

9:00 am:
Call to Order, Serenity Prayer, Host DCM announcements
Sobriety Birthdays:

Past Delegates:
Scott C. (P49), Jeanette(51), Ken K. (P63), Linda McD. (P61), Cheryl N. (P65)

Reading: Clair

AA Guidelines: Finance

“A.A.’s far-flung Twelfth Step activities, carrying the message to the next sufferer, are the very lifeblood of our A.A. adventure. Without this vital activity, we would soon become anemic; we would literally wither and die. “Now where do A.A.’s services—worldwide, area, local—fit into our scheme of things? Why should we provide these functions with money? The answer is simple enough. Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office to arrange hospitalization and sponsorship, or the world service Headquarters [now the General Service Office] to maintain unity and effectiveness all over the globe. “Though not costly, these service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion—to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength—and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill.”

Bill W., October 1967 Grapevine

WHERE MONEY AND SPIRITUALITY MIX

Members celebrate sobriety by giving time, energy and money in support of our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship offers. Members assure that group expenses are paid by putting money into the basket passed at each meeting. It is each member’s responsibility to support the services that have been requested by the A.A. Fellowship, to help facilitate A.A.’s vital Twelfth Step. Contributions are made in a spirit of sacrifice, and they honor A.A.’s code of “love and service.” Contributions also underscore the spiritual nature of our Fellowship and our mutual love and trust. We have found that these contributions are as important to each member as they are to the service centers supported.

Area Officers

Secretary Deborah S. Report Moved to Sunday

Treasurer Michael K:

Neil (motion), Solomon (2nd). Financial report accepted with corrections.

Registrar Rachel S.

Morning: Districts with standing committees or intergroup, the standing committee chairs’ are entitled to get a kit from GSO for the committee they serve. DCMs please see Rachel; she can get your district standing committee chairs’ contact information onto the database to receive the committee kit. The kit will assist them in their job with the guidelines and how to be more effective in their positions. GSO will be cleaning-up the database. Since April we had six groups added in and two more groups that will be added to our database. Thank you to the groups who got their information to me.

Outreach: If you’re going to a group that is not represented take a group change form. Try to get contact information, the right address and pertinent information so we can update our records and GSO database.

Group and personal contributions can be made online at AA.org. You will receive an email confirmation as a receipt. Group change forms are available at the back table. I can update database.

Alternate Delegate Colleen A.

Aloha. Thank you District 8 for hosting us and for taking the time to help make this assembly possible.

Welcome to any new GSR’s. Please see me during the first break. I have copies of the GSR Handbook and Structure and Guidelines for Hawaii Area 17 for you. You can also find service material on our website area17aa.org. There is no way you can learn or catch up on Area 17 during one break. So, I am asking everyone here who participated in the Orientation Assembly or has experience with area service, to please reach out to the new GSRs in your district. As always, GSRs please reach out to us if you have questions or concerns.

Bob keeps me up to date. Usually, we are able to have a phone conversation on Monday afternoons. At his request, I replied to a questionnaire from Area 61 regarding how our area committees function.

We have an Ad Hoc Committee is looking into how other areas choose the best possible candidate for regional trustee or trustee at large. Bob and I put together a questionnaire. Because it is not always possible for our qualified candidates to attend assemblies, we asked: “Must those who qualify and wish to be considered, be physically present or do you allow candidates to submit their name and qualifications to be included on the ballot via other methods including but not limited to written resume, Facetime, Skype, ooVoo, or Zoom?”

Nine areas responded so far. Seven do require the candidate to be physically present were: 03 Arizona, 31 Western Massachusetts, 58 Oregon, 68 South West Texas, 70 Vermont, 69 Utah, 72 Western Washington (with this note added: but this might change in the future as technology is increasingly embraced).

Two areas that do not require the candidate to be physically present were: 47 Central New York, 91 Saskatchewan
Since only nine areas responded, we'll reach out again to those areas that did not respond as see if we can gather more information.

Annual Hawaii Convention –With the exception of the meeting where candidates for the next AHC Chair were interviewed, I've attended steering committee meetings via Zoom. Everything has been planned, ordered and reserved and we are looking forward to sharing with others how we trudge the road of happy destiny together. Please consider joining us at the Hilton Hawaiian Village September 28th- October 1st.

In July, Maui districts hosted a workshop on Safety in A.A. Vernon G. and I were asked to moderate. The workshop committee shared copies of new service material from GSO titled Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare. Attendees met in round tables and focused on the solution regarding handling disruptive behavior in meetings, and handling predatory/abusive/inappropriate behavior in the AA community. We also discussed questions from the ask it basket. The workshop was well attended and the notes from the round tables are in this month's Mynah Bird.

I attended the budget presentations that Mike made on Maui and was on hand for questions, if asked. Here are two questions regarding the expense for the alternate chair and alternate delegate to attend the Annual Hawaii Convention: Kihei district asked, "Have the GSR's ever had a say in the area and convention working together?" The answer is yes, in the past 12 years, there have been two motions for the convention and area to separate. Both times the motion did not pass. No Ka'O'i and Tri Island districts wanted to know; "Is being a part of the convention helpful for the area?" As a resident of Maui, I used to wonder about that myself. But as a steering committee member, I've seen more participation by local AA members at the annual Hawaii Convention than at any other gathering I attend. Newcomers and members with some time fulfill their responsibilities and become a part of an event that draws participants from all over the world. And, over time, many become the trusted servants that sit next to us as at assemblies and share in the responsibility of taking care of AA as a whole.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve,

Alternate Chair Tommy G.

Aloha, my name is Tommy, I'm an alcoholic. I want to thank the very good district district 08 for hosting our budget assembly. Thanks everyone for showing up. Flyers are out for the January Inventory Assembly. Standing Committee Chairs and Area officers please give me your registrations. Our Area Treasurer will get our registration and seed money to district 05. GSRs if you have your registration monies today please give it to Neil. This will also help with seed money to help start planning. I also serve on the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee. This is my first year and I'm doing my best to attend the Zoom meetings. On August 22nd we fulfilled the minimum room count. Visit <http://www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com> to register and for more information.

If you're hosting committee meeting or assembly next year please come see me.

Also, I serve on the finance committee with 3 districts of the Big Island and a few homegroups. By the way my home group is a Daily Reprieve

Chair Kunane D.

Aloha, my name is Kunane my homegroup is Hangloose. I am very blessed to serve as Area Chair. One of my main duties is to coordinate and plan for the assemblies and committee meetings, put the agenda together; try to keep it interesting and have it out 30-days in advance., I got it out 28 days in advance. I try to make sure we have everything that needs to be covered included in the agenda. in anticipation for today's budget assembly I read and reread the Service Manual, read and reread the Structures & Guidelines, had many conversations to make sure we have good discussion, and I'm looking forward to that. And what I discovered in this process is to be ready to facilitate conversation. Tomorrow we will leave here, better AA members.

I've been working with Tommy making sure things are ready for this weekend.

Bob is doing an amazing job at our Oahu Intergroup meetings for both of us.

We are getting ready for the October 28th Committee Meeting hosted by District 4. Attending are the DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs and Area Officers. Come join us on the Windward side if you're visiting. We are going to be planning for our Inventory Assembly in January as well as staying connected. Please share with us any ideas you may have for our inventory assembly January 27th and 28th.

Delegate Bob H.

Aloha kakou! It really is both a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your Area 17 Panel 67 delegate. I'm grateful that you've allowed me this opportunity and I've trying my best meet your expectations as well as my own.

As you probably know, I've been busy since the we last met together at the Inform the Delegate Assembly. As you know, shortly after that assembly I attended the 67th General Service Conference, carrying our voice to the rest of AA in the US and Canada. It was a super experience and I hope you had an opportunity to catch one of our report-backs to hear all about it.

In fact, those report-backs are mostly what I've been doing since I returned. I've given my reports at:

1. June Committee meeting on Oahu
2. West Hawaii at their Founder's Day Celebration
3. East Hawaii at their Founder's Day Celebration (the day after West Hawaii)
4. Oahu for the leeward districts

5. Kauai on the Fourth of July
6. Maui for the combined districts
7. West Oahu

It was a lot of fun getting to travel and share my journey with so many members of our fellowship. The level of interest shown at each location was fantastic. If you want to know a little more about my travels since the Conference, check out the latest Mynah Bird for mysterious article about My Whirlwind Tour.

I also participated in a recent workshop on “Keeping It Simple” hosted by the Windward District. We had speakers discussing all different levels of service and Scott C. and I both spoke on Area Service.

And finally, this past weekend I was able to attend HICYPAA in a totally non-official capacity and I had a great time. It was a super event and I look forward to being able to attend many more.

And now that my travel mostly over for the year, I’ve been gearing up a bit for next year. As you may know I’m one of the co-chairs of the Remote Community Meeting that happens before the General Service Conference. Our theme this year will be one that came out of the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee. We don’t quite have the wording yet, but essentially it will be revolving around our military, active and retired, and families, as remote communities. If you have any input you’d like to give me, I’d love to hear it. In fact, GSO is actively requesting information on this topic.

Requesting Shared Experience

The committee requested that the General Service Office continue to explore strategies to provide more effective services to alcoholics who are veterans and active members of the Armed Services and provide a progress report to the 2018 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.

In light of the above Committee Consideration, G.S.O. is requesting shared experience from two different perspectives.

- 1. How is your committee and/or local members carrying A.A.’s message, within the context of military life, to alcoholics who are veterans and active duty members of the Armed Services?*
- 2. If you are an A.A. member who is also a veteran or active duty member of the Armed Services, please share how the A.A. message was effectively carried to you. Within the context of military life, what barriers, if any, did you face in receiving the A.A. message? Share any additional information you believe would be helpful.*

Earlier this month we had our regular Pacific Region Delegate phone conference with our Pacific Regional Trustee, Joel C. We had a great conversation touching on many points from the recent General Service Board Meeting.

Besides the information included in Joel’s report we also discussed the ongoing lawsuit over the printer’s manuscript that is currently being litigated in New York. There’s really not much I can say about the case, other than to tell you that given the nature of legal cases, neither Joel, nor any other board member, can say much. If you have questions I’d be happy to answer what I can, which isn’t all that much, but better, you should direct your comments and questions to Clay at our GSO PI Desk. I promise you, as did Clay when I spoke with him, that all your concerns will be forwarded to the board and they will hear them.

