

**Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)**  
**Thursday**  
**August 13, 2015**  
**12:00-1:00PM**  
**Kapolei Hale Conference Room C**  
**Theme: "Baseball"**  
**Meeting Recap**  
**(Submitted by Joyce Bullion, CC,CL Kapolei Toastmasters)**

**1. Opening of Meeting:**

- VP Education Holly Holloway, ACB, ALB opened the meeting and we followed her lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- We had 19 people total which consisted of 8 guests and 11 members. Holly asked our honored guests to stand up and be recognized. Honored guests were Shawna Jacobson, Itsumi Lum, Kim Abe, Eddie Joseph, DTM, Rukmini and Sai Leue (keiki of Jason), Gakenia and Shadrack Nabea (Shemeeka Nabea's keiki)
- Members in attendance were: Mark, Jason, Amber, Dr. Aki, Owen, Holly, Lani, Shemeeka, Tanya, Etsuko, and Joyce.

**2. Education Session:**

- Holly had a duo role today and also acted as TMOD  
Holly referenced the *Field of Dreams* movie while telling a story that aligned perfectly with our baseball theme. She talked about being in Dyersville, Iowa at the Field of Dreams. She did not see ghostly baseball players or Shoeless Joe but she did hit two balls into the infield for the first time in her life. She said there is magic there. She then introduced our role players:
- **Timekeeper:** Amber Jacobson, TM, shared how much time each role player had. Amber had arrived early and was ready to go.

- **Grammarians/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Mark Posenecker, TM, shared both of his roles as Grammarian and as Ah Counter. His word of the day was “riveting”.
- **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB, On April 26 a tiny 5’2” girl was up to bat. Her batting average was .153. She hit the ball over the fence and ran towards first base but she fell before she tagged the base and injured herself. Owen fell on the floor to dramatize it. Unable to round the bases on her own, the 1<sup>st</sup> baseman for the opposing team picked her up and carried her while making sure Mallory Hopeman’s left foot touched each base. It was a game between Central Washington and Western Oregon who won 4-2. Owen ended with: “But who are the real victors?”

### 3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Jason Leue, CC, gave speech number 1 from the advanced manual “The Entertaining Speaker” titled “My First Encounter With a Native German.” Jason started by saying he is part Canadian and part German. When he was 13 years old and his brother 16 years old, he made his first trip to Germany. His father spoke German and him and his brother did not. Feeling adventurous, Jason and his brother chose to eat in a different restaurant on their own. Jason ordered his meal but it arrived totally wrong. Jason said Germany is not known for their great cooking but he loves to pronounce the food names like sauerkraut and snitzel. When they got up to leave, their waitress blocked their way out. She appeared to be somewhat angry. His older brother came to the rescue and tried to speak German by using his translator. His brother’s attempt only seemed to infuriate

her. Luckily their father came on the scene and spoke German to the waitress. They were both yelling at each other. Jason learned that neither one was angry. It was just the way German's are. The waitress was actually saying "Thank you for the huge tip!" Jason's speech was very funny with great vocal variety and body language.

- **Featured Speaker #2:** Dr. Aki Oshita, TM, gave speech number 2 from the Competent Communicator manual with objective to organize your speech. It was titled "For our Community, For our Nation, For our Children." He asked us all an important question: "What is your most important asset?" He asked if it was your car or your house. Then he answered "The most important asset is your health!" He added, "If you have a beautiful expensive house and car but bad health, what do you really have?" If you exercise, eat healthy food you will be healthy. Health is directly related to quality of life. If you love to fish but have bad knees, it is not as fun. Being sick is very expensive. 79% of the bankruptcies are related to high medical bills. Children mimic their parents so if we eat healthy foods, they will, too. One hundred years from now no one will care about your house or car but rather the legacy you leave to the children. He challenged everyone to make a riveting attempt to raise the health level. Excellent speech, Dr. Aki!
- **Featured Speaker #3:** Shemeeka Nabea, TM, gave speech number 5 from the Competent Communicator manual titled "I Forgot It." Her objective is "The body speaks". Shemeeka's favorite day of the week is Sunday. She talked about getting her keiki up for church on Sunday morning. It takes a while to get everyone in the car to go to church. On the way to church, the children listened to story hour

on the radio. During the commute she realized she forgot an important part of her wardrobe. She began to think maybe getting to bed earlier will reduce the amount of rushing and the chance of forgetting things. Thoughts raced through her mind on what she could do. Ultimately, she decided to go to church without the missing part of her wardrobe and to her surprise no one commented about it. She then solved the mystery for all of us by showing us what the missing part of her wardrobe was by pulling her hair piece out of a bag. We all laughed and understood as she explained on how she prepares her hair for church. She said she had to wonder about her motives of attending church. She should not go to be seen but she should go to “worship.” Great speech!

