

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Thursday August 20, 2015, 12:00-1:00 pm
Kapolei Hale, Conference Room "C"
Theme: "Statehood Day"
Meeting Recap
(Submitted by Joyce Bullion, CC, CL Kapolei Toastmasters)

1. Opening of Meeting:

- President James Fu, ACB, ALB opened the meeting, and we followed his lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- We had 13 people total which consisted of 2 guests and 11 Members. Honored guests were Florie Barry, ACB from Minnesota (via Wahiawa) and Eddie Joseph, DTM.
- Members in attendance were: Lani, James, Joyce, Holly, Sara, Tanya, Kiku, Dr. Aki, Irobela, Angela and Owen.

2. Education Session:

- James introduced our TMOD who was Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL.
- **Timekeeper:** Sara Okuda, TM, was our timekeeper.
- **Grammarians/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Florie Barry, ACB, was our Ah Counter / Grammarian. Florie is here on vacation and volunteered in advance for this role. At her Toastmasters club, the Ah Counter and Grammarian are done by two different people. She was not used to doing both roles at the same time. Her word of the day was: "influence". She then explained her role.
- **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB, wowed us with his civil inspiration. Owen told us about when Martin Luther King gave a speech to the State of Hawaii, House of Representatives, one month after

Hawaii became a State. MLK described the event as “A glowing day break of freedom and justice”. He added “For a democracy to survive, segregation must die. We must not only set 17 million Negroes free, but we must free the soul of America. Let us look to Hawaii for inspiration, Lord.” He quoted a Negroid minister who said: “"Lord, we ain't what we oughta be. We ain't what we want to be. We ain't what we gonna be. But, thank God, we ain't what we was." Some stood up and gave Owen a standing ovation. So very inspirational and so powerful! Mahlo Nui Loa, Owen!

3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1:** James Fu, ACB, ALB gave a speech from Project No. 3 (Inspire and Persuade) from the advanced manual, Speeches By Management. The title of the speech was “How to Save our Federal Funding for Highway Projects”. In late June, there was a newspaper article which said Hawaii D.O.T. has been late on their highways projects and could lose federal funding unless they change the way they manage their schedules. The design Engineers currently use Microsoft Excel to manage their schedules, and James showed the drawbacks of using Excel. James then proposed that the Engineers switch to a new scheduling software called Microsoft Project. James was trying to persuade us to change the way we schedule our projects, and he was very convincing. He will be teaching Microsoft Project to the D.O.T. Engineers in September. Good job, James.
- **Featured Speaker #2:** Tanya Mendoza, TM, gave a speech from Project No. 10 from the Competent Communications Manual titled, “The Nail Biter Game”. Her objective was to inspire. Tanya approached the podium as she wore a

baseball cap and a t-shirt with the words “Ewa Beach Patriots” on the front. She began by telling us of a trip to Maui with her eight year old son. Her son was competing in a baseball game and she described the play-by-play action. Her son came to bat with two outs and a guy on first and third. Her son could win the game or lose it. Like so many kids at his age, they only think of hitting home runs. However, they usually end up hitting pop-up flies that are easily caught. At this game, her son tried to hit a home run, but hit a pop fly that was caught, and they lost the game. When they returned home, his parents worked with him and encouraged him to forget about always trying to hit home runs, but to hit line drives. Line drives would force the opposing team to field the bouncing ball and throw it to get him out. Then, there was a recent game and his parents wanted to see how much their son had learned from them. Tanya described the action in slow motion except she said that her heart was thumping so much, they may have to call 911. Then came the test. It was another nail biter game. Her son was up to bat with a similar scenario as before. He hit a hard grounder and it had an unpredictable bounce. The shortstop fumbled it and finally got it and was so shaken up that he overthrew to third base and the guy on third scored and they won the game. Her son had put aside his ego and learned from his mistakes. What a great nail biter speech! With Tanya’s 10th CC speech, she earned her Competent Communicator award. Congratulations, Tanya!

- **Featured Speaker #3:** Angela Smith, ACS, CL, gave a speech from Project No. 3 (The moral of the story) from the advanced manual, “Storytelling”. The title of her speech was “What’s in a Name?”. Angela said she is a

dominant right brain and is pretty good at story telling. She began by saying that in the story of Romeo and Juliet, the famous quote was made “A rose is a rose!” She told us about a little girl named Mary who was the youngest of 4 children. Mary’s parents Ruth and Arthur prophesized that Mary would be a Prophet. As a very young child, she was in class and announced she could spell Mississippi. The teacher told her to come to the blackboard and write it. As she wrote it she said “M i crooked letter, crooked letter...” Mary changed her name to Angela. Angela means “Prophetic Messenger”. What a great twist in the story. Then she announced that today is her birthday and she had a cake in her back seat for us and when she turned the corner, it slid on the floor and you could not even read the message on it. She showed a cupcake with a happy birthday stick in it. She said she is the same whether her name is Mary or Angela and a cake is a cake. That was a great story. Happy Birthday, Angela.