Now for the highlights of Joel’s report.

[Discuss Joel’s Report - too long to include, a shortened version with names removed will be emailed to you upon request and distributed to our Area All mailing list. Please be circumspect with distribution in case. This is not necessarily “official” in that it is Joel’s take and not a release from GSO as are the highlights we’ll discuss next.]

Besides the information contained in Joel’s report, I’ve posted a copy of the AAWS June Highlights document.

[Discuss AAWS Highlights Report]

And now that I’ve had a week of vacation, it’s time to buckle down and get going with the rest of the year! I’ll be at the Annual Hawaii Convention as there’s be an Officer’s Panel on Saturday morning where we’ll discuss the theme and presentation topics for next year’s Conference:

A.A. – A Solution for All Generations

- a. Today’s Alcoholic: Inclusion, Not Exclusion*
- b. Participation in All of A.A. – Is My Triangle Balanced?*
- c. A.A. Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions*
- d. Attraction Not Promotion: A.A.’s Relation to the World*
- e. Group Conscience: The Guiding Force*

I’ll be spending a lot of time with the 67th GSC Final Conference Report as it is a great way of preparing for next year’s conference. You can get a real feel for what we’ll be asking you to Inform the Delegate about by understanding what was discussed this year. If you have any questions please ask me early.

And finally, there’s an opening for an appointed non trustee committee member for the trustees’ committee on literature. Given all the emphasis on looking at our literature for young people that came out of this year’s conference I really encourage all our

young folks to see if they meet the qualifications, have the time, and want to make sure that A.A.'s message remains, "A Solution for All Generations."

Thank you again for allowing me to be of service as your Area 17 Hawaii Panel 67 Delegate. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. If you'd like me to visit your group or district, please ask, I'd be happy to do it if at all possible. I travel regularly to Hawaii Island and to a lesser extent, Maui. I don't get to Kauai quite as often, but I'm always open to it.

Yours in love and service,

Bob H.

Area 17 Hawaii

Panel 67 Delegate

10:45 am:

Guidelines for Discussion and voting: Kunane

I want to go over the guidelines for discussion as laid out in our Structures & Guidelines for Hawaii Area, because this will give us the flow of how we are going to proceed with the budget proposal. Go to page 9 of your structures & guidelines or use the yellow sheets provided with a flow chart on it.

- The motion will be placed into discussion:
- Mike will present the proposed budget.
- We're going to make the motion
- Open the floor (up) for discussion (to approve the budget)
- We'll go through the discussion
- After discussion we do our vote
- All voting members of the assembly such as GSRs, DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers and Intergroup/Central Office Chairs - one per island need their voting slips from Rachel (Registrar).
 - We will determine a quorum: A quorum is required for a vote. Hawaii Area 17's quorum is 50% plus 1 of all registered voting members.
 - Substantial Unanimity: At least two-thirds (2/3) of the assembly's voters agreeing to one side of a motion. The total number of votes cast must meet or exceed the quorum number requirement.
 - Once the vote is cast and the motion passes or not; based on substantial unanimity (the 2/3) we'll have opportunity for minority (1/3) opinion discussion.
 - If the motion passes with 2/3 vote the other 1/3 will get an opportunity to speak.
 - If the motion does not get 2/3 votes. Voters for the motion will get to speak.
 - Following the minority discussion, if someone in the majority chooses to change their vote they must "motion to reconsider". If we vote to re vote; by simple majority if its a "yes" we re vote if its a "no" then the motions carry as it was.
- On the flip side of the Structures and Guidelines is the Third Legacy Procedure.

2018 Proposed Budget Presentation: Mike K. - Treasurer

Aloha Area 17, The finance committee has worked hard on preparing the 2018 Hawai'i Area proposed budget. Attached is the proposed Hawai'i Area 2018 proposed budget for \$41,233.50. The budget reflects a priority of spending as set by the Hawai'i Area. The first priority of the Hawai'i Area is to ensure our voice is represented and heard at the General Service Conference by our Delegate. The budget reflects totals set by reviewing the actual spending from the last two years, totals for this current budget year and speaking with committee chairs and other individuals that directly serve the area that have expenses such as committee chairs and area officers. Hawai'i Structures & Guidelines: 7.D Priority of Spending 1. Delegate Expenses 2. Area Assembly and Committee Meeting Expenses 3. Standing Committee Expenses 4. Other Expenses

As written in the Hawai'i Area Structure and Guidelines, the Finance Committee is responsible for monitoring the budget and making recommendations for any adjustments throughout the year. The budget and area service work is supported by the 7th tradition contributions of the area. In love and service, Mike K., Area Treasurer, Panel 67

Quorum determined: (50% +1) : 96 voters (49 voters to have a quorum). We have 50 to move forward.

Motion to accept the budget as proposed: Mike K. (Treasurer)

2nd: David (GSR Young People's Hilo)

- Arne: Requested the motion be amended that we delete payments for meals because they are better able to afford it.
- Kunane: Does not accept the motion to amend the proposed budget. We will vote on the budget as it was proposed, move forward with our discussion and vote. You either vote "yes" we like the budget as it's been presented as a whole or "no" we do not want this budget as it was presented. Then go through the process of discussion again. If it doesn't pass the Finance committee will go back to the table and bring us a budget based on the conversations, comments, and feedback. It's an all or nothing.

Discussion: 2 minutes each (on the budget as presented).

Timing Rules:

Green: Clock starts at 2 minutes

Yellow: 1 minutes 45 seconds remaining

Red: 2 minutes time up and group claps

Discussion points:

Cindy (GSR) Malia Discussion District 02:

Malia Discussion would like a \$300.00 increase to the budget. Delegate (GSO) hotel expense \$700.00 instead of \$600.00. Delegate Report Back travel \$500.00 instead of \$400.00. Treatments Standing Committee \$500.00 instead of \$400.00.

Claire (GSR) - Happy Hour Group Kihei District 5:

Group understands the budget must be approved in its entirety without amendments. Does not approve the budget. Has a problem with \$1890.00 increase. Supports idea so officers don't need to spend any out of pocket for their service commitment. Would like to know why attending the Area Hawaii Convention is part of their (alt delegate and alt chair) commitment. Would like the Area to review the structures and guidelines to ensure the cost is justified. Not a good way to spend our 7th tradition monies "just sending somebody to a big convention"

Julie DCM District 1 Diamond Head:

Based on the additional \$1890.00 for the Hawaii State Convention the district is against passing the budget as written. Does not think the representation from the Area was necessary at that event. Shouldn't spend our money in that way. Would like to add onto new business a proposal to ask the state convention committee to state in their structures and guidelines that the Area Alt. Delegate and Alt. Chair be required to attend the state convention and pass the budget as-is for next the year.

Michelle - Maui Sunset Group District 11:

[group] not in favor of the budget. The general consensus is the budget is proposed over the projected income. What is the prudent reserve - Where do we fall in case we run into trouble next year with an inflated budget? Standing Committee Budgets were up in the last few years why? Is it of value for the Area to be at the Area Hawaii Convention?

Cynthia - GSR head Start Group District 03:

Group strongly supports our trusted servants. [group] Accepts the budget as is. Would like to know if there a significant difference in contributions compared to other years?

- RESPONSE: Mark K. Contributions "look" like it's on-par compared to last year. It's almost impossible to track exactly where we were last year.
- "Nobody ever knows where it's going to come from, but it always shows up"

Keoki - Saturday Night Live Alt. GSR District 10: My group approved the budget. But we strongly think we should send only one to the convention.

John M. - GSR Hangloose Group District 04: The consensus of my homegroup is to vote against the budget because of the in item for the conventions. They feel it's a misuse of our 7th tradition.

Corina - Kalihi Sobriety Group Alt GSR: My home group supports everything here on the budget. However, the line item for the Hawaii Convention Committee is too high and my group does not support it.

Karen N.: Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC) I have had the task of putting together two budgets. Budget is based on priority of spending. Paying first for the things we absolutely have to pay for such as Delegate expenses, then for the things we want to pay for and then the things (we) hope to pay for. In my experience often our budget will be more than we have in our account. There is an ongoing inflow of contributions.

Katherine: According to our structures and guidelines we are required to pay for them.

Bruce - DCM 9 Central North Shore: I think we have the money and we should pay for them.

Pat The Point Discussion Group: Service member should be there, yes we should pay for them. But the cost for meals is excessive. The proposed budget as written we say no. A revised budget with per diem for meals and a cheaper hotel is better.

Bob H. speaking as a member of alcoholics anonymous: Is against the budget as proposed; over the line item for paying convention expenses. Served on the steering committee for four years and we do work. I'm absolutely in of never requiring anyone to pay to be in service to be in service to alcoholics anonymous. However, the finance committee is supposed to prepare a budget in accordance with priority of spending that has been determined by the assembly. I don't feel the assembly has had the opportunity to take this back to their groups to find where such a big amount lies in our priority of spending. This should be a separate item, a separate proposal added at some other point. We don't propose things that directly benefit us. There are

other solutions such as homestay, changing Appendix C in the structures and guidelines changing the definition of a “quorum” not requiring them to be onsite but present by phone.

Deborah L. DCM 17: The district is not in support of the proposed budget especially regarding the line item about the convention. The district agrees to spend the monies for the delegate wherever needed.

Kathleen (from) Kauai: There might be a more appropriate way to have these people, required to attend, share this expense. We need to look at this a little more carefully.

Scott C.: If I could vote I would vote against this motion. According to the structures and guidelines the steering committee accepts the alt. Delegate and alt. Chair are accepted (in), like an employer would, to do the job. That means we are not responsible for their welfare at the state convention. The funds should be coming from somewhere else.

Roxanne: If this is part of their job description to attend the convention then we are responsible to pay for them. Until our structures and guidelines are changed we should find the monies.

Colin: Past alternate chair Panel 59: This money should come from the conventions committee. The convention is a party and event to celebrating recovery. If the conventions committee wants them on the committee they should pay for them.

Linda Mc D.: My home group voted no on the budget because of this particular line item monies for convention. This item has never been approved as a legitimate expense for our Area. The structures and guidelines clearly states that the Assembly sets the priority of spending.

Matea - Kaloaloe - Do other steering committee members have their hotel and food expense paid by convention monies?

Kathleen - No. We pay our own.