#### **4. Table Topics Master:**

- **Speaker:** Tanya Mendoza, TM, stayed with the theme and said she dislikes sports immensely. She has two sons and a husband who love sports. Tanya asked the first question: Who is your favorite baseball player and what are some of this player’s stats?
  - Eddie Joseph, DTM, volunteered to speak. Eddie lived in Chicago. As a child, he would play sick at times so he could see baseball games. One of his favorite games was when the Cleveland Indians played the New York Giants. The ball was hit and it looked like a homerun. Willie Mays turned his back, reached out with his mitt and caught it and the runner was out. Eddie loves all the “greats” like Willie Mays and Hank Aaron and others.

- Tanya then asked what is your favorite sport? Rukmini Leue wanted to speak. Young Rukmini said her favorite sport is baseball and when Tanya asked her what position, she said she meant to say tennis is her favorite. She loves it because her daddy plays with her. Later Rukmini, honored guest, said when she is 18 years old, she wants to join Toastmasters.
  
- Tanya then asked what is the most riveting thing about sports? Etsuko Fields, TM volunteered to speak. She is not fond of sports but she went to Yokohama Baseball Stadium in Osaka Japan and watched the Hanshen Tigers play. There was so much cheering that she felt the excitement and the sense of community was overwhelming. It was riveting.

### **5.Evaluation Session:**

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL evaluated Jason Leue, CC. She elaborated on what a great drama Jason did. She said Jason spoke with clarity and he did well to share the differences between Canadians and Germans. She said Jason's speech was hilarious. Jason has excellent vocal variety and lots of drama. Lani had a hard time thinking of a suggestion but she said he could have had a more dramatic ending. I cannot wait to hear Jason's Humorous speech in a couple of weeks.
  
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Etsuko Fields, TM, was evaluator for Dr. Aki. She started by saying that Dr. Aki is lively and dramatic speaker and he made many good points. He practiced his speech in advance and was well-organized. He made good points about material things and how

important they are-not! Etsuko suggested he have more effective pauses. She mentioned again that Dr. Aki expresses his passions well.

- **Evaluator for Speaker #3:** Joyce Bullion, CC, CL evaluated Shemeeka. Joyce congratulated Shemeeka on making it to the half-way mark. Today was Shemeeka's fifth speech. Joyce mentioned that the objective was the body speaks. Joyce gave kudos to Shemeeka for her topic and her clarity in speaking. Joyce suggested more animated body language-like Owen when he laid on the floor and Jason when he flopped like a fish in one of his speeches. She suggested that Shemeeka make motions of driving the car and shaking the children to awaken them. She gave Shemeeka a compliment for her moral of the story and admitted guilt herself. Joyce could feel Shemeeka's anxiety over leaving her hair piece at home.

## **6.Reports:**

- **Timekeeper:** Amber, as always was thorough as Timekeeper. We appreciate Amber's willingness to help out.
- **Grammarians/Ah Counter:** Mark Posenecker, TM, gave a summary of everyone's filler words and grammar and gave kudos to Jason and Owen for their use of his unique word structures.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Holly made her closing remarks and introduced:

## **7. General Evaluator:**

- Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB was our General Evaluator and gave kudos:
  - He arrived at 11:45AM and the room was set up.

- The guests were welcomed warmly and introduced properly.
- The TMOD Holly did well to tell of her magic experience at the FIELD OF DREAMS.
- The Evaluations were done well. That is one of the most important features as it helps us to go in a forward position.
- He said how much he enjoyed Shemeeka and her hair piece.
- Holly had sneakily gone up to the podium while a speaker was talking to pick up a paper she left there and Owen suggested it was distracting.

#### **8. Announcements/Adjournment:**

- Holly thanked everyone for a great meeting and called on Shemeeka Nabea, TM so she could be presented with her ribbon award for achieving the half-way mark.
- Mark Posenecker, TM announced as VP of Membership we are having the *KTM Fall 2015 Open House* on October 22 at the State Building in Room 111 and will have a typical meeting with some food.
- Also, the *KTM Fall 2015 Membership Drive* starts on September 1 and ends on October 31.
  - It is friendly competition among Club members.
  - Point based system based on number of guests brought in and/or signed up.
  - Winner gets an award.
  - Details will be provided in an email.
- Holly Holloway, ACB, ALB as Area 5 Governor announced that our Area Speech Contest is on September 19. She needs help with ballot counters, Time keepers and refreshment workers.

- Meeting adjourned at 12:59PM