

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Thursday October 15, 2015, 12:00-1:00 pm
Kapolei Hale, Conference Room C
Theme: "I Love Lucy"
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 15 people total which consisted of 2 guests and 13 members. James asked our honored guests to stand up and be recognized. Honored guests were Justine Gronwald (Chakib's guest) and Josh Lagoo (from Craigslist).
- Members in attendance were: Tanya, Kiku, Lani, Shemeeka, James, Joyce, Holly, Chakib, Irobela, Sara, Mariea, Eddie and Rose.

2. Education Session:

- James had a duo role and was also TMOD.
- He introduced:
- **Timekeeper:** Kiku Rees, TM, took on the role of timekeeper for the first time and explained her role in style.
- **Grammarians/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL explained her role as Grammarian/Ah Counter. Her word of the day was "BRUSQUE".
- **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Irobela wreagh, CC,CL recited a poem called "MYSELF" by Edgar Guest:

I have to live with myself and so
I want to be fit for myself to know,
I want to be able as days go by,
To look at myself straight in the eye.
I don't want to stand with the setting sun
And hate myself for the things I've done.
Ending with:
Whatever happens, I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience free.

3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Shemeeka Nabea, CC, was our first of four speakers. She gave a speech from advanced manual (The Entertaining Speaker), Project No. 1, titled “The First Day of School”. Shemeeka shared her personal experience of the first day of school. First, she shared how it was when she was a child and her mom would take the kids shopping for supplies and going all over town to find lowest price. After their day of shopping, they were all exhausted. She planned to shop early with her children but waited til the day before school started and shopped. By that time, the stores were out of sharpies and other items. She then went to the school’s Open House and was supposed to put her kid’s names on each item (each pencil, etc.). She was so tired that in the end she went to get into her car and got in the wrong car. She felt so good as she dropped off her keiki for school.
- **Featured Speaker #2:** Rose Martinez, ACS, ALB, gave a speech from Project No. 4 from advanced manual (Public Relations). Her speech title was “Finding Solutions to Gun Violence”. She was to give a speech to people who gave an opposite view to her presentation and then have a question and answer session. Rose sounded like a

politician and spoke in favor of gun control. She spoke of more restrictions on assault weapons and more thorough background checks for certain people. She cited the recent shootings at the Oregon community college and mentioned that there are 10,000 gun victims every year. The audience was supposed to oppose her viewpoint. One person responded in a brusque manner and said this goes against our right to bear arms. Another person said if we get rid of our guns, we won't have any and the outlaws will keep theirs. Another person went into detail about gun education. Rose responded well to all opposition and posed a convincing rebuff.

- **Featured Speaker #3:** Tanya Mendoza, CC, gave a speech from project No. 1 from advanced manual, "The Entertaining Speaker" titled "Ehhh What". Tanya started by sharing about a trip she made to South Central Texas to visit her grandparents. Grandma was sweet and Grandpa was brusque. He played with model cars and told war stories and remembered events on a Tuesday at 3 pm in 1945. Grandpa thought Tanya's husband was Mexican, even though he was Filipino. Her keiki laughed so hard that they cried and they bought sombreros just to emphasize their "Mexican heritage". The moral learned on this trip was not to judge a book by its cover.
- **Featured Speaker #4:** Chakib Benachour, TM, gave a speech from project No. 2 from the Competent Communications manual titled "Who is Willy?" Chakib's six year old daughter wanted to go with Chakib when he went home to Europe to visit his mom and sisters. He whispered in her ear that she could not make this trip. So she left and quickly returned with her little stuffed animal named

WILLY. She wanted Willy to go in her place. Chakib put Willy in his duffle bag and when he went through airport security, they pulled out Willy and asked him to explain. In the airplane, Chakib put a little seat belt on Willy and he became Chakib's travel companion. He took Willy's picture in front of landmarks and with his mom and sisters. His daughter was so delighted because she felt she had met her grandma and aunts. This was a touching speech.

5.Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Irobela Wreagh, CC, CL evaluated Shemeeka Nabea, CC, gave kudos to Shemeeka for her relaxed manner. Irobela always likes her visual aids and her no notes presentation style. Shemeeka always shares her personal experience. We have learned a lot about her in the eight months she has been here. Irobela gave kudos for getting her Competent Communicator Award in seven months when it took Irobela 7 years. The suggestion was that Shemeeka move around more and take advantage of the speaker space.

- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** We did a group evaluation for Rose's speech and question-answer session. One person said she did thorough research and another said she had a good pace. Another said she spoke in a clear voice and was confident. Another person who was not hostile said she expressed her side very well.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #3:** Holly Holloway, ACB, ALB was evaluator for Tanya, Mendoza, CC. Holly said Tanya connected well with the audience. She shared personal experience well and had humor. It had a great conclusion with "Never Judge a Book by its Cover!" Tanya had notes and barely used them but Holly suggested the paper was a little distracting and she did not need them. The use of her words created a picture in our minds.
- Evaluator for Chakib Benachour, TM was Joyce bullion CC, CL. His project was to organize his speech. Joyce gave kudos for organizing his speech so well and for his conclusion. His conclusion was warm and fuzzy. She is on Facebook with Chakib and had seen many pictures of the Eiffel Tower with Willy in the foreground, and she wondered why he brought a stuffed animal on his trip? His speech certainly clarified that. She said he expressed himself well. Suggestions were that he connect in the very beginning of the speech and use more vocal variety. Chakib is very original in his thinking and in his delivery. She loved his speech. He is a tough military guy that travels with a stuffed animal.

6.Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Kiku Rees, TM did excellent with her first time as Timekeeper. We appreciate Kiku's contribution.

- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL gave a thorough accounting of each person's grammar and word fillers. Many used the word of the day.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** James Fu, ACB, ALB gave his final remarks. He had previously mentioned that today is the 64th anniversary of the first television (black and white) pilot of "I Love Lucy!" (October 15, 1951). James stepped in at the last minute to be TMOD. We appreciate all he does!

7. General Evaluator:

- Mariea Vaughan, CTM was our General evaluator. She loved:
 - “I Love Lucy” and thought it was a great theme.
 - Many comical events were focused on:
 - Shemeeka’s depiction of the first day of school was humorous.
 - Tanya expressed her humor with speaking Spanish when they are from the Philippines.
 - Chakib showed his softer side by taking a stuffed animal to Europe and photographing it with his ventures.
 - All expressed interesting thoughts and memories.

8. Announcements and Adjournment:

- James Fu, ACB, ALB asked for the spreadsheet to be passed to Holly.
- James announced the Kapolei Toastmaster Open House is next Thursday at 11:30 am at Kapolei State Building, Room 577. We will have cake and ice cream. Invite guests.
- Holly announced the Division speech contest is this Saturday October 17 at the Central Pacific Bank Training Center at 225 Queen St. from 10 am-3 pm. Parking \$5 all day.
- Holly announced the Fall District 49 Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contest will be on November 7 at the Pagoda Hotel. Price is \$60 til 10/21 and then \$80 and \$100 for day of event. Registration is at 7:30 am. Parking at Ross for \$3. Onolicious lunch buffet included!
- Meeting adjourned at about 1 pm.