

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Thursday July 23, 2015
12:00-1:00PM
Kapolei Hale
Conference Room "C"
Theme: "Hurricane Readiness"
Meeting Recap
(Submitted by Joyce Bullion CC, CL)

1. Opening of Meeting:

- Vice President-Education 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 4 guests and 13 Members.
- Members in attendance were: Amber, Dr. Aki, Jason, Rose, Rasika, Mark, Holly, Owen, Joyce, Angela, Irobela, Jayne and Tanya. Honored guests were Eddie Joseph, DTM, Sai and Rukmimi Leue (Jason's keiki) and Draupadi Hillier (Jason's Helper).

2. Education Session:

- Holly introduced our TMOD who was Mark Posenecker, TM
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- **Timekeeper:** Rose Martinez, ACS, ALB was our last minute Timekeeper. Rose has been gone and it is good to have her back. She always steps in where she left off.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Rasika Leue, TM was our last minute Grammarian/Ah Counter. Rasika was kind enough to step in this role as she walked in the door. Joyce usually has an extra word of the day

and today the word was alacrity (noun) promptness or liveliness.

- **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB was Jokemaster/Inspiration person. He was amazing as he talked about Abraham Lincoln and William Seward. Lincoln blocked Seward from becoming president of the United States. In the darkest hour, Seward and Lincoln became best of friends. Lincoln appointed Seward as Secretary of State. In Owen's dramatic, attorney-like voice, he said we need more Swards in the world. May we all in Toastmasters be more like Seward and in our darkest hour, be there for each other. Thanks to Owen for the inspirational and motivational thought.

3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Tanya Mendoza, TM, gave speech number 7 from the Competent Communicator manual titled "Did you survive Hurricane Iniki?" The objective is to research your topic. Tanya stayed with the theme. On 9/11/92 Hurricane Iniki struck the island of Kauai directly. It was a category "4" storm with 125 mile an hour winds. Six people were killed and it did 1.8 billion dollars damage. Seven thousand homes were damaged. Famous Koko Palms Hotel (made famous by Elvis Presley) was completely destroyed. People went without electricity for a time of four weeks to three months. Tanya asked us what film was being shot on Kauai at that time? It was the last day of filming. Someone said "Jurassic Park". Then Tanya asked does anyone know what Hurricane Iniki's name was changed to? No one knew that answer therefore Tanya informed us that it was changed to lolana which means to soar like a hawk. Tanya did not live in the Hawaiian Islands when Hurricane Iniki struck but she has experienced

destruction from tornadoes. Great speech, Tanya! You definitely did well with research and I learned new details about this hurricane.

- **Featured Speaker #2:** Jayne Arasaki, CC gave speech number 1 from Advanced manual “Interpersonal Communications” titled “Hello, Glad to meet you!” Jayne started by sharing a personal experience of the upcoming Jared Lum retirement party. Jayne asked us are you going and how will you do when meeting party attendants? She was so direct and warm in her approach, that I forgot I wasn’t supposed to answer her and I said, “I sent pictures for the party.” How embarrassing! Jayne called our newest Kapolei Toastmaster club member, Amber Jacobson, TM, to help her with role play. Jayne is the program director at Seagull Schools and provides tours of the campus. In the role play, Amber was warmly received by Jayne. Amber wanted to send some students from Chaminade School. They engaged in open-ended conversation. Amber indicated she loves James Patterson books and that she spends a lot of time in traffic. Jayne elaborated some on the traffic situation. Jayne then talked about the 4 levels of communication and the three parts of conversation. The speech was well researched and offered tools for successful conversation.
- **Featured Speaker #3:** Jason Leue, TM, gave speech number 10 from the Competent Communicator Manual- inspire your audience titled “Shelter”. Jason started by saying that 20 years ago, he was 13 years old and was a Canuck, meaning a Canadian. He met a 13 year old girl that he really liked and wanted to give his heart to. It

scared him. To make things even scarier, she wanted to give her heart to him. He felt over-whelmed and even more scared. He said he wondered if there was a shelter for them to protect them from being too vulnerable and getting hurt. He felt a burden and learned that we can only give our hearts fully to God and not to another person. That is the only way to receive full protection from hurt and pain. I loved Jason's speech and I believe many of us reflected back to our first love and how painful the breakup was. This was Jason's 10th and final speech from the Competent Communicator book. Jason has worked hard and has done well fulfilling his objectives. Congratulations to Jason on completing requirements for his Competent Communicator award.

