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IN THE  
LEEWARD  
DISTRICT**

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## **The Leeward District (District #3)**

Although the Leeward District did not "officially" become an A.A. District until the creation of the Hawaii Area (Area #17), effective January 1, 1976, it had actually come into being as a District almost six years earlier. Individual A.A. groups were known to have been meeting in what is now the Leeward district more than 30 years earlier.

Alcoholics Anonymous appears to have been brought to Hawaii (and to the Leeward District) by mainlanders who were temporarily in Hawaii in connection with World War II. Euell G., who founded Hawaii's first registered A.A. group, the South Sea Group, in December 1943, was a civilian worker at the Pearl Harbor Shipyard. The second A.A. group in the Islands was the Pearl Harbor Group, which was listed in the August 1945 A.A. Directory, published by the General Service Office (G.S.O.), in New York. No other information is provided about the group than its mailing address: P.O. Box 927, C.H.A.#3 (Civilian Housing Area #3), Honolulu 61, T.H. (Territory of Hawaii), although it is known to have met in the Naval Station Laundry, in Aiea, before it discontinued its meetings in 1945 or 1946.

The Hawaii Area Archives contain an unsigned history, dated June 1978, which reports that "There were many service men in Hawaii during the war who were sober members of A.A. and A.A. functioned while they remained. When the war was over and the service men returned to the mainland, it has been said that they took all the sobriety with them. There seems to have been a lull in activity from then until September of 1951." Our unknown historian may be correct, for G.S.O. records only the original South Sea Group as being in existence during that period. The Pearl Harbor Group was not listed in the A.A. Directory after its appearance in August 1945.

No new group was established in the Leeward District until 1955, when the short-lived Peninsula Group was started in Pearl City. This group did not survive the year. It was not until 1956 that a measure of A.A. permanence was achieved through the founding of the Hickam Traditions Group. This group was founded by M/Sgt. Bud B., Corrine L., Joe G. and Art and Bernice B., all of who were associated with the armed forces in Hawaii. The group first met in a building, since torn down, on Boquet Street on Hickam Air Force Base and, in 1961, it moved to the Chapel Annex #2, where it met, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, until the building was condemned in mid-1970. The group met for the next year in the Base Education Center, before moving again, this time to a building adjacent to Chapel #1, facing 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Hickam Traditions Group met at the Hickam Chapel #1 Annex for only four years before being forced to move once again, this time to the Pacific Air Force (PACAF) Headquarters Building. This location was very unpopular, being "too close to authority," but it took the group until late 1978 to relocate, when it returned to the Chapel #1 Annex.

Bill H., a member of the group, wrote (in June 1988) that "the meeting stayed here for only one year as A.A. always had to take a backseat to other functions." After being forced to move back to the PACAF Building, Bill H. reported that "after fluctuations in membership, attendance hit new lows. A couple of old-timers got tired of carrying the load, service (positions) couldn't be filled, and finally a decision was made to close the meeting."

The Hickam Traditions Group disappeared from the Oahu Intergroup meeting schedule in October 1979 and did not return until February 1984, when the Wednesday meeting was resumed, still on the Hickam Base. Bill H. wrote that "two former members got the meeting going again in early 1984. This time the meeting place was in the Red Cross building, located across from the Aloha Theater.. The meeting remained at the Red Cross building until early 1986. At that time, poor ventilation (smoke was so heavy that it bothered the smokers) and the size of the meeting dictated a move. This time it was back to Chapel #1 where we are currently located."

During the summer of 1990, the Hickam Traditions Group moved to the St. Philomena's Catholic Church, at 3300 Ala Lualani Street, behind the Salt Lake Shopping Center. It has been meeting there on Wednesday evenings, at 8 P.M., for almost 17 years. It seems, finally, to have found a home.

In 1961, five years after the founding of the Hickam Traditions Group, the Young People's Group was formed. It met in the Girl Scout building at Naval Housing Area #3, not far from the Holy Family Catholic Academy where the group was meeting until it fell into decline and passed from the A.A. scene in August 1997. Among its earliest members were Shirley P., Hoppy H., Nick C., Cathy V.W., Shep, Paul C., and Andy A., the latter four of whom remain active in A.A. in Hawaii after 45 years (or more) of continuous sobriety.

