



Hawai'i Area Orientation Assembly

Kalama Park Pavilion

South Kihei Rd, Kihei, Maui

Jan 18 & 19, 2003

9:00am - 5 p.m.

Breakfast & Registration - 8:30 to 9am Both Days

Lunch 12:30- 1:30 pm = Both Days

Dinner Sat Night = 5:30 pm



30 Minutes From the Airport

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CONTACT: Bert S [REDACTED] Transportation,
Erik S. [REDACTED] for Registration, Vernon [REDACTED] for Housing,
Melanie W [REDACTED] for Gen Info

Day of Meeting- Melanie's Cell [REDACTED] Bert's Cell= [REDACTED]

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Hawaii Area 17 – **AGENDA** – Jan 18 & 19, 2003

- 9:00 Breakfast and Registration
- 10:00 **Call to Order**
Serenity Prayer
Host DCM Announcements
Reading from *Questions & Answers on Sponsorship* pamphlet
Introduction of Regional Trustee, Hawaii Area Officers and DCMs
Acceptance of *Rules of Debate*
- 10:30 Orientation I: Roundtables
1. New GSRs – Moderator: Keith H. and his Panel
 2. New DCMs, Area Officers and Standing Committee Chairs – Moderator: Joe M.
 3. Roundtable - Report Back
- 12:00 Acceptance of Nov. 23 & 24, 2002 Minutes – Marcie B.
Acceptance of Financial & Treasurer's report – Lyda B.
Acceptance of Area Standing Committee Chairs
- 12:30 Lunch 
- 1:30 53rd General Service Conference (GSC)
Theme – “*Living A.A.'s Principles Through Sponsorship*”
Speakers:
1. Sponsorship – Don A.
 2. Principles – Phyllis H.
 3. Workshop: Group Discussion Moderators - past Delegates
 4. Workshop - Report Back
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Delegate's Report
- 3:30 Intergroups and Special Events Reports
- 4:15 What's On Your Mind – open microphone
- 4:50 Host DCM Announcements – Adjourn – Prayer
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Note: Wherever time permits DCM reports will be given.

HAWAI'I AREA COMMITTEE

TREASURERS REPORT

January 18, 2003

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2002

ASSETS:

First Hawaiian Bank, Checking	\$ 7,910.30
First Hawaiian Bank, Saving	\$ 3,500.90

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$ 11,411.20

INCOME AND EXPENSES 1/01/02 - 12/31/03

Total Income (2002)	\$22,493.75
Total Expenses (2002)	\$19,121.28

INCOME OVER EXPENSE \$ 3,372.47

P.S. "Remember" we started the year with \$3,505.50 left over in the checking from previous years and \$3,509.85 in our Prudent Reserve (savings). The income over expenses does not reflect this. Expenses over income is based on the income and expenses as of January 1, 2002 to the present; it does not include what we started the year with in the checking or savings.

This is the year-end report for 2002. We have \$7,910.30 in the checking account and \$3,500.90 in the prudent reserve (savings account). Ending the year with total assets of \$11,411.20.

Our total income for the year was \$22,493.75 and our total expenses were \$19,121.28 leaving us with an income over expense balance of \$3,372.47 for 2002.

Total contributions were down by \$1,250 from last years (2001). As members of General Service we need to continue to encourage our Groups support. We do our fellowship a disservice if we do not ask for help.

Please inform your Group Treasurers to mail future contributions to our new Hawaii Area Treasurer Lyda Binder at:

Hawaii Area Committee
c/o Lyda Binder

~~809 521 2111~~
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Thank you Hawaii Area for allowing me to be of service, it's been an awesome experience.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Ted P
Hawaii Area Treasurer
Panel 51 & 52, Area 17

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Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss
January through December 2002

	<u>Jan - Dec 02</u>
Income	
Contributions Income (Dist.)	21,146.87
Other Contributions	1,346.88
Total Income	<u>22,493.75</u>
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	16.70
Hawaii Area As A Whole - Detail	16,605.08
Hawaii Area Standing Committies	2,499.50
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00
Total Expense	<u>19,121.28</u>
Net Income	<u><u>3,372.47</u></u>

**Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through December 2002**

	Jan - Dec 02	Budget
District #01 Diamond Head	2,039.09	
District #02 Honolulu	641.02	
District #03 Leeward	1,353.77	
District #04 Windward	1,818.22	
District #05 Maui No Ka Oi	1,969.27	
District #06 Kauai	1,999.40	
District #07 East Hawaii	315.31	
District #08 West Hawaii	2,685.86	
District #09 Central N. Shore	646.98	
District #10 Waikiki	4,117.37	
District #11 Kihei	2,034.85	
District #12 Puna	15.00	
District #13 West Maui	681.50	
District #14 Manoa	401.35	
District #15 Ewa/Pearl Harbor	1.85	
District #17 Waianae Coast	387.76	
HASC - Archives		
Acquisitions	-182.31	100.00
Display Materials	-174.87	75.00
Other	-89.62	100.00
Printing/Postage	-224.17	50.00
Storage & Access Charges	-55.75	50.00
Total HASC - Archives	-726.72	375.00
HASC - Corrections		
Books/Videos/Literature	0.00	765.00
Postage/P.O. Box/Printing	-12.00	40.00
Workshops	0.00	140.00
Total HASC - Corrections	-12.00	945.00
HASC - CPC (Cooperations w/Professional		
Literature/Videos	-131.60	500.00
P.O.Box/Postage/Phone	0.00	250.00
Rent	0.00	120.00
Travel	0.00	140.00
Workshops/Profess. Event	0.00	250.00
Total HASC - CPC (Cooperations w/Professi...	-131.60	1,260.00
HASC - Finance Committee		
Air fare - Budget Mtg/Presentation	0.00	140.00
Air Fare - Prepare Budget Mtgs.	-7.00	560.00
Phone	0.00	25.00
Postage	-12.81	30.00
Printing	-24.16	25.00
Total HASC - Finance Committee	-43.97	780.00
HASC - Grapevine		
Display	0.00	150.00
Literature	-125.00	15.00
Phone	0.00	25.00
Printing/Postage	0.00	100.00
Subscriptions to give	0.00	200.00
Travel	0.00	140.00
Total HASC - Grapevine	-125.00	630.00
HASC - Hospitals		
Literature	-425.45	360.00
Postage	0.00	30.00
Printing	0.00	25.00

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Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through December 2002

	Jan - Dec 02	Budget
Rent	0.00	150.00
Travel	0.00	140.00
Workshops	0.00	100.00
Total HASC - Hospitals	-425.45	805.00
HASC - Mynah Bird		
Misc., Postage, Phone, etc.	-38.37	50.00
Printing	-604.33	900.00
Total HASC - Mynah Bird	-642.70	950.00
HASC - PI (Public Information)		
Literature	-131.06	700.00
Phone	0.00	45.00
Postage	0.00	70.00
Printing	0.00	50.00
Stationery	0.00	50.00
Workshops/Travel	0.00	140.00
Total HASC - PI (Public Information)	-131.06	1,055.00
HASC - TFC (Treatment Facilities Comm.)		
Literature	-20.00	320.00
Phone	0.00	45.00
Postage & Stationery	0.00	89.00
Printing	0.00	225.00
Rent	-120.00	120.00
Travel	-121.00	140.00
Workshops	0.00	135.00
Total HASC - TFC (Treatment Facilities Com...	-261.00	1,074.00
Hawaii Area Officers/As Whole		
Area Mtgs		
Area Committee Mtgs.	-600.00	900.00
Assembly Reg. Fee @ \$20 ea.	50.00	
Assembly Registration Fees	-1,500.00	1,500.00
Literature	0.00	100.00
Total Area Mtgs	-2,050.00	2,500.00
Area Phone		
ALT Area Chair	0.00	10.00
Area Chair	0.00	300.00
Delegate	-112.07	120.00
Other Area Officers	-20.64	50.00
Total Area Phone	-132.71	480.00
Area Postage		
Agendas & Minutes	0.00	30.00
Alt Chair	0.00	15.00
Area Chair	0.00	50.00
Delegate	-3.40	50.00
Financial (incl budget)	-57.77	90.00
Total Area Postage	-61.17	235.00
Area Printing		
2002 Year End Report	-22.96	40.00
Agendas , Minutes & Registration	-42.16	150.00
Area Chair & Alt. Chair	0.00	100.00
Delegate	-328.68	200.00
Financial (Incl budget)	-237.65	225.00
GSR Guide	-14.81	60.00

**Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through December 2002**

	Jan - Dec 02	Budget
Structure & Guidelines	0.00	85.00
Total Area Printing	-646.26	860.00
General Sv Conf		
Hotel	-420.00	500.00
Meals	-100.00	150.00
Min. Registration	-800.00	800.00
Transportation & Misc.	-65.60	50.00
Total General Sv Conf	-1,385.60	1,500.00
Insurance	-400.00	450.00
Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs		
Area Chair - assisted by Districts	0.00	280.00
Area Off. & Stand., Com. (est. 8x9)	-4,914.00	8,960.00
Assist Districts Air Fare	0.00	280.00
Conv. Steering Air Fare	-1,201.00	1,680.00
Delegate's Report 1.5	-524.99	210.00
Outgoing SC Chair (9 ea.)	0.00	0.00
Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs - Other	0.00	
Total Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs	-6,639.99	11,410.00
Office Supplies		
Computer	-1,493.43	100.00
Officers	0.00	25.00
Registra	0.00	15.00
Secretary	-15.87	65.00
Treasurer		
Dept. Consumer Affairs Treasurer- Ot...	-5.00	0.00
Internal Revenue Service	0.00	0.00
Treasurer - Other	-188.24	100.00
Total Treasurer	-193.24	100.00
Total Office Supplies	-1,702.54	305.00
Pacific Forum		
Airfare 2 @ \$700	-1,585.40	1,400.00
Food 2 @ \$200 (4 days)	-182.52	400.00
Hotel 2 @ \$420 (4 nites)	-387.68	840.00
Transp/Misc 2 @ \$30	0.00	60.00
Total Pacific Forum	-2,155.60	2,700.00
PRASSA		
Airfare 2 @ \$600	-1,024.40	1,400.00
Banquet 2 @ \$25	-45.00	50.00
Delegate Lunch 1 @ \$20	-17.00	20.00
Food 2 @ \$150 (3 days)	-17.04	400.00
Hotel 2 @ \$345 (3 nites)	-232.77	840.00
PRASSA Tapes 1 set @ \$70	-60.00	70.00
Registration 2 @ \$20	-35.00	40.00
Transportation/ Misc. 2 @ \$25	0.00	100.00
Total PRASSA	-1,431.21	2,920.00
Trustee Visit	0.00	0.00
Web Site	0.00	200.00
Total Hawaii Area Officers/As Whole	-16,605.08	23,560.00
Misc. AA Contributions		
Aloha Roundup	200.00	
HICYPAA Advisory Council, Inc.	1,006.86	

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Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
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	<u>Jan - Dec 02</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Unknown Group Contribution	68.27	
WACYPA Bid Committee	80.00	
Total Misc. AA Contributions	1,355.13	
No name	13.32	0.00
TOTAL	<u>3,372.47</u>	<u>31,434.00</u>


**Hawaii Area Orientation Assembly Agenda
January 19, 2003, Sunday Kihei, Maui**

8:00 Breakfast and Registration

9:00 **Call to Order**
Serenity Prayer
Host DCM Announcements
Reading from *The Twelve Traditions Illustrated* pamphlet
Dates for Area Committees and Assembly meeting

9:30 New Business:
1. Incorporation of the "Rules of Debate" document to "*Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guidelines*"
2. GSR Orientation Informational Handbook

10:30 Area Officers/DCM Reports

12:00 Lunch 

1:00 Orientation II: Standing Committee Rotating Presentations
1. Archives – Jan D.
2. Grapevine – Duane M.
3. Convention – Betsy M.
4. Mynah Bird – Elizabeth B.
5. Meet the Other Standing Committee Chairs
6. Meditation Time – a.k.a. Break

3:00 What's On Your Mind – open microphone

3:30 Begin Closing Procedures
1. Items to take back to your Group
2. Closing Announcements and Remarks from Host DCM

4:00 Adjourn – Prayer



**Hawaii Area Assembly Minutes
January 18 & 19, 2003
Hosted by Kihei District
Orientation Assembly**

Meeting called to order by Area Chair, Joe M [REDACTED] @ 10 am with the Serenity Prayer.

Announcements by Host District Representative, Vern – DCM of Kihei District.

Reading from Sponsorship pamphlet by Charlie, past delegate from panel 45. *“Is it ever too late to get a sponsor?”*

Changes to the Agenda: Move Acceptance of Area Standing Committee Chairs to before Acceptance of Rules of Debate

Introduction of Regional Trustee, Hawaii Area Officers and DCMs – Phyllis H., Regional Trustee. New Area officers. Outgoing area officers Old School Mike (area chair), Treasurer Lyda; Area Chair, Joe; Alt. Chair, Arne; Area Recording Secretary, Marcy; Alternate Delegate, Keith; Delegate, Don; Registrar Peggy Sue; past delegates Scott; David E.; Charlie; Tanya.

