

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Thursday, May 7, 2015
12:00-1:00 pm
Kapolei Hale, Conference Room C
Theme: "Favorite Person"
Meeting Recap
(Submitted by Joyce Bullion, TM, 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 17 people total which consisted of 3 guests and 14 members. Holly welcomed and acknowledged each of our honored guests who were Lila and Sai Leue (Jason and Rasika's daughters) and Shadrack Nabea (oldest son of Shemeeka).
- Members in attendance were: Holly, Joyce, James, Eddie, Lani, Sara, Tanya, Shemeeka, Mark, Jason, Rasika, Angela, Jayne and Irobela.

2. Education Session:

- Holly introduced our TMOD who was Jason Leue, TM. Jason honored his wife, Rasika Leue because today is her birthday. We all applauded and sang "Happy Birthday" to her. Jason was a great TMOD in high fashion and complimented Holly for her value to our club and James for his dedicated hard work.

Then Jason introduced:

- **Timekeeper:** Shemeeka Nabea, TM, explained her role as Timekeeper in high fashion.

- **Grammarians/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Sara Okuda, TM, explained her role as Grammarian/Ah Counter. The Word of the Day is “laudable” which is an adjective meaning worthy of praise and is “right on” with the meeting’s theme of the day.
- **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL told a story about a tourist who traveled to San Francisco and went into a souvenir shop. The tourist spotted a bronze rat statue and asked how much. The shop owner said “Oh, great choice for a souvenir. The statue costs \$12 but the story behind it costs \$100.” The tourist purchased the \$12 bronze statue but not the story- feeling fortunate he saved a lot of money. As he walked away, he was followed by live rats - first 100s of them and then thousands. As he approached the San Francisco Bay, he frantically tossed the statue in the Bay, and all the rats jumped in the Bay and drowned. The tourist returned to the shop and the shop owner asked if he was ready to buy the story. The tourist said “no” but asked if he had any bronze statues of politicians. Funny story!

3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Tanya Mendoza, TM, gave a speech from Project No. 6 in the Competent Communicator manual, titled “What Was That Noise?” Tanya told us a story about her youth. While staying at her friend’s grandmother’s two story beach house in Massachusetts, she and her friends walked to the beach, all carrying a large inflatable rubber raft. They walked up a sand dune and as they climbed over it, they encountered very loud noises from huge winds, with sand blasting everywhere. It was like a hurricane. They laughed and laughed. The wind whipped the sand on all of them, and it hurt so they turned

the raft to the wind and the raft wrapped around them. They were laughing so hard as the raft flew out of their hands. Her friend's mom, who was 5 ft tall, came yelling over the sand dune ran and grabbed the raft. She then carried it back over the sand dune. Tanya's friends were still being pelted by granules of sand, so they climbed the sand dune, and it was so quiet on the other side. Tanya gave an emotional and vivid story. I could feel the sand blasting them and the laughter that followed.

- **Featured Speaker #2:** Angela Smith, ACB, gave a speech from Project No. 5 from the Advanced Manual-“The Entertaining Speaker” titled, “The Critic” (Speaking After dinner). Angela told a story about a speech she gave in January at the Kapolei Toastmaster's Club. She was to record herself in a training video and to replay the video at this meeting. She would then receive feedback from a panel of three evaluators. Due to technical problems, Angela was unable to play back her video, but gave a speech about the video contents. She wanted to show the video after the meeting to the three evaluators but was unable to do this. Angela described this experience as her most painful experience so far in Toastmasters. She was very angry. She went back to her first Toastmasters club and asked for help. At this club, some members brought professional video equipment, and they recorded her training presentation. She feels the Kapolei Toastmasters misunderstood her project. The point of her speech was that critics are her favorite people; they help her to grow despite any critical feedback.

4. Table Topics (TT) Master: Mark Posenecker, TM, stayed with the theme for today-mostly and counted off the people who did not have a role in today's meeting. We counted 1-10 and he used a

phone app to randomly select the TT speaker. He said you can blame the phone if you did not want to be called on.