Growth was slow in the Leeward area for many years. The Primary Purpose Group came into being in mid-1963, meeting in a member's residence in Aiea on Wednesday and Thursday nights, but by March 1966, it was meeting on Thursday mornings at another member's residence in Kaneohe. By 1969, the group had returned to the Leeward side of the island and was meeting on Monday nights. The Tripler Group was formed at Tripler Army Medical Center in December 1966. Like many of the meetings on the military installations on Oahu, the Tripler Group has disappeared and reappeared periodically over the years.

A.A. growth elsewhere on Oahu had been similarly slow, but, by the beginning of 1970, there were 42 meetings on Oahu, involving at least 25 different groups. The Oahu Intergroup was beginning to have difficulty communicating with the various groups and, on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1970, it created four separate "areas" – the Honolulu Area, the Waikiki-Kahala Area, the Windward Area and the Leeward Area. (The Waikiki-Kahala Area was subsequently designated "Diamond Head Area," and, alphabetically, became Area #1, while Honolulu Area was designated Area #2, Leeward was Area #3, and the Windward

Area was #4. These numbers were carried forward as District numbers when the Hawaii Area was formed in January 1976.)

The map appended to the Oahu Intergroup minutes of the meeting of February 25, 1970, shows the Leeward Area extending west from Kalihi Street, Likelike Highway and the crests of the Koolau Mountains, encompassing about two-thirds of Oahu, including the Ewa Plain, the Waianae Coast, Central Oahu, and the North Shore, as far east as Sunset Beach. The vast area was shown to include five groups: the Primary Purpose Group, the Ewa Beach Group, the Hickam Traditions Group, the Young People's Group and the Kokua Group, in Wahiawa. (Even though Sand Island was included in the Leeward Area, the Central Group and the Sand Island Group, both of which met at the Sand Island Halfway House, were not assigned to the Leeward Area, or to any other area. Then, as now, these groups remained apart from Oahu A.A. as a whole.)

During the next 5 years, the number of A.A. meetings on Oahu increased by 88.1%, from 42 to 79 meetings. During that same period, A.A. in the Leeward District tripled, from 9 meetings to 27 meetings, scattered from Waianae on the West Side to Haleiwa on the North Shore. Although most of these new groups and meetings were outside the boundaries of the current Leeward District, several were not. Among them was the Aiea Group, which first appeared in 1973, meeting on Saturday evenings at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. A group history, on file in the Hawaii Area Archives, claims August 11, 1973 as the date of the first meeting. This document also lists the original members as being Danny W., Karl M. and George H., the latter being the prime mover. By June 1976, the group was meeting on Mondays as well as on Saturdays, and it had taken the name "St. Timothy's Group." By July 1982, the name for the Monday meeting had been expanded to "St. Timothy's Round Table Group," although the Saturday meeting continued to be identified as merely "St. Timothy's Group" until it was discontinued, in June 1988. The group is, of course, now known as the Pearlridge Round Table, having changed its name at the end of 2000, and it meets on Mondays, at 8 P.M., at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 98-939 Moanalua Road, in Aiea.

Since 1962, when it was formed, Oahu Intergroup had been acting as the General Service Structure for Hawaii, electing delegates to represent Hawaii at the General Service Conference. In September 1974, the Oahu Intergroup elected Harry L. to serve as Hawaii's Delegate to the General Service Conference for 1975 and 1976. Harry was an outspoken advocate of forming a real general service structure in Hawaii, and he promptly began taking action toward that end. At the January 29, 1975 meeting of Oahu Intergroup, he reported that "he had a meeting with 10 Leeward groups to discuss service and unity and how we can cooperate with different Help agencies, Mental Health Centers." The report also notes that "Also discussed was GSO structure and problems on 12 Step calls." The following month, "Harry reported that the Leeward District is trying to form a GSR group (a District Committee) and these meetings are held in his home (in Waipahu). The purpose of this group is for representatives to become familiar with the service structure of A.A. Harry reported they hope to get Big Books into all school libraries."

