

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Thursday, April 2, 2015, 12:00-1:00 pm
Kapolei Hale, Conference Room C
Theme: "April Fools"
Meeting Recap
(Submitted by James Fu, ACB, ALB, Kapolei Toastmasters)

1. Opening of Meeting:

- Vice-President of Education, James Fu, ACB, ALB, opened the meeting, and we followed his lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- James welcomed 16 KTM members to our meeting: Lani, Alex, James, Eric, Jason, Rasika, Amy, Rose, Tanya, Shemeeka, Christina, Mark, Angela, Irobela, Kiku, Eddie. There were no guests.

2. Education Session:

- James mentioned that he works for the D.O.T., and yesterday, he watched a press conference in which the media "grilled" a D.O.T. person on the huge traffic mess due to the broken zip mobile. James mentioned that as he watched the press conference, he couldn't help but think how Toastmasters is so beneficial to all of us, and it could have really helped this D.O.T. person in yesterday's press conference.
- James then introduced our TMOD, Irobela Wreagh, CL. Irobela opened by admitting that she and her husband were about to retire and will be moving to Brazil. After many shocked looks on the audience's faces, Irobela said April's Fools; she was only kidding. What a great way to kick off an April Fool's themed Toastmasters meeting!

- Irobela then introduce our **timekeeper**, Angela Smith, who did a good job explaining her timekeeping role. Irobela then introduced Rasika who came early to the meeting thinking she was timekeeper, but was actually our **Grammarians/Ah Counter**. Before the meeting started, Rasika showed good poise by quickly finding an excellent word of the day, “shenanigans”.
- **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Amy gave us some April Fool’s inspiration by relating her very fond memories of visiting Boston to see her Dad. And what does she remember about these trips? It was the trips she and her Dad took to a Boston gag shop: fake vomit, etc. I wish we had that kind of gag shop in Hawaii!

3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Rose Martinez, ACS, CL, gave a powerpoint speech titled, “Creating the Best Club Climate” from the Successful Club Series Manual. Rose talked about how to create the best club climate:
 - A. Set a Good Example for Others.
 - Arrive prepared and on time
 - Offer to help
 - Volunteer for committees and offices
 - Be supportive
 - B. Welcome Guests
 - Before the meeting
 - After the meeting.
 - C. Show Members That We Care
 - Volunteer to serve as a mentor
 - Pay attention to continuing members
 - Be considerate
 - Give excellent evaluations

- Recognize achievement
- Foster camaraderie

Rose concluded by saying that it's important to remember to keep the best club climate to keep your club thriving.

- **Featured Speaker #2:** Jason Leue, TM, presented a speech from Project No. 2 of the Competent Communications Manual– Organize Your Speech. The title of Jason's speech was: "You Are Not Your Body". Jason gave a very interesting speech of a subject that drew interest from all of us, our health. Did you know that every ten years, every human gets a new body? That is, every atom in the human body will change over the course of ten years. It is related to the concept of conservation of energy. Knowing this has given Jason a sense of peace as he can now see that when his hair is thinning, he doesn't have to worry as conservation of energy lets more hair grow somewhere else on his body. Jason, very interesting speech

4. **Table Topics:** Shemeeka Nabea, TM, and she asked: "what was your biggest life changing event?"
 - a. Mark Posenecker, TM volunteered to speak, and he mentioned that becoming a parent was his biggest life changing event. After his wife gave birth, their son had problems with his oxygen level, which was very low. After staying in the hospital for the first week of his life, Mark's son eventually got better and he's now a normal, healthy six year old. A real life changing (and appreciation) event!
 - b. Rasika also volunteered to speak and said that getting married to Jason at 28 yrs. old was a life changing event for her. Rasika thinks she got married late (at 28), but we surely beg to differ.

- c. Tanya volunteered and mentioned three life changing events for her: (1) having children, because she didn't think she would ever have children; (2) Not being able to get pregnant which gave Tanya appreciation and sensitivity to those who cannot have kids; and (3) Having to see an oncologist at 30 yrs. old. It's ok: she's cancer free.

5. Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** James evaluated Rose's speech, but he first explained why Rose was doing a speech from the Successful Club Series. James first showed a projector slide showing the Kapolei Toastmasters Distinguished Club Record since its inception. Did you know that Kapolei Toastmasters has achieved the highest Distinguished Club status (President's Distinguished) for the last four years? And we will also become President's Distinguished this year, our fifth consecutive year! This is very rare, as many clubs have difficulty achieving President's Distinguished for two consecutive years. This indicates the very high quality of our Toastmasters club. The purpose of giving a speech from the Successful Club Series is to build up our club, and in our case, to keep our club thriving as a top performing Toastmasters club. With this in mind, James suggested that Rose should first explain why she did a speech from the Successful Club Series because that could motivate the audience to pay more attention to her presentation.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Eddie Joseph, DTM, was the evaluator for Jason. Eddie had very positive comments regarding Jason's speech. Jason has good enthusiasm while presenting his speech. A suggestion would be to scan the entire room when using eye contact. In my opinion, Jason's speech had great speech value because it

offered the audience a really different viewpoint when looking at the health and wellness of your body.

6. Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Angela gave a thorough report on everyone's time.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Rasika gave a thorough report of everyone word fillers. Several used "shenanigans" as the word of the day.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Irobela made her closing remarks and introduced Lani Abrigana, ACB, CI as our General Evaluator.

7. General Evaluator:

- Lani recapped the meeting and said how each person did a good job with their role. Some suggestions included remembering the protocol to "protect the podium" and to give the V.P. Education (James) your speech information before the meeting so that the TMOD (Irobela) could properly introduce the speakers.

8. Announcements/Adjournment:

- We are still collecting membership renewal dues. Since Sara couldn't attend the meeting, please give your dues to James.
- Nominations for Kapolei Toastmaster Officers will be taken in April and elections will be held in May. You can give any nominations to James (Past President).
- James invited Kiku up to the podium and we formally inducted Kiku as our newest Kapolei Toastmaster. Welcome, Kiku!
- Meeting ended around 1pm.
- After the meeting, a new member orientation was held for Kiku, Shemeeka and Amy.

4/2/15: Great member turnout for our KTM meeting

4/2/15; But we had no guests; please bring a guest!

4/2/15: Our TMOD Irobela, did a great job.

Our timekeeper: Angela

Our Grammarian: Rasika

4/2/15: Rose giving her "Successful Club Series" speech

4/2/15: Jason giving his "You Are Not Your Body" speech

4/2/15: Lani giving her General Evaluation

4/2/15: James and new member, Kiku Rees