Mike member of a men’s stage on Maui: According to our structures and guidelines we should be paying to these two members. However, I feel our 7th tradition monies should not be spent for non service events. According to our concepts access to service should not be dependant on our ability to have money. It should be dependant on our finances. Suggest revising our structures and guidelines to either allow our trusted servants to do the service commitment remotely by phone or not have representation from our service structure to non-service events.

Member from Sunday Serenity on Kauai: Question, What are we doing with the extra monies? That is a significant amount of money.

Kunani: *The monies carry over to the next panel because the alot of our expenses come in the beginning of the year.*

Anandji: Is the prudent reserve presented on the budget to the groups?

Mike (Treasurer): Yes

Floyd M.: What is required by the steering committee members after the event is over?

Kunane: *There is nothing in writing required for them to report back.*

Cheryl N. Past Delegate: Served on the committee two years. Each service position should be available to anybody. The convention is not a party. Our commitment is a responsibility.

Neil DCM 5: District 5 approved the proposal. The meal cost is a lot. As a member of YPAA we usually take service commitment from within our structure and not from an outside one such as steering committee members and guardians of our traditions.

Roxanne: Clarification on other steering committee members paying their own way.

Kunane: Yes.

Cynthia: Clarification: We are giving them \$175.00 for the weekend?

Kunane: Yes

Vote: 60 Yes, 33 No

2/3 of 93 is 62

Motion Fails

Minority Discussion:

Neil District 5: The reason I’ve been able to be of service at the general service level is that people have paid my way to show up to be of service. My personal opinion is to bring up a motion is look at the structures and guidelines going forward. But right now, the way that it is, they are required to show up and that's why I voted yes despite my objection to how it is.

Daniel: (own opinion) the deal is the structures and guidelines - we gotta send them. If it is a problem we need to bring that up in new business. Maybe we can take off the meals. It's like saying this is your job but pay for it yourself.

Claire GSR Happy Hour Kihei: I agree. Until we change the structures and guidelines, I think that's what we're all talking about, we need to support them in their current positions. Don't think it's fair for them to pay out of their pockets for something their supposed to do; in their service for AA.

Joe DCM 3: The budget always seems to work out. That means there is a power greater than ourselves at work here. If it's in our structures and guidelines to support these people then we should support them. If we don't like it perhaps we need to something in the future, maybe its something for this panel to work on. I look forward to being of service but at the same time I don't want people who have to show up pay their own way. I'm all in favor of paying their way.

Kelly Area GVR: I'm in favor of this budget. I believe we had trusted servants who worked very hard on this budget. Its part of the structures and guidelines and up to this point the people we sent to be involved had to pay money out of their own pocket multiple times to be in service. Money should not come out of one's own pocket to be in service.

Freddie DCM 12 Puna: I voted yes because GSRs in my district told me to. Personally, I trust our trusted servants. Our budget is just a budget. It doesn't mean it's a required spending. I trust that our trusted servants won't over spend.

Cynthia: Perhaps we should support what's in our structures and guidelines. If we asked them not to eat lunch on Thursday and Sunday we are offering them \$21.88 a meal to be in service at the state convention in Waikiki limiting them to just under twenty-two dollars a meal if they don't eat lunch on the first and last day of the convention.

Ananji: I'm glad to be voting for. Responsibility being what's in the structures and guidelines. If it's going to be discussed otherwise maybe it should be at a different venue. Asked Tommy what happens if there's not enough money at the end of the year? Tommy responded they don't go.

Wolf GSR 5th Chapter: If it's someone's job description then we should pay for it. But is it possible for this body to amend the structures and guidelines? Because that would solve the problem - just make it where it's not in their job description.

Kunane: Yes we can change the structures and guidelines and there is a process to do that, and it wouldn't happen today.

Richard GSR the Wake-up Call District 2: If we can afford it send them - agreement between Richard and group's treasurer.

Valerie Mililani Sunday Night Promises is home, also the Treasurer for Leeward district and Area Webmaster: Is the money for the two buffets and Sunday morning breakfast only?

Mike (Treasurer): *No they are trusted servants they can eat anywhere.*

Kunane: *The \$175.00 is meal money for the whole weekend. Whether they eat at Wailana Coffee shop or take in one or all of the buffets.*

Katherine: Remembering the sobriety countdown; "a lady with 40 years gave a lady with 1 day a Big Book and told her to read this book like her life depends on it" so It is a valuable way to carry the message.

Mare District 11 Kihei: Attraction rather than promotion. Anytime one of us in service can represent that to others in AA the more it will reach the suffering alcoholic.

Kunane: Does anyone in the Majority want to change their vote?

Yes:

Clifford: *Motion to reconsider.*

Betsy: *2nd*

Simple Majority Vote:

Yes:68

No: 19

Kunane: Re Vote to Accept the Budget as is

Yes: 64

No: 30

2/3 of 94 is 62

Motion carries(12:24 pm)

According to the Structures and Guidelines 10.3.C.2: "on all motions requiring substantial unanimity, Hawaii Area 17 always gives the minority the opportunity to speak to the majority."

Julie District 1: Confusion may be that we don't want people to hold a position where they have to pay out of their own pocket. We are voting for 2018. We still have time to change their job descriptions in the structures and guidelines for next year.

Arne GSR Spiritual Awakening: This was not handled properly. This appeared in the budget and took everyone by surprise. We have time to take it back and redo it for 2018. We are asking 4.5 % of our budget. That's a huge amount. We should handle this carefully.

Kathy: According to the structures and guidelines it does not say they have to be at the convention. It says they have to be available for discussion if something comes up at the convention.

Corina Kalihi Sobriety: Home group is the number-one that makes A.A. A. A.. Hawaii State Convention is not a service event. Homegroup members were required to buy a ticket to attend their own homegroup meeting at the convention.

Solomon 12 Coconuts: Was not in favor of the budget. 12 Coconuts does give away 4 tickets (registrations) for the convention.

Michelle: The budget is projected way over what we bring in. Suggest we give less monies to other circles/areas of service.

There are other adjustments that can be made to make this budget more presentable.

Chicka Maui Intergroup Treasurer: Intergroup feels the budget is over projected and should be in accordance to what the Area brings in.

Chris Sunrise Sobriety on Kauai: Suggested homestay and changing the structures and guidelines.

Larry TYG/DCM 4: The convention should pay for them

Lisa TYG GSR: It is my fiduciary (a trustee) responsibility to not vote for a budget that was not fully vetted (examined carefully). The committee should have educated us on the details, prior to today. We should not be making an ad hoc group decision today.

Colin: Questions the priority of spending. Where does the conventions line item fall on the priority list of spending?

Mike (Treasurer) *Its 3 out of 4 on the priority list.*

Kunane: Anyone from the majority want to change their vote?

Yes.

Rich GSR Maui Sunset Group: *Motion to reconsider:*

Clair GSR Happy Hour: *2nd*

Yes: 27

No: 63

Motion to reconsider Failed, 2018 Budget passed.

12:45 Lunch

Roundtable Report Backs (3 minutes)

Work-Sessions' Report Back (3 min):

GSR Group 1 RT:

3 Topics of discussion, issues that come up while being a GSR...

- 1.) Use of 7th Tradition Funds
- 2.) Anonymity on Social Media, and
- 3.) Experience with Group Inventory

1.) Use of 7th Tradition Funds

- Strong debate amongst a group about the use of 7th Tradition funds to make postcards to announce their particular meeting. This group also uses 7th tradition funds to make T-shirts, but with Tshirts \$ is put out, then the t shirts sell so the \$ comes back, but with postcards \$ goes out and doesn't come back. It's \$50 for 250 postcards. There was a group conscious to make Post card and they do not say AA on them? Is this Promotion?
- Another group gives out wooden chips, so people know there's a meeting there.
- One group has a separate Activities fund for things like T Shirts, Dances, etc. 7th tradition funds stays separate and is used for rent, literature, and other essentials. For group.
- Cheryl- as long as it's an "informed" group conscious then each group has autonomy.

Be sure to Let the members know where their contributions are going to.

2.) Breaking anonymity on social media-

- One member is ok with being posted in pictures with other AAs as long as it's not labeled "AA" . It's our responsibility to ask people first before posting.
- This is a very tough, sensitive situation.
- Last year at GSC there was an Agenda item: to change wording on 11th tradition to include social media. And conclusion was to leave tradition as is, because they can't keep changing the wording each time a new type of media comes out. Step 11 th is all encompassing, includes all media including the internet.
- It's our responsibility to talk about this in meetings and confront someone in person if they are posting a lot on social media
- You have to respect other people's anonymity
- Also it's our responsibility to ask people not to post certain photos of us.

3.) Experience with Group Inventory:

- How many of you have done a group inventory with your home group within the past 5 years? Only about 5 people raised their hands.
- One GSR said His group does one every other year.
- One GSR of a Large meeting had 35 people at her group inventory, they had a moderator who was not a good match for their group, he set rules but didn't follow them himself. And he Let people go on and on even when they were off topic. Her experience was that nothing was coming from group inventories. But now she see changes happening. She has been incorporating past inventory results into the next inventory, therefore there is actually progress.
- You can email her if you want her group's questions and notes

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- The AA Group, a pamphlet (its green), has inventory questions your group can use.
- Also aa.org has a lot of answers in this
- Another GSR stated: If it ain't broke we don't fix it
- Another (group) does Group Inventory yearly. The GSR moderates. Goes over questions from The AA Group pamphlet and finds it very helpful.

Take home message: You want to do something with your inventory, you want to make a list of Action Items.

GSR RT 2: Roxanne

GSRs want to learn more about GSR responsibilities. Such as Roberts Rule of Order. Learn more about the AA Structure. Learn what is service through action. How to serve through group conscience? Learn more about group conscience process, How to get assembly information sooner. How to stay plugged in? How to be of service to the group? what information to take back to the groups? Presenting an agenda at home group meetings. It was suggested to visit area17aa.org>service materials>structures & guidelines

Suggested by Linda Mc D is don't be afraid! If you have a question ask it and ask the question until you get the answer. You are your groups voice- bring it to the assembly. Take back the message (answers to questions) members have. The group is the voice of AA. GSR is a conduit - keeping the group plugged in. Be excited about your service position. Roberts Rule of Order helps

keep order and how to run a business meeting. Also helps keep us focused on the principles not personalities. GSRs develop agenda for group meetings and provides a report (handwritten or typed). Monthly District Meetings is a place for GSRs to share problems, challenges, and solutions.

