

**Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)**  
**Thursday April 28, 2016**  
**12:00-1:00PM**  
**Kapolei Hale Conference Room "C"**  
**Theme: "National Poem in Your Pocket Day"**  
**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 14 people total which consisted of 10 Members and 4 honored guests.
- Members in attendance were: Owen, Holly, Joyce, James, Sara, Frank, Princes, Lani, Eddie and Irobela. Honored guests were Marion Leary, Vivien Barboza, Robbie Loo and Marie Joseph.

**2. Education Session:**

- James introduced our TMOD who was Irobela Wreagh, CC, CL.  
Who introduced:
  - **Timekeeper:** Princeslehuanani, TM was Timekeeper for the first time and did a great job explaining her role.
  - **Grammarian/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Frank de Gracia, TM and newest member explained his role in high fashion. Frank joined our club just before the meeting started and volunteered for Grammarian/AH Counter. Word of the day is "Limerick" a noun.

- 3. Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Rose Martinez, ACS, ALB told a joke about a man who went up into a hot air balloon and was lost so

he yelled “Where am I?” The man on the ground yelled back and gave him his exact altitude etc. The guy in the balloon yelled back “You must be an engineer!” The guy on the ground assumed the lost guy was a manager since he did not know where he was or where he was going. The engineer asked the manager if he was still lost and the engineer said “Yes and now I have someone to blame.”

#### 4. **Featured Speakers:**

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB gave a practice speech for the upcoming International speech contest titled “I know a Veteran”. Owen grew up on the Hamakua Coast on the Big Island in a small community that had no names on the streets. Owen had many fond memories of his childhood. He loved his father very much. His father’s jeans smelled from working at the sugar mill. Fast forward takes you to July 27, 2015 when his father was tired and ready to go home. Then he went back to 1944 and told how his dad, a veteran, was on a ship during the war and helped a man by feeding him and caring for him. 33 years later, his brother graduated from medical school and Owen met his future wife. Her name is Jan and it happened that Jan’s father was the man Owen’s dad had helped in 1944 on the ship. Owen’s dad had some dark times and almost left his mom, but they ended up being married 66 years. Owen recited a poem about a magic cup and choked up as he ended with “He was my dad!”
- **Featured Speaker #2:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL gave Project 4 from The Entertaining Speaker Manual titled “The Hand”. Miranda drove to Wal Mart and saw a man leaning against a sign. The man was broken down and shabby and appeared homeless. Miranda recognized the man as her

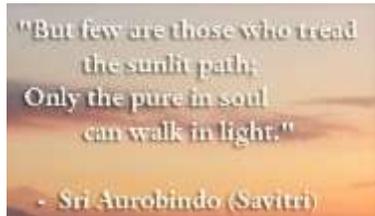
long lost husband from 30 years prior and the man spotted her as his mouth fell open. The man fled and she made a u turn so she could catch up with him. She could not find him. She decided not to go to Wal Mart but to return home with her hands trembling. She returned home and could not wait to tell her daughter of the event. Her daughter was doing yard work so she waited for her and when the time was right she told her daughter how she had seen her father-that he had been begging for food and when he spotted her, he ran away. Miranda told her daughter that they should go look for him. The daughter instructed her mom not to feel sorry for him as he had abandoned them. The husband had drank heavily and played in a band. They both reminisced about what a good life they had and how they chose to do the best they could. Mom felt obligated to hunt for him and try to help him but the daughter tried to discourage help justifying that he abandoned them. Suddenly the daughter forgave her dad and said “Where do we start looking for him?”

- **Featured Speaker #3:** James Fu, ACB, ALB gave project 2 from “Special Occasion Speech manual” titled “Speaking in Praise for Holly Holloway”! James told about Kapolei Toastmaster’s Club when Barney Asato was there and how Holly saved the club after Barney left the club due to illness. James praised Holly for her spirit of enthusiasm and servant attitude. He told about how dependable Holly has been and how she always shows up or lets people know ahead of time when she cannot. Holly and Joyce always donate their art work for auction. Holly always has a helpful attitude and gives up her speaking slot for others if they need it. He elaborated on how welcoming Holly and Joyce have been. Holly has been sincere in her goal of

achieving the highest award which is DTM. Holly is also helpful because of her servant attitude at officer training and with district responsibilities. James then presented Holly with the ACG award. Holly's goal is to receive her DTM award.

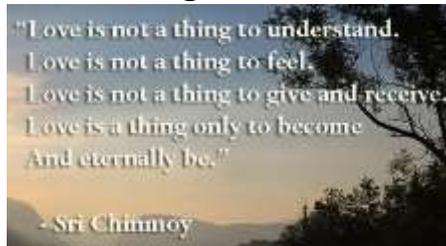
**4. Table Topics Master:** Sara Okuda, TM, was our last minute volunteer for Table Topic Master. Sara stayed with the theme of the meeting and pulled 3 poems out of her pocket.

