

**Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)**  
**Thursday, February 26, 2015**  
**12:00 - 1:00 pm**  
**Kapolei Hale, Conference Room C**  
**Theme: "Honolulu Rail Transit"**  
**Meeting Recap**  
**(Submitted by Joyce Bullion, CC, 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 13 people total which consisted of 1 guest and 12 members. Holly asked our honored guest, Kiku Rees, to stand up and be recognized.
- Members in attendance were James, Lani, Rasika, Etsuko, Mariea, Jason, Holly, Joyce, Angela, Amy, Eddie and Sara.

**2. Education Session:**

- Holly introduced our TMOD who was Etsuko Fields, TM. It was Etsuko's first time as TMOD.  
Etsuko introduced:
- **Timekeeper:** Sara Okuda, TM, explained her role as Timekeeper.
- **Grammarians/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Amy Long, TM, explained her role as Grammarian/Ah Counter. The word of the day is "mythomane". What a wonderful choice for the word of the day. Her sign even had a cute picture of Pinocchio.
- **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Mariea Vaughan, CTM told a joke about 2 primates who were left after a nuclear war. Monkey man told Monkey lady he was hungry so Monkey lady climbed a tree and brought back an apple.

Monkey man said “Oh, no, we get to start over again!”  
CUTE!

### 3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Mariea Vaughan, CTM, gave a speech titled “For Your Eyes Only”. This speech was not from any particular speech manual. Mariea gave a detailed speech on what happened to her long ago when she discovered she was visually impaired. Her speech was very interesting and very informative. She explained how her eyesight began to fail her and how she went to an Optometrist, ophthalmologist, and finally, to a retinal consultant. That’s how she discovered she has macular degeneration. Although Mariea has macular degeneration, she is grateful to have some eyesight. Mariea’s speech was an “eye opener” for all of us.
- **Featured Speaker #2:** Holly Holloway, ACB, CL, gave a speech titled “Silence is Golden” from Project No. 1 from the High Performance Manual. Holly gave a high energy speech. Holly is the chair for the silent auction for the upcoming District 49 Toastmasters Spring Conference on May 2, 2015, and her being chair will help her attain her Advanced Leadership Silver (ALS) award. Holly shared her enthusiasm and her vision for her project, and she asked all of us for help. She wants all of us to be pro-active and volunteer to help her achieve her healthy goal of \$2, 000 from the silent auction. This money will help to keep the registration fees low for the attendees at the Spring Conference. Holly clearly stated that she wants and needs all of us to be on her team. Many clearly stated they want to be on her team.

**Featured Speaker #3:** Angela Smith, ACB, gave a speech titled “A Stroll Down Memory Lane”, from Project No. 3 (Make Them Laugh) from the advanced manual, The Entertaining Speaker. Angela told us about an experience she had when she

met a friend at a restaurant. She was telling her friend that she had been in a Humorous Speech Contest and that she came in third. Her friend asked her how many were in the contest and she confessed that there were only three. Her friend fell down laughing. Angela brought out the importance of humor in our everyday lives.

#### **4. Table Topics Master:**

- **Speaker:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL, was the Table Topic Master and kept with the theme of the meeting “Honolulu Rail Transit”. Lani asked the question and then called on a speaker.
  - **Table Topic Speaker No. 1:** Eddie Joseph, DTM, was called on first and his question was: “Do you think it is fair that many are required to pay the 1/2% general excise tax even though many will never directly benefit from the Rail Transit System? The tax has been collected since 2007 and although it’s supposed to end at the year 2022, it could be extended. Eddie said we all live on this island. No man is an island by himself. Eddie made note of the Rail System in Japan and how useful it is.
  - **Table Topic Speaker Number 2:** Amy Long, TM, was asked if the Rail Transit System will enhance life in the Islands or will it degrade life in the Islands? Amy answered clear and simple “Enhance”. Amy looks forward to riding the Rail Transit; she could play games on her ipad while travelling on the Rail.
  - **Table Topic Speaker Number 3:** Lani called on James Fu, ACB, ALB next, and his question was: Considering other options, should we have followed another plan other than Rail Transit? James said that adding a lane for the BUS would not solve the traffic problems since cars would lose one traffic lane. James said that the Rail Transit is our future.

