

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Thursday May 12, 2016
12:00-1:00PM
Kapolei Hale Conference Room "C"
Theme: Older Americans Month (Kupuna)
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 18 people total which consisted of 12 Members and 6 Guests. Honored Guests were: Melanie Baguio (Ella), Archikins Camarillo, Angelina Ricaido, Christina Folster (Tina), William Kokolus (Will) and Anna Broverman.
- Members in attendance were: James, Holly, Joyce, Owen, Eddie, Irobela, Lani, Etsuko, Princes, Sara, Frank, and Rose.

2. Education Session:

- James introduced our TMOD Holly Holloway, ACG, ALB.
- Who introduced:
- **Timekeeper:** Frank DeGracia, TM, who explained the role in high style.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, ALB explained her role as Ah Counter/Grammarian. Her word of the day is "Seredipity" a noun.

3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Irobela Wreagh, CC, CL gave speech number 4 from Interpretive Reading Manual called “Scene from Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” Irobela did a reading and acted out Brick and Maggie. Brick was aloof and Maggie was judgmental and gossipy. Maggie focused on a family that had no necks and she was disturbed that they had no necks because she wanted to wring them but could not. Irobela moved from one spot to the other as she acted out the characters in style. The whole point of the cat on a hot tin roof was to see how long the cat could stay on it.

Featured Speaker #2: Princesslehuani

Kumaewakainakaleomomo, TM gave speech number 3 from the Competent Communicator Manual with a goal of Getting to the point titled “Nahavas”. Native Hawaiian Values were learned from Kupuna. It is kuleana to teach and practice values from ancestors. Princess came from Maui and joined Toastmasters and O H A and took a class that took 8 weeks. She graduates tonight. She hopes to start a business in which she teaches Hawaiian Values to others. She would be willing to accept fruit like bananas and not money. She uses George Kanahale’s book “Ku Kanaka”. George is credited with reconnecting Hawai’i’s tourism industry with the Hawaiian culture. Princess gave definitions for Aloha (unconditional love), Ohana (family) Ho’Okipa (hospitality). She thanked us and ended with a Spiritual Hawaiian chant.

- **Featured Speaker #3:** Eddie Joseph, DTM, gave speech number 2 from the Competent Communicator Manual Titled “But for the Grace of God, I could have died”. Eddie gave a very organized speech about a dark time in his life when his father passed away and his attempts to travel to

his dad's funeral. He left Chicago and it was 25 degrees. He took a train to Kalamazoo Michigan and then got off to take a bus to South Haven Michigan. There was a very bad blizzard and the bus was not running. Eddie just had to get to the funeral so he hitchhiked. He got a ride to an intersection and still had 45 miles to go. The snow was so thick (wet big flakes) that he could not see a thing. He displayed this by turning around and pointing in three directions to emphasize it. Finally a vehicle was coming but it was a snow plow. The guy looked at him like he was crazy. A car finally came by with 4 African American males who were headed to work for a car company. The four gentlemen took him to his destination. The town had two funeral homes and he did not know which one was the right one. When he arrived to the correct location, he had missed the service because in Michigan they are on Eastern Time and Chicago Central Time...not serendipity. But for the Grace of God, Good does overcome evil!

5.Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB evaluated Irobela Wreagh, CC, CL. Owen explained that interpretive reading has different rules than other speeches. The person reads the speech and does not display eye contact. Irobela did well to continually reverse roles of Brick and Maggie. Irobela told it in a humorous way. The only suggestion he could make was that she speak in a falsetto voice to display the male and put more drama in it.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** James Fu, ACB, ALB evaluated Princes' speech and gave kudos for inspiration and entertainment. She got right to the point and did it with

conviction. She had excellent highlights. He loved the energy and the fact of how she used Pidgin. She had a good introduction, body and conclusion with a great speaking voice. He suggested she tie in her values with her business venture and that she receive money and not bananas.

- **Evaluator for Speaker #3:** Etsuko Fields, TM evaluated Eddie Joseph, DTM. She said that Eddie is a pro at bringing us into his speech with great eye contact and vivid descriptions of conditions. He described his determination well to get to his father's funeral. We could feel the cold weather and see the blizzard. He has excellent vocal variety and spoke clearly. The only suggestion she could think of was to suggest he spend more time telling more details about this event. He could give another speech and call it "But for the Grace of God, I could have died! #2.

6.Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Frank gave an excellent and thorough accounting of everyone's time.
- **Grammarians/Ah Counter:** Lani gave a thorough accounting of everyone's word usage and usage of the word of the day.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Due to time restraints Holly did not have much to end with.

8. Announcements/Adjournment:

- At the beginning of the meeting we had quorum (more than 9 members) in attendance so we had the election of officers for year of 2016-2017 to serve from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The results were as follows:
 - President: Holly Holloway, ACG, ALB

- VP-Education: Lani Abrigana, ACB, ALB
- VP-Membership: James Fu ACB, ALB
- VP-Public Relations: Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB
- Secretary/Treasurer: Sara Okuda, TM
- Sergeant-At-Arms: Jerome Ababa, CC
- James announced the Spring Conference on May 13-14 at the Pagoda Hotel. He asked us to come out on Saturday and support Owen Tamamoto who will compete in the International Speech Contest and is from Kapolei Toastmaster's Club.
- We adjourned at 1PM