

**Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)**  
**Thursday March 24**  
**12:00-1:00PM**  
**Kapolei Hale Conference Room "C"**  
**Theme: "OPEN HOUSE"**  
**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 22 people total which consisted of 10 Members and 12 honored guests.
- Members in attendance were: James, Jerome, Holly, Joyce, Princes, Eddie, Owen, Irobela, Rose and Sara.
- Honored guests were: Jessica Jacinto, Susan Anderson, Ruth Bannatz, Charles Mole, Jr., Derrick Joseph, Micaela Burney, Olga Burney, Jan Tamamoto and granddaughter, Rose Kirland, Robbie Loo, Sam Shafer, Jr..

**2. Education Session:**

- James introduced our TMOD who was Holly Holloway, ACS, ALB.
  - Who introduced:
  - **Timekeeper:** Jerome Ababa, CC explained his role as Timekeeper in style.
  - **Grammarian/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Honored guest, Robbie Loo, volunteered last minute to be Grammarian/Ah Counter and he explained his role. The word-of-the day was "symposiarch" which is a noun defined as person in charge of proceedings.

- **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Rose Martinez, ACS, ALB was Jokemaster/Inspiration and she told a story about the Japanese President who came to visit Barak Obama. He had been coached what to say in English when meeting with President Obama. However, when he actually met Mr Obama instead of saying “Good morning Mr. Obama, HOW are you”, he held out his hand and said “WHO are you?” President Obama responded with, “I am the husband of Michelle Obama”. The Japanese President said “I am too!”

### 3. **Featured Speakers:**

- **Featured Speaker #1:** James Fu, ACB, ALB gave speech project number 1 from Humorously Speaking Manual titled “Some Lessons Learned from Growing up in a Chinese Culture.” James shared with us that he is half Chinese and half Japanese. As a teenager James went to a Chinese Restaurant with 300 elderly Chinese women and stood in line to fill his plate with duck. He was a gentleman and let others go ahead of him. When it was his turn to fill his plate, the only thing that was left was head and butt. The lesson learned that day was to be aggressive. When he was older he traveled from San Francisco-China Town on a bus to Lake Tahoe with elderly women. They were so loud that it sounded like roosters crowing. James used his cell phone ringer with a rooster crowing to exemplify how it sounded. He rode with them for five hours. He learned to never take a bus from Chinatown with Chinese women because of the loud noise. Some day he will tell us about his Japanese side and lessons learned there. This was James’ first attempt at a humorous speech.
- **Featured Speaker #2:** Princeslehuanani Kumaewakainakainakaleomomona, TM gave speech titled

Maui No Ka Oi. It is the ice breaker speech from Project 1 Competent Communicator Manual. The purpose of her speech is to let us know who she is. She began by playing the nose flute and expressed the importance of Listening. There was a spiritual stillness. Princes was born on Maui. She was the first child to graduate from Lahainaluna High School in 1980. She is the great, great, great, great great granddaughter of Maui Kingdom Capital...Her sacred highness "chiefess" Mother Queen Keopuolani. She is born and raised traditional protocols in Lahaina...Kingdom Capital...Maui No ka oi. She has personally trained TM speaking programs at the Maui Woman Prison Facility...Olelo Wahine Pa'ahao Club. She is the ninth child of 11 born siblings. She has four adult children and 13 grandbabies. Now she is an official Kapolei Toastmasterette. Princes played the nose flute a couple of times and lifted us to a higher level. I felt richly blessed as a result of this speech and honored to have her here.

- **Featured Speaker #3:** Rose Kirland, ACG, ALB gave Project 6 from the Competent Communicator Manual titled "The Perfect Moment". Her focus is on vocal variety. Rose is an honored guest at Kapolei Toastmasters and is a District 49 Area 9 Director. Rose told about an incident that occurred 30 years ago. Her then 5 year old son was put on an airplane from Maui to Oahu, and she was thrilled that she was "free" and stoked to have the whole Easter weekend to herself. She dressed in her shorts, t-shirt and slippahs (which did not match). She went to work and got hungry so she went to the refrigerator and it was almost totally empty because they had cleaned it out for the weekend. There was only one peach there. She ate the peach and started to choke. She realized she had swallowed the pit. She fell on the floor. Her hands turned blue. She was the

only person there and had resigned herself to die. Then she thought about dying in those tacky clothes. She began to laugh so hard that the pit popped out of her and wedged itself into the wall. The lesson she learned was “Never Wait! DO it now.” Whether you are joining toastmasters or whatever. The perfect time is now!

