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*April 2019-Inform the Delegate April 27-28, 2019 Tri-Island District 13 GSRs, DCMs, Area and District Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, others as necessary.

*June 2019-Committee Meeting-June 15 or 22, 2019 Hilo/Hamakua District 7 DCMs, Area Standing Committee Chairs, and Area Officers are required.

*August 2019-Budget Assembly-Central/North Shore District 9 GSRs, DCMs, Area and District Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, others as necessary. Actual dates to be determined.

*October 2019-Committee Meeting-Windward District 4 DCMs, Area Standing Committee Chairs, and Area Officers are required. Actual dates to be determined.

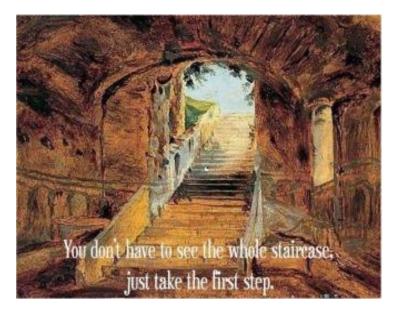
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AREA 17

An Upside-Down Organization

Alcoholics Anonymous has been called an upside-down organization because, as the structure chart shows, the groups are on top and the trustees at the bottom. Bill W. wrote in Concept I: "The A.A. groups today hold

ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world services..." Then in Concept II, Bill made it clear that the groups "delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference... the actual voice and effective conscience for our whole society."

Aloha my name is Deborah S. I'm honored to be serving Area 17 Hawai'i as Panel 69 Alternate Chair. One of my responsibilities is to work with District Committee Member Chairs (DCM) in arranging meeting places and hospitality for all Area assemblies and committee meetings.

Area 17 Hawai'i kicked off Panel 69 with our Orientation Assembly held at the Susanna Wesley

Center, January 12-13. Required to attend were Group Service Representatives (GSRS), District Committee Members (DCMS), Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, others as necessary.

Although challenged with a venue change, lack of early registrations and homestay availability. The assembly was well attended, productive and informative.

What counted most is that Area business was conducted and carried out despite our challenges. Thank you District 3 for hosting our Orientation assembly. Thank you to the group assembled and meeting groups who provided our meals. Thank you District 3 members who made themselves available to keep the facility clean. Thank you District 3 members and the Oahu fellowship who hosted homestays and provided transportation. Last but never the least, thank you Wolf for your leadership in District 3. I want to close with this. My suggestion to designated districts hosting panel 69 assemblies and committee meetings is start your planning early. Time is on your side.

I implore all those involved in general service to register for assemblies early. Registration forms are available at the assembly preceding the next assembly. Early registration, especially from neighbor island members, is essential for acquiring homestay and transportation commitments from our A.A. community.

Each group is self-supporting. Our group pays our registration so we can hold business at a facility and provide meals during assembly session and airfare (for those traveling inter island). To minimize costs for us to attend assemblies we need to depend on each other, the fellowship, for homestay and transportation. When the fellowship is unable to provide it's usually due to poor planning. Hence, need for hotel stay becomes necessary at the groups expense. Last minute registration ought to be minimal. With that said, before the said deadline date, send in your registration intentions to the assembly registration chair at registration@area17aa.org straight-away, secure an appointment for homestay and transportation and send in your monies as soon as possible. That's your part. The hosting district will then do their part in securing a homestay and transportation.

I am excited to serve Area 17 panel 69.

Deborah S.

Just sharing my experience as a GSR for the "Inform the Delegate Assembly" I was worried that I'd do it wrong and mess the whole thing up. But what I've Learned was that I was just relaying the message to my group and getting there input and opinions. Then I take it to the assembly and discuss it with my group that had the same agenda item. We'd break it down to the most common answer then present it to the body. That was what our delegate took on our behalf. It's what I remember doing as a GSR in Panel 61.

Ernest S.

April 27, 2019 @ 8:00 am - April 28, 2019 @ 5:00 pm

WHERE:

Lahaina Intermediate School

871 Lahainaluna Rd.

Lahaina

HI 96761

COST:

\$25.00 (for meals, may attend without)

CONTACT:

- Jubee-DCM
- **575-322-7152**
- M Email
- ASSEMBLY

2019 Hawaii Area 17 Inform the Delegate Assembly Required to attend: GSRS, DCMS, Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, other as necessary. If you will be flying to Maui, please check our Air Travel page for information on how you can assist Hawaii Area 17. Be sure to book early to get the best price and to insure that you can attend the entire event without leaving early.

