

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Thursday, March 12, 2015, 12:00-1:00 pm
Kapolei Hale, Conference Room C
Theme: "Oceans"
Meeting Recap
(Submitted by James Fu, ACB, ALB, Kapolei Toastmasters)

1. Opening of Meeting:

- President Holly Holloway, ACB, CL, opened the meeting, and we followed her lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- There were 12 KTM members in attendance: Mariea, Rose, Alex, Irobela, Sara, Lani, Rasika, Shemeeka, Angela, Holly, James, Jason. Our guest was a former member, Bryan Toda.

2. Education Session:

- Holly introduced our TMOD who was Jason Leue, TM. This was Jason's first time to fill this important role. In line with the meeting theme (Oceans), Jason talked about when he lived in Canada and there were no oceans where he lived. But there was Lake Ontario and if it was a hot day, if you stuck your foot in Lake Ontario, it was still freezing cold. Jason then introduced:
- **Timekeeper:** Lani Abridana, ACB, CL, was the Timekeeper, and like an old pro, Lani did a very good job explaining her timekeeping role.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Rasika Leue, TM was Grammarian/Ah Counter. Rasika did a good job explaining her role. It is her first time as Grammarian / Ah Counter and Rasika chose the word of

the day: “aphotic”, which means that part of the ocean with very little sunlight.

- **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Holly spoke about the various oceans she visited as a 16 year old. She once told her Dad that she wanted to go into the ocean at Plymouth Rock. Although her Dad cautioned her, she went into the ocean for 5 minutes, until she turned blue. She learned a lesson that day: sometimes you need to know what you are getting yourself into. She contrasted that to when she was asked to be a KTM Officer. She didn’t know what she was getting herself into, but she really enjoys being a KTM Officer.

3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Jason Leue, TM, gave his ice-breaker speech, Project No. 1 - "The Ice-Breaker" from the Competent Communications (CC) manual. Jason gave an excellent ice-breaker speech. Jason explained that he can talk, but he’d like to be able to “open up” better when communicating. Jason is referring to a common trait of many males; we have a hard time expressing our feelings and connecting to others while communicating. To Jason, communication is about connecting with others through common ground. Jason explained some of his previous work experiences in which he learned that teaching is not the same as leadership. That’s one of the reasons he’s interested in Toastmasters. Jason asked for all of our support as he begins his journey in Toastmasters. Very good speech, Jason!
- **Featured Speaker #2:** Rose Martinez, ACS, CL, gave a speech from The Better Speaker Series, titled “Meeting

Roles and Responsibilities”. Rose explained all meeting roles at a typical KTM meeting (TMOD, timekeeper, grammarian/ah counter, etc.), and explained how these roles should be done. Rose also explained how our Club Officers (President, all VP’s, Secretary/Treasurer, Sergeant of Arms) contribute and support our KTM meetings. Of particular importance, Rose mentioned some important points regarding speakers:

- Prior to the KTM meeting, speakers should send the Speaker Introduction Form to the V.P. Education (James) and to the TMOD.
- If the speaker is not ready to submit the Speaker Introduction Form, please confirm that you can do a speech. Since we have so many members, it is difficult to sign up for speaking slots, and if someone is not ready to do a speech and drops out, we have wasted a valuable speaking slot.
- Rose encouraged us to sign up as a backup speaker. Sometimes, a speaker has an emergency and can’t do their speech. We need backup speakers to be ready to give a speech with little notice. In fact, backup speakers should prepare as if they will give their speech.

4. **Table Topics:** Mareia Vaughan, CTL, was our Table Topics Master and she talked about Jack Phillips, a baker in Colorado who refused to sell cakes to gay customers. There were lawsuits and countersuits over this issue. Was it ok for Jack Phillips to refuse to sell cakes to gay customers? What’s your take on this issue?
- a. Holly volunteered to speak, and she said she will always remember when she and Joyce ordered their wedding cake last year at Foodland. The woman at Foodland who took their order said she was so glad to bake their cake. Holly

said that her wedding day was so very memorable for Joyce and her as more people than expected showed up for their wedding, and they ran out of cake!

- b. Rasika also answered this question and said that she is grateful she doesn't live in an oppressive country, and she is glad to live in the U.S. with its free speech and free religion.
- c. Angela also answered this question and said that although the gay customers had rights, the baker also had a right to refuse to sell cakes to gay customers.

5. Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Holly evaluated Jason's speech and commented about Jason's enthusiasm and good eye contact. Jason was very prepared and although he had some post-it notes on the podium, he hardly used them, and they were like an unused life preserver. Holly's suggestion was for Jason to provide a little more detail on some of his past, such as his discussion of his five year project in which he basically worked alone. Good evaluation Holly!
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Irobela Wreagh, CL, was the evaluator for Rose. Irobela mentioned that Rose had good use of vocal variety and made good use of the powerpoint presentation. Rose made good use of today's meeting participants to help explain their roles. Irobela suggested that Rose use more of her own words for this speech and for her to practice her speech more as she went over her allotted time.

6.Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Lani gave a thorough report on everyone's time.

- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Rasika gave a thorough report of everyone word fillers. No one used the word of the day.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Jason made his closing remarks and introduced Angela as our General Evaluator.

7. General Evaluator:

- Angela Smith, ACB recapped the meeting and said how each person did a good job with their role. Angela did not have any suggestions for improvement.

8. Announcements/Adjournment:

- Holly invited Shemeeka to the podium and we formally inducted Shemeeka as a member of the Kapolei Toastmasters Club.
- Holly gave Jason a ribbon for completing his ice-breaker speech.
- Holly also announced the Kapolei Toastmasters Open House is next week Thursday, March 19 in Room 111 at the Kapolei State Building. There will be free cake and ice cream. Bring a guest!
- Holly needs help with the silent auction at the District 49 Spring Conference in May. She needs two people to collect money from the winning bidders for the gift baskets and she needs four runners to deliver the gift baskets to the winning bidders. Please contact Holly if you can help.
- Meeting ended a little after 1pm.