Acceptance of Area Standing Committees:

Albert, Treatment Chair; Paul, PI Chair; Duane, Grapevine Chair; Jan D., Archivist (Ted will store archives); CPC, Francesca; Tom, Corrections; Elizabeth, Mynah Bird; Joe G, Hospitals; Finance Committee members are, Lyda, Arne, Wayne, Jerry, and MaryAnne; website committee, Sally T; convention, Betsy M. *No objections, all chairs are accepted by the assembly.*

Acceptance of Rules of Debate

Discussion of what constitutes “significant change.” This would require a vote of the assembly. Keith announced that all questions will be discussed in one of the orientation workshops.

Motion was made by Keith to table the current discussion about the rules of debate until after the workshop. Motion passes.

Orientation Roundtables-

Junelee: GSR roundtable; Dave E. reported on literature. He talked about the history of literature and explained about literature designs (newcomers, AA members, public and committee use). Showed final report for GSC; shared action summary report with all decisions that were made; Charlie talked about the structure of GS conference, history. Grapevine is not conference approved because it is published monthly, but it is the official international voice of AA newsletter. *Q&A: How do I get a copy of Action Report? Can be ordered directly from GSO for \$2.50. How can I get a Service Manual? Intergroup @ \$2.00 each. Grapevine mailing not arriving timely, why? They changed mailing class, distributor and printer. Customer Service is working on the delivery process. Suggested to use older editions in the meantime.*

Structure GSC – Charlie:

History: everyone went to Bill & Bob for direction. GSC replaced Bill & Bob. GSRs vote on one Delegate, Delegate is responsible to act for the best of AA as a whole. GSC is the communication company only for carrying the message to the alcoholic. *Q&A: What about decision process outside of US & Canada? There are other structures similar, modeled after us. Others come to see our operation, we share our experience with them. How can we pass on this*

world view to our little groups? Learn and experience of the process and appreciating that we are truly led by a higher power.

Financial Aspect – Financial Committee – Tanya

History of the budget approval process. The finance committee was formed to bring budget to districts as trusted servants to question, to review before assembly time is used. Also finance committee is to prioritize spending 1) donate money to GSO for GSC; 2) fund two assemblies (August budget assembly & March Inform the Delegate); 3) support delegate; 4) send people to PRAASA. *Q&A Why is the budget process not in the guidelines? It doesn't need to be, but it needs to be explained to all. The report back should be a priority, is it Area's responsibility or Districts? Districts are responsible but Area will take this on if the cannot afford it.*

Role of the Pacific Regional Trustee – Phyllis

It's more important how you do it than what you do. There are 21 Trustees – they are principle planners and policy makers and they oversee the two corporate boards of AA. There are 8 Regional Trustees in the US and Canada. We bring our region to board and bring the board to the region. The Pacific Region is known for our enthusiasm in service. Trustees use the Concepts the most, but Concepts can be used for the group level as well.

Rules of Debate – Scott

Why do we need them? To protect our rights. That the vocal minority does not run the assembly. Without a quorum the assembly becomes an informational assembly, not a body that can make decisions. The quorum is 50% plus 1 person registered at the assembly. *Q&A: Remind all GSRs – we are speaking for our groups, we are speaking with responsibility for AA as a whole. When does the Area Chair get to change the rules of debate during the debate? They can do it for the benefit of the assembly. If I want to change my vote? When? You have to be at the microphone. Area Chair may or may not ask. You are to take the initiative. Motion to reconsider can come from the floor from the winning side after the minority speaks. Can motion be tabled more than once? Yes.*

Return to the Rules of Debate

Keith – motion that we accept the rules of debate, seconded.

Arne called the question, seconded. Requires a 2/3rd vote. 109 registered voters today. 2/3rd vote is 72 votes. 83 was the vote. Passed.

Voted to accept the rules of debate. 93 for, 6 opposed. Minority speaks. Member wants to change their vote.

New motion **is to move that we reconsider, seconded.** Need 55 votes for this to pass. Count was 10. Opposed count was 80. **Motion to reconsider fails.**

Rules of debate are accepted.

53rd General Service Conference (GSC)

Theme: “Living AA's Principles Through Sponsorship”

Speakers:

1. **Sponsorship** – Don A. – “I am Responsible” and “Carry the Message” are important themes with sponsorship. Don referenced the pamphlet on sponsorship. A basic definition could be being responsible for any individual who comes to us for help. Home groups are a wonderful place to take responsibility for sponsorship. We also have a responsibility at the district level with new GSRs as well, to sponsor them at this level. We can also sponsor at the area level. The people that have come before can welcome and guide the new members at this level.

