

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)

Thursday

April 16, 2015

12:00-1:00PM

Kapolei Hale Conference Room C

Theme: "Ocean Reefs"

Meeting Recap

(Submitted by Joyce Bullion, CC, CL, Kapolei Toastmasters)

1. Opening of Meeting:

- President Holly Holloway, ACB, CL, opened the meeting and led us in saying The Pledge of Allegiance.
- We had 15 people total which consisted of all members and no guests.
- Members in attendance were: Eddie, Joyce, Holly, Shemeeka, Kiku, Etsuko, Mark, Mariea, Lani, Amy, Angela, Chakib, Rasika, Jason and Sara

2. Education Session:

- Holly introduced our TMOD who was delayed so she filled in and introduced herself and then introduced TMOD Angela Smith, ACB, when she arrived.
Holly introduced:
- **Timekeeper:** Shemeeka Nabea, TM, explained her role as Timekeeper. I believe it was her first time to be Timer.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL, explained her role as Grammarian/Ah Counter and revealed her choice for word of the day: ERGO an adverb which means "therefore". Good choice of a word.
- **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Rasika Leue, TM, kept with the theme for today of Ocean Reefs and started by stating

that 85% of all reefs in the world are found around Hawaii. They are alive and hidden. They supply food for fish, octopus, crabs and algae provide oxygen. They also help to prevent shore erosion. We can help by not using chemicals for growing crops, limit fish catches to only the amount we can eat and by not littering. Rasika then told some precious ocean jokes. Rasika was inspirational and humorous.

- Holly introduced the TMOD of the Day Angela Smith, ACB, who then introduced:

3. Featured Speakers:

- **Speaker #1:** Etsuko Fields, TM, gave speech Number 3 from the Competent Communicator manual-objective to get to the point titled “Having a Dream”. Etsuko told us she was born in Japan and began to learn English in the 7th grade. Etsuko referred to Martin Luther King’s speech “I Have a Dream”. It meant a great deal to her. Her dream was to speak fluent English like her cousin who lived in Singapore and be successful. She went to college in California and was introduced to “The Secret” with Rhonda Byrne. She stressed the importance of Having a dream and closed by suggesting everyone have a dream and follow it. It was a great speech. I felt empowered by it.
- **Speaker #2:** Jason Leue, TM, gave speech number 3 from the Competent Communicator manual with object to get to the point titled “You are a Farmer”. Jason started by telling each of us “We are all farmers!” Jason qualified himself by telling us he bought land in Waianae in 2006 that had mango trees. He has since expanded his mango grove. He is a commercial farmer. He went on to expound on why we are all farmers. Our actions are a landscape and we plant seeds and the results are our fruits. No one is a victim as we reap what we sow. He has never looked at

his mango grove and wondered why he has no pears. Our lives are cause and effect. Sometimes we get sour fruits and we need to change our landscape (actions) so we can reap a better crop. What a great speech. I loved the allegories. I felt strongly that I should take weeds out of my landscape. It was a great speech and had a spiritual tone to it.

- **Speaker #3:** Chakib Benachour, TM, gave speech number 5 from Competent Communicator -Your body speaks titled “The Senses Board Meeting”. Chakib gave a speech about our five senses and spoke about each one separately.
 - The first was sight. Because I see I think I am a visionary and erg the leader of the pack.
 - The second was hearing. We have two ears on the side of our head and hear a child crying and our hearing thinks it is The Leader.
 - The third was Smell. I can smell a rose and fresh bread and think smell is the leader.
 - The fourth was taste. I can taste good wine, fresh bread and ice cream. Taste is king.
 - The fifth was touch. I can feel love and pain. Touch is the ultimate.
 - In closing he said the battle of senses concludes with it takes all senses to conclude what we see feel, taste, hear and touch.

4.Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** We did a group evaluation for Etsuko’s speech. Many kudos were given such as she had great hand gestures, and good flow. She used the word of the day twice. She did not refer to notes and had good eye contact. I did not hear any suggestions for improvement.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Joyce Bullion, CC, CL, evaluated Jason and said he had a great opening by telling us that we

are each a farmer. It connected us well and stirred our curiosity. He had no notes and good eye contact. The only thing suggested for improvement was to use more of the speaking area. It was also said that the content of his speech was high quality and he should display more confidence.

- **Evaluator for Speaker #3:** We did a group evaluation for Chakib. It was said he had excellent hand gestures and interesting ideas. Helen Keller was discussed. It was suggested that Chakib use more of the speaker area. Someone suggested he enter the humorous speech contest one day. Personally, I feel Chakib is an expression of art. After describing the battle among the five senses, I could not help but think about the sixth sense.

6.Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Shemeeka Nabea, TM, gave her final report of each person's time. One person went over. Good job Shemeeka.
- **Grammarians/Ah Counter:** Lani did a great job as Grammmarian/Ah Counter. Many used filler words and a few used the word of the day-one person three times and one used it twice.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Angela turned it over to president, Holly Holloway.

7. General Evaluator: Holly Holloway, ACB, CL, gave a thorough report of evaluation of the meeting:

- She gave kudos to Jerome for bringing our ktm equipment by 11AM and for setting up the room.
- Since there were no guests, Holly suggested we invite people.
- Signs were placed on the doors
- President set a good tone.

- TMOD did good following the speaker introduction form.
- Shemeeka and Lani did great.
- Group evaluations were positive and effective
- Joyce did well with her evaluation
- Speakers were profound
- TMOD did well to do group evaluations when there was no evaluator
- TMOD needs to arrive early so the meeting can start on time in an orderly fashion.

8. Announcements/Adjournment: Holly announced:

- District 49 Spring Conference is May 2. Registration starts at 7:30AM. Holly will be there at 7AM for preparation for auction. She needs help with auction.
- KTM has qualified again this year for the President's Distinguished Award. We completed 9 of 10 Club Goals. This is the fifth year in a row.
- People who have not received their competent communicator award are asked to sign up first after April 23 when July, August and September are added to the sign-up spread sheet.
- Angela Smith, ACB announced BEAT THE CLOCK which runs from May 1-June 30. 2015. Angela is the chair person and she needs 3 people to help her. If we sign up 5 new members in that time slot, we receive a Ribbon and ten percent discount towards future club purchases from Toastmasters International.