During the March meeting of Oahu Intergroup, Harry reported that "the Leeward GSR group is going well; Ski was elected chairman (DCM) and Glenda C. as Alternate." The minutes record that "Harry asked if other areas are interested in forming a GSR district, please contact him." During the April meeting, Harry distributed a formal proposal for the establishment "of a GSO structure ... for representatives to take back to their respective groups." Honolulu District was formed, and it held its first meeting on June 2, 1975; Diamond Head District held its first meeting 11 days later, on June 13<sup>th</sup>. At the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of Oahu Intergroup, it was reported that Harry was going to the Big Island the following week to "guide" the establishment of two districts. Apparently, the proposal was approved at the July meeting of Oahu Intergroup (there were no minutes taken for that meeting), since the August 22, 1975 meeting minutes report that "...the Districting is going well and an assembly will be held in January." This chronology would seem to indicate that the Leeward District was the first district to be formed in connection with the establishment of the Hawaii Area structure.

As has been noted, by 1975 there were 79 A.A. meetings being held weekly on Oahu, with 27 of those meetings being within the Leeward District boundaries, an increase of 22 meetings in just five years. These ranged from the Waianae-Maile Group, meeting in the Maluhia Lutheran Church, in Waianae, to the Wailua-Haleiwa Group, which met at Cottage #4, 66-508 Haleiwa Road, in Haleiwa. In what is now the newer, smaller Leeward District, there were only nine meetings, the Tripler Group, which met on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at 8 P.M., in Ward 25B, the Pearl Harbor Group, which met on Fridays in Building #1214, on the Pearl Harbor Naval Station, the Aiea Group, meeting on Saturdays, at 8 P.M., at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, in Aiea, three variously named meetings at the Navy's Alcohol Rehabilitation Division (ARD), in Building 187, at Pearl Harbor on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and, finally, the Wednesday and Saturday meetings of the Hickam Traditions Group, at the Chapel One Annex at Hickam AFB.

No new A.A. group was created in the area now assigned to the Leeward District until December 1978, when the Head Start Group was listed on the Oahu Intergroup meeting schedule. It met at 8 P.M., on Tuesday nights, at the Gloria Dei Church, 784 Kamehameha Highway, in Pearl City. Initially, it was a closed, one hour meeting; however, it is now an open meeting of 75 minutes duration. It is still at the same church, although the name of that church has been changed to "Joy of Christ."

The following year, the same church became the site of the Thursday night meeting of the Aiea Big Book Group. Yes, dear readers, the Aiea Big Book Group began its existence in Pearl City; it did not move to Pearl City from an earlier meeting place in Aiea. It has been in Pearl City, at the church which is now the Joy of Christ Church, meeting every Thursday evening, at 8 P.M., for more than 27 years – since November 1979, when it was started by Ken J., and others – and it has been enduring stale jokes about the contradiction between its name and its location for the same length of time. The jokes notwithstanding, the group is very serious about its study of our basic text and is well-regarded throughout the A.A. community.

By 1983, the Leeward District was becoming quite large. There were 134 groups or meetings on all of Oahu, and 43 of these – almost one-third – were in the Leeward District. This was substantially more groups/meetings in the district than is recommended in the A.A. Service Manual. Of these 43 groups/meetings, 15 were located in Central Oahu and on the North Shore. It was inevitable that action would eventually be taken to reduce the size of the Leeward District, as well as the scope of its responsibilities.

The minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Hawaii Area Assembly, held on May 15, 1983 at the Waipahu Library, include the following"

"Leeward: Buzz B. talked about the possibility of Leeward District breaking into 2 districts with the break at Mililani or Wahiawa to include the North Shore. This is just talk now but we are a big district."

Although the Hawaii Area Archives do not include any written record of further discussion of a partition of the Leeward District, the minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Hawaii Area Assembly, held September 18, 1983 in Honolulu, report the following:

"Warren (Warren V., the DCM-designate) reported on the new district, central northshore. If the assembly ratifies new district there will be a meeting 9/28 to elect officers and select a permanent location to hold meetings.

Tony De (DCM, Leeward District) gave a brief report on the reason for the new district, basically there are 25 plus groups in the Leeward District.

It was moved by Alan (?) that central northshore district be established. It was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the assembly."

So it was that the Leeward District was relieved to its responsibility for any group or meeting North of "an East-West line drawn immediately South of Mililani."