#### **4. Table Topics Master:**

- Irobela Wreagh, CC, CL is a charter member of Kapolei Toastmaster’s Club. James had passed out numbers to those who would be willing to speak if necessary. Holly spun the wheel and the first volunteer was Charles Mole Jr.
- **Speaker #1:** Charles Mole, Jr, DTM’s question was “What do you enjoy most about listening to others speak?” Charles thanked Irobela for the great question and said He likes to hear speakers speak, evaluations for improving and he loves to hear table topics and hear people speak off the cuff.
- **Speaker #2:** The wheel was spun and honored guest Derrick Joseph’s number came up next. He handed it to his dad Eddie Joseph, DTM. Eddie’s question was “What is your favorite role and why?” Eddie said speaker is his favorite role but he enjoys evaluator and TMOD. He used to stutter and stammer when asked to speak. It has helped him to overcome his difficulties when speaking and leading.
- **Speaker #3:** Last speaker was Princeslehanani Kumaewakainakaleomomona, TM. Her question was “You don’t appear to be anxious when speaking. What is your secret?” Princes said she trained as a child how to be a symposiarch. It was part of her cultural training.

## 5.Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Rose Martinez, ACS, ALB evaluated James Fu, ACB, ALB. Rose stressed that this was James' first attempt at humor and he did well. The audience was into it. It is humorous to view cultural differences and learn lessons from them. He gave personal experience and only referred to his notes a couple of times. He gave a smooth delivery and spoke clearly. Rose made three suggestions to James. She suggested more gestures and vocal variety, use pauses for emphasize points and make better use of the speaker area.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Eddie Joseph, DTM evaluated Princeslehuanani. He said, "Maui No Ka Oi!" She expressed a lot of confidence, good eye contact and has a strong voice and can be heard well. She was well prepared to speak. The nose flute was very effective and resulted in silence. Eddie suggested she hold her notes in her left hand and shake hands with the TMOD with the right hand. He also suggested she use more of the speaker area. He said he loved her speech.
- **Evaluator to Speaker #3:** Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB evaluated Rose Kirland, ACG, ALB. Owen told Rose she was the cake with her use of vocal variety and her theatrics of choking. She had a great introduction, body and conclusion. It was a great conclusion to make every moment count. Owen suggested she use the word of the day-symposiarch. He suggested she use more drama throughout the speech.

## 6.Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Jerome Ababa, CC gave a thorough report of each person's time. He had stressed the importance of staying on schedule. Often times Jerome's work schedule makes it difficult for him to join us. We are grateful to have him.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Honored guest Robbie Loo gave a thorough report of each person's word fillers and kudos to many for their use of the word-of-the day. We are grateful to have Robbie help us.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Holly made her closing remarks.

## 7. General Evaluator:

- Joyce Bullion, CC, CL made the following observations about the meeting:
  - She arrived at about 11:15 or 11:20 and many were there already preparing the room.
  - The cake and ice cream were down the hall as we observed the "No food order". We had a chocolate cake finally because of the picture on the flyer which made James happy.



- There were 12 guests and all were warmly welcomed.
- We fulfilled our goal of 10 members at each meeting.
- James set a good tone.
- Holly was a smooth TMOD.
- It's so great to have Jerome help us as Timer.
- Robbie is an excellent Grammarian/Ah Counter. He had a great word-of-the day. It is not commonly used and is a good vocabulary builder.

- Irobela always comes through and did not disappoint as Table Topic Master. Speakers were also right on.
- The Evaluators made constructive evaluations with good suggestions and kudos when necessary.
- We are so lucky to have Princes! We had no idea what a gem she is!
- There was a lot of audience participation.
- Suggestion is to have more guests when we do not have Open House.

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

Holly announced the **Division B Contest**

**Saturday  
April 2  
10 AM-Noon  
(9:30 briefing)  
Central Pacific Training Room  
225 Queen St  
4th Floor  
Parking \$5**

- She asked us to come out and support Owen Tamamoto. Owen is representing Kapolei Toastmasters and will be in the International Speech Contest.
- Meeting adjourned at about 1:05PM. Everyone was asked to pick up cake and help themselves to ice cream.