

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 12:00-1:00 pm,
Kapolei Hale, Conference Room C
Meeting theme: “Prince Kuhio”
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 James Fu’s (ACB, ALB) lead in the pledge of allegiance.
- There were 16 people total which consisted of 2 guests and 14 members. Holly gave a warm welcome to our honored guests: Tanya Mendoza’s (TM) two handsome sons.
- Members in attendance were: James, Joyce, Holly, Lani, Angela, Rose, Sara, Rasika, Amy, Tanya, Irobela, Jason, Shemeeka, and our newest member, Kiku Rees.

2. Education Session:

- Holly introduced Angela Smith, ACB, as our TMOD, who then introduced:
 - **Timekeeper:** Sara Okuda, TM, was our timer and explained her role for us.
 - **Grammarian/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL was Grammarian/Ah Counter. She explained both roles, and her word of the day was “expeditious”, an adjective. Lani is a seasoned Grammarian/Ah Counter.

- **Inspiration:** Jason Leue, TM, gave our inspiration for the day and stayed with our meeting theme, Prince Kuhio. Jason mentioned that Prince Kuhio felt cheated out of his royal position due to the overthrow of Hawaiian government. Prince Kuhio was angry and bitter about this, he went to the mainland. He eventually returned back to Hawaii and got involved in politics for the Republic of Hawaii and became very successful. He was the first member of Hawaiian royalty to be elected as a representative for the Republic of Hawaii. Jason said that Prince Kuhio was inspirational because he didn't dwell on his anger, but instead, he became a representative and did many good things for Hawaii. Jason, that was inspirational and empowering. Prince Kuhio was so respected that we celebrate his good work each year with the Prince Kuhio Day holiday. We thank you, Jason!

3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Rasika Leue, TM, did her ice-breaker speech (Project No. 1 from the Competent Communications manual). Rasika opened her speech with a warm ALOHA. She mentioned that she will be 40 years old soon, and she has originally thought that this was really old and in the older days, perhaps your husband would trade in his wife for a younger model. She has since changed her viewpoint and said "Whoa! 40 is the new 30." Rasika then gave a little background on her life. She was born on Oahu North Shore, and when she was 8 or 9 years old, her family moved to the mainland. She liked the mainland because everything was cheaper, and you could drive for a long time to exciting places (skiing, etc.) Ten years later, she moved back to Hawaii, and she did not intend to stay long. However, she met Jason and got

married. They bought a place in Waianae where the beaches are so beautiful. Now, she is so grateful to live in Hawaii and doesn't want to leave. She ended with a quote: "Life is what happens while you are making plans." Great speech Rasika. I look forward to hearing more of your speeches to learn more about you.

- **Featured Speaker #2:** Rose Martinez, ACS, CL, gave a powerpoint speech titled, "Moments of Truth" from the Successful Club Series Manual. Rose is our District 49 Area Governor, and she began by sharing that her role as an Area Governor is to help build up her assigned Toastmasters clubs (4 or 5 clubs). She talked about the six moments of truth that help build up clubs:

1. First Impressions
2. Membership Orientation
3. Fellowship, Variety and Communication
4. Program Planning and Meeting Organization
5. Membership Strength
6. Achievement

Rose passed out handouts and asked us to write any recommendations for any of the abovementioned six moments of truth. She concluded with a quote: "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." I love to hear Rose speak. It has been a privilege to watch her grow in Toastmasters. I often think about the challenges one faces when learning the English Language-to translate words and then to perfect your style of speaking and leadership in Toastmasters, and she has done a very good job.

4. Table Topics Master:

- Irobela Wreagh, CL, was our Table Topics Master. Irobela talked about Prince Kuhio, and even sang some Hawaiian

words. Her first question was: “What would it be like in Hawaii if there had not been a Monarchy?”

