

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Thursday, September 8, 2016
12:00-1:00PM

Kakuhihewa (Kapolei State Building), Room 111

Theme: Literacy Day

Abbreviated Meeting Recap

(By Owen Tamamoto, VP of Public Relations, Kapolei Toastmasters)

1. Attendance:

- Members: Irobela Wreagh, James Fu, Etsuko Fields, Holly Holloway, Joyce Bullion, Rose Martinez, Frank De Gracia, Sara Okuda, Lani Abrigana, and Owen Tamamoto
- Guest: CJ Calio

2. Holly Holloway, DTM had a duo role today as President and TMOD. She introduced:

3. Timekeeper: Sara Okuda, TM.

4. Grammarian/Ah Counter/Word of the Day: Frank De Gracia, TM("verbiage")

5. Jokemaster/Inspiration: Rose Martinez, DTM used her speech delivery skills to both inspire and humor us with her story about a little girl who was walking home during a dark lightning storm. Her mom, worried about her, went to find her along the path she would be walking. Her mom noticed that she would stop, look up at the sky, and smile every time a lightning bolt flashed. Her mom, curious about her behavior, asked her why she stopped and smiled at each bolt of lightning. The little girl said she was smiling because God was always taking her picture.

6. Speakers:

- #1: Etsuko Fields, TM, “Think About It”, Competent Communicator Manual, Project #10. Etsuko shared a personal story that still means a lot to her. One of her friends was being courted by a man. Her friend was not interested in the man. But, he persisted. One day, while driving home her friend and the man were caught in an LA traffic jam...much worse than anything in Hawai‘i. Her friend was upset and frustrated because she wanted to get home. The man, looking at the miles of taillights ahead said, “Wow!”. Her friend asked him why he was so excited. He said: “Think about it. Look at all the cars. Imagine how many people are ahead of us, and each one has a great story. In that sea of lights ahead are so many stories. Some folks are happy, sad, worried, excited...so many fascinating stories. Think about it.” Her friend, listening to the man, changed her perspective. She was no longer angry. The man later became her husband.

Whenever you are in a less than ideal situation or you see someone else in a less than admirable light, take some time to “think about it”.

To my view, Etsuko delivered one of her finest speeches, sans notes. Congrats on your fine effort Etsuko!

- #2: James Fu, ACB, ALB, “Sharing My Vision”, HPL Project James presented his vision for his High Performance Leadership Project: spearheading the Silent Auction for the upcoming District Conference on October 28-29. The proceeds for the auction are used to help fund the conference. Please assist him with his project and attend the conference!

7. Table Topics Master: Owen Tamamoto, ACB, ALB asked four questions.

- a. What can we do to get members to sign up for supporting roles at our club meetings? Honored guest CJ Calio volunteered to speak on the topic and said we could keep it short and simple. Just ask folks to sign up!
- b. How would your life be different if you couldn't read? James Fu, ACB, ALB said he would not have gone on a loser fishing trip where he spent hours upon hours without catching any fish if he was not able to read.
- c. How would things be different if all adults could read? Irobela Wreagh, CC, CL pointed out that folks who teach adults to read would be out of work. But, if all adults could read they would benefit also.
- d. What should be done to improve literacy in Hawai'i? Holly Holloway, DTM praised the children who teach their parents to read. This might be especially so in certain immigrant populations.

8. Evaluators

- #1: Joyce Bullion, CC, CL evaluated Etsuko's speech
Joyce loved Etsuko's speech. Joyce was stressed out before she got to today's meeting. She found out she had to pay money she didn't have, she forgot her teeth at home, and she will be 72 years old in less than 10 days! Etsuko's speech was uplifting, inspirational, and personal. It helped Joyce (and the rest of us) to move away from our self-centeredness. Great insight, Joyce. 72 years YOUNG!!!
- #2: Irobela Wreagh evaluated James' speech.
Irobela, inspired by James' speech, joined his HPL Team!

Irobela noted that James kept his message simple, not overwhelming. He demonstrated vocal variety, enthusiasm, clarity, and conciseness. He used the laser pointer effectively.

9. Reports:

- Timekeeper: Sara Okuda
- Grammarian/Ah Counter: Frank De Gracia. Many people used the word of the day: “verbiage” and were rewarded a KTM bracelet.

10. General Evaluator: Lani Abridana ACB, CL spoke positively about each aspect of our meeting. She also noted that one area that could use improvement is to have more members and more members in attendance. Having more members would also help with getting folks to sign up for supporting role. Well said, Lani!

11. Announcements:

- a. Area Speech Contest on Saturday, September 24, 2016, 1:00pm at the Central Pacific Bank Training Room, Harbor Square Building, 4th Floor, 225 Queen Street.
Go and support our two contestants, Rose & Holly!
- b. Division B Speech Contest, Saturday October 8, 10am, at the Central Pacific Bank Training Room, Harbor Square Building, 4th Floor, 225 Queen Street.
- c. Executive Team Meeting, Thursday, October 6, 2016, 11:45am-1pm, Kapolei State Building, Room 611. All club members welcome to attend!
- d. Join James’ Silent Auction Team!