GSR RT 3:

Intergroup RT: Nick

All (5) Intergroups are in attendance. 8 people in the RT; (2) from East Hawaii, (1) from West Hawaii, (2) from Kauai, (2) from Maui and (1) from Oahu. Talked about how to get the Area and the fellowship excited about Intergroup. Suggest steering committees approach people one on one to raise awareness about contributions. Talked about providing manpower to thank a thousand dances. Is there an awareness at the group level about group intergroup reps. Working together with the Area will help carry the voice and message of Intergroup. Suggest inviting DCMs to intergroup meetings. Announce at events and homegroups the need for intergroup reps. Looking at turning the members focus away from making money, raising money for intergroup to working together such as beach clean up or hosting a workshop to raise awareness about Intergroups services.

DCM RT:

Topic Possibilities:

- Review structures and guidelines about having the alt chair and alt delegate be present physically during State convention
- Getting standing committee chairs filled
- What to do as a DCM of a meeting that is struggling

Review structures and guidelines about having alt chair/del present

- Need to put it in writing and submit to area chair
- Maybe get a round table discussion at next assembly
- It's been five years since appendix c has been looked at, time to review at inventory assembly
- Get group conscience through GSR about this topic
- Way to get most support behind a change to structures and guidelines (or anything else) is to have an individual write it and bring to a group, then district, then area to vote
- If you've never read Appendix C, try reading it
- Try and talk amongst each other to not have competing motions with same goals that are submitted to area chair

Getting Standing Committee Chairs Filled

- Also experiencing it, talking to individuals at meetings, members that sponsor a lot has worked well
- Almost every district has standing committee chairs open
- Feeling defeated because having trouble getting support
- Went out larger fellowship (not just GSR) to get standing committee chairs
- Cross training/having more than one person being available who is trained on how to carry the message in that way
- try assigning people the positions, 3-4 have stuck around to do the work
- asking GSR's to be in touch with their standing committee chairs at area level, maybe will continue with service in those areas
- Standing committee workshops to generate interest and support

What to do as a DCM of a meeting that is struggling

didn't leave time for this one

STANDING COMMITTEE RT: Kelly

Welcome guests Manny and Ili from Puna District. All the committees are very busy. The biggest challenge is that the most activity they can do is in their own districts. But as Area Chairs they want to be involved in each district. Would like to support each district committee chair member. They're really trying to bridge that gap. Each committee chair will be calling the DCMs for contact information.

AREA OFFICE RT: Kunane

Area discussed the topics for Hawaii State Convention Presentation. Discussed Secretary Format, Registrar's duties.

Pacific Regional Trustee Nominee

Panel Discussion

Past Delegate Reports

Scott C. (Panel 49)

When I got into my home group I did not know how large alcoholic anonymous was. I was elected as GSR and didn't really know what that meant. When I went to my first assembly it was different back then. People cussed and swore at each other; they threw stuff when things didn't go their way. Swore that after 2 years he'd done with alcoholics anonymous. But what happened along the way was I started doing my job. Along the way I saw that what the area was doing; what the district was doing a very good thing. We were those people who got that message of alcoholics anonymous to people who should know the message of alcoholics anonymous. I'm talking about people who aren't alcoholics; who come in contact with the alcoholic – family, Doctors, Cops, Judges. Once I saw that click happen; once I saw that this is how it worked; once I realized General Service Office New York did all this stuff, I wanted to be a part of it. So I stuck around. What a wonderful opportunity for me. It helped me grow up, it helped me see a lot of things that I didn't see before. It opened up my heart, my love for alcoholics anonymous. Some of you may not have the understanding right now because it might be confusing but when I fell in love with alcoholics anonymous I stuck around.

Jeanette (Panel 51)

Let me tell you my story. With about a year sobriety (I know you should have at least two but what the heck) someone handed me a pamphlet that said GSR perhaps the most important role in alcoholics anonymous. I have been your Area Delegate, (your) Area Chair, (your) Area Alternate-Chair, DCM and my favorite job of all time was GSR. So really grab on to this because it is the best job. It is the best job because, first of all, you serve a lot of people here.

When I was a GSR I needed it straight, I needed it simple, and I needed it direct. I want to tell you two things I recommend. Here's two things you need to do. And if you get them you got it.

The first one is you need to communicate a word we all hate. Take the spiritual and communicate it to your home group.

The second most important thing you need to do is to listen. Listen with your whole body. You listen so well to your homegroup you know what each member thinks.

There will come a time that you'll be here in the assembly and your homegroup has told you to go "X", but then you get here and new information comes up; but because you listened so well you know they would have said to you we know we told you vote "X" but glad you voted "Y" because that was the thing.

I tell you my experience ... in all the jobs I've had is was the spiritual experience. And whatever your next spiritual lesson is ... you'll get it here.

Linda McD. Panel 61

I was about 14-15 years sober and I was at this homegroup; we were having elections. And there was one position left and one homegroup member left without her position. The position was GSR. I knew a guy in area service, and I assumed (naively) that everyone was like him and I did not want to be around more than one more person like him, and so I didn't want to do the job. After time of continuously turning the position Linda became the GSR. When she attended her first assembly – and it was awesome. I went to every assembly, every district meeting. I wanted to make a report and my group wanted to keep me as their GSR. I thought that was cool, I didn't know any better, but then God had other plans for me. I stood for Area Treasurer and got elected. I made a plan to stay in General Service for as long I could. As Delegate I don't think there's a greater experience, especially between the first and second year, than being a part of this greater whole and knowing that we're all the same; that there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that there is no difference with any of us; how we got here, the steps, the physical steps we took might vary a little bit but we're here together. And we're all here to serve alcoholics anonymous.

Ken K. Panel 63

At my first assembly my first question was "what is for lunch?" I made a friend that day. The guy that sat next to me in the back of the room is who I asked "what for lunch?" For the next 10 years we were involved in general service until he passed doing general service - I made a friend. From henceforth, the attraction for me was this was like my homegroup I looked forward to coming to the assemblies. It gave me the opportunity to get out of myself and do things like write, print out and present reports to my homegroup. I made friends. I have an extended family today. Thanks God to my sponsor (back then) who suggested I do service and showed me the service structure so I got into service. Its my gift that I made friends, I got an extended family, I got involved and I no longer felt dumb. It got me out of myself. It gave me the opportunity to grow. I hung around. I fulfilled my commitment with a conviction.

Cheryl N. Panel 65

I was never a GSR. I got into service because the lady who was to become my service sponsor asked me to be on the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee for our district. I started out in my position stuffing envelopes for District 8. I was sober for 4-5 years at that time. The panel ended and I didn't have a service position. We didn't have an alternate DCM and I stood for Alternate DCM. We were moving into computers at that time. And our DCM didn't have a computer, and I did. I could type. I wanted to stay behind the scenes. I could be part of the communication between the area and DCM

Ask It Basket/What's on Your Mind:

Claire (Happy Hour Kihei): What is the procedure to start the process of reviewing the guidelines regarding the Alternate Chair and Alternate Delegate and the Conventions Commitment?

Kunane:Page 8 of the structures and guidelines:

Kunane: more clarification is needed on how to proceed with Clairs question. Will add to (tomorrow) Sunday's agenda.

Tommy: Registration for GSRs and DCMs. Please try to have payment with your registration forms or mail it in. Address is on the registration form.

Rachel: Please turn in your voting slips. We have an obligation to pay for [opinion] there should not be a financial obligation tied to a service position. Request to add discussion to tomorrow's agenda to reimburse monies to the alt. Delegate and alt. Chair for 2017 State Convention.

Kunane: Will consider

Deborah S.: Please turn in your reports whoever was at the mic.

Bob H.: Today's assembly mimicked the General Service Conference.

Kathleen (Black Experience): The convention committee should come up with more money to assist the alternate area chair and area delegate.

5:00 pm meeting **Adjourned.**

9:00 am:

Call to Order, Serenity Prayer, Host DCM announcements:

Past Delegates:

Scott C. (P49), Ken K. (P63), Jeanette (51), Cheryl (65), Linda (65)

Reading:

Brian (Happy Hour Kauai)
Stimulating Interest in General Service
Page S23 - Service Manual

Secretary: Minutes for Inform the Delegate is postponed till Inventory Assembly

Kunane: Asks assembly if there is any unsettled Saturday business.

[MOTION] Rachel (Registrar) sets for a motion:

“Reimburse the hpanel 67 Area 17 Alternate Delegate and Alternate Chair for attendance at the Hawaii Annual Convention in order to fulfill service position requirements as laid out in the Area 17 Structures and Guidelines. Reimbursement should be limited to hotel lodging from Wednesday to Saturday evening (4) nights, conventions registration, and a reasonable food per diem to cover 3 meals a day, Wednesday through Sunday (5) days - end motion”

Kunane: Gets a general consensus from the body to discuss further or not discuss further. If body chooses to discuss the motion a second is needed.

[SECOND] David (GSR for Young People’s Meeting in Hilo): Seconds the motion

Kunane: Re-reads the motion. Substantial Unanimity requiring a 2/3 vote. Anyone can address the body in the discussion.

Discussion surrounding the motion:

Wolf: The motion without a specific amount is like handing over a blank check. With an amount we are well informed to make a decision.

Claire (Happy Hour Kihei) : My home group did not support the 2018 proposed budget because of the convention line item I don’t think they’ll accept this motion. Suggests Conventions fund this cost.

Kathy (Koloa Aloha – Kauai): Why didn’t this issue come up in the 2017 budget?

Arne (A Spiritual Awakening GSR) Monies are 7th tradition contributions and are restricted in its use to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Meals and lodging does not fall in into that category. Should be covered by the convention not the area.

Cindy (Malia Discussion): Not liking the motion because it’s like writing a blank check. But their expenses should be paid back.

Michelle (Sunday Sunset -Kihei) Why is it not in the budget already, if this is something they are required to do?

Kunane: It has come up in past panels especially when the alternate chair or alternate delegate did not live on Oahu. Discussion depended on the panel and how important the issue is in that panel.

Michelle: All positions should be available to all people and money should not be an issue. Travel should be taken care of when a position requires travel. I would not be able to be a GSR if my flights weren't covered and could not be a part of general service. Suggest review and change our structure's and guidelines and take a look at what we are asking of our trusted servants.

