

**Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)**  
**Thursday September 24, 2015, 12:00 noon-1:00 pm**  
**Kapolei Hale, Conference Room "C"**  
**Theme: "Favorite Movies"**  
**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 12 people in attendance which consisted of 11 members and 1 guest. James asked our honored guest, Cheryl Faunce, to stand up and be recognized. Cheryl is sponsored by Tanya Mendoza.
- Members in attendance were: Lani, Rose, Shemeeka, Owen, James, Joyce, Holly, Mariea, Sara, Angela and Irobela.

**2. Education Session:**

- James introduced our TMOD, Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB, who introduced:
- **Timekeeper:** James Fu, stepped in at the last minute and was our timekeeper. He explained his role to us.
- **Grammarians/AH Counter/Word of the Day:** Holly Holloway, ACB, ALB explained her role as Grammarian/AH Counter, and her word of the day was "photoplay", a noun.
- **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Mariea Vaughan, CTM, said her favorite movie was the "Lord of the Rings". It was the best picture of the year and won awards for cinematography, sound and music. She shared by telling us how the wicked witch turned out to be an

amicable person. She ended with “May it be a light to you in dark places when all other lights go out.”

### **3. Featured Speakers:**

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Irobela wreagh, CC, CL, gave speech number 1 from the Advanced Manual, Interpretive Reading. Her speech title was “The Tell Tale Heart”, by Edgar Allan Poe. Our TMOD, Owen introduced Irobela as the “Queen of Hearts” and said this poem is fitting for our time. Irobela did a very effective reading and made it come to life and scared all of us half to death. It started with: “I loved the old man, but I think it was his eye; -she could only get rid of that eye by killing the old man. She snuck in at midnight and killed him and chopped his head off and dismembered him and cleaned up. She was sure it had been the perfect murder when the police came the next day. At first, she was confident that no one knew she did it and then in the end, she blurted out that she killed him. It was a chilling reading and was done with vocal variety and in a convincing manner.
- **Featured Speaker #2:** Shemeeka Nabea, TM, gave speech number 8 from the Competent Communications Manual titled “Secrets to Preparing Great Food”. Her objective was to get comfortable with visual aids. Shemeeka started by staying with the theme and telling us her favorite movie was Mrs. Doubtfire. She recalled a photoplay in which Mrs. Doubtfire was cooking and poured basil into a pot, but the lid came off and all of the basil poured into the pot. She also explained how Mrs. Doubtfire’s cloths caught fire, so they all went out to eat. Shemeeka unveiled her bag of visual aids and put on her apron and shared her secrets to preparing food. She has cooked since she was very young. She started with scrambled eggs, then corn bread, and then made cakes and cookies and beef stew. She suggests

that you don't cook when you are angry. She gets recipes from the library and from magazines. One time she was multi-tasking and accidentally poured blueberries into the scrambled eggs. Her kids loved it. She told us of why it's better to use a wooden spoon, measuring cups and organic flour, and gave us many good cooking tips. I love to eat but have never been a good cook. I loved her speech. Her visual aids were great.

- **Featured Speaker #3:** Angela Smith, ACS, CL gave speech number 5 from Advanced Manual, Storytelling. The speech title was "The Last Buffalo Soldier". Long ago, Angela met a man named Dr. William Waddell who was also a master story teller. He had invited Angela and her grandchildren to his home in Kaaawa to see his artifacts and told stories about his life as the last buffalo soldier. Angela then showed a photograph of Dr. Waddell with her and her grandchildren. Her grandson is now in college and will soon be a member of Toastmasters. Dr. Waddell was a friend of George Washington Carver. He oversaw 10, 000 horses in North Africa and Italy. He died early in 2007 and gave Angela the gift of storytelling.

**4.Table Topics Master:** Mariea Vaughan, CTM, talked about the term "screen". At one time, it referred to the movie screen but nowadays a screen could refer to movie, computer, Ipad or a television screen. Mariea talked about how the screen has caused many physical problems over the years.

- **Speaker #1:** Shemeeka Nabea, TM, volunteered to speak, and she shared how her sister was negatively affected by too much reading and it affected her brain. We were running late, so Owen suggested we continue with the meeting and go directly to the speech evaluation session.

## 5. Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL evaluated Irobela's speech. Lani explained the purpose of Interpretive reading; it is not acting. One communicates ideas by voice tone and to recite someone else's writings. Irobela did it in style. Lani mentioned that her father used to read stories from Edgar Allan Poe to her and her twin sister and scared her when she was 6 years old. Irobela did an energetic reading and made it come alive. She had good vocal variety but could use more of it. She was very well prepared and had rehearsed the story many times. As a result, it was a very smooth reading. She changed her speech pace very nicely.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Joyce Bullion, CC, CL evaluated Shemeeka's speech. Joyce gave kudos for a speech well done and scored her high on the good use of visual aids. Shemeeka always has great visual aids and sometimes, passes them around the audience. Shemeeka put on an apron and grabbed her wooden spoon and looked as though she was ready to cook during her speech. She was thorough with good tips. The only suggestion made was for her to hide the Wal Mart bag as it was somewhat distracting. Joyce assured Shemeeka that her secrets were safe with us...!
- **Evaluator for Speaker #3:** Rose Martinez, ACS, ACB evaluated Angela Smith, ACS, CL. Rose said it was interesting. Angela told the story of a story-teller instead of relaying to us why Dr. Waddell was called the last buffalo soldier and the story behind the story-teller. She

had some vocal variety but could have used more. In story-telling you normally build the story to a climax. She said recognition by President Clinton was not a necessary detail. It is so good to have Rose back. We missed her.

## **6.Reports:**

- **Timekeeper:** James did an accurate accounting of each person's time. A few went over their time allotment. We are grateful to James for stepping in at the last minute.
- **Grammarians/Ah Counter:** Holly gave a thorough accounting of each person's favorite word fillers and grammar goodies and baddies. One person used the word of the day.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Owen did well to relay Forrest Gump sayings throughout the meeting to follow the theme for today. He ended with: "A toastmaster Meeting is a lot like a box of chocolates. You never know what you are going to get!"

## **7. General Evaluator:**

- Sara Okuda, TM, was our General Evaluator and gave kudos:
  - The room was set up nicely by 11:45 am.
  - Joyce greeted our guest warmly as did other members.
  - Owen did well to set the tone of the meeting by following the theme and discussing his favorite movie, Forrest Gump.
  - James stepped in at the last minute to be "Timekeeper".
  - Mariea performed two roles today.

- Owen kept a close watch on our time and made good adjustments to keep us on time.
- Evaluators were encouraging.
- Suggestion for improvements would be to encourage more members and guests to attend our meetings.

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

- James advised us that the announcements were printed on the back of today's agenda, but he wanted to mention the membership contest. As of today, because Cheryl has been a guest for the past two meetings, and because Tanya has sponsored her, Tanya has a good lead in our membership contest. James mentioned that there will be a valuable prize to the member ends with the most points. To our members: please bring guests to our meetings and gain valuable points in our membership drive.
- Sara announced that our Toastmasters dues are due today.
- Holly announced the Division B Humorous and Evaluation speech contest will be held on October 3, 2015, at the Central Pacific Bank Training Room, 225 Queen Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. Parking is \$5 or you can park on the street (metered). Registration is at 9:30 am. The Contest runs from 10am to about 12:00 noon.
- Angela advised us she will be in the Division B, Humorous Speech Contest for the Kapolei Toastmaster's Club. She asked us to come out and support her.
- James announced Holly's birthday will be this Saturday, September 26. We all sang Happy Birthday to her.
- We adjourned the meeting at 1:03 pm.