He mentioned that California is adding extensions to their Rail Transit to extend it from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

### **5.Evaluation Session:**

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** The scheduled Evaluator for Speaker No. 1 was unable to attend, so we conducted a group evaluation of Mariea's speech. Many people gave kudos to Mariea for the amount of interesting information that was offered by her. It was educational with great visual aids, and no notes were used. A suggestion was made for Mariea to use an effective introduction to immediately grab the audience's attention. Mariea had a solid middle portion of her speech and her speech would have benefitted with an effective closing. I look forward to hearing more from Mariea. She is an important part of Kapolei Toastmaster's Club.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Rasika Leue, TM, was evaluator for Holly Holloway, ACB, CL. Rasika gave kudos and expressed enthusiasm for helping with the Silent Auction at the upcoming Spring Conference. Rasika mentioned what a seasoned speaker Holly is and how she accomplished her goal of asking us for help with the Silent Auction. Holly did well to relay to us the importance of the Silent Auction.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #3:** Jason Leue, TM, was evaluator for Angela Smith, ACB. Jason mentioned that humor is tough but that Angela did well. Jason stated that Angela has grown in confidence and poise and it inspires him. Jason suggested that she save this pearl of humor (punchline) to the very end and pop some humor along the way.

### **6.Reports:**

- **Timekeeper:** Sarah Okuda, TM, gave a thorough report and mentioned that only one person went over their allotted time.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Amy Long, TM, gave a thorough report of those who used filler words and effective pauses and of those who used this fabulous vocabulary building word of the day.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Etsuko made her closing remarks and I would like to add she was a “natural” as emcee. We are so blessed to have so many professional people in our midst.

## **7. General Evaluator:**

- James Fu, ACB, ALB was General Evaluator. James had many positive things to say about the meeting.
  - He praised Etsuko for her natural ability to be the TMOD.
  - He stated how good Sara and Amy did with their roles. The Word of the Day was excellent and will definitely add to our vocabulary.
  - He said what a great speech Mariea had given and suggested that in the future, she consult with him as V.P. Education to use a speech manual to get credit for giving a speech.
  - He mentioned that Holly’s speech was great because her chairing the Silent Auction will help her attain her ALS award.
  - He said that the evaluations from Jason and Rasika were upbeat and effective.
  - Lani did great with the Table Topics and the speakers responded well.

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

- Holly announced that she is chairing the Division B Speech Contest on April 11, 2015 at 9:30 am at the Central Pacific

Bank Training Room. She needs help with the registration desk, two ballot counters and two timekeepers. Please contact Holly if you can help her.

- Holly will be conducting an “action plan” meeting (date to be determined) for her Silent Auction committee members. The District 49 Spring Conference will be held on May 2, 2015. If you’d like to help out and would like to be on her committee, please contact Holly.
- Our current Toastmasters dues expire on March 31, and it is time to renew our dues. Renewal amount is \$40.50 (cash or checks accepted. Checks payable to Toastmasters International). Please give renewal payments to Sara (our Treasurer) or to any KTM Officer.
- Joyce announced our club’s upcoming Open House on March 19, 2015 at 12 noon. Angela added that the first 10 guest will receive a FREE Toastmasters International pen. Fliers were available on the sign in table. If you’d like some fliers to pass out, contact James.
- James announced Toastmasters Recognition cards were available on the sign in table. One side lists the requirements for all Communication awards and on the other side, requirements are listed for all the Leadership awards, both of which are needed to attain the Distinguished Toastmaster award. If anyone wants a card, please contact James.
- Holly asked everyone to sign up for roles for future meetings.