Speaker #1: The first drafted volunteer was Rose



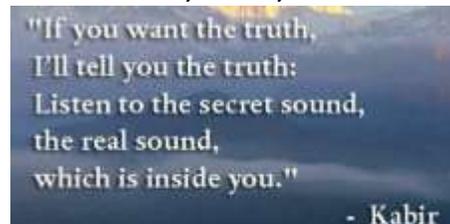
Martinez, ACS, ALB. Her poem was: Rose hesitated and then said if we take on challenges and make right choices, we walk in light.

- **Speaker #2:** Robbie Loo, guest, was the next volunteer and



his poem was: Robbie brought to light that we all have people (family members) that we love and he elaborated some on that.

- **Speaker #3:** Volunteer Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB



responded to the third poem: Owen started with saying we are all familiar with: "You can't handle the truth!" He then repeated a poem regarding the winds of the sea. Owen is quite the poet!

## 5. Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Eddie Joseph, DTM evaluated Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB. Eddie said he would not do a normal evaluation with vocal variety etc because this speech is for the upcoming contest. Eddie began by suggesting Owen be early to the speech contest and meet and greet others. Seating is also very important. Be careful about your opening and closing. Be strong and slow down in your delivery. Eddie told Owen he has a great singing voice but perhaps he should reevaluate singing the song. Eddie suggested that Owen slow down and pause more and use better eye contact as he moves in the speaker area. Eddie's suggestions were excellent and could be very helpful.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Holly Holloway, ACG, ALB evaluated Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL. Holly gave kudos to Lani for a job well done. She said "Lani always gives good speeches." Holly said the title was perfect and the speech was full of mystery. Holly was on the edge of her seat waiting for what was to come. Lani used vivid descriptions and made us think of the homeless people we see at Costco with a sign. Lani used great vocal variety between the mother and daughter's conversation. It was so dramatic when the daughter forgave her father and was grateful for the good life she had and asks "How can we find dad?" Holly said she cannot wait to hear more. I wonder if we will hear: "The Hand-Part 2".
- **Evaluator to Speaker #3:** Kapolei Toastmasters Club evaluated James Fu's speech. One person said James made good preparation. Holly's dependability was expressed well. Another said James did well to cite specific circumstances in which Holly went above and beyond the call of duty. Another said the praise was so sincere that it

made Holly cry. A few said Holly has worked hard and is fully deserving of the award.

## **6.Reports:**

- **Timekeeper:** Princes gave a thorough report of each person's time. We appreciate Princesslehuani's help.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Frank gave a thorough report of each person's word fillers and use of the word of the day. He gave kudos to those who had did not have any marks. We thank Frank for his courage and willingness and ability to follow through.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Irobela was a seasoned TMOD. Her love of poetry glowed throughout the meeting. She recited many poems and ended with a poem that reminded us to love each other now while we are alive. Irobela meant to wear this hat but forgot it. She looks very poetic!

**7. General Evaluator:** Joyce Bullion, CC, CL as General Evaluator commented the following:

- The room was set up by 11:32AM.
- Honored guests were warmly greeted and she welcomed Robbie Loo who arrived after the initial greeting.
- Irobela was a seasoned emcee and gave some memorable poetry.
- The President set a good tone.
- Princess asked for help and followed directions for her first time as role of timekeeper.
- Frank, as our newest member, did a remarkable job on a detailed role.

- Sara volunteered at the final moment to be Table Topic Master and did a remarkable job.
- Table Topic speakers were excellent.
- Evaluators were outstanding...Eddie evaluated Owen well and gave helpful suggestions for his International Speech Contest. The speakers gave emotional speeches and were sincere.
- The audience was into the speech content and reacted favorably.
- Great meeting!

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

- James Fu announced the Spring Conference on May 14 and asked us to come out and support Owen Tamamoto. Owen is competing for the International Speech Contest. It is at the Pagoda Hotel. Registration is at 7:30AM. This year it is a two day affair. On Friday evening they will honor Ron Mobley and give him a lifetime achievement award. See announcement at [www.kapoleitoastmasters.com](http://www.kapoleitoastmasters.com) . Deadline for discount price of \$60 is April 29.
- Holly announced that our club elections will be at our meeting May 12 if we have a quorum present. So far we have the following people who are running for office:
  - President: Holly Holloway
  - VP-Education: Lani Abrigana
  - VP-Membership: Joyce Bullion
  - VP-Public Relations: Owen Tamamoto
  - Treasurer/Secretary: Sara Okuda
  - Sergeant-At-Arms: Jerome Ababa
    - We will accept nominations on May 12. You may nominate yourself.
    - Meeting adjourned around 1PM