Bob H.: Using 7th tradition monies for meals and lodging. Thanked the body for paying for his meals and hotel room when sending him to the General Service Conference as well as the Trustees of Alcoholics Anonymous to the General Service Board Meeting; their hotels and meals are paid for by us out of our 7th Tradition funds. We use 7th tradition funds only when it's linked with service. Responds to Why wasn't this brought up before? (Excellent Question)? ANSWER: the suggestions come from the assembly. If the assembly doesn't bring it up then it won't be discussed.

Corina (Kalihi Sobriety): Is it possible for Alt. Delegate and Alt. Chair to use homestay and transportation like we do for assemblies for and during the state convention?

Alex (DCM 1): We don't have time to take this back to our groups. They will guard the traditions.

Val (Webmaster): Middle of the road solution. Suggest the budget fluctuate when necessary such as when the alternate delegate and/or alternate chair need come from the outer island.

Linda Mc D. Convention started in 1963 at the time Area was not really involved in General Service. We've evolved. An equitable solution for this year could be the expense be split between the area and conventions.

Cynthia: Suggest the Motion maker amend the motion to add a dollar amount.

Scott C.: As an area we contribute to some of the Delegate expenses. Delegates work for GSO in return they pay or will pay for our Delegate to be in service. If an area does not have the money to send their Delegate to the General Service Conference, GSO will fund it.

Deborah S.: Reading - "Warranty Four: "That all important decisions should be reached by discussion, vote, and wherever possible, by substantial unanimity." This Warranty is, on the one hand, "a safeguard against any hasty or overbearing authority of a simple majority; and, on the other hand, it takes notice of the rights and the frequent wisdom of minorities, however small. This principle guarantees that all matters of importance, time permitting, will be extensively debated, and that such debates will continue until a really heavy majority can support every critical decision."

Cheryl N. (immediate Past Delegate): Firmly believes one should not have to have extra \$1,000 dollars a year to attend the convention. The Area does pay for hotel and meals when they send the Area Chair and Delegate to PRAASA and the FORUM. The Area also pays for 2 extra nights for our Delegate's lodging to GSC. This is an opportunity for us to practice concept 3 - the Right of Decision.

Anandji (GSR Mana of the Round Table - Waimea) There's nothing to fear especially if we have the money.

Joey C. (DCM 2): Good idea

Mauri (GSR the Torch Group): We need to do this.

Cynthia: Request a friendly amendment be made with a specific amount.

Rachel: Accepts

Larry W.: Practice the Right of Decision.

Brian: We should pay. But we should consider other options such as home stay too.

Leah: The steering committee must be on the property incase a meeting needs to take place.
The committee can be called at any time of the day/night.

Kunane: Reads the (amended) Motion:

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\$70 x 2 Registration

\$175.00 X 2 Meals

\$149.50 + tax

91 voting members

72 Yes

17 No

Minority Discussion

Deborah L.: A good point is that we got the ball rolling and we can start the process and watch it go up and back down and watch it evolve. We are trusted servants. We have the right to vote.

Holly GSR for Promises on Hilo side: We need to take this information back to the group.

Claire: Cannot choose differently than group's conscience "no" for Conventions consider paying this cost..

Corina:

Kunane: Does anyone want to change their vote? No-one, **Motion passes.**

General Service Conference Report by Bob H. Delegate - Report on Area Website Districts

Standing Committee Chair Report & Standing Committee RT

Archive – Kathy S.

I visited the physical archives and appreciated the amount of effort that went into digitizing the items from 1975-2002. There are three racks with four shelves left to digitize to make us current. There is very little "memorabilia", which is not considered archive material. Our non-rotating archivist is in the process of continuing the digitizing.

My committee was charged with the task of going through the currently posted archives to search for, and remove last names in any of those documents.

I have currently received four three group histories from "Daily Reprieve", Kailua-Kona, "Hana Group", Maui, and "Serenity 101", Keaau, Hi.

I have two long timers' interviews, Koloa Aloha, Poipu Kauai and Waianae, Oahu.

I am requesting all DCM's to email me the name of their district Archives Chairperson's name. Through one of our members, I found out that there is an archive convention annual, sponsored by GSO. Because it is on the mainland, I will not be attending. I now have all the contact information for my committee and will be contacting them all to help the editing of the currently digitized archives.;
Thank you for letting me be of service!
Kathy S., Archive Chair

Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC) Karen N.

What the Cooperation with the Elder Community Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

I have been checking to see where Senior Wellness events are occurring and have sent information to committee members on other islands. I have also been contacted by the new Treatment and Accessibilities chair at GSO – Cooperation with the Elder Community is under the umbrella of the Treatment and Accessibilities – and as a result of that I have shared our workbook with a CEC chair in another area.

I ordered some large print pamphlets to share with committee members at this assembly – unfortunately the USPS has not cooperated and they did not arrive in time – GSO is resending, so I will get the pamphlets to the GSR's via the DCM's

I have been attending our joint (PI, CPC, CEC) meetings on Maui and we have been discussing ways to reach out to the community.

Other Topics: I will be attending the seniors in Sobriety Conference next month and am looking forward to learning a lot. Workshop topics include: AA Service for Us, CEC vs. Seniors in Sobriety, Medical Aspects of Alcoholism, Learning to Live Again, Challenges and Freedoms, It's Never Too Late. Although the conference is not an official AA meeting, I think I will gain a lot of useful information.

Mahalo for letting me be of service

Corrections Lorna S.

Aloha Area 17,

I would like to thank ya'll for letting me serve as your Corrections chairperson. It's only been 8 months and the rewards of doing service has allowed me to grow in so many ways and the gifts we obtain just by putting others first before self is something I wish everyone to experience. So, if you are new or you're here just checking us out.....welcome home.

Since June 3, area's last committee meeting we have great updates to report.

1. In Kauai-Keola has reported volunteers are still consistent with taking AA meetings in the KCCC male & female modules. They are still unable to service the Jail cottages, so they are waiting patiently. Keola and I exchanged information on bridging the gap program for future needs. He wishes to make a clear path by strengthening his relationship with inter group office. On 08/26/17 is the next Voluncor training for KCCC.
2. In Maui- The next voluncor training will be in October and Sean is asking all three of Maui DCM's to send interested volunteers to him to prepare them ahead of time. He has also asked to see if his position as Corrections coordinator can be added to a district committee or Area 17 as a subcommittee. Because this service position is floating solo in the air. Meaning, rather than using any district committee chairs to coordinate volunteers serving MCCC, apparently one person does it island wide. A suggestion was made to him to write a letter to the area chair and/or talk with his district. Kristine reported there is nothing to add for the women, she has no issues with MCCC, volunteers are over staffed mahalo.
3. In Oahu-Seems we may have a new corrections coordinator stepping up AA member Brian, he is very enthusiastic with a full desire to give back to alcoholics behind bars. He is preparing for the WCF inmate event on 8/30th. Barbara Gatewood head of Public safety & Voluncor has requested the presence of AA. If you are cleared to enter in the state jails and wish to help Brian out let me know so I can connect you with him. As for Hawaii youth facility- we are still waiting patiently when the greenlight is given by the administration office to bring AA meetings to our youth behind bars. More will be revealed
4. In Big Island- Kulani all men's prison recently opened 1 year ago has been consistently calling for AA's presence, by the Chief of security Kent. He was guided towards Bruce Spencer's office as all volunteer clearance flows directly from this office before reaching Big Island. Kona, Puna and Hilo volunteers are standing by until the end of August for clearance. AA message will soon be carried to those in Kulani prison. Raise the roof people, Game on!!! For Puna district 12 Ili and Mark correction chairs have been working really hard to gather their men & women volunteers to attend the latest voluncor training in Hilo in July. It was a large show out. We half way home. Kona district 8 Rick and Chuck says they are having more woman step up in the past recent months and working on certifying those women. I would like mention that all the local corrections chairs have given me permission to create a Corrections Local Chairpersons contact list for Panel 67. To have the ability to exchange information with one another sharing solutions. Again, thank you for letting me serve, Lorna

Mynah Bird Clifford S.

Thank you West Hawaii for hosting this Assembly.
Issue #5 of our Hawaii Area Newsletter, the Mynah Bird, has been published.
Thank you all who submitted articles. This is our longest issues to date.

Check out the article on the Safety Workshop. There are many good suggestions for your groups to discuss and possibly implement to keep AA an attractive and comfortable environment for all.

As always, I am open to suggestions/comments on helping to improve our Newsletter. The next issue of our Mynah Bird will be published for distribution at the October 28th Committee Meeting. Deadline for articles is Saturday, October 21, 2017. Please submit your articles via email to mynahbird@area17aa.org. Thank you again for allowing me to serve.

Public Information (PI) Mare L.

On Maui, Collaborative efforts of several committees meet monthly.

Discussion with committees today - how other islands can do the same.

Call churches, organizations, schools, following up letter sent last year.

Database keeps track of who called and comments.

Developed presentation format with powerpoint - using central office as communications hub.

Libraries - schedules, grapevines, bought new Big Book for Lahaina

Collaborating with Other islands. Kona and Maui sharing cost of PSAs, packets of CDs.

New Kauai member called, Like Drink? Like Stop? Call AA

Kona: schedules to hotel concierges.

Oahu: Veterans Resource Fairs. AA members will man tables.

Some of us attending State Convention manning info table and presentations, a Jeopardy game that educates what our standing committees are.

This year we had a St. Patty's Day event with food, baseball, meeting & fellowship and a July 4th event at the beach. We are currently working with District and East Hawaii to put on a Unity Day Event in Waimea on September 23rd. Again food, fellowship and baseball. We're also planning a Halloween bash next.

Treatment Ernest S.

So at the last committee meeting in June I reported that I mailed out 33 letters to treatment facilities. Several treatment facilities responded and others did not. Zeke and myself went into Salvation Army A.R.C and I went into Po'ailani to give a presentation then it was open for questions. Good to see there were many questions asked and we we're able to answer them to the best of our knowledge. I received an e-mail from GSO regarding a Dr. Mike at Kona Hospital requesting literature. After discussing e-mail with committee members, I then forwarded that information to Kathryn of District #8 in Kona. She later informed me that she had messaged the hospital committee but has yet to hear from Dr. Mike.

Regarding the treatment facilities that responded to my letter, I ordered literature from Central Office and distributed to these treatment facilities and I'm also working on giving a presentation to a couple of other facilities as well.

