

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Thursday
November 13, 2014
12:00-1:00PM
Kapolei Hale, Conference Room C
Theme: "VETERANS"
Meeting Recap
(Submitted by Joyce Bullion, CC, CL, 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 13 people total which consisted of 4 guests and 9 members. Holly asked our honored guests to stand and be recognized. Honored guests were Eddie Joseph, DTM, Amy Long, Rasika Leue and Jason Leue.
- Members in attendance were: Irobela, Jerome, Sara, James, Joyce, Chakib, Holly, Mariea and Angela.

2. Education Session:

- Holly introduced our TMOD who was James Fu, ACB, ALB He then introduced:
- **Timekeeper:** Newly-wed Sara Okuda, TM, was our Timekeeper. Sara explained her role as Timer.
- **Grammarians/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Jerome Ababa, CC explained his role as Grammarian/Ah Counter. We are grateful to Jerome for filling in at the last minute (one minute before the meeting started). Because of this late notice, there was no "Word of the Day."
- **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Chakib Benachour, TM, told a joke and inspiration. He told a story of an American ship

that was sinking and sent out an SOS for help. A German ship was close by. The message sent out was “We are sinking!” The response from the German Ship was “What are you *thinking* about?” The second story was about communicating key words. Chakib talked about the importance of communicating with people of different cultures. This guy is on the phone and a man walks in and interrupts the guy and says “I’m here to hook up your phone!” Very funny, Chakib! Well done!

3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Rose Martinez, ACB, CL, gave speech No. 1 from the advanced manual “Public Relations” with objective of “The Goodwill Speech”. Her speech title was: “Living the Good Life!” Rose started her speech with a question, “Have you achieved your dreams in life?” She then asked: “Do you have what you want, or do you say I’ll do it later or I will put it on my bucket list?” She added “Why not today?” “Our happiness is primary!” Rose wants to serve our community above all else and she needs Toastmasters to sharpen her communication and leadership skills. Rose uses the three Cs (from Chakib’s ice-breaker speech) which are being Confident, being Comfortable in her delivery and Captivating for sincerity of purpose. Rose concluded by stating that we carry the heavy load by doing our part. Great speech, Rose! I loved your introduction when you asked us a question; that really connected us to your speech. We loved your content and closing by saying it is up to each of us to do our part.
- **Featured Speaker #2:** Angela Smith, CC, delivered speech No. 5 titled “The Persuasive Speaker” from the advanced manual, Persuasive Speaking. Angela started by explaining that she forgot to bring her speech notes (left them at home). She said it would be difficult but she would give it a

try. She began by telling us she had computer problems, then called the Geek Squad and learned it would cost \$150 to fix. That experience convinced her to sign up for a warranty rewards program for all her electronic products which cost \$19.95 a month. Since then, she bought her granddaughter in New York a cell phone, and it is also included in this warranty. She recently moved from Mililani to Kapolei and some of her electronics were damaged, but she didn't have to worry because it was covered by the warranty. If anyone is interested, her webpage is: www.mywarrantyrewards.com/angelahawaii. It sounds like we all need to get a warranty with our electronic purchases. It was a convincing speech, Angela.

4. Table Topics Master: Holly Holloway, CC, CL, stayed with our theme of "Veterans" and asked how many veterans we had in the room. Only one person raised his hand. Holly is also a veteran and she brought her medals, ribbons, insignia and dog tags with her. She told a little bit about the history of Veteran's Day. This holiday began in 1919 when Woodrow Wilson was President. A veteran was once defined as a military person who died in World War I. It has since evolved to include anyone who has served in the military. When she asked a question, she took out one of her medals, ribbons, insignia or dog tags.

Holly brought out a medal with a rifle on it and ask question No. 1: "How did you win this sharpshooter medal?"

- **Speaker #1:** Jerome Ababa, CC who said with confidence, that he got his shooting ability as a young child. He rolled up a piece of paper, put it in a pipe and would shoot at rodents, geckos or roaches. When he became an adult, he joined the military and signed up for the rifle company and that's how he eventually became a sharpshooter. Well done, Jerome!