- **Table Topics Speaker Number 1:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL, was the first TT speaker called on (Number 10), and her question was “If someone said you were their favorite person, what are the special qualities that make you their favorite person? Lani said this is a hard question to answer without sounding egotistical. She thinks her outstanding characteristic is that she is a “faithful friend”. When she makes a friend, it is forever. She has moved to Kapolei and yet, she tries to stay in touch with her friends.
- **Table Topics Speaker Number 2:** The next random number from Mark’s phone app was “3” and Joyce Bullion, CC, CL, was the lucky winner. Her question was: “If you could witness an event either yesterday, today or in the future, what would it be?” Joyce said she faintly remembers wanting to be a fly on the wall recently, but she couldn’t remember why. She said she wishes she were younger so she can remember things better. Then she said she hoped her question would have been “Who was your favorite person while growing up?” So she answered that. She said her favorite person was her blind uncle. He was also her Godfather. He lived with them for a while and brought joy to her house. At Christmas, when she was about 6 years old, she took him for a walk and he heard jingle bells and convinced her that Santa was coming in his sleigh. Joyce still believes in Santa today and she is grateful that her Uncle helped to activate her imagination. He was “laudable”.

- **Table Topics Master Number 3:** Mark's next random number was "4", so Amy Long, TM, became the next TT speaker. Amy's question was "Who was your favorite person while growing up?" Amy's favorite person is her father, and he is always an inspiration to her. He is special because he could make everyone in a room feel special, and he had a pure heart. He was indeed, extremely "laudable".

5.Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Irobela Wreagh, CL, evaluated Tanya and did so in a classy manner. Irobela said Tanya gave a fabulous speech. She had a delightful introduction and was laudable. She had excellent vocal volume and pitch. Tanya had great body language. We were on the edge of our seats and could feel what Tanya was describing. She used no notes and had excellent eye contact. Irobela's only suggestion was that she slow down a little bit and "breathe!" Tanya used great animation.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Holly Holloway, ACB, CL, evaluated Angela Smith, ACB. Holly said Angela described the difficulty she had with her speech last January and how she overcame the difficulty. Angela used a great Toastmaster's quote that said you will be applauded at first for your attempts, and then applauded for your skills. Angela was relaxed in her delivery, but because the audience showed no smiles and no laughter during her speech, she fell short with entertaining us.

6.Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Shemeeka gave a thorough report of everyone's time, even though she had difficulty with the stop watch. Some speaker's went under.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Sara gave a thorough report of everyone's filler words and grammar and gave a great accounting of everyone's word of the day. The word was used by many, and I thought it to be a great word which I can say I had never used.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Jason was an inspirational and uplifting emcee. He thanked his children for being so well-behaved. He introduced the General Evaluator.

7. General Evaluator:

- Rasika Leue, TM, gave a positive report and used the guideline to answer questions.
 - The room was set-up early
 - The President set a good tone
 - The TMOD was great (Jason, her husband).
 - The joke Master was great (Lani).
 - The speeches were well done
 - The Table Topics were fabulous
 - The Evaluators were unique
 - The reports were thorough

8. Announcements/Adjournments:

- Holly asked if everyone had filled out the spreadsheet for future meeting roles.
- Holly asked James Fu, ACB, ALB, to explain the upcoming election next Thursday (May 14). James held up the agenda and said the nominees were listed on the back of the agenda, and for those offices that had more than one nominee, there would be private

ballots. Those offices with only one nominee will be voted upon with a show of hands.

- James explained that we need a quorum of 51% of the members which is 14.
- Nominees and those who second a nominee will be expected to give a 1-2 minute speech.
- The question was asked where the election will be on the agenda. It will be first.
- Angela asked if she could give a written speech for someone to read in case she can't attend. James will check the rules.
- Holly thanked those who helped with the Silent Auction at last Saturday's District 49 Toastmaster's Spring Conference. Holly needs to complete the write up for her High Performance Leadership Project (the Silent Auction), and needs one more person who helped her, to sign off for Holly's work on this project.
- Angela announced that she has only one volunteer for the "Beat The Clock" Membership Building Project. She is looking for more volunteers. Eddie Joseph volunteered to hand out flyers. We need to sign up 5 new members between May 1 and June 30 to qualify for the rewards offered by District 49.
- James mentioned that we added 3 months to our sign-up sheet for July, August and September, and he reminded us how precious the speaker slots are. He starts one week ahead of time and contacts and asks the speakers for their speaker introduction forms and asks them to confirm. The back-up speakers are also contacted. This past week a speaker cancelled 2 hours before the meeting time and the back-up speaker did not have sufficient

time to prepare. So he requested we let him know ahead of time to give back-up speakers time to prepare.