Went to couple district meetings on Oahu and asked their GSR's to get the word out that Salvation Army Women's Way in Honolulu is asking for an A.A. meeting. Also, there's a special needs Alcoholic at Leahi hospital who is confined to a wheel chair that requested a meeting. I want to thank Cynthia for volunteering to take in a meeting to Woman's Way. And on Saturday's at 2 pm I'm taking a meeting to Leahi hospital for this special need's alcoholic and I could use some support. We still need women or groups to get involved in carrying the message to the women in Women's Way. Deborah DCM for district 17 informed me that a Kapukui, Sykes of U.S. Vets. was inquiring of having a meeting at her shelter. After speaking with her, she stated she will get back to me on a specific day and time for the meeting. Adina, Central office manager informed me via e-mail that Castle hospital would like to have an A.A. meeting taken in for their clients. I followed up with a phone call and spoke to both Todd and Rick. They basically wanted a contact number in the event they needed to fill a meeting spot if a group or a member of alcoholics anonymous can't do the meetings anymore. They currently have 5 meetings a week. So offered to come in and give a presentation on what alcoholics anonymous is and what it is not. Todd will run it pass his director and will get back to me. Thank you,
Ernest S. Treatment Chair Hawaii Area 17

Treatment Roundtable

Treatments come to meetings but doesn't seem to connect with AA. Sometimes take the meeting hostage and shares off topics.

Suggestion: Structure meeting format, implementing singleness of purpose with having members get up and share bringing it back to A.A. discussion. Having more than temporary contacts made available for those in treatment.

Ask groups to adopt treatment facilities and take in a meeting. Approach Young Peoples Meeting.

Some treatments won't allow outside meetings to come in because of confidentiality.

Suggestion: Adhere to treatment request with formalities, and respect treatment center policies. We're there to help in anyway possible.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Floyd M.

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CPC REPORT Floyd Mc Aug 26, 2017

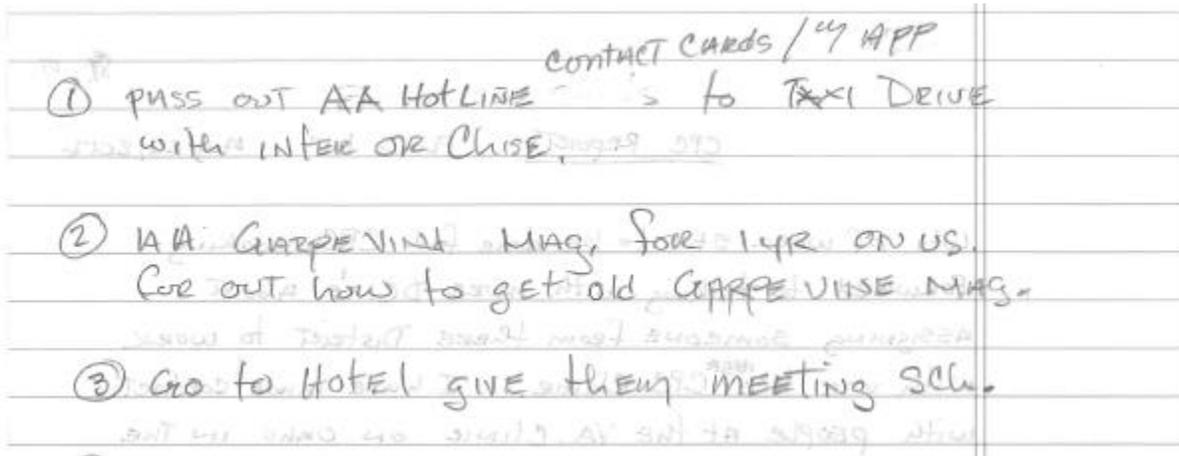
Lots of work still to be done for CPC, Looking forward to talking with more DCM's about assigning someone from there District to work with me the ^{AREA} CPC chair. I have made contact with people at the VA Clinic on Oahu in the hope of getting AA Pamlets put in there waiting rooms, and all so at Tripler Hosp. facilities, Lets see what happens.

For all DCM's that are here today I would like to have active Phone Number / Email Address so that I can contact you to set up a time to meet your district, hopefully some one may step up to help fill that spot.

There are still other things left to do before this year is up, I will, with the help of the District DCM's, GSR's, and any other people willing to volunteer time to let the Professional Community learn more about AA ~~is~~ and what we can do for them.

LOVE AND SERVICE
FLOYD Mc
~~PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY~~
COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Roundtable



Website Roundtable

Website Committee Meeting • Discussed website updates • If you have event, etc. please send to Webmaster to post to area website • No personal info-phone#, email, etc. • Need to know what makes it better for us. • Can post the District minutes for historical, guide, etc. • There are links to each Intergroup office • AA Events to be posted should be approved by the district • Reviews for the new GSRs (4) • In you have issues/can't read the info, let webmaster know so it can be fixed. • Still need an Alternate Webmaster that will commit to coming to the Assemblies and Committee meetings for training. • Asked the GSRs to take the information back to their districts and give them the information. Willing to come to the district meetings but don't expect neighbor island districts to pay for the travel.

Website/Webmaster Valerie V.

Good Day to Everyone and thank you to District 8 for this great venue:

I hope that you have all gotten to look at the website. I have tried to make it more reader friendly and have added some more pictures to the heading. I have been receiving more documents from the various districts and posting them on their individual pages. I still wish to encourage the districts to send me your minutes or district events to post. Make sure that no complete names, phone numbers or any other identifying information is included. This is to protect your anonymity, since this site is open to anyone.

If you do send me something to post, please send it in PDF format. I am able to convert the Word and Excel sheets but it is faster if it is already in PDF.

Feel free to contact me at webmaster@area17aa.org. I am still looking for others to learn the website. I have 1 candidate, however, would like to have more than one to hedge my bets. Or even one from each Island. Don't be afraid of this position, there is always someone who can help.

Thank you again for allowing me to work in this position. It has been a great learning experience and a skill that I can apply to my own life and work.

Val V. – Grateful Area 17 AA Website Chair

Grapevine Kelly S.

Report:

- envelope's given out for Group's to Raffle of subscriptions.
- Grapevine's given out to GSR's DCM's, Committee Chair's
- ↳ Raffle for 2018 Calender
- ↳ Read Quote for today from email.

Thank you
Kelly

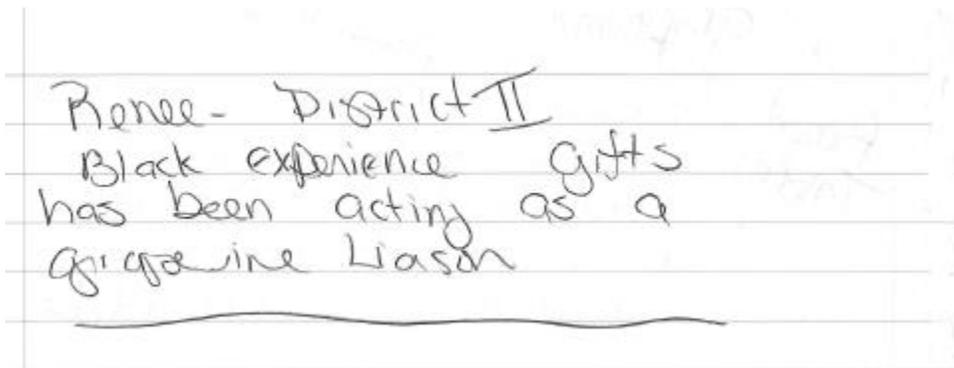
Grapevine Roundtable

Round
Table: Morgan - Grapevine Rep
District 3 Oahu
Everyone has a Grapevine
Rep in meetings
Grapevine's at Literature

John - District 8
Home group Does not have
a Grapevine.

David - District 7
District 12 - Tahara
attends District 7.
Do subscribe to hospitals &
institutions, one group in District

Andrea - District 11 Maui
No Standing Committee in
District
Area PI Chair has been
getting people together in
Maui
Will be becoming Grapevine
Chair



Convention Steering Kathleen T.

District 01 Diamond Head, Oahu Julie G.

What District 01 did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous?

- Thank you district 8 for a great assembly. We now have 8 GSRs from 25 groups, and typically 3-4 attend the district meeting each month. We held a Delegate Report Back pizza party in June with district 2 and 10 which was well attended.

Other Topics:

- We are discussing holding a workshop with district 10 this fall, and one on our own. We will be hosting the Inform the Delegate Assembly in April.
- We started meeting in a new location in August, which seems to be working out well.
- We are still reaching out to groups to help increase unity and participation.

District 02 Honolulu, Oahu Joey C.

What District 02 did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous?

District Events

Since the ITD Assembly in April the following events were held by home groups in our district;

- Black Experience held their annual Cadillac Campout at Camp Homelani on April 28-30.
- Kalihi Sobriety provided and served breakfast at the 82nd anniversary of Founder's Day on June 10th.
- On June 17th our district teamed up with the Diamondhead and Waikiki districts to host a "pizza party theme" Report Back by our Delegate, Bob H.
- Black Experience celebrated their 34th anniversary with a meeting, dinner and dance on July 28th at the Fleet Reserve Center.
- *Upcoming events include;* Malia Discussion is having their annual roundup at Kualoa Beach Park on September 1-4, Kalihi Sobriety is having their 1st Annual Spiritual Retreat at Camp Homelani on September 8-10, our district will be hosting the New

Year's Alkathon thanks to David N, one of our new GSRs for stepping up to be chairperson and

Since our district is not hosting an assembly or committee meeting this year or next, we are looking forward to hosting a workshop sometime in 2018.

Goals Carried Out

- Our district continues to "trudge" on the GIS (Group Information Sheets) as handed out by our registrar, Rachel S. In the last few months, many changes have been made to the "unknown" and "active" groups on the district list. By reaching out to the groups in our district (we've done this thru making announcements at meetings and by visiting district groups that have no general service rep, yet) and talking to their home group members we are finding out that:
- Some groups have a GSR and that they just haven't showed up to our district meeting, yet. (last two months we have gained 3 new GSRs from the Came to Believe, Hawa'awa'a and Kam IV Groups)
- Even if a group does not have a GSR, home group members are willing to step up to be a "Mail Only" contact to the GSO. (we have names from High Nooners, Wilder Group and soon, from the Downtown Lunch Group)
- Additionally, groups that have not sent in 7th Tradition contributions to the district in a while, have sent it in! Speaking of which, after many months of announcements, we finally have a new treasurer in our district.
- *Other Topics/Closing*
- One of my responsibilities as DCM is to help GSRs make reports to their groups. I have had the honor of helping a few of our GSRs make reports to their home groups lately, specifically with passing along the current Budget Proposal and answering some questions (not all of them!) from their groups, I have to admit a lot of this has been challenging for me and when asked, I received help from our Area/Finance Committee members and my service sponsor.
- I wish to thank DCM Mark, the registration, homestay, transportation coordinators and the West Hawaii District members for hosting this remarkable event!
- And last, thank all of you for allowing me to trudge this road to happy destiny.