- **Speaker #2:** Holly then brought out a military ribbon and asked Jason Leue, our honored guest: “How did you win this ribbon?” Jason was unique in his perspective of this important honor and informed us that since the military are usually clad in camouflage, you don’t always notice them. But because he received this very colorful medal, he can now go to a large shopping mall and be immediately recognized. That ribbon must have been a huge honor, Jason. Good job!
- **Speaker #3:** Holly then brought out an insignia and asked Amy Long, another honored guest: “What unit were you in when you received these prestigious insignias?” Amy confidently responded by telling us she was in the Diving Unit. She was so fast under water that she received an award for it. Precious answer, Amy! Love it!
- **Speaker #4:** Holly then brought out dog tags and asked Rasika Leue, our honored guest: “Tell us how you received these dog tags, please.” Rasika told this sad, sad story about how her best friend went into the military and was killed in action. Raskia teared up, as did the rest of the audience. She went into some detail about how important her friend was to her. What a convincing delivery! Many asked later if she really had this experience (no). She has the makings of a great actress. I so look forward to hearing more from Rasika, Jason and Amy.

5. Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Irobela Wreagh, CL, evaluated Rose Martinez, ACB, CL. Irobela did the sandwich method for her evaluation. She started by giving Rose kudos for her smooth delivery. Irobela said Rose did excellent to tell how her Toastmaster experience has helped her so much in achieving her goals. Irobela mentioned how well she described how the three Cs have helped her. Her vocal

variety was excellent. The only suggestion was that she could have gone low tech using notes on paper and quickly flipping the page instead of looking at her iPad while thumbing through it. That would have improved her eye contact.

- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Eddie Joseph, DTM, evaluated Angela and he started by telling us that during the Vietnam War, many men didn't want fight the war in Vietnam. Some went to college and avoided going to war. Eddie luckily got married which meant that he didn't have to go to the war, since married men were not drafted. However, he has since then, gained the utmost respect for our military people and thanks them for their service. He recently laid a wreath on a grave at Punchbowl. He then remarked that Angela didn't need to tell us that she forgot to bring her notes for her speech. She could have just given her speech and no one would have known. Angela did well to deliver her speech without notes and he admired her for her friendly, calm delivery and nice smile. He mentioned she missed the target by not telling us her mission and vision. He also mentioned she could improve on vocal variety and make better use of the lectern area.

6. Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Sara gave a thorough report of each person's time. Good job, Sara.
- **Grammarians/Ah Counter:** Jerome gave a detailed report of each person's use of filler words and was gracious when someone had ah's, um's etc. He mentioned that no one used the Word of the Day. Then he mentioned this was because there was no word of the day. Jerome was kind enough to fill in for us at the very last minute and did not have time to use a Word of the Day. Good job, Jerome, we love your willingness to help out when needed.

- **TMOD Closing remarks:** James gave closing remarks and turned the meeting over to Mariea.

7. General Evaluator:

- Mariea Vaughan, CTM, gave a smooth and thorough report and hit the important parts. She gave kudos for an entertaining meeting. It was full of fun! The jokemaster/inspiration was hilarious. The Table Topics Master stayed with the meeting theme and the speakers were original and imaginative in their responses. She enjoyed the speakers. Mariea was inspired by the meeting and it occurred to her the fact that we have freedom of expression. She really enjoyed the persuasive speech.

Announcements/Adjournment:

- Holly closed the meeting by making sure everyone who wanted to sign up for roles on the spreadsheet, had the opportunity.
- Angela announced that the Mililani Toastmasters will have an Open House next Monday, November 17 at 7PM at the Mililani 'Ike Elementary School.
- James announced that in just about two weeks (actually the Wednesday before Thanksgiving), the Kapolei Toastmasters meeting will be held at the Kapolei State Building, Room 111. There will be cake and ice cream!
- Meeting adjourned!