4. Table Topics Master:

- Irobela Wreagh, CC, CL was Table Topics Master. She admitted she forgot she signed up for this role but remembered when she walked in. Irobela stayed with the Theme "Hurricane Readiness". She asked the first question-If you hear "A hurricane is coming!" what is your plan?
 - **Speaker #1:** Dr. Aki is from Japan and from June-September is typhoon season. He always grabbed the biggest umbrella he could find and went out the door. He will do the same thing for a hurricane because he wants to fly up in the sky with the umbrella. Dr. Aki is so funny. We enjoy his sense of humor, but hope he has a better plan for an emergency. I thought of the movie "Up".
 - **Speaker #2:** Eddie Joseph, DTM, question was "Did you experience hurricane Iniki and if not, what

natural disasters have you experienced?” Eddie said he is from Chicago and he saw a tornado remove the entire front of a building so that it looked like a doll house. Then he moved to California and experienced an earthquake while in a car. The car bounced around and he got out and hugged the ground. Then he moved to Hawaii and experienced an earthquake. Then we had a tsunami and he grabbed his medicine and drove to a friend’s house in Makakilo. Eddie is smart!

5.Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Angela Smith, ACS was evaluator for Tanya Mendoza, TM. Angela mentioned that even though Tanya was not feeling well, she gave a great speech. Tanya did well to ask two questions at the end of the speech. It helped to connect the audience. Tanya is always animated and today was no exception. She has good vocal variety, volume, rate and pitch. She also had good variety. The objective of this speech was not vocal but to research your topic which I believe Tanya excelled at. The suggestion Angela offered was that she could have been more expressive with Iniki stats. I loved this speech personally and it made me want to prepare for the hurricane season with alacrity.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Joyce Bullion CC, CL evaluated Jayne Arasaki’s speech. Joyce said that James sent her the whole chapter in the advanced manual that Jayne was working from and she is thinking about using that manual for her own future growth since she needs improvement with conversation. Joyce said Jayne did well to present her speech with the 4 levels of communication, etc. The role

play went very smoothly with Amber. Small talk led to Amber giving information so that Jayne could expound some. They did well to talk about traffic problems. Jayne had a lot of confidence and was warm and friendly with her approach. She followed her plan with the four levels of communication and there were smooth transitions. Jayne appeared to be comfortable with her delivery. Suggestions were that Jayne could have elaborated on the James Patterson books to go deeper. She could have used a different topic than Seagull Schools for more of a challenge for herself. The visual aid was moved a couple of times and was a little distracting.

- **Evaluator for Speaker #3:** Holly Holloway, ACB, CL evaluated Jason Leue, TM. Holly said Jason's speech was relevant and inspirational. He was forceful, confident and had good body language. Jason could improve by being more in touch of what is appropriate for the audience by using less religion. Holly added that now that Jason has finished the requirements for his Competent Communicator award, he needs to pick out advanced manuals for his next toastmaster venture.

6.Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Rose Martinez, ACS, ALB gave a thorough report of each person's time.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Rasika Leue, TM gave a thorough report of each person's word fillers and grammar usage and word of the day usage. Rasika asked Mark if he used the word of the day and Mark said "Alacrity". So he did. lol

7. General Evaluator:

- Dr. Aki, TM. Gave his General Evaluation report:
 - Room was set up by 11:45AM
 - Meeting started at 11:58AM according to his watch.
 - We went over our time and he suggested that the TMOD talk less and come see him for a knee check in between.
 - There was a lot of good humor in the meeting.

8. Announcements/Adjournment:

- Holly presented awards for the following:
 - Amber Jacobson, TM was inducted as a member and given a certificate of membership.
 - Jason Leue, TM, was given his certificate and ribbon for the Competent Communicator award.
 - Rose Martinez, ACS, ALB was given her ALB award
 - Meeting adjourned at about 1:03PM.