Following the creation of the Aiea Big Book Group, more than five years were to pass before the next group was formed in the Leeward District. In February 1985, the St. Philomena's Anela-Hulu Group began to meet on Fridays, at 8 P.M., at the St. Philomena's Catholic Church, 3300 Ala Laulani Street, behind the Salt Lake Shopping Center. Joe F. was the principal founder. The group name, "Anela-Hulu," is based on a line from a James Cagney movie in which, while suffering from a hangover, Cagney refers to hearing angel's wings. Several members wanted to call the group the "Angel's Wings Group," but Joe held out for "Hawaiianizing" the name. Like many other Leeward District groups, the Anela-Hulu Group found a home well-suited to its needs, and it has not found it necessary to seek another.

In October 1986, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter Group held its first meeting at the Waipahu Library, 94-521 Farrington Highway, Waipahu. The group held a one-hour discussion meeting every Saturday night, at 8 P.M., until November 1988, when the

group moved to St. George's Episcopal Church, at 511 Main Street. Most recently, in April 1994, the group moved to its present location, at St. Philomena's Church, in the Salt Lake area. At some point along the line, the group changed its format to speaker/discussion, but it continues to be a one hour meeting, every Saturday, at 8 P.M.

According to its Oahu A.A. Meeting Registration Form, the Mustard Seed Discussion Group held its first meeting on Saturday, June 4, 1988, at 8:00 P.M., at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 99-312 Moanalua Road, Aiea. Denis S., who filed the registration form, described the meeting as being a discussion type. Don D. was identified as the alternate contact person for the group. In March 1994, the Mustard Seed Group started another meeting – The Black Part – a Big Book discussion meeting, which is held on Wednesdays, at 8 P.M., also at St. Elizabeth's Church.

In May 1990, the first of the Blaisdell Park meetings came into existence. The first meeting was the For the Children, begun by Elsie J. and others, on Wednesday mornings at 7 A.M. The meeting was shown to be in "Blaisdell Park, covered picnic tables, across from Burger King." The meeting (it has never registered as a group with GSO) has remained unchanged during the ensuing 17 years, although the "Burger King" reference was dropped from its meeting listing by October 2002.

The Oahu Intergroup Central Office Report, dated May 1992, reported another new meeting in the Leeward District: the No Reading Meeting, a men's stag discussion group, was also meeting at St. George's Episcopal Church, 511 Main Street, on Tuesday evenings, at 7 P.M. By the Fall of 1993, the group had become a closed meeting and had moved to St. Philomena's Catholic Church, in the Salt Lake area, where it has since remained, still meeting on Tuesdays, at 7 P.M.

Only a month after the founding of the No Reading Meeting, at an Area Committee Meeting, held in the Waikiki District, on June 14, 1992, the Leeward District Committee Member, Joan K., reported that "a proposal to split Leeward in 2 districts was passed out at the last meeting and district will vote on it at their June meeting." The proposal surely had no connection to the establishment of the No Reading Meeting; the Leeward District had long been too unwieldy to manage easily.

At the Area Assembly, hosted by the Leeward District, and held at the Red Hill Elementary School, on August 8-9, 1992, Joan K. reported the following:

"Our past two (district) meetings have been spent discussing our district split. In June we decided to split. At our July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting we voted to split into the following four (4) districts: WAIANAE COAST, EWA/WAIPAHU, PEARL CITY/AIEA/MOANALUA, and AIRPORT/PEARL HARBOR. At our August meeting we will decide when this split will be effective. Most likely January 1, 1993, giving the new districts time to organize.

The Proposal for the new districts will be handed out during new business. We ask that this proposal be approved during the November assembly."

The proposal described the new Pearl City/Aiea/Moanalua District as follows: "that portion of Oahu East of the H2 cut off to Middle Street on the East and South of Mililani to the North of Nimitz Highway. To include Manana, Pearl City, Aiea, Halawa, Aliamanu, Moanalua, Salt Lake, Tripler, Fort Shafter and Mapunapuna."

At the time this proposal was made, the Leeward District was host to 73 of the 281 group/meetings held each week on Oahu, far more than the 15-20 groups suggested for metropolitan districts in the A.A. Service Manual. Indeed, the Service Manual states that "in rural or suburban districts the number can be as small as five." This advice notwithstanding, the Leeward District had far outgrown the ability of any individual to effectively manage it. There were 14 groups/meetings in what was to become the Leeward Mauka District and 15 groups/meetings in the present Waianae District. The remaining 44 were to be distributed among two other new districts: the Ewa District (#16) and the Pearl Makai District (#15).

