

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Thursday August 28, 2014
12:00-1:00PM
Kapolei Hale Conference Room C
Humorous Speech and Evaluation Speech Exhibitions
Meeting Recap
(Submitted by Joyce Bullion, TM, Kapolei Toastmasters)

1. Opening of Meeting:

- President, Holly Holloway, CC, CL opened the meeting, and we followed her lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- We had 18 people total which consisted of 3 guests and 15 Members. Holly asked our honored guests to stand up and be recognized.
- Members in attendance included: Eileen, Jerome, Irobela, Rose, Holly, Melanie, Mariea, James, Joyce, Angela, Alex, Sara, Kim, Guy and Mark. Guests were: Iris Benachour, Chakib Benachour, and Robby Loo.

2. Education Session:

- Holly introduced our TMOD who was James Fu, ACB, CL. James went into detail and described how today's meeting would work. He advised us of the fact that since we have only one contestant (Angela) for the Humorous speech contest and only one contestant (Holly) for the "Evaluation" contest, our club has the option to select its club representative(s) to the Area Speech contest in any manner. This means that our club does not have to conduct a formal speech contest. However, for this meeting, we will have Angela and Holly deliver their speech and evaluation, respectively, and we will call this meeting an "exhibition". Since this is an exhibition, the entire audience can be the judges for Angela and Holly. James then used a projector to show

the judging sheets and showed the audience how to score the sheets. Later in the meeting, we would also have a group oral evaluation for Angela and Holly. The judging sheets would really help during the group oral evaluation. At the end of the meeting, in order for Angela and Holly to improve, the audience will give Angela and Holly their judging sheets.

James then introduced:

- **Timekeeper:** Irobela Wreagh, CL who explained her role as Timekeeper.
- **Grammarians/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Kim, Abe, TM who explained her role as Grammarian/Ah Counter. She had a word of the day which was “manifestation”, but it was not used because of the nature of the meeting.

3. Featured Speaker:

- **Featured Humor Speaker:** Angela Smith, TM, delivered her humorous speech Titled “Live, Laugh and Love”. Her speech was from project number 8 in Competent Communicator manual: Getting comfortable with visual aids. Angela gave a tribute to her deceased husband who had a terrific sense of humor and a speech impediment which made it even better. His entire family would tell the same jokes over and over again, and they would all laugh like it was the first time they had ever heard the joke. Angela said she was married to her loving mate for 9 years and he passed away in 1995. Angela displayed photograph visual aids of her husband sitting in his recliner chair, Snoopy and a picture of her Masters’ Degree. She mentioned what a wonderful life she had and that she finished her Masters’ Degree while married to him. His humor was somewhere between Richard Prior (with good language) and Forrest Gump. She then concluded by

showing a lovely mirror with the frame having the words: “Live, Laugh and Love” all over it. She said “Life is better when you are laughing.”

We then had two minutes of silence so we could mark our judging sheets.

4. Table Topics Master:

- **Speaker:** Guy Kidder, TM, talked about the different types of humor. First question was “What type of humor do you have?” Honored guest Iris Benachour was asked to speak.
- Iris Benachour said she has a German sense of humor and her kids cringe as she tells her jokes. She said most of her jokes come out of misunderstandings.
- Mark Posenecker, TM spoke next and his question was “If you are going to have a humor contest, what type of humor would you use?” Since there is a football game soon between UH and his home team, he mentioned some funny plays by UH. Mark is clearly not a UH fan. Lol
- The third speaker was Melanie Baguio and her question was “What type of humor does your family have?” Melanie responded that her family doesn’t talk that often, so it was difficult to say what type of humor her family has.”

5. Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Humorous Speaker contestant:** Holly Holloway, CC, CL, evaluated Angela Smith, TM. Holly said she liked the enthusiasm Angela displayed. She related to the fact that Angela’s family laughed a lot. Holly said she had good vocal variety. Holly suggested that she consider her use of visual aids at the Area and Division speech contests. Holly thought the mirror at the end of Angela’s speech was very effective. Holly suggested that Angela use the speaking area more effectively. We then had silence

for two minutes so that the audience could mark the judging sheets for Holly's evaluation (until Irobela's magical humorous buzzer sounded).

6. Group Evaluation:

- The entire group evaluated Angela's speech. The consensus was that she had good vocal variety and clearly stated how much she loved her husband. If she uses her visual aids, they should be placed so that she can easily access them. It was suggested that she could relate some funny stories about her husband. It was also suggested that she could connect better with the audience by locking into people with eye contact.
- We then evaluated Holly as Evaluator and the consensus was that she did well to mention the time from when Angela's husband proposed marriage to the time he passed away. She had good effective pauses, and it was suggested that she use the sandwich technique for evaluations: (general positive comments, then suggestions to improve and then end with a positive conclusion). It was suggested that Holly was succinct and deliberate. She may need to vary her cadence and volume. Someone said she just needs to fine tune her evaluation.

7. Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Irobela did an excellent job with everyone's time and with our moment of silence(s) to fill out the judging sheets
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Kim gave a thorough report of everyone's grammar.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** James Fu closed with his final remarks.

8. General Evaluator:

- **Joyce Bullion, CC** was the General Evaluator and mentioned that when she arrived at the meeting room at 11:23 am, the door was already open and the meeting items were already present so that we could set up the room. The introduction of guests was very effective. The President did well to set a good tone for the meeting. The TMOD, James Fu, did an outstanding job to explain “Exhibition vs. Contest”. James did an excellent job showing the audience how to fill out the judging sheets. Silent times to fill the judging sheets were well utilized. The Table Topic Master had excellent questions and did well to call on those who didn’t have a meeting role. The meeting had good flow and manifested humor well and gave each of us a more thorough understanding of the dynamics for evaluations.

9. Announcements/Adjournment:

- Holly called Angela up to the podium, and Angela was formally inducted as a member of Kapolei Toastmasters Club. Angela recited her Toastmaster’s pledge, and the KTM Members reciprocated by standing up and reciting their Toastmaster’s pledge to support Angela.
- Our Area 5 Governor, Rose Martinez, announced that she needs roles to be filled for judges and for refreshments for the Area 5, Humorous and Evaluation Contest. The Humorous Speech/Evaluation contest will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 in the HECO Training Room from 12:30PM-3PM. The HECO Training Room is located on Ward Ave. next to the ground floor entrance to the Honolulu Club.
- A New Member Orientation was held after the meeting for Melanie, Eileen and Angela.