DEADLINE FOR MAILING REGISTRATIONS IS APRIL 13, 2019

Hawaii Area 17 2019 Inform the Delegate Assembly April 27-28, 2019

Hosted by Tri-Island District 13

871 Lahainaluna Rd. Lahaina, HI 96761

DCM (Jubee B.) - DCM13@area17aa.org Phone 575-322-7152

Registration: registration@area17aa.org
Transportation: transportation@area17aa.org
Homestay: homestay@area17aa.org

8:00 Breakfast and Registration 9:00 Meeting Called to Order

www.area17aa.org

Deadline for mailing registration form and \$25.00 registration fee is April 13, 2019.

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Mail to: Tri-Island District 13 P.O. Box 11814 Lahaina, HI 96761

Intergroup

---Oahu---

I once heard it said that "Manager's job is to make service possible". Initially I thought this statement was a joke. However, today I realize the true weight of this statement. The Manager does not do the 12th step, but without all of the supports in place created and maintained by the Manager, 12th step work could not happen. The Manager is responsible for the creation and disbursement of the Oahu meeting list, an accurate up-to-date 12th step list and the maintenance of the primary A.A. literature resource on the island of Oahu.

I'm so grateful to have had several diverse jobs before becoming the Office Manger. Those skills have helped me to create systems to support the tireless efforts of our volunteers. 12 step work could not happen without their dedication and support. It has been such a blessing to serve other in A.A. by making service possible. As a result, the Oahu Central Office is a wonderful place to be of service to the next suffering alcoholic. Volunteer's answer phone calls, field various questions help with literature sales and receive group contributions. It is a warm and inviting place filled with people who truly care about those suffering from alcoholism. If you have a few minutes please stop by grab a cup of coffee and relax with our knowledgeable and enthusiastic volunteers.

Mahalo, Adina Murakami, MSW, CSAC Oahu Central Office Manager

Oahu Intergroup of Hawai'i, Inc. 1188 Bishop Street. Suite #3406 Honolulu, HI 96813 Phone: (808) 946-1438

Email <u>manager@oahucentraloffice.com</u> website: <u>www.oahucentraloffice.com</u>

"Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words "love" and "service."



Taysh K. was voted in as Oahu Intergroup Chair for Panel 69 CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEER

Here are our regular Central Office Phone Volunteer and Overnight Phone Angel Volunteers shifts. We are always looking to provide service opportunities to the Oahu Fellowship. If you are interested in serving as a phone volunteer, adding your name to our Twelfth Step List or providing a service we haven't though of yet, please contact our Central Office Manager:

Adina at <a href="mailto:mailt

In Office Volunteers				
Monday	9a-Noon	Noon-3p	3р-6р	
Tuesday	9a-Noon	Noon-3p	3р-6р	
Wednesday	9a-Noon	Noon-3p	3р-6р	
Thursday	9a-Noon	Noon-3p	3р-6р	
Friday	9a-Noon	Noon-3p	3р-6р	
Saturday (as of 5/13/17)	9a-Noon	Noon-3p		
After Hour Phone Angels				
Sunday	12a-6a	6a-Noon	Noon-6p	6p-12a
Monday	6p-12a	12a-6a		
Tuesday	6p-12a	12a-6a		
Wednesday	6p-12a	12a-6a		
Thursday	6p-12a	12a-6a		
Friday	6p-12a	12a-6a		
Saturday	12a-6a	6a-9a	3р-6р	6p-12a
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12-Step Volunteers				



A couple of members of the windward fellowship decided to follow in the footsteps of our westside brothers and sisters and have a round up on the east side. We are having the first annual ESRU at Kokololio beach park April 26th - 28th. 20 dollars includes camping and all meals Saturday. Kids under 10 free. We will be having fun for the kids, volleyball tournament, meetings and a workshop. Feel free to contact Eric V at 8087784153 for info or tickets. There is no free camping. (camping and no meals) as we are paying a large amount of money to pay for the site and we need to be self-supporting. Hope to see you all there.

Fric V.



District 1, 2 & 10 put on an awesome workshop on Feb. 9th entitled "Sobriety 101"

The topics were on Meetings, Sponsorship, Literature and Steps/Service. It was well attended with great participation from members of A.A. with past delegates and members of area 17 as the panel speakers.

