

DELEGATE REPORT

Hawai`i Area 17, Panel 69

Inform the Delegate Assembly

April 27-28, 2019

Aloha,

Thank you to everyone here, and the A.A. members you represent for participating in the general service conference process. Our sober lives, filled with family, work, friends and activities can keep us very busy. It is not always easy to set aside time to focus on agenda items or what we'd like A.A. World Service and A.A. Grapevine to do for us. The work we do helps us figure out what we'd like to have available for alcoholics around the world. Each person's contribution of time is no small gift. Showing up is part of what keeps A.A. around for us and for those who are new or returning to A.A.

Hawaii Area 17 also contributes to A.A. as a whole through individual and group contributions. GSO let us know that 29.43% of Area 17 registered groups have contributed a total of \$9,854.82 (as of March 31, 2019). Our contributions help us have access to all that A.A. publishes. It is all there for us, whether we are meeting with a sponsor or sponsee, gathering and our groups and events, or carrying the message to institutions and treatment options where we meet up with alcoholics who either cannot or have not yet joined us.

Our contributions help us to share the A.A. message around the world. In his February 2019 letter to A.A. members, our General Manager Greg T. wrote, "Today an A.A. presence can be found in more than 181 nations worldwide, with membership estimated at over two million. There are more that 120,000 A.A. groups around the world and A.A.'s literature has been translated into languages as diverse as Afrikaans, Arabic, Hindi, Nepali, Persian, Swahili, and Vietnamese, among many others."

Of course, we could not hold an annual General Service Conference without financial and spiritual contributions of A.A. members, groups, districts and areas. Who hasn't heard that the hat is where money and spirituality mix? It's one thing to have the financial means to get the work done. It is equally important to have a say in what gets done. Our Inform the Delegate Assembly gives us a place to voice our experience and meet that responsibility. It is not the only way to give back to A.A. It's not the only thing we need to do. I see general service is a way to be the link between the last panel and the next. If we make the effort, I believe we will be around for all the people who just might need Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you in advance for what you share today. I will do my best to carry your experience with me to New York. After the conference, I'll prepare written and oral reports of what it was like and what happened. If your district hasn't scheduled a Delegate GSC Report Back, please do so!

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A.A.'s 85th birthday!

International A.A. Convention:
July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan
"Love and Tolerance Is Our Code"

DELEGATE TRAVEL

2019

April 27-28. Maui
Tri Island District # 13, Lahaina
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May 15-25 New York, NY
General Service Conference

June 15, 2019 East Hawai`i
Hilo/Hamakua District #7 (Hilo)
Committee Meeting

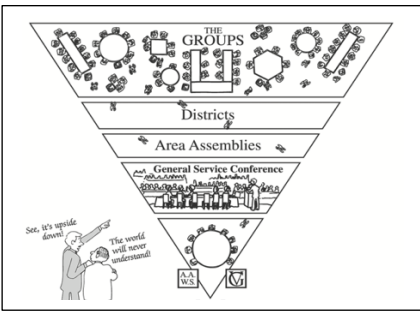
August 24-25 West Hawaii
District #8 (Kona)
Budget Assembly

November 16 Oahu
Windward District #4
Committee Meeting

DELEGATE GSC REPORT BACKS

June 8 Kona District 8
June 22 Maui District 5, 11, & 13
July 4. Kauai District 6
July 13 Waianae District 17

**DCMs please contact me to
schedule when you would like
me to give A General Service
Conference Report Back with
your district.**



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Excerpts from BOX 459, Spring 2019

Box 459 is found on the A.A. website. aa.org

During the course of 20 General Service Conferences, Bill W. gave more than 33 talks, 16 of which are now gathered in the new book. **Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970**, which is scheduled for publication in early May 2019. (see pages 1-2)

A.A. in Cuba

In November 2018, A.A. was invited by the Cuban Health Ministry to participate in their Third International Meeting Against Drug Addiction.

Dr. Peter Luongo, a Class A Trustee joined almost 100 doctors, addiction specialists, social workers, nurses and medical students. He noted that "A.A. in Cuba has an estimated 1,700 members and 100 groups, and this was a great step toward more active and effective relationships with Cuban professionals in the healthcare area." (See pages 4-5)

A.A.'s first group met in Havana in 1993. For a number of years GSO has been providing literature and support.

Opening for Nontrustee Directors

AA Grapevine's Corporate Board has started its search to fill the vacancy for one nontrustee director which will open following the 2020 General Service Conference. Resume due by May 31, 2019.

A.A. World Services, Inc. has started its search to fill the vacancy for one nontrustee director which will open following the 2020 General Service conference. Submit resume no later than July 1, 2019. (see page 10 for details)

So much of the correspondence GSO sends to delegates addresses carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering alcoholic.

The Hand(s) of A.A.

A.A.'s from Austin Texas formed a Deaf Access Committee so that members who are deaf, and those with other accessibility concerns can participate fully and be a part of AA. (pages 3-4)

Anyone Anywhere: The Shining Ideal

A theme for a sharing session held during the A.A. General Service Board was: "**Love and tolerance of Others Is Our Code – Philosophy or Practice?**"

Kathi. F., our Pacific Region Trustee spoke on "**Making the Doors Wider in A.A.**" (page 5)

Clement C., a GSO Staffer who is African American gave a historical perspective in his presentation "**Are We Inclusive?**" (page 5-6)

Cultural Challenges in

Reaching Remote Communities:

How do AA member from the U.S. and Canada overcome challenges of geography, language and culture in carrying the message? Area delegates will share experience strength and hope at a meeting scheduled before the GSC begins.

National AA Technology Workshop:

September 20-22 in Bowling Green, Kentucky

Hopefully these brief summaries spark the curiosity of members, and serve as encouragement to read the current Box 459. Please feel free to copy this for your groups or interested A.A. members.

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