

**Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)**  
**Thursday February 25, 2016**  
**12:00-1:00PM**  
**Kapolei Hale Conference Room "C"**  
**Theme: "Black History Month"**  
**Meeting Recap**  
**(Submitted by Joyce Bullion CC, CL Kapolei Toastmasters)**

**1. Opening of Meeting:**

- James Fu, ACB, ALB opened the meeting and we followed his lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- We had 11 people total which consisted of 9 Members and 2 honored guests. Honored guests were Princes Lehuanani Kumaewa Kaina Kaleo Momona and Loverra Di Giustino.
- Members in attendance were: James, Joyce, Holly, Eddie, Irobela, Kiku, Lani, Mariea and Sara.

**2. Education Session:**

- James introduced our TMOD Holly Holloway, ACS, ALB
  - Who introduced:
  - **Timekeeper:** Kiku Rees, TM was our awesome timekeeper. She explained what her role consisted of.
  - **Grammarian/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** We had none but Joyce had a word of the day. The word of the day was Parity a noun which means on equal par with. In a sentence: women are not paid on parity with men.

**3. Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Mariea Vaughan, CTM was Joke/inspiration Master. Mariea talked about Monkey See-Monkey Do. She saw pink and black worn in an outfit on someone else so she decided to buy an outfit with pink and black. You see something you like and you end up sooner or later copying it.

**4. Featured Speakers:**

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Holly Holloway, ACS, ALB gave speech project 5 from Storytelling Manual titled: “The Lawyers Wife”. Holly shared with us that as a child she moved with her family to 237 Maple in Ottumwa, Iowa. She discovered that a lawyer’s family had lived there in 1780. There was a place for a horse and buggy. In 1780 the underground railroad ran from the south to the north and from the east to west bringing Black families in. Holly then became the wife of the lawyer. She had hated moving from Boston to Ottumwa. Her lawyer husband wanted her to keep stew on the stove at all times in case a family from the underground railroad came by and needed help. She complained that it meant she had to shovel wood into the stove to keep it going. Then one day at 4PM there was a knock at the door. She answered the door and there stood two little children and behind the children were a set of parents. The family members were thin and looked needy. She served them biscuits and stew. The first family later reported that they were thriving. Suddenly, the wife saw the importance of moving from the city to the west.
- **Featured Speaker #2:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL gave speech from the Entertaining Speaker-Project 3 titled “Rabbit Dos

and Don'ts". Lani shared with us that she had a rabbit one time that had an untimely death. Her husband said "No more rabbits. It is too painful when you lose them." First Lani covered the "Don'ts". Don't Number 1: Do not open emails that have cute pictures of bunnies. She did and ended up getting two cute boy bunnies. Number 2 was Do not let them out of their cages. She gave humorous details of how they fell in love with the pictures of the little bunnies and adopted two males. Every time they let the bunnies out of their cages you will get lots of exercise chasing them and if you give them silly names like Flopsy and Mopsy, people will laugh when you chase after them and call their names.

- **Featured Speaker #3:** Eddie Joseph, DTM gave project 2 from Storytelling Manual titled "Never Underestimate the Intelligence of any people". Eddie stayed with the theme and told us about Robert (slaves had no last name) who convinced his slave master to let him apply for a job as lamp lighter, Robert was aboard the SS Planter and hatched a plan to steal the ship. He picked up 14 with 9 other slaves on board. Robert stayed out of range of weapons aimed at him. He then surrendered. He had outsmarted them. News of his fete traveled. He served two terms in Congress. In the end, Robert who took on the last name of Smalls (he was short) became Captain of the SS Planter.

**4. Table Topics Master:** Joyce Bullion, CC, CL stayed with the theme. She asked our two guests if they would like to share on the first question which was, "What would you have done to help with the underground railroad?"

- **Speaker #1:** Princes said she would have helped as best she could.
- **Speaker #2:** Sara Okuda, TM, was the next drafted volunteer. Her question was: “What is your favorite movie that depicts Black History?” The movie Twelve Years a Slave was the movie that moved me the most. It was painful. Sara said her favorite movie was “The Help”. She liked the pie the Help made. It was funny!

### 5.Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Irobela Wreagh, CC, CL evaluated Holly Holloway, ACS, ALB. Irobela said Holly did well to bring her story to life. All three speakers used no notes and Holly did well to omit the podium and stand in front of us. She played the part of the Lawyers wife well by using vocal variety. Suggestions would be for her not to fold her hands and to use more vocal variety.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** The group did an evaluation for Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL. Many kudos were given for a speech well done. She had good vocal variety. She gave us pros and cons of having a rabbit as a pet. Another person said she convinced us not to have rabbits. Someone else ended with saying it was a well-chosen topic with great animation. No suggestions for improvement were made.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #3:** James Fu, ACB, ALB evaluated Eddie Joseph, DTM. Eddie’s challenge was to tell a story that has a twist. The title of his speech described the twist. James liked Eddie’s speech a lot. Everyone was captivated by the speech. Eddie had good vocal variety, good plot, setting and action. Suggestions were for Eddie to have

more effective pauses and strengthen his voice so as to sound more effective like Martin Luther King.

## **6.Reports:**

- **Timekeeper:** Kiku Rees, TM did a thorough accounting of everyone's time. We appreciate Kiku's continued willingness to assist where needed.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Many used the word of the day.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Holly made her final comments and gave more information about the theme.

## **7. General Evaluator:**

- Iroblea Wreagh, CC, CL was our General Evaluator. She listed the following:
  - The room was set up by 11:45AM.
  - We had a great theme.
  - The guests were warmly greeted and introduced.
  - The President set a good tone.
  - Holly is a master of giving speeches without notes.
  - Table Topic Master had good questions. She explained that guests are welcome to speak but if apprehensive or not ready, that is fine.
  - The podium was well covered.
  - Suggestion for improvement is that more people attend.

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

- James announced:
  - Dues are due
  - Speech contest on March 12. Holly needs helpers but not sure exactly what she needs yet
  - The spreadsheet for future sign-ups was discussed. Many signed up for future meeting roles.
  - We adjourned about 1:05PM