- **Table Topics Speaker Number 1:** Rasika Leue, TM, volunteered to answer. Rasika, who was born in Hawaii, mentioned the system of “kapu” and how people could be put to death in this system. Rasika mentioned that with things like this, perhaps the U.S. did Hawaii a favor.
- Irobela then said Prince Kuhio’s parents died when he was young, and King Kamehameha’s wife adopted Prince Kuhio as her hanai son. Hanai is such a great word along with its meaning and is still used today. So the next question was “What are some of your favorite Hawaiian words or customs that you use today?”
- **Table Topics Speaker Number 2:** Amy Long, TM, volunteered to speak with some coaxing and spoke clearly when she said the custom of giving hugs and kisses and being called “cousin” is a custom she loves. She treasures her extended family in Hawaii because in some ways, it is more loving than with her family members. She loves the word, “Ohana”.
- Irobela then mentioned that tomorrow is a State holiday in which we commemorate Prince Kuhio Day. City and State employees are entitled to this holiday. Should all companies give their employees this holiday?”
- **Table Topics Speaker Number 3:** James Fu, ACB, ALB and State of Hawaii employee was chosen to speak. He said plain and clear: “Yes, all companies in Hawaii should give this day off. It would show that all of us living in Hawaii respect the Hawaiian culture.” There

are only two days each year which are considered Hawaiian holidays, the other holiday is King Kamehameha Day on June 11.

5.Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Holly Holloway, ACB, CL, gave kudos to Rasika for a job well done. She said Rasika spoke clearly, had good eye contact and had a strong voice. Holly commended Rasika for stepping in at the last minute to give her speech but wished that she talked more about herself. Holly wished Rasika had more notice to give her speech as Holly would have given some advice for her speech. Holly suggested fewer filler words in future.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Jason Leue, TM, evaluated Rose Martinez, ACS, CL. Jason found the speech to be educational, and it gave him a view of what needs to be done with Toastmasters information. He wishes there were more speeches like this. He said Rose had good eye contact and lots of enthusiasm. She was engaging. He suggested that when she reads it could be disconnecting to the audience. Great evaluation, Jason.

6.Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Sara gave a thorough report of each person's time. One person made the red light extension by the skin of her teeth (one minute). No one went over but a couple went under.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Lani also gave a thorough report of each person's filler words. Many used the word of the day, "expeditious". She very tactfully mentioned that certain members "favor" their use of uh's, ah's, etc.

- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Angela gave her closing remarks and called on the General Evaluator.

7. General Evaluator:

- Joyce Bullion, CC, CL did a quick evaluation of the entire meeting due to time restrictions and gave good remarks to readiness of room and good grades to warm greetings and upbeat tone.
- She mentioned the importance of our TMOD to check for the correct pronunciation of names before the meeting starts, but gave kudos to Angela for being a warm and hospitable emcee.
- Our Grammarian/Ah Counter, Lani, chose an excellent word for us to build our vocabulary with and many used the “word of the Day”.
- Our Table Topics Master, Irobela, did excellent to stay with the meeting theme with her questions. We learned much about Prince Kuhio. The Table Topics speakers did very well to answer on their feet and gave heart-felt responses.
- The evaluators remarks were positive and helpful suggestions were made.
- All in all, the meeting was educational, exciting and fun.

8. Announcements/Adjournment:

- Holly Holloway, ACB, CL called up Rasika Leue, TM and awarded her with her ice-breaker ribbon. Well done, Rasika!
- Holly announced that she needs help for the Silent Auction on May 2, 2015 for the Toastmasters Spring Conference.
- Holly needs one person to sit outside the door on April 11, 2015 at the Division B Speech Contest.

- Dues are due now. If 20 members renew before March 31, our club will receive a \$75 gift certificate. We were only 3 renewals from that goal at the meeting's end.
- James reminded us that for the third Thursday of each month, we will forego the Table Topics session to add a fourth speaker. Please look at the sign up sheets because there is an open speaker slot on April 16. We are encouraging members who have not recently done a speech to sign up.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm.