

## **Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM) Meeting**

**Thursday, February 12, 2015**

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

**Kapolei Hale, Conference Room C**

**Theme: "Valentine's Day"**

**Meeting Recap**

**(Submitted by Holly Holloway, ACB, CL, Kapolei Toastmasters)**

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

- President Holly Holloway, ACB, CL, opened the meeting and we followed her lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- We had 12 people in attendance, which consisted of 10 members and 2 guests. Members in attendance were: Jayne, Chakib, Etsuko, James, Eric, Holly, Guy, Amy, Angela, and Mariea. Our honored guests were: Shemeeka Nabea and her 12 year old son.

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

- Holly introduced our TMOD who was Chakib Benachour, Chakib then introduced:
  - **Timekeeper:** Eric Hildenbrand
  - **Grammarians/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Guy Kidder and Guy's Word of the Day was "Consequences".
  - **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Chakib shared with us several quotes regarding "love".

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

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Holly Holloway, ACB, CL gave a speech from the Advanced Manual, Special Occasion Speeches, in which she toasted our Vice-President of Public Relations, Joyce Bullion, CC, CL. This speech was from

Project No. 1 of the manual called: “Mastering the Toast”. Holly started her speech with the question: “How many of you look at our KTM website?” Holly then added some personal stories of Joyce’s determination to do a great job as V.P. of Public Relations for the Kapolei Toastmasters. Holly concluded her speech by having all of us raise our hands for a well deserved toast of Joyce.

- **Featured Speaker #2:** Etsuko Fields, TM, gave a speech from the CC manual, Project No. 4 (How to Say It), titled, “Valentine’s Day in Japan”. Etsuko started her speech by sharing her experience of her previous job in Japan, helping others adjust to living in Japan. Etsuko then shared how the marketing of chocolate is so different in Japan compared to the United States. There was a very high-end maker of chocolate in Japan called Mary’s Chocolate, who was having trouble selling its chocolate. So, they incorporated using ads that targeted Jr. High and High School girls and suggested that the girls give chocolate to the boys they liked. The ads worked very well, and then the company expanded to children and adults. They targeted time advertising campaign for Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and so Japan started celebrating Valentine’s day. But they also celebrate March 14<sup>th</sup>, where the men give chocolate to the women. It was a great speech, and we learned much about the history of Valentine’s day in Japan. Thank you, Etsuko!
- **Featured Speaker #3:** Jayne Arasaki, TM, gave a speech titled “Do It Anyway” from the CC Manual, Project No. 8 (Get Comfortable with Visual Aids). Jayne talked about some of the ten “Paradoxical Commandments” from Kent Keith, and she used a great assortment of visual aids to make her speech so very interesting and powerful.

Here are some of Kent Keith's 10 commandments that Jayne spoke:

- "People are illogical, unreasonable & self-centered. Love them anyway" (visual aid: teddy bear).
- "People with big ideas will be shot down by the smallest men and women. Think big anyway." (visual aid: lantern)
- "What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway". (visual aid: group of buildings made with legos).
- Her last statement was the most profound: "Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world your best anyway."

Jayne's speech reminded us of why so many of us joined Toastmasters. We try and we may fail but we always have the attitude: "Do It Anyway". Great speech! Jayne.

**4. Table Topics Master:** Amy Long, TM, shared how Valentine's Day is a day of Love.

- **Speaker:** Sheemeka's question was "when was the last time you did something for a stranger and how did you feel?" Sheemeka shared that while she was at Whole Foods, she bought a homeless lady a lunch and that made her feel very good.
- **Speaker:** Guy's question was "what is your most memorable Valentine's day?" He replied that this Saturday will be the most memorable because since his sons will be away, he will be home alone with his wife, and they will share special memories along with the Champagne they received when they got married.

- **Speaker:** Mariea's question was "when something gets you down, what do you do to get back a positive attitude?" Mariea responded that one year things were not going well, but when she started decorating Valentine cookies, her mood became lighter and happier.

## 5. Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** James Fu, ACB, ALB evaluated Holly's speech. He said she had a great introduction with when she asked who in the audience has used the Kapolei Toastmasters website. The body of the speech was good because she shared stories of how Joyce is so dedicated to the Kapolei Toastmasters. The conclusion was good because we all toasted Joyce. Suggestion for improvement was to use more vocal variety; it could help when toasting someone. Good job, Holly!
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Group Evaluation for Etsuko:
  - She matched the theme of the meeting very well,
  - There was a clear progression of thoughts,
  - The speech had a lot of value to the audience,
  - Good eye contact and vocal variety.
  - Great speech!
- **Evaluator for Speaker #3:** Holly Holloway, ACB, CL evaluated Jayne's speech. Jayne used her visual aids in an excellent manner to emphasize the main points of her speech. Jayne shared with us the Paradoxical Commandments and each visual aid brought out the point to "Do It Anyway". The suggestion for improvement was to perhaps speak a little louder. It was a great speech.

## **6.Reports:**

- **Timekeeper:** Eric gave a though report of everyone's time and the only time we went over was the Group Evaluation of Etsuko's speech
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Guy gave an excellent report and mentioned that Jayne used the Word of the Day, "Consequences".
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Chakib reminded us that Valentine's Day is a day of Love.

## **7. General Evaluator:**

- Angela Smith, ACB served as our General Evaluator. She gave kudos for the room being set-up and for the majority of roles being filled. She said the Table Topics Master had great questions that followed the theme. The speeches and the evaluations were excellent. She then asked our guests what they thought of the meeting. Sheemeka mentioned that she really felt the aloha spirit in this meeting.

## **8. Announcements/Adjournment:**

- Eric Hildenbrand and Amy Long were inducted as new members to the Kapolei Toastmasters. They each read their scripted commitment to the club and then the club members stood and read our scripted commitment to them.
- Holly Holloway, President, KTM presented Jayne Arasaki with her Competent Communicator Award and ribbon. Congratulations, Jayne!
- Holly Holloway announced that since she is not eligible to enter the speech contest on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> and also since Angela

Smith has withdrawn from the speech contest, the Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> Kapolei Toastmasters meeting will now become a regular meeting. The sign-up sheet was passed around the room.

- End of meeting.