

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Wednesday, 12:00-1:00 pm
Kapolei Hale, Conference Room B
Meeting Recap
(Submitted by Holly Holloway, ACS, ALB, Kapolei Toastmasters)

1. Opening of Meeting:

- President, James Fu opened the meeting, and we followed his lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- We had a total of seven members attend this meeting. There were no guests.
- Members in attendance were: James, Rose, Owen, Lani, Irobela, Jerome, and Holly

2. Education Session:

- James introduced our TMOD, Rose who then introduced:
 - **Timekeeper:** Jerome Ababa
 - **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** we could not find a volunteer to fill this role.
 - **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Holly Holloway shared her gratitude for everyone who has supported her and Joyce during Joyce's recent medical issues.

3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1: James Fu, ACB, ALB** – gave a speech from Project No. 5 (Delivering Bad News) from the advanced manual, "Speeches by Management". This speech used a role play in which "Bad News" was given to an individual. James played the role of the general manager of the Lakers, Mitch Kupchak. James then brought up Kobe Bryant (played by Jerome Ababa) from the audience for the special meeting. Mitch (aka James) first praised Kobe for all his great basketball feats with the Lakers. But then with a change in his vocal tone, Mitch shared that as general manager of the Lakers, he was going to cut Kobe from the team since there was no way the team was going to make the playoffs or achieve a championship. The reason he was cutting him was so other players could gain experience and so that the Lakers would be a better team next year. But then at the very end when it

seemed that Kobe was depressed, Kobe was given the opportunity to join the Lakers' management as an assistant coach. Good job, James.

- **Featured Speaker #2: Lani Abrigana, ACB,CL** – gave a speech from Project No. 5 from the advanced manual, Storytelling. The title of Lani's speech was "Washington Square: the End". Project No. 5 is "Bringing History to Life" and Lani certainly did that with style. Instead of standing behind the podium, she placed herself in the center of the audience to share the story of Katherine, her father, her aunt and a man that she fell in love with. The young man, Morris, wanted to marry a woman that had money. Katherine's father was wealthy, but warned his daughter that if she married Morris, he would disinherit her. Sadly that affected Morris, and he soon left her. Katherine was very hurt, but decided that she would keep busy with other things. Many years later, the man reappeared in her life and he again asked her to be friends with him. But in the end, because of the hurt she felt years ago, she told him "no". It was a very touching and sad story and helped us to understand how those times were. Lani did an excellent job telling this story because listening to her story was like watching a movie. The characters certainly seemed like they were in our meeting room. Lani, great job!
- **Featured Speaker #3: Owen Tamamoto, ACB,ALB**, gave a speech titled "Where Leaders are Made" from the advanced manual, Public Relations. He took us back in time to 2006 when he became a supervisor in an office that was in disarray and had bad morale. He then wondered if leaders were born or were they made? He studied the subject and by chance, he joined Toastmasters and learned that this was the place "Where Leaders are Made". He made a point of saying that if you want to go fast, go alone; but if you want to go far, go together. Owen shared that we need to practice, and we need to encourage each other. Today, the morale in his office is much improved; for example, they now celebrate each worker's birthday. Thanks Owen, you gave such an encouraging speech and reminded us that we, as Toastmasters, are all in the place "Where Leaders are Made!".

4. Table Topics Master: Irobela Wreagh, CC,CL

- **Speaker 1: James** – was asked about a family tradition for Thanksgiving and shared that as a young boy they spent the day at his Uncle’s home in San Francisco, and they also eat lots of wonderful Chinese food.
- **Speaker 2: Holly** – was asked why the Pilgrims invited the Indians to their Thanksgiving celebration? Her response was that the Pilgrims were so grateful for the help the Indians had given them during the year.
- **Speaker 3: Jerome** – was asked to list 3 things he was grateful for. He said that he was grateful that his parents brought him to the USA, for all the things his parents provide for him-helped with college, etc and lastly, for God.

5. Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1: Holly Holloway, ACS, ALB** – James did a great job with the role play in giving bad news. He used the indirect method which involved giving positive information, the reasons for the bad news and then he provided some “good news” that would be possible after Kobe was cut. He had good vocal variety when giving the different types of info. Recommend to suggest to Kobe that the decision was made by a group of managers/owners instead of just one person (Mitch Kupchak).
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2: Irobela Wreagh, CC,CL** – Lani used her speaking area very well by going inside the tables. She developed each of the characters very well. The plot was very clear and Lani used good vocal variety, especially with Morris. Good job!!!
- **Evaluator for Speaker #3: Jerome Ababa, CC** – evaluated Owen’s speech. Owen shared some personal history; used visual aids (Power Point) to bring attention to some of his ideas. Recommendations included that maybe use notes instead of looking at the computer which caused you to look down. Good speech Owen.

6. Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Jerome gave a very good report
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** since we had no grammarian, no report was given.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Rose shared more information regarding the First Thanksgiving.

7. General Evaluator: Jerome gave positive kudos to the individuals who moved us to the proper room (Conference Room B), to the TMOD for all the information regarding the first Thanksgiving, the great speeches, the wonderful questions from the Table Topics Master, and finally for the good evaluations.

8. Announcements/Adjournment:

- The Sign-up sheet was passed around and Holly asked people to sign up for roles so she doesn't have to send so many emails every day.
- James announced that Dec. 17th will be the last meeting of the year, and we are trying to reserve this same conference room B for the meeting. We will celebrate the end of the year with cake.

