

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Thursday May 26, 2016
12:00-1:00PM
Kapolei Hale Conference Room "C" Theme:
National Photograph Month
Meeting Recap
(Submitted by Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL,
Kapolei Toastmasters)

1. Opening of Meeting:

- Holly Holloway, ACG, ALB opened the meeting and we followed her lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- We had 14 people total which consisted of 10 Members and 4 Guests. Honored Guests were: Melanie Baguio (Ella), C J and Jasmine Calio, and Meaghan Ficke.
- Members in attendance were: Frank, Holly, Irobela, Joyce, Mariea, Owen, Lani, Princes, Rose, and Sara.

2. Education Session:

- Holly introduced our **TMOD**, Joyce Bullion, CC, CL.
- Who introduced:
- **Timekeeper:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL, who explained that learning to speak within a certain timeframe is one of our Toastmaster goals.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Holly Holloway, ACG, ALB, explained her role as Ah Counter/Grammarian. Her word of the day was "replicate" which can be used as an adjective, noun, or verb.
- **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Joyce Bullion compared two seas in Israel. The River Jordan flows into the Sea of Galilee and then

flows out again which keeps it healthy and vibrant. The Dead Sea has no outlet and the water flows in but does not flow out. It is salty and full of minerals, leaving it unfit for life. Just as in real life, we must receive and give to maintain a happy, healthy life.

3. Featured Speakers:

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Princeslehuanani Kumaewakainakaleomomo, TM, gave speech number 4 from the Competent Communicator Manual with a goal of “writing for the ear” using short and simple words. In her speech, “Fluent Pidgin English,” she said that pidgin English arose in the plantation camps because of the need for different cultures to communicate. Words such as “da kine,” hana butta,” and “ovah deah” are still being used today. The word “wat,” she said, should be used with caution in areas where it might give offense. The word “mahalo,” she pointed out, is not a pidgin English word, but from the native Hawaiian language.
- **Featured Speaker #2:** Frank DeGracia, TM, delivered his Icebreaker speech entitled “Tour Guide.” When he was 10 and his sister 5, their parents took them to the Honolulu Zoo. Because this was the first time they had seen live wild animals, his parents took on the role of tour guide. Throughout his life, Frank said his parents have served as tour guides of success, showing him how to set goals, reach goals, and also how to add value to someone else’s life. When you come in contact with someone, he said, you should leave them better off. With his three sons, he seeks to add value to their lives, to replicate the values that his parents established in him. He asked us whether we are just travel guides, or tour guides of success, so that we

can honor the generation that went before us.

- **Featured Speaker #3:** Rose Martinez, ACS, ALB, gave a speech entitled “The Financial Literacy Campaign,” based on project #2 from the High Performance Leadership manual. Rose said that 37% of Americans have personal financial difficulties and more than half think it’s acceptable to default on a mortgage. Students graduating from college have huge loans that they must repay. Many people do not have enough retirement savings and it is projected that Social Security will run out of money by 2023. She said that it is ironic that the U.S. is one of the richest countries in the world. Because financial literacy is not taught in schools, the Financial Literacy Campaign is a nationwide campaign to educate the public. It proposes to teach Baby Boomers how to build wealth and retire affordably. GenX and Millennials will learn to increase cash flow, reduce debt, and plan for retirement. She organized a seminar regarding financial literacy in February, which was a success. Other free workshops are offered every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. in town. She has tickets if you are interested, as well as books for loan.
- 4. Table Topics:** Table Topics Master Irobela Wreagh, CC, CL said that she was a professional photographer in her 20s and 30s. She had a selection of random photos and asked for volunteers to come up, pick a photo, and speak about it as if it were their own.
- **Speaker #1:** Melanie Baguio (Ella) picked a photo with a young boy which reminded her of her daughter. Although she said she was nervous standing up in front everyone, she welcomed the experience even though she felt she had nothing to say about the subject.

- **Speaker #2:** Sara Okuda, TM, chose a photograph of two young children, one on a bike and the other in a wagon. She said it reminded her of herself and her sister when they were young. They had tricycles and a wagon. Once, she and her sister were in the wagon, when it turned over---the scar she has reminds her of the fun times they had.

Speaker #3: CJ Calio picked a photo of an isolated beach scene because he said it reminded him of the honeymoon he and his wife spent in Tahiti. He said it was a memory he would cherish forever.

5. Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluation for Speaker #1:** Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB evaluated Princeslehuanaani Kumaewakainakaleomomo, TM. He said the project objectives were to use the right words, rhetorical devices, and the right grammar. She used short clear words and vivid descriptions, and rhetorical devices. He loved her energy and the topic. Although one of the objectives was to use correct grammar, he noticed that the subject did not always agree with the verb.
- **Evaluation for Speaker #2:** Princes K, TM, evaluated Frank DeGracia. She said he was a strong speaker who captured the audience's attention and did not use notes. He was well prepared. His speech had an opening, body, and conclusion.
- **Evaluation for Speaker #3:** Holly Holloway, ACG, ALB, evaluated Rose Martinez. Holly said that Rose began with the reason why a financial literacy campaign was necessary and created a seminar to address the issue. This was a topic that was relevant

to all of us, whether we are still working or retired. If she gives this speech again, Holly suggested that Rose share how the project changed her; how it made her feel; and reflect on what did she learn and how can she use it to help others.

6. Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Lani gave an accounting of everyone's times.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Holly gave a thorough accounting of filler words and the use of the word-of-the-day.
- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Joyce said that she is a photography nut, and showed us her various cameras. She loves the beauty of the islands and the opportunity to replicate it. Joyce also said National Photography Month was created by former president Reagan in 1984. It was specified to be one week long and by 1987 it was changed to the whole month of May.

7. General Evaluator: Lani said that when she came in at 11:40, the signs were already on the doors and the room was set up, thanks to Holly, Joyce, and Frank. The guests were welcomed and given membership packets. The speeches were enjoyable and the evaluators did a good job in discussing the speech objectives and how they were met as well as giving suggestions. She asked that next time, each speaker should fill out the speaker info form and get it to the VP of Education in advance, to avoid having blank spaces on the agenda.

8. Announcements/Adjournment:

- Holly said there would be an Executive Team meeting a week from today.
- We adjourned at 1: 03 PM.