

Kapolei Toastmasters
Thursday, December 17, 2015, 12:00-1:00 pm
Kapolei Hale, Conference Room B
Theme: "Happy Holidays"

Meeting Recap

(submitted by James Fu, President, Kapolei Toastmasters)

1. President Calls Meeting to Order

- President, James called the meeting to order and thanked those members who attend during this busy holiday season. We had no guests for this meeting.
- In attendance were eleven members:

Lani Abrigana	Sara Okuda
Chakib Benachour	Kiku Rees
Etsuko Fields	Owen Tamamoto
James Fu	Mariea Vaughan
Holly Holloway	Irobela Wreagh
Rose Martinez	

2. Educational Session

- Lani was our Toastmaster of the Day, or TMOD, and she gave us some interesting background regarding the word "holiday". Did you know that "holiday" was derived from the words "holy day"? And did you know, and due to the signs of the times, the City & County of Honolulu omits the word "Christmas" on its website during the Christmas season?

3. Timekeeper, Grammarian/Ah Counter:

- Holly volunteered to be our timekeeper. It was nice to see her again.
- Mariea volunteered to be our grammarian and provided the word of the day: "premature". She showed her word of the day with her beautiful artwork.

4. Featured Speakers: Every month, on the 3rd Thursday meeting of the month, we normally omit Table Topics and have four speakers. Since Rose's speech was 10 to 15 minutes, we omitted Table Topics, but had only three speakers.

- **Featured Speaker #1** : Rose Martinez, ALS, ALB, gave a speech from the Successful Club Series called, “Finding New Members for Your Club”. Rose did a good job explaining the purpose of the Successful Club Series and then explained why membership recruitment is so important for our club. Rose then used the Toastmasters International powerpoint to give her presentation, and she explained three topics:
 1. Recruiting New Membes
 2. Treating Guests Properly
 3. Keeping it Personal

- **Featured Speaker #2:** Etsuko Fields, TM, gave a speech for Project No. 7 (Research Your Topic) from the Competent Communications Manual, titled, “Toilets in Japan”. Etsuko explained that Japan is the “Land of Extremes”. When they sell a product, they really go to extremes. For example, if you want to buy a pen, you would not believe how many different kinds of pens you can buy in Japan. And so it also goes with toilets in Japan. You would not believe how many different toilet features are available in Japan, and we learned an important new phrase: “squatty potty”. Did you know that Japan produces a toilet that plays a song while a woman is peeing (so the woman in the next stall doesn’t hear her pee!). How clever!

- **Featured Speaker #2:** Chakib Benachour, TM, gave a speech for Project No. 9 (Persuade with Power) from the Competent Communications Manual, titled, “SWEEP”. Chakib spoke about an important topic to all us: how to shave years off your mortgage payments. Chakib provided a handout where he demonstrated how you can save years off your house mortgage by providing extra principal payments. He also explained the term, equity and how it can benefit our lives. Chakbi, very good speech!

- 5. Table Topics: Irobela filled in as our Table Topics Master.
 - Irobela kept in line with our meeting theme, Happy Holidays.
 - Irobela asked Kiku if her family does anything special for Christmas. Kiku gave a very good response and mentioned how her family would do special prayers during Christmas.
 - Irobela then asked Owen if he would rather receive a real Christmas card or an electronic card. Owen said he’d prefer an real Christmas card, but he’d also gladly receive an ecard.

6. Evaluation Session:

- Owen evaluated Rose's speech and went over the good points of her speech. Owen's suggestions were to consider using more vocal variety and to be prepared in case her projector is not properly set up before her speech.
- Irobela did a super job today by volunteering to do two roles (Table Topics Master and evaluator). As an evaluator, Irobela evaluated Etsuko. Irobela praised Etsuko's many good points of her speech (vocal variety, body movement, etc). Irobela's suggestions were to consider not turning to face the screen during her powerpoint presentation and to consider a more forceful conclusion.
- James evaluated Chakib's speech and said that Chakib's speech topic was a very good choice because most of the audience could understand the importance of the "SWEEP" technique. James suggested that Chakib consider simplifying his speech so that it could better fit a 5 to 7 minute timeframe.

7. Reports:

- Timekeeper and Grammarian:
 - Holly did a great job as timekeeper. Some speakers went over time.
 - Mariea also did a good job as our Grammarian. In addition, her artwork for her word of the day was very adminrable.
- Lani then closed off her TMOD role.
- General Evaluation: Although Sara had a late meeting at work and arrived late, she still tackled the role of General Evaluator. She commented on the very good quality of our meeting and she wished more members would come out and attend our meetings.

8. Announcements/Adjournment:

- James announced that Holly would take over her duties again as V.P. Education starting with the Jan. 7, 2016 meeting. Thank you to the members who wanted to help Holly out by volunteering to fill a role for the Jan. 7 meeting.
- Because this was our last meeting for 2015, after the meeting, we celebrated with delicious chocolate cake.
- Meeting was adjourned a little after 1 pm.