-*-We can no songer be content,
with just getting by-*-

Our primary purpose in the A.A. Preamble is "to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety." For me, I know that if I do not pick up that first drink and I get to a meeting I can stay sober, but how do I help others to achieve sobriety? Through the years, I've learned that being in service is a way to help others. Secretary a meeting, be the literature rep, make coffee, take action.

One place to help others is the Maui A.A. Intergroup Central Office. It's a great place to be of service, if you're so inclined! To give you an idea of what an Intergroup is; according to the A.A. Guidelines from the General Service Office in N.Y. – "Intergroup is an A.A. service office that involves a partnership among groups in a community."

Our Intergroup here on Maui does this by hosting a monthly meeting where

Our Intergroup here on Maui does this by hosting a monthly meeting where representatives from local A.A. groups exchange ideas, information, plan events, and seek common solutions on how best to carry the message. The Maui A.A. Intergroup Central Office helps to carry the message via a 24-hour phone line, along with a website offering a plethora of information. Maui Intergroup also has an actual brick and mortar office in Wailuku - where anyone can stop by to get information, pick up meeting schedules, purchase literature, or just talk story in a safe environment. Overall, Intergroup offers a centralized office to aid the groups in our common purpose of carrying the message. It also aids the general public by offering information about A.A., by keeping in contact with local A.A. Committees; Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, etc. (See, there's choke ways to be of service anywhere!)

I'm so grateful to A.A. members in service, and particularly those at every Intergroup around the world. They collectively carried the message to me personally. I was able to find my way to those first A.A. meetings via the Boston Area Intergroup; whose Central Office published a meeting schedule booklet and mailed it to me in non-descript wrapping. When I moved to Maui, I was able to find Maui A.A. meetings and literature through the Maui A.A. Intergroup Central Office. When I travelled to Eastern Europe, I was able to find an English speaking A.A. meeting and meet English speaking members through the Vienna A.A. Intergroup.

No matter where you live, mahalo for supporting your local Intergroup!

-Michelle G. (Maui A.A. Central Office Manager)







Does your group have an Intergroup Representative?
Want to know more about Intergroup?
Come to the Intergroup Monthly Meeting!
6p on the Second Saturday of every month
@ Kahului Union Church

Meeting on Lanai

First Saturday Of Every Month

Time: Meet at 8:45a at Lahaina Harbor (Park near Alano Club by 8:30a)

Ferry Departure: 9:15 am

Return: 2:00 pm (or later 4:30 - 6:45)

Potluck and Meeting at Noon

Let's bring the fellowship together and have fun! Location: Hulopo'e Beach Park, left side of the bay

> Please call for reservations and book ticket: Lanai Ferry (808) 661-3756





A.A. MEMBER

CONTRIBUTIONS ONLINE TO MAUI A.A. INTERGROUP

In keeping with A.A.'s Seventh Tradition of self-support, we accept contributions only from A.A. members.

A.A. members' information will not be disclosed or used for any other purpose than for processing payment. For questions or problems with Contributions Online, please contact us at info@aamaui.org Contributions may also be sent by mail to: Maui A.A. Intergroup of Hawaii 70 Central Ave, Suite 1 Wailuku, HI 96793

Contribute to Maui A.A. Intergroup here:

---Hawaii---

My Experience with East Hawaii Intergroup

I became an Intergroup representative back in January 2017. I had my misgivings about the commitment because of my aversion to anything "political." My home group had no representative for a while and I felt it was about time we (I) got more involved with Alcoholics Anonymous on a different level. Much to my surprise, the meeting was ...delightful! In any given month, there are from 10-12 meeting representatives in attendance ready, willing and able to keep Alcoholic Anonymous available to the still suffering (in and out of the rooms) alcoholic. Our Chairman starts the meetings on time, uses Roberts Rules of Order to keep mayhem at bay and ends on time. We discuss, among other things, how each representative's meeting is coming along, the website and meeting directory, literature needs/sales and hot line. We also plan for fun things like dances, Founder's Day, East meets West and Ålcathon's. The members in attendance take their commitment seriously and contribute as needed and are asked to bring back various discussion items to their meetings for a group conscience.

