

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)
Thursday October 13, 2016
12:00-1:00PM
Kapolei Hale Conference Room "B"
Theme: "It's Our Party" Open House
Meeting Recap
(Submitted by Joyce Bullion CC, CL Kapolei Toastmasters)

1. Opening of Meeting:

- Holly Holloway, DTM opened the meeting and we followed her lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- We had 12 people total which consisted of 9 Members and 3 honored guests.
- Members in attendance were: Mariea, Rose, Etsuko, Holly, Joyce, Sara. Kiku. Irobela and Lani. Honored Guests were Michele Jamal and Rose Kirland, DTM and Brandi Rickler.
- Holly presented Etsuko Fields with her certificate for her Competent Communicator award.

2. Education Session:

- Holly introduced our TMOD who was Rosebella Martinez, DTM.
 - Who introduced:
 - **Timekeeper:** Sara Okuda, TM gave a thorough description of her role.
 - **Grammarian/Ah Counter/Word of the Day:** Lani Abrigana, ACB, CL gave a thorough description of her roles. Her Word of the day was: "dearth".
 - **Jokemaster/Inspiration:** Rose Kirland, DTM, was Jokemaster/Inspiration Master. Rose told us she was

not good with jokes because she always forgets the punchline. So she inspired us with a story of herself as a youngster. Her mom had her look out the window at a bird sitting on a flimsy limb. That bird could have chosen a strong limb but did not. She said her mom said the bird had faith in itself and in its abilities. I am grateful to Rose for her inspiration.

3. **Featured Speakers:**

- **Featured Speaker #1:** Etsuko Fields, CC gave speech number 5 from the Competent Communicator manual because her advanced manual had not arrived yet. The speech was titled “Your Body Really Speaks”. Etsuko is from Japan and it is customary to keep feelings to yourself and not to emote. Etsuko feels she has been Americanized because she is transparent. As a Realtor she has to appear confident. One day she had a Japanese shopper and she reverted to no body language but then acted out her Americanization. She has 2 daughters-one is a teenager and she expresses her emotions openly at times and sometimes not-both expressions tell a story. In conclusion, Body language speaks louder than words can convey. I loved the speech.
- **Featured Speaker #2:** Holly Holloway, DTM, gave speech number 10 from the Competent Communicator Manual titled “What If”. Her goal was to inspire. Holly talked about a phone call she received late in May, 1988. She was asked to speak at a convention in San Francisco. Her speech was to be 50-55 minutes long and she would be speaking in front of 5,000 people. She did an excellent job and had a “following”. “What if” she had said “no”? When she returned home she was asked to speak again and to lead a workshop. In the workshop, no one followed her

instructions and she realized she was not an effective leader. She thought about going to Toastmasters. “What if?” after retiring in 2012 she attended Kapolei Toastmaster’s Meeting in January 2013 and was given a warm bear hug by Barney Asato. “What if” she had not been warmly greeted? In February she was invited to the Executive Team Meeting and became Vice President of Membership and in March she was asked to be timekeeper at the Area speech contest. She continued to say “Yes”! “What if” you are asked to join Toastmasters. What is your answer?

4. Table Topics Master: Joyce Bullion, CC, CL was Table Topic Master and asked for volunteers and then presented the volunteer with their question.

- **Speaker #1:** Brandi Rickler, honored guest, was the first speaker and her question was ‘What is your biggest fear and why?’ Brandi answered her biggest fear is that her daughter will not be adequately prepared for college. Brandi speaks clearly and I look forward to hearing more from her.
- **Speaker #2:** Michele Jamal, honored guest volunteered and her question was “What do you hope to achieve in Toastmasters?” Michele answered that she hopes her health holds out long enough for her to be a more confident speaker. I look forward to hearing Michele speak again. She has depth to her speeches.
- **Speaker #3:** Kiku Rees, TM question was “What is your favorite role in Toastmasters and why?” Kiku said her

favorite role in toastmasters is Timekeeper. She is able to listen to the speeches and still keep time.

5.Evaluation Session:

- **Evaluator for Speaker #1:** Irobela Wreagh, CC, CL gave her evaluation of Etsuko's speech. Irobela mentioned she is from the Midwest and it is customary for children to be seen and not heard. Irobela said Etsuko is less Japanese. Irobela is always impressed that Etsuko uses no notes. She displayed great body language and chose an excellent topic. We all know Etsuko better now. Irobela gave her a five-star rating, adding that she completed all her goals in this speech.
- **Evaluator for Speaker #2:** Rose Kirland, DTM, evaluated Holly's speech. Rose said that Holly had an excellent opening by asking a question. Her topic was appropriate. She used the entire speaking area. She had her on the edge of her seat wondering what the convention with 5,000 people was all about. She loved her suggestion "What if you say yes to everything?" Rose suggested that Holly be more purposeful in her use of the speaking area and that she pause more after asking her opening question.

6.Reports:

- **Timekeeper:** Sara gave a thorough report of each person's time.
- **Grammarian/Ah Counter:** Lani gave a great summary of everyone's word fillers and use of word of the day.

- **TMOD Closing remarks:** Rose Martinez, DTM told about how Toastmasters has helped her to gain confidence in speaking.

7. General Evaluator: Mariea Vaughn, CTM. Said it was a fun-filled meeting with wonderful speakers.

8. Announcements/Adjournment:

- **Lani Abrigana ACB, CL provided our party hats, welcome sign, noiseless noise makers and snicker bars. We are forever grateful to Lani for her generosity and originality. We cannot have food in our meeting room.**
- **Holly announced the upcoming Fall Conference on October 28 and 29th. The price is \$100 for both days or \$75 for each day if you register before October 17.**
- **Meeting Adjourned at 1:02PM**