District 03 Leeward, Oahu Joe V.

- Amazed before we were half way through this weekend. This assembly definitely resembles the spirit of service. We agreed to disagree and allowed to assembly conscience to direct our path. So fortunate to be District 3's committee member. Four group's representatives are present for this assembly. Cynthia representing "Head Start", Valerie here for "Sunday Night Promises", Morgan for "The Eat'in Meeting" and Wolf representing "Fifth Chapter". Cynthia mentioned the group is solid and that they plan on making upcoming contributions and have rotated their six month positions. Valerie stated attendance has been steady as well as contributions. Valerie is also our District Treasurer mentioning that we are in the black. Thank you GOD! Wolf noted that Fifth Chapter is experiencing attendance increase, mostly those that need their paper

signed, but is happy to have the increase in contributions. As DCM am greatly encouraged by these assemblies, especially by the comrades from other districts. As in personal sobriety am not alone in service. Remaining teachable and learning from all of you is the great joy of the program. Mahalo District 8 - you are awesome.

District 04 Kailua, Oahu Larry W.

- 33 listed meeting
- 4 meetings present today.
- Held Keep It Simple workshop - Keep It Simple – at home, in home group, and in area service. 6 panel speakers. 45 in attendance. Played AA Bingo.
- Christmas and New Year's Alcahthon – Location to TBD
- TYG Home group Day October 14th. All are welcome. Volleyball, Jeopardy, Bingo, Kids, games and food.
- 9/16/17 Delegate Report Back 12:30 at Kailua United Methodist Church.
- 10/28/17 Area Committee Meeting hosted by Windward District at Kailua United Methodist Church.
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District 05 Maui, Maui No Ka Oi Neil I.

- Have about the same number of groups within the district that have GSR's. One group lost one without a replacement yet, one that didn't have a GSR had someone step up (the result of their sponsor suggesting they stop practicing contempt prior to investigation and try service at this level)
- Overall lower GSR attendance at District meeting the last few months
- Successfully hosted a "Safety in AA Roundtable" with participation from all three districts and intergroup. Had over 60 people attend. A few groups around the island held their own or are going to hold a group "Safety in AA" discussion or workshop
- Focused on two areas of discussion
- How do we handle disruptive behavior in an AA meeting?
- How do we handle predatory behavior in the AA community?
- Alternate DCM has to step down due to unexpected life circumstances
- HICYPAA has been awarded to Maui to host in 2018 which was supported by our District.
- Will be voting/wrangling/lovingly kidnapping members to step forwards to help host the upcoming Inventory Assembly on Maui on January 27-28 in Paia.
- Learned at this assembly that the most effective way to help stimulate service and enthusiasm for service at the district level is to start with myself, having well-written DCM reports here and at the district meeting, visiting every group and specifically sharing about service and unity and the responsibilities each member has to keeping this alive in our individual lives and groups.

District 06 Kauai, Kauai Steve Q.

- Thank you district 8 for hosting the weekend. Here's what we're doing to help carry the message.
- -This weekend, our Public Information committee has a booth at the annual Farm Festival in which they're available to provide information in an attraction type basis.
- ...Next month they will be providing the same service at a health and wellness fair.
- -Our CEC committee was one of 22 vendors at Office of Elderly Affairs event held recently.
- ...The committee continues to keep the literature racks filled at a variety of locations throughout the island
- -Once a month, The Sunrise Sobriety group in Poipu has a cheeseburger in paradise breakfast.
- -Yesterday, in conjunction with our corrections committee, there was another Volincor training for those interested in carrying the message in the local county jail.
- -The Happy Hour group has been trying to emphasize the joy of service to its new members at the group level, by offering commitments with no sober time requirements, and no pressure to take on more at other levels of service.
- -Our young people's group continues to have 30-40 people attend their meetings in which service within the group is emphasized through, conferences and campouts, and spaghetti dinners...newcomers can benefit with a phone list of the group members, and a bid for hosting a future HIKYPAA is certainly a possibility.
- -The Koloa aloha group had a discussion regarding pets being brought into a meeting. The outcome was that responsibility lies on the pet owner, not the group.
- The Hui Ohana group has recently made donations of Grapevine subscriptions to a local doctor's office. 4th of July report back. 100
- Our Saturday night speaker meeting in Kapaa consistently welcomes all in attendance.
- The Princeville Hanalei group continues to hold 11 meetings a week and has opened a bank account for its treasury, replacing the paper bag method. Also, they're in discussion for having an activities planner commitment.

District 07 Hilo Hamakua, Hawaii Nivan A.

- Aloha, for our district we have our Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) group passing out pamphlets to doctors, veteran centers, and so on. For this participation which came upon us from a veteran name Gene C. who passed away last month. A strong and committed man to a walk in his program. Also, I want thank our other GSRs that stand up in their positions to fulfill our district as a whole; to the best of their ability. All the pieces to the puzzle might not fit in the proper way, but our puzzle is a whole.
- Our district will be hosting this assembly next year. Thanks to braddah Tommy who visited us and shared his mana`o at our district meeting - we have reserved our place already – thanks to our GSRs for taking action.
- So with that, Mahalo plenty and enjoy your day on our beautiful island. A hui hou.

District 08 West Hawaii, Hawaii Mark L.

- Would like to thank everyone for your service to your group and districts this weekend.
- Thanks to my team, all of the groups and everyone from District 8 that helped with putting on this assembly.
- We have a new Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) chair and 4 new GSRs. 2 GSRs signed up this weekend.
- Preparing for Unity Day East Meets West Softball game and A Day in The Park at Waimea Park to better unite the Big Island, and just have fun with our friends from the East.
- By putting on service events like this we can get more people involved in service work.
- I've been going to more meetings and groups that have been asking for my help and support.
- We have 2 vacant standing committees: Archives and Mynah Bird.
- Over all District 8 is doing well. We've been blessed with a very service oriented district and our business meetings are well attended.
- Thank you all for letting me be of service. For each and every one of you inspire me and give me inspiration to do what I do. Your humble servant.
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District 09 Central North Shore, Oahu Bruce W.

- Thank you District 8 for hosting this assembly.
- Thank you Bob - GSR for Imua Waimea, Albert – Alt GSR for Cottages, Shannon – GSR for Mililani Monday Night Women's for attending this assembly.
- Deborah L. attended a District meeting to go over 2018 Proposed Budget.
- Our District is doing well overall; we have good district meeting attendance and participation.
- I'm probably the worst because my work only allows me to attend every other month.
- One of our "go to" meetings "The Cottages" has been plagued by issues; however either God, Magic or service position rotation or all of the above seems to have fixed it.
- To Do: Track down groups for Rachel's list. Host a sponsor workshop or service workshop.

District 10 Waikiki, Oahu Alex M.

- Mahalos District 8 for hosting!!!
- Waikiki District has 3 GSRs with us this weekend: Frank GSR Happy Hour, Keoki Alt. GSR Saturday Night Live and Solomon GSR 12 Coconuts.
- We are very happy with our new district meeting location at Paki Hale. There's usually 10-12 people showing up for district.
- Very excited to have Unity Church as our location for the Thank-a-Thon. This year Solomon K. is the Chair.
- Mahalos for staying.

District 11 Kihei, Maui Betsy B.

1. Mahalo to District 8 for this assembly! And many thanks to all my fellow DCM's - We had 2 very good round tables this weekend! I'm learning how to humbly participate in my district from you:
 - A. Speak simply about Standing Committees and their function to encourage participation from non-GSR's to step up as District chairs.
 - B. To get around to all meetings, and all groups with or without GSR's and meet them...support them!
 - C. Check in with Trish our treasurer to hear about group contributions... then go thank the groups!!
1. One of our themes from PRAASA... from Joel C, was to remember the simple bottom line ..."Unity and Saving Drunks" is our mission... so our Island of Maui has 3 districts and we have been teaming up on district meetings, workshops and General Service events like the Delegate report back. This has happened automatically and easily to strengthen the 12 Step work on Maui.
2. I'm grateful for the 11 -12 GSR's who show up at District meetings... and the 8 of them who are here this weekend.
3. There is a prayer that I learned in early sobriety when first learning about General Service ... and it goes like this: "please allow me to be a spear carrier in the second row..." That means, as GSR, I carry the spear for my home group members to grow as leaders in sobriety... as DCM, I am praying to be a spear carrier in the 5th row and carry the spears for GSR's that they can fly with our primary purpose: Stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

District 12 Puna, Hawaii Freddie M.

- Our priority in District 12 has been to get our committees up and running. We have been putting out a rallying cry at all meetings to get volunteers. We've found that getting a chair for a committee is not enough. There need to be support. Our corrections committee has been most responsive thanks to the commendable efforts of Ili (our Women's chair) and Mark (men's chair).
- Public Information (PI) has had too much lumped into that committee, so we're seeking to spread the workload and bring in any member interested. Nancy has lept in with both feet and has been coordinating with the DUI School, locating the points of pamphlet distribution and filling the need.
- Some groups have started in treatment facilities and we have a qualified person interested in being our treatment chair.
- We have an Archives chair, Jim, who we hope will pull together a most twisty situation and bring stability and new growth t this committee.
- Overall, things are getting better. Our finances are incrementally growing (we have over \$150.00) now. Our treasurer DJ is on top of things, ever present, responsible.
- Our excellent secretary, Holly. Keeps us in minutes and in line. Our alternate DCM Phil, an oldtimer-youngtimer is a reassuring influence who steps in when needed.
- We're looking forward to hosting the May 2018 Committee Meeting.

- We are gaining in number, productivity, thru cooperation with other district (Hilo) and Spirit.
- Thank you for letting me serve.