It is sooooo easy to become an Intergroup Representative. Just go to your home group and ask for a group conscience to vote you in as the Intergroup Representative (IGR)! If you already have one, you can become the "alternate" IGR. This would mean you would attend the meeting if the regular IGR cannot make the meeting. In any event, the attending IGR's duty would be to report back to their home group meeting what happened and what was discussed at that month's IG meeting. If a group conscience vote on a particular item is needed, then that would have to be voted on and the IGR would bring it back to the next IG meeting.

See, piece of cake!! If you think you might be interested in this two-year commitment and don't know if you really want to...just show up at one of our meetings and see how it feels. We meet on the second Thursday of every month from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Keaau Community Center (behind the police station). On the other hand, if you feel this is not for you, Intergroup is self-supporting through their own contributions and rely on individual group donations to continue to carry the message. Please ask your Treasurer and/or group conscience to contribute to Intergroup. Make your checks payable to East Hawaii Intergroup and send to: P O Box 10275, Hilo HI 96721. Hope to see you there!

St. Patrick's Weekend Softball and Potluck

March 17 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

At Old Airport Park in Kailua Kona, Baseball Field "D" (North of the Tennis Courts). Softball at 10:00 am, Lunch at Noon (FREE!!), and Speaker/Participation Meeting at 2:00 pm. Sponsored by West Hawaii Central Office.



Aloha and E Komo Mai!

Please join us May 3-5, 2019 for the 31rst Annual Big Island Bash at the beautiful Sheraton Keauhou Resort and Spa!

"I am responsible ... When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible."

"It's not what I know in recovery that keeps me sober.

It's what I do in recovery that keeps me sober!!!..."

YPAA

GOD DOESN'T CALL THE QUALIFIED. HE QUALIFIES THE CALL.

From the past Chair of "The Crossing"

At about 5 months sober I attended my 1st Crossing. It was to the island of Lanai. It was then I realized that sobriety is not so boring after all. It was my first neighbor island campout. I saw how a bunch of alcoholics from all different islands could come together and have so much fun. From that weekend on I knew I wanted to get involve with this Crossing. The Crossing takes place twice a yr. Once to Lanai and once to Molokai. It's an outreach which I believe started some 13 plus years ago. Its purpose to carry the message to these remote areas.

The Molokai Crossing got me even more inspired. At yr. end my sponsor became the newly elected Crossing Chair, and I became the Alt. For the next 2 yrs. I shadowed him. Once again. the fun, the fellowship and the Unity between all islands was spectacular. Seeing the gratitude from the people of Lanai and Molokai was priceless.

After my sponsors 2 yr. term, I had the honor of serving as the chair for the next 2 yrs. It was the service commitment that kept me sober and a sponsor that showed me the way.

I have so much to say about the crossing, most importantly thank you for allowing me to be of service. Just a quick note. The New Chair had days when he showed up to the Molokai Crossing. Service works. See you on Lanai. In loving Service
Jubee B.

DCM District #13





funny kine

A WEEK BEFORE A SPACE LAUNCH, a
Astronaut was trying to relax at an out-ofthe-way pub. But a boozed-up customer at
the bar recognized him and said, "You
NASA types think you're something huh?
Well, we got a couple of local guys building
our own spaceship right here in the back of
the bar!" Reluctantly, the Astronaut goes
outside to inspect the spaceship--a huge
mess of beer cans and kegs molded

together.

The drunk boast "We'll show you guy's how to do this!"

The Astronaut warns them, "Boys, this thing will incinerate long before you get close to the sun." The other drunk exclaims "We've already figured that out!

We're going at night!!!...

A man bought a new Mercedes to celebrate his wife leaving him and was out on the interstate for a nice evening drive. The top was down, the breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair and he decided to open her up. As the needle jumped up to 80 mph, he suddenly saw flashing red and blue lights behind him. "There's no way they can catch a Mercedes," he thought to himself and opened her up further. The needle hit 90, 100.....Then the reality of the situation hit him. "What am I doing?" he thought and pulled over.

The cop came up to him, took his license without a word and examined it and the car. "It's been a long hard day, this is the end of my shift and it's Friday the 13th. I don't feel like more paperwork, I don't need the frustration or the overtime, so if you can give me a really good excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go."

The guy thinks about it for a second and says, "Last week my nagging wife ran off with a cop. I was afraid you were trying to give her back!"

"Have a nice weekend," said the officer

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Word Find

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