

Kapolei Toastmasters
Thursday, November 19, 2015, 12:00-1:00 pm
Kapolei Hale, Conference Room C
Theme: "Equal Opportunity Day"
Meeting Recap
(submitted by James Fu, President, Kapolei Toastmasters)

1. President Calls Meeting to Order

- James called the meeting to order and then welcomed our members to the meeting. We had four guests for this meeting.

- In attendance were:

Seven members:

Lani Abrigana	Sara Okuda
Cheryl Faunce	Owen Tamamoto
James Fu	Mariea Vaughan
Rose Martinez	

Four guests:

Anthony Hooper	Sarah Hooper
Cyelia Hooper	Joseph Adriano

- James passed around the meeting roles signup spreadsheet. There are lots of open speaking slots.
- James passed around a "get well" card for our valuable Vice-President of Public Relations, Joyce Bullion.

2. Educational Session

- Owen was our Toastmaster of the Day, or TMOD. Since the theme of the meeting was "Equal Opportunity Day", Owen showed us a beautiful Koa wood bowl. He said that it takes a lot of love and labor to make this bowl. And what can you do when you get a beautiful bowl like this? You have a great opportunity to put anything in the bowl. It's like Equal Opportunity. It's your opportunity to put anything in the bowl (in other words, take the opportunities available in your life!). Great opening, Owen.

3. Timekeeper, Grammarian/Ah Counter, Inspiration:

- Cheryl joined our club in Oct., 2015, and she's jumped right in by volunteering to be our timekeeper.
- Sara was our grammarian and her word of the day was: "unhampered". When you have opportunities, be unhampered and go for it!

4. **Featured Speakers:** Every month, on the 3rd Thursday meeting of the month, we normally have four speakers and omit Table Topics. However, for this meeting, speakers needed to cancel, and we had only two speakers. This would have been a great opportunity for anyone with an already prepared speech, the so-called “speech in your pocket” to do a speech. Maybe we should all think about having a “speech in your pocket”.

- **Featured Speaker #1:** : Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB, helped out by doing two roles today, TMOD and Speaker No. 1. Owen’s gave a speech from the advanced manual, “The Entertaining Speaker”, Project No. 4 (A Dramatic Talk), titled “The Starting Line”. In line with our meeting theme, Owen gave us a brief history about Equal Opportunity when he gave us vivid images of Martin Luther King signing the Civil Rights Act Law of 1964 with President Lyndon Johnson in the Oval Office. He also gave us vivid imagery of a runner prepping at the starting line of the Honolulu Marathon. You would think that the first runners out of the gate have a better opportunity than the other runners because they start so much sooner than other runners, but with today’s computer chip technology, all runners have the same opportunity no matter where they are at the starting line. Isn’t that like “Equal opportunity”? Owen closed his speech by reciting some verses from a speech that Martin Luther King gave at a Dexter Ave. Baptist church in the South. It left us inspired to persevere no matter how difficult our situation.
- **Featured Speaker #2:** Rose Martinez, ACS, CL, gave a speech from the advanced manual, “Interpretive Reading”, Project No. 4 (The Play), titled “Oz”. Rose recited an act from the Wizard of Oz. The play featured Dorothy, Auntie Em and Toto. All I can say was that it was very long recital!

5. **Table Topics:** Mariea filled in as our Table Topics Master.

- Mariea kept in line with our meeting theme, Equal Opportunity Day.
 - Mariea asked one of our guests, Joseph: how do you feel about equal opportunity for women; especially since Hillary Clinton is running for President. Joseph was a former chief financial officer for a company and he gave a great and very composed response.

- Mariea then asked James if he ever experienced racism and James responded that he did feel some while living in the Bay Area as a kid.

6. Evaluation Session:

- Lani evaluated Rose's speech. The most important suggestion that Lani provided was for those speakers doing interpretive reading speeches, they should make sure the TMOD introduces the special character of their interpretive reading. Basically, interpretive reading is not a speech; it's a recital. Guests to the meeting would then have a better idea of this type of speech.
- James evaluated Owen's speech. James suggested that Owen use more effective pauses and vocal variety; especially when reciting phrases from a Martin Luther King speech.

7. Reports:

- Timekeeper and Grammarian:
 - For a first timer, Cheryl did an outstanding job as our timekeeper.
 - Sara also did an outstanding job and even more important, before the meeting, Sara showed Cheryl how to use the timekeeping equipment. Sara, thank you so much!
- Owen then closed off his TMOD role by giving us a little more inspiration for Equal Opportunities and then handed off to Lani, who was our General Evaluator.
- General Evaluation: Lani commented that the meeting room was set up early, and even though we didn't have many members attend this meeting, the meeting was still successful.

8. Announcements/Adjournment:

- James asked Cheryl to come to the podium, and we officially inducted Cheryl to into the Kapolei Toastmasters club.
- Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1 pm.