

Kapolei Toastmasters (KTM)

Thursday, October 27, 2016

12:00-1:00PM

State Building, Room 577

Theme: Halloween

Abbreviated Meeting Recap

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

1. Holly Holloway, DTM, opened the meeting and introduced the TMOD, Holly Holloway.
2. Attendance:
 - Members: Holly Holloway, Joyce Bullion, Frank De Gracia, Lani Abrigana, Owen Tamamoto, Rose Martinez, Irobela Wreagh
 - Guests: Michele Jamal, Ruth Manzano; Area Director, Shawna Gaskins, CC.
3. Timekeeper: Rose Martinez,DTM
4. Grammarian/Ah Counter/Word of the Day: Joyce Bullion CC, CL
Word of the Day: “sinister”
5. Jokemaster/Inspiration: Irobela Wreagh,CC, CL delighted all of us with a humorous poem: “Mermaid (Ramification)” by Jeff Opperman
6. Speakers:
 - #1: Owen Tamamoto ACB, ALB “The Cross” (Speaking to Inform Manual, Project 5: The Abstract Concept)
Project 5 from the Speaking to Inform manual calls for the presentation of an abstract concept in a clear, interesting manner. The meaning of the Cross (for Christians) was the abstract concept of the speech. What is the meaning of the Cross? Owen told a story about three individuals

whose lives (or the results of their actions) intersected shortly after WWII. The three individuals each had their own stories of forgiveness, and each story gave us further insight into the meaning of the Cross. Well done, Owen!

- #2: Lani Abrigana ACB, CL “Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep” (The Entertaining Speaker manual, Project 1: The Entertaining Speech)
The objectives of Project 1 from the Entertaining Speaker manual are to entertain the audience by relating a personal experience and to organize an entertaining speech for maximum impact.

Lani entertained us by telling us about a personal experience she had never told anyone else about until her speech. When she was a college student a few years ago, she went home to stay with her parents for a few days. She stayed in a wooden addition built by her father. It was a dark and windy night. She heard rustling noises from Poinciana branches and odd noises on the lanai. She looked around, saw nothing unusual in the darkness, and fell asleep.

But, she was awakened when she felt someone pressing against her, sucking the air out of her. She was terrified. She couldn't breathe. She threw off what was on her, stood up, looked around, saw no one, tiptoed to the back door, found it locked, and went back inside. She awoke next morning and saw nothing out of the ordinary.

It was the most terrible nightmare she ever had. She always prided herself on being logical, but now she is more accepting of possibility of unknown spirits that defy logical explanation. She felt somewhat relieved when she read a story by Glen Grant that someone else had a similar experience. Well done, Lani!

- #3: Frank De Gracia, TM “Special Needs” (Competent Communicator manual, Project 5: Your Body Speaks)
The objectives of Project 5 from the Competent Communicator manual are to connect with the audience using eye contact, make appropriate facial and body movements, and use stances and gestures to retain the attention of the listeners.

Frank met the objectives of Project 5 by maintaining eye contact, using facial and body movements, and using stances and gestures, as he told stories from his personal experience and from the Bible. The use of his body motions matched the speech. For example, as he told the story of the woman caught in adultery, he used hand motions to demonstrate how Jesus wrote in the dirt. He also used hand and body motions to show how Jesus writing in the dirt also meant God coming down to earth. Well done, Frank!

7. Table Topics Master: Irobela Wreagh

Michel Jamal, honored guest, volunteered to answer the question: Why are witches misunderstood? Michele talked about “witches” who honor the sacred feminine, who heal others, and who act as midwives. She also spoke of the tension she felt between her past upbringing as a Catholic and her present spirituality.

Shawna Gaskins, CC then spoke on the topic of seeing other people put Halloween decorations in their yards. She likes it because it gives her ideas, and it reflects the different personalities in the neighborhood.

Rose Martinez talked about whether ghosts are real. She said she doesn't believe in ghosts because she has never experienced their presence through her five senses.

Well done, Irobela, Michele, Shawna, and Rose!

8. Evaluators: The role of the evaluator is to provide feedback that aids the speaker to develop speaking skills. Each evaluator provided helpful and supportive comments.

- #1: Lani Abrigana

Lani evaluated Owen's speech. She found that it met the objectives of the project, but suggested that Owen do without the laptop next time because it was distracting.

- #2: Owen Tamamoto

Owen evaluated Lani's speech. He felt that her speech was entertaining, that the personal experience that Lani shared kept the audience engaged, and that Lani organized the speech in a chronological manner that was easy to follow. Owen suggested that next time Lani contrast her "dramatic monotone" (for lack of a better term) with greater dramatic effect when relating the scariest parts.

- #3: Michele Jamal

Michele evaluated Frank's speech. She noticed how Frank used his body, such as with his facial and eye expressions as he made eye contact around the room. She commented on how the speech moved her powerfully with interwoven stories, how humanity was asked to sacrifice judgment, how we are called to sacrifice, but even sacrifices can fail. She suggested that next time, Frank could use poignant pauses for drama.

9. Reports:

- Timekeeper: Rose Martinez
- Grammarian/Ah Counter: Joyce Bullion

10. General Evaluator: Holly Holloway

Happy Halloween! Her church has an annual Halloween event. Everyone, including the President and the TMOD (same person, Holly) did a great job today.

11. Announcements: Holly Holloway

District 49 Fall Conference this Friday and Saturday. Please attend and support Holly and Rose as they compete in their contests and receive their DTM awards!