Whereas the new Leeward Mauka and Waianae Districts functioned well from the beginning, the Pearl Makai and Ewa Districts experienced organizational difficulties. By January 1997, the latter two districts were combined into the Pearl/Ewa District. Ultimately, this experiment failed and the district was abolished, with the groups on the west side of Pearl Harbor going to the Waianae District, and the groups from the Neil Blaisdell Park, Pearl Harbor and the Honolulu Airport area going to the Leeward Mauka District, then renamed the Leeward District.

Following the redistricting of 1992, the first new group in the Leeward District was the Eatin' Meetin' Group, which began to meet on Saturday mornings, at 9:30 A.M., in the rear dining room at Denny's Restaurant on Pali Momi St., Aiea, opposite Sears, beginning in July 1993. Early members of the group included Dale R., Dave S., Ann and John W., Peggy and Bucky H. and Dan C. A year later, when Denny's converted the rear dining room into a game room, the group moved to the Rainbow Marina Restaurant at Pearl Harbor. Meal purchases by the members did not justify a special opening by the restaurant just for the meeting, so the group moved into an adjacent cabana and brought their own food to an open air meeting, looking across Pearl Harbor toward Ford Island and the Arizona Memorial.

The Eatin' Meetin' stayed at its Pearl Harbor location for eight years. In 2002, it joined the Head Start, Aiea Big Book and Stepping Stones groups at the Joy of Christ Episcopal Church, 784 Kam Hwy., in Pearl City, where it continues to meet on Saturday mornings, at 9:30 A.M.

The second of the Blaisdell Park meetings came into existence in (or shortly before) May 1994, when its formation was recorded in the Oahu Central Office Report of that date. It then appeared in the Summer 1994 Meeting Schedule (6/15/94) as "Daily Reflections Pearl City (Women's), Neil Blaisdell Park, Kam Hwy at Kaahumanu, Pearl



City (Exit 10 off H-1 fwy); Disc; children welcome. 10:00 A.M." No changes in the meeting have been recorded since its founding.

The founding of the Makalapa Miracle Group was first noted in the January 1996 Oahu Intergroup Central Office Report, and it was subsequently listed in the Oahu Meeting Schedule of Spring/Summer 1996 (4/15/96) as a speaker/discussion meeting, held on Friday, at 8:00 PM, at the Makalapa Community Center, 99-102 Kalaloa Street, near the Arizona Memorial. The July and August 2001 Central Office Reports noted that the group was "still active," but "Needs Support!" Evidently that support did not materialize, because the group did not appear in Oahu meeting schedules subsequent to the Spring 2002 edition until the Spring 2005 schedule, when it reappeared at the same location, but trimmed down to a one hour meeting, starting at 7:30 PM.

In June 1996, Kathy N. and Byron M. were the prime movers in the creation of the Ka Hui Mo'olelo Group, also at the Neil Blaisdell Park. Then, as now, the Group met seven days a week. However, when it began, the group's meetings were at 5:30 PM each day; in October of 1998, the starting time was advanced to 5:00 PM, as it remains today. Otherwise, no changes in the group meetings have been recorded.

The St. Philomena's Meeting became the fifth meeting at St. Philomena's Church when it began to meet at that location in April 1999. The meeting is a step study and traditions meeting, held on Sunday's at 7 P.M., in the Parish Hall.

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2001, marked the first meeting of the Sober Horse Thieves Group. Founded by Holly W., and others, the group held its meeting at Holy Family Church, 830 Main Street, off Nimitz Highway at Valkenburg Street, at 8:00 PM. The group continues to meet at that location.

The Links to Sobriety Group was announced as a new meeting in the October 12, 2005 Oahu Central Office Report, when it was shown to be meeting at the Sizzler Restaurant, 98-1059 Moanalua Road, Aiea, at 9:00 AM, offering a special welcome to active and retired military personnel. Shortly thereafter, the group moved to the St. Philomena's Church, where it continues to meet at 9:00 AM, offering a potluck breakfast to its attendees.

The newest group in the Leeward District is the Manic Mondays Group. It registered as a group with GSO on August 7, 2006, with Ryan S. as its GSR, and it was promptly recorded in the Fall 2006 meeting schedule. The group meets on Monday, at 7:30 PM at St. Philomena's Church, 3300 Ala Lualani Street, in the Salt Lake area.

