- Joyce showed her KITV 4 Interview recording of Libra Forde and Bobby Cravalho after winning the International Speech Contest.
- Libra announced her fundraising efforts to raise funds for her and her family's trip to attend the Toastmasters International Convention in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia in August, where she will be competing for the title of the World's Champion of Public Speaking. Libra mentioned that if someone will be donating for her trip, she wants the person who donates to get something more than "thank you" in return. That's why she is holding a fundraising Gifting Party on Saturday, May 31, from 11AM to 2PM at the Waipahu Community of Christ Church, 94-130 Mokukaua Street Waipahu HI 96797-3132, (808) 678-0635 from 11AM- 2PM. She is also selling magnets and bracelets with #BeTALL for \$5 each.

8. Announcements/Adjournment:

- **Libra Forde, CC** was presented with her Competent Communicator Award. James mentioned that this award gave our Kapolei Club what we needed to achieve the President's Distinguished Club Award. We are all so proud to have Libra at our club. She has been a role model for each of us. We love her so much and are so proud of her hard work and her accomplishments.
- James asked our people to pass around the spreadsheet and sign up for roles for future meetings.