- **Featured Speaker #4:** Joyce Bullion, CC, CL gave a speech from Project No. 3 (The Persuasive Approach) from the advanced manual, Public Relations, titled “The Main Ingredient”. Her objective was to persuade. Joyce began by asking how many have baked a cake or cookies. Almost everyone’s hand went up. The next question was “What is the main ingredient that goes in the cake?” One answered “love” and another said “chocolate”. The answer is “flour”. She then pointed all that even though flour is the main ingredient, all ingredients are necessary. Imagine using flour and no eggs. She then said the main ingredient of leadership is teamwork and she illustrated the story of the v-formation of geese. Geese fly in the Fall in a v-formation when they fly south from Canada to southern U.S. The

head goose breaks the flow of the wind and the geese behind the leader cruise in the draft. The goose at the end has the least resistance. Sometimes the geese want to fly alone, but they return when they realize the advantage of the v-formation. The head goose rotates the leadership position in the v-formation and moves to the back of the v, while another goose moves up to the lead position. This happens many times in the journey.

Geese honk at each other as they fly-honk-honk! And lastly, when one goose becomes ill or is shot and drops out of formation, two other geese stay with him or her until they are well or until they die. In the same way, we learn better in teams. We lift each other up and complete projects quickly and better. Sometimes people leave Toastmasters because they want to do it alone and many do return when they realize the benefits of working on a team. When we have expertise or previous experience, we are given the opportunity to lead. It is best to learn to lead and also follow. We don't honk at each other, but we do communicate with each other as use teamwork to create synergy and support. Lastly, when we take a personal care and interest in each other, it helps the team. In conclusion, when we go it alone, like the geese, the results are not as good. Like the African Proverb says: **"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."**

5.Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Holly Holloway, ACB, ALB, evaluated James Fu, ACB, ALB. Holly said she remembered reading the newspaper article. He did well with his visual aids. He showed the difference between using Excel and Microsoft Project to manage project schedules. He gestured well and he had good notes on the benefits of

using Microsoft project. His speech persuaded her to change and we all have faith that Microsoft Project will be used so we don't lose federal funding.

- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Dr. Aki, TM, evaluated Tanya in the most entertaining way. He got so excited when Tanya described her son's "nail biter" game. He felt like he was at the stadium. He loved the contrast of Tanya describing the game in slow motion but at the same time, her heart was pounding. She had excellent vocal variety. It was greatly inspirational. After much training, her son learned from his errors and hit the ball in a way that helped the team win the game. When he put his ego aside and forgot about trying to hit home runs, but to hit a grounder and make the opposing team get him out, the entire team benefited. It was an amazing story! Congrats to Tanya for achieving her Competent Communicator Award.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #3:** Irobela had a duo role at today's meeting, and she volunteered to evaluate Angela and to be General Evaluator. She gave kudos for good props. She had good analogy throughout her story and she had a great twist when we discovered she was talking about herself. Angela did well to get out from behind the podium and talk in the circle. Irobela suggested a little more drama when the cake smashed. No matter what, "A rose is a rose". Great evaluation Irobela!
- **Evaluator for Speaker #4:** Holly Holloway, ACB, ALB, had a duo role as well and evaluated James and Joyce Bullion, CC, CL. Holly agreed that we need to learn to lead and also, to follow. The speech was very convincing as to the need for leadership in all areas of our lives. She related it well to the purpose of Toastmasters. The talk was effective but somewhat rough at times. She should have put visual aids

in a place where it could have been more visible. The illustration with the geese was excellent.

6.Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Sara gave a thorough accounting of everyone's time. One person was over by a minute or so, but one speaker was under by a lot so it all evened out.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Florie gave a thorough accounting of everyone's word filler and grammar. One person used the word of the day. Several people used the turn of a phrase. Florie was much appreciated. She did well even though she did not know many people's names.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Lani Abrigana, ACB,CL shared how we celebrate Hawaii's Statehood Day in silence because many Hawaiians feel their monarchy was illegally overthrown in 1893, and they are not happy about being a part of the United States.

7. General Evaluator:

- Irobela Wreagh, CC, CL gave us her view of the meeting:
 - The room was set up by 11:45 am. The flag was already hung and everything was set up.
 - The evaluations were very clear with improvement opportunities.
 - Dr. Aki's evaluation was as entertaining as Tanya's speech.
 - We were running late.

Announcements/Adjournment:

- James presented Tanya Mendoza, with her Competent Communicator award. Congratulations, Tanya!

- James asked us to look at the announcements on the back of the agenda.
 - Next Thursday, August 27 is our humorous speech and evaluation contest. See Holly and/or Sara if you can help fill roles for our contest. We need a ballot counter and timer.
 - On September 19 at the CPB Building training room, 4th floor, from 12:30-3:00 pm, the Area 5 humorous and evaluation speech contest will be held. Holly is the contest chair and needs help for judge, ballot counter, and registration desk person. If you can help, please contact Holly.
 - The KTM membership drive will be from September 1-October 30, 2015. The goal is for our members to bring guests and to eventually sign up new members. Points will be given to our members who participate in the membership drive. A prize will be given to the member who has the most points. Mark previously sent an email with the membership drive details. See Mark for more information.
 - The KTM Open House will be held on October 22 at the Kapolei State Building, Room 111. We will have food at the Open House. We need a member to chair the Open House. The chair will gain valuable credit towards attaining their CL Award. If you can help, contact Mark.
 - We adjourned at about 1:04 pm.