Another A.A. group has associated itself with the Leeward District, participating in its meetings and activities, even though it is physically located outside the district boundaries. This group has roots going back almost 45 years. The "Friday Night Inter-Galactic Meeting" is not a name that will evoke memories among old-timers in Hawaii, but the name "Ewa Beach Group" will stir remembrances in many of them. The group began in November 1962 as the Barbers Point Group, meeting in the Base Chapel Center

on Tuesday nights at 8 P.M. Arnold N. was one of the early members of this group, as was George H., who had a hand in organizing several other A.A. groups, including the Pearlridge Round Table Group.

By 1964, the Barbers Point Group had become the Ewa Beach-Barbers Point Group, and it was meeting on Tuesday and Saturday evenings, at 8 P.M., at St. Barnabas' Church, Makule Road, Ewa Beach. In 1968, the meetings were changed to Tuesday and Friday, and the group moved to the Ewa Beach Methodist Church (later the United Methodist Church), at 91-660 Pohakupuna Street, in Ewa Beach, where it remained for more than a quarter century. The Tuesday meeting was dropped in July 1982, and in the Spring of 1993, the meeting was extended from one hour to an hour and a half.

In the early Summer of 1995, the group moved to the Ewa Community Church, at 91-1258 Renton Road, Ewa Beach, and in April 1996, the name was changed to "Friday Night Inter-Galactic Meeting." In the Spring of 2002, the group moved across the street, to the Plantation Manager's Mansion, at 91-1235 Renton Road. A year later, the group found itself temporarily meeting in Gieger Park, until it was able to find a new meeting site, in Waipahu, at the Waipahu United Church of Christ, 94-330 Mokuola Street, where it continues to hold ninety minute high-energy meetings every Friday night.

The Leeward District currently has 17 groups, which conduct 24 meetings. These groups are as follows:

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| Aiea Big Book Group           | Links to Sobriety Group             |
| Daily Reflections (Women's)   | Makalapa Miracle Group              |
| Eatin' Meetin' Group          | Manic Mondays Group                 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Chapter Group | Mustard Seed Group (The Black Part) |
| For the Children Meeting      | No Reading Meeting                  |
| Head Start Group              | Pearl Ridge Round Table Group       |
| Hickam Traditions Group       | St. Philomena's Anela-Hulu Group    |
| Ka Hui Mo'olelo Group         | St. Philomena's Meeting             |
| Sober Horse Thieves Group     |                                     |

In addition, there are at least six meetings at Tripler Army Medical Center which, although within the Leeward District boundaries, are not affiliated with the district.

Three meetings are held weekly at the Mental Health Division of the Veterans Administration (VA), in the Spark Matsunaga Building at Tripler. The We Are Not Saints Group (founded in August 1985) meets on Mondays at noon; the Rupture Duck Group (founded in March of 1980), Wednesdays at 11:30 AM; and the Poet's Day Meeting (founded in March 1999), on Fridays at 11:30 AM. These meetings were previously held at the Kuhio Federal Building on Ala Moana Boulevard. When the VA offices were moved to the Tripler campus, in 2000, the three A.A. meetings tagged along

Another three meetings, sponsored by the Downtown Lunch Group, of Honolulu District, are held in Tripler Hospital. Two of these, on Wednesdays and Fridays, at 11:00

AM, are held for the clients of TRISARF, the Tri-Service Addiction Rehabilitation Facility, active duty military personnel and their dependents who have an addiction problem. The third, held on Tuesday night, at 7:00 PM, is for veterans who are undergoing in-patient treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder, but who also suffer from alcoholism.

Thus, there are over 30 meetings in, or immediately adjacent to, the Leeward District. It can be readily seen that the meeting and service needs of the A.A. membership of the district are well satisfied.

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This brief history, prepared by Ted K., the Area Archivist, is far from complete, and may even contain factual errors. It is presented to the Fellowship in the hope and expectation that some of its readers will possess more specific knowledge of the circumstances and events described herein and will be willing to share that knowledge with the Archives Committee so that this history can be corrected and improved. Necessarily, the archivist must rely most heavily on the impersonal documents which are available to him, or her, to provide the skeleton of the story. The individual A.A. members who participated in the various groups, or in the district structure, can "hang the flesh, the personal information" on the skeleton. Any reader who has such information is encouraged to contact the Area Archivist at [archives@area17aa.org](mailto:archives@area17aa.org)

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