District 13 Tri-Island, Maui, Molokai, Lanai – Jubee Alternate DCM

- Our district along with the other 2 districts' did a safety workshop which gathered about 60 people. All 3 Districts got together to host Bob H. for his report back. We had pizza and all kinds of good grindz. Attendance was about 60 + Bob did an excellent job, very easy to follow.
- Our District is currently planning for the Maui Mini Conference which is on Tuesday, Oct 3rd at 6:30 pm at the Kam III Elementary School in Lahaina. Working to get 1 possibly 2 speakers from the state convention.
- District 13 is also a big part of Outreach to the remote communities in Molokai and Lanai. In February we did the Lanai crossing which hosted about 100 People and again it was a success. Our dates are set for the Molokai Crossing which will take place on Oct 27-28 and 29th.
- Our district is doing well. All 3 districts are working together in support of each other.
- Recently purchased some books which is available for all meetings for the next suffering alcoholic.

District 17 Waianae, Oahu Deborah L.

- What District ___17___ did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous?
- As a member on the Finance Committee presented the Budget Proposal to District 17, District 9, and District 3.
- Delegate Report Back successfully completed @ the Waianae Satellite City Hall on July 22nd, 2017. The area provided Pizza, Salad, and Drinks, District 3 provided coffee and donuts. There were approximately 20 participants.
- We now have a new Treasurer for the District, Bill M.
- Monthly District meeting consist of (7) GSR's in the entire district that participates consistently.
- The District is planning a Workshop for October 21, 2017, Topic voted on is "Emotional Sobriety", place will be at Pokai Bay from 10- 2pm, District will provide hotdogs. Chips and drinks, potluck welcomed, followed with fellowship and activity, still pending.
- A DCM that I have met at PRAASA Jen DCM 5 (California), is here on vacation and will be a guest speaker on 9-04-17 @ Xfactah (Honokai Hale park) 5:30 pm, to share her experience, strength and hope.
- Third Tradition is hosting another Fun Activity: Fishing All Day Kahe Beach Park across from the Hawaiian Electric Kahe Power Plant, started at 10 with a Grapevine meeting, fishing to follow, BBQ, and fellowship. (8-26-17)
- In October of 2017, there will be a new meeting named "Rainbows of Sobriety" (LGBTQ) open to everyone to be held at the Waianae Coast

- Satellite City Hall.
- Other Topics: District 17 is still looking for a person to Chair our Holiday Alkathon which is one of the top 4 spending priority for this district. Also at this time unsure of "THE NEW PRINCIPLES OVER PERSONALITY GROUP is ACTIVE. We need support on the West Side, so if you all happen to be on that side, you are all Welcomed, Thank You

Intergroup Reports:

East Hawaii Intergroup - Keith (covering for Chair)

Our central office is currently open from 10 - 2 Monday thru Friday. We used to be open 10 to 6 pm. But we don't have enough volunteers to fill the slots so we cut the hours. We are only staffed by volunteers.

Our Website is westhawaii.org which has current meeting information and we also have printed schedules at our office. Currently we have 70 meetings.

This year we had donations to our office. Computer, Refrigerator, furniture, blinds, and vacuum. Serval members volunteer themselves for office improvements.

We have a volunteer hotline all hours. 12 step lists

We recently increased our insurance to host events as we available.

Kauai Intergroup - Pattilynn

- All service positions are filled.
- Biggest Blessing that we see unfolding is District & Intergroup Chairs working together forming the We in the program.

Maui Intergroup – Jeanna T.

Aloha!

I'm submitting our report from Maui Intergroup...I understand that it's easier if you receive it by email. I'll also be there this Sunday at the Budget Assembly to present the report in person.

We have 147 meetings in Maui County each week. Approximately 50 groups.

We have a full Steering Committee of 5, with about 15 Intergroup Reps attending our monthly meetings.

We have a physical office, open from 10 am to 4 pm Monday-Friday.

We have volunteers answering the phones 24/7. Nearly all of our calls are to get directions to a meeting.

We have a list of volunteers for 12 Step calls. Generally the volunteer calls the person and offers to meet him/her at a meeting.

We sell AA-approved books and literature at Central Office. We don't take credit cards...only cash/checks. No medallions or jewelry.

We have a part-time paid manager who is there for 2 full days, with volunteers filling the other 3 days in the office.

We publish a monthly newsletter, called the Serenity Gazette. We now print it in color, and it's available at our website, aamaui.org.

We had our website revamped so that we could cooperate with the mobile application called "Meeting Guide."

Our website traffic increased almost 3 times, from 38,000 visits/month to over 100,000 visits per month.

We print a paper schedule, at least quarterly, and update our website daily. Meeting guide is also updated daily.

We have Gratitude Night coming up in November, plus 3 Alkathons over the holidays. Groups have volunteered to host all but NYE. Still looking for co-host.

Group contributions are down, we are communicating with groups about this. We have a prudent reserve that we can draw from if needed.

Mahalo,

Oahu Intergroup – Nick F.

Aloha,

Thank you West Hawaii District 8 for hosting the 2017 Budget Assembly. A lot has been happening with Oahu Intergroup since we last met.

On August 19th Oahu Intergroup hosted a Chili Cook Off and Dance on the Windward side of Oahu. Over 80 people participated together we enjoyed some amazing chili and danced to the bank with a profit of over \$250.00.

Our next event is the Bill & Lois Dinner on September 16th, 2017 at Kaumakapilli Church. Please take flyers

In December we are hosting the annual Holiday Dinner date to be determined

We have also been asked by the Diamondhead District to host the 2017 Christmas Alk-A-Thon at Kaewai Elementary School in Kalihi. The chair is Herbert

Intergroup Meetings:

We have about 35 member who participate regularly in our monthly Intergroup meetings
Meetings:

We have one meeting held weekly specifically for the Micronesian fellowship – the Pacific Islanders group at St. Elizabeth's

We currently have 280 meetings a week

Oahu Central Office – Between May and the end of July we have:

Help coordinate 13; 12 step calls

Assist 0 individuals with transportation to meetings

Provide information and assistance to 912 callers

Sold \$114,740.00 worth of literature for a profit of \$1,389.00

Welcomed 127 visitors to Oahu Central Office

Our After-hours volunteers assisted 773 callers

Trained 7 new volunteers

We are actively recruiting more in office volunteers to support a modified schedule. Hoping volunteers could participate 2x a month instead of weekly. We currently have 20 active volunteers with 5 others in the process of being trained.

We are looking for After Hours phone angels.

Progress on Office Manager's Goals

Utilize the OIG Panel 67 structures & Guidelines

§ Every IGR's has a S&G however, we need to utilize this documents more effectively

Adhere to the Suggested 2017 OIG Budget

§ Contribution are down in 2017 by \$7,375.00 this is most likely due to the excessive giving of the groups to get us out of debt in 2016

§ Activities profits have increased by \$2,592.00

§ Held two additional event so far in 2017 both were Dinner & Dance

§ Literature sales are down in 2017 by \$4,973.00

§ Activities expenses were higher in 2016 by \$1,318.00 and is still currently under budget
Oahu Intergroup of Hawaii Report for Area 17 2017 Budget Assembly August 26th & 27th, 2017
– Kailua-Kona, Big Island

2 Attached: 1) 2017 Bill & Lois Flyer

§ Over all we still have a profit of \$1,231.00 even with the additional increase in wages paid in 2017 thus far.

§ Food for thought: While Dick was the Office Manager he was requesting a little more than \$4,000 per month to run the office we are not far off the mark in that our operating budget is around \$5,000 per month.

Increase the number of OIG Activities to offset the financial burden placed on the groups, and increase unity and opportunities for service – We have held 2 additional events in 2017 and have an additional profit of \$3,410.00

Increase group participation – We have increased group participation with the various events hosted by OIG.

Create an OIG Newsletter - the manager is still working on creating a OIG newsletter

Build our prudent reserve – we have not built up our prudent reserve

Create an Activity Fund – we did create an activity fund in June 2017. Mahalo

West Hawaii - Lisa West Hawaii Central Office Volunteer

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We have a volunteer hotline all the hours that the office isn't open with 12 step lists if needed.

Our Website is westhawaii.org which has current meeting info and we also have printed schedules at our office. Both are updated as new meeting info come in. We currently have 70 meeting in West Hawaii.

This year we've had donations to our office i.e.: a computer, refrigerator, furniture, blinds & vacuum. Several members volunteered their time for office improvements.

We recently increased our insurance to cover events as well as meetings.

This year we've had a St. Patty's Day event with food, baseball, meetings and fellowship, and a 4th of July event at the beach. We are currently working with district and East Hawaii to put on a Unity Day Event in Waimea on Sept. 23rd. Again food, fellowship & baseball. We're also planning a Halloween Bash next.

What to Take Back: Kunane

Utilizing the Area Website for information.

2018 Approved thru the process.

2018 Budget was increased.

Ken K. was elected as our Pacific Region Trustee Nominee.

Voted on 2017 expenses for Alternate Delegate and Area Chair to be reimbursed for state convention

Online registration for the Inventory Assembly on January 26-27 will be available online tonight.

Optional Committee Meeting is October 28th hosted by Windward District. Registration will open tonight online.

Inventory Assembly will be discussed at the October committee meeting.

Ask It Basket/ What's on your mind?:

- Thank you to those who came forward to speak on the minority. That was courageous.
- Thank you Area 17 for your active participation in...and the colorful discussions about the 2018 Proposed Budget. Thank you and for entertaining the motion set forth to return monies to our trusted servants and for entertaining the motion which refunds our trusted servants (Alternate Chair and Alternate Delegate) so they can fulfill their service commitment to the Hawaii State Convention.
- I look forward to future discussions and modifications to the guidelines concerning our Alternate Delegate and Alternate Chair's outlined responsibilities to the Hawaii State Convention Steering Committee. Warranty 4.
- As you witnessed I voted against our proposed 2018 budget. On the contrary I stood in the gap to return expenses for this year's convention. My hope as a responsible member of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Hawaii Area is to attract change where needed.
- My takeaway is "we never know where we are going to get the monies but we somehow always get it"
- Please read: Qualifying the Unqualified: Panel 61 Mynah Bird article written by our current Delegate
- **ASK IT BASKET QUESTION:** In recognition of our diversity and in the spirit of our tradition of inclusivity is it possible to have only non-denominational prayers at committee meetings and assemblies. **ANSWER:** Very probable. Suggesting

2:30 pm Adjourn with the Responsibility Prayer