2. **Principles** - Phyllis H.- We all have different ideas about what are our principles. 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. We know within those 36 are more spiritual principles. Within those principles, she focused on Step 12, Tradition 12 and Concept 12. Step 12 is carrying the message, the reason why we're here. Can't carry a message until we have a message to carry. Means working the steps that help us with humility and giving up self. Be a sponsor/have a sponsor. Important to have one and use them. This teaches us principles by taking action and doing steps. Tradition 12 – anonymity is so much more than making sure we respect the name of AA. It is a personal giving up of self, self sacrifice. This returns us back to Unity. Setting self aside for the best interest of AA. Self support is our spiritual contribution to AA.
3. **Working with Medical Practitioners**- Tanya – What professionals know about AA is what they hear in the media. Mostly negative or confusing press. Most of this work is done with the CPC committee. The community is not necessarily receptive to us because they believe us to be playing doctor. Important to remember that we are sponsors, not doctors. Another way to help work with medical professionals is to identify ourselves as members of AA and how that affects medicine prescribed and risks. We have to help them understand. Sometimes it may be safe to disclose to work supervisors that we are in AA and may be available to help other employees if needed.
4. **Is Sponsorship Fading Away?** Charlie – No...this is a “we” program. We need help to progress in this new way of life we've been given. Told a great personal story about his relationship with his sponsor.
5. **Responsibility of Sponsorship** – Scott – Referred back to the pamphlet about sponsorship. There is a responsibility to pass the word about sponsorship at the group level. Also on an individual level to encourage and help newcomers with attendance at meetings. Also to never take the newcomer's inventory unless asked. Is available to the newcomer when they have problems. We are there to listen. Don't impose personal views on newcomer. Be truthful, not have all the answers. Bottom line is just to be an example.
6. **Living the Principles - Accepting The Differences** - Dave E. – Love sponsoring and being sponsored. “There's a wrench for every nut in AA”. Sponsorship should be individual for each person. We can be a living example. “If you want what we have.....” Can't take responsibility for sponsee behavior. Let them live their own lives. It is a privilege to walk with one another through their lives. Sponsorship on a global level. AA has sponsored service structures in other countries. Example - Mexico is sponsoring Cuba. The time we spend with others is precious time and a gift of love.

Review of minutes of the last assembly November 24, 25, 2002. No changes requested. **Motion to accept.** Voted and passed.

Approval and acceptance of financial report from the November 2002 assembly. No changes. **Motion to accept by Daryl. Seconded. Voted and passed.**

Approval and acceptance of financial report dated January 18, 2003. **Motion to accept report by Daryl. Seconded. Voted and passed.**

We have a copy of the taxes filed from last year January – December 2001.

Delegates Report - Don A. – Aloha Friends in Service,

First, let me thank you again for choosing me to represent Hawaii Area 17 as your delegate. I am privileged and honored to be given this responsibility. I will need your continued support.

When Joe M., your Area Chair, asked me in December how much time I would need to give my first report, I said only a few minutes because at that time I had nothing to report. Then the mail from The General Service Office (GSO) in New York started to arrive. Then the emails and phone calls from delegates and our Regional Trustee, Phyllis H.

I have much material to review and sort out. Your GSO does not want us to be misinformed. They want me as well as all of us to have access to everything that we could possibly need to help carry the message.

When I first was elected, I thought, what is my job as delegate? I had all kinds of ideas on what I thought the job was. But, thankfully I called my friend Greg M. our GSO General Manager and asked him for some advice. I am so glad I did. Greg said, "Don't try to be a super Area Chair. That's Joe's job. Your job is to bring back the message from Hawaii Area to the General Service Conference in New York and bring back to Hawaii Area the information they need to better carry the message."

So, I am your messenger. Please let me know what you need and I'll let you know what's available from your General Service Office (GSO) in New York, and get it for you.

The biggest thing that I have learned in the last few weeks is that we have available at our General Service Office unlimited amounts of information for us to use to better carry the message. I will do my best to let you know what is available.

Please talk to me at the assemblies and committee meetings. Call me anytime [REDACTED] or email at [REDACTED]. I welcome all questions and requests for information.

This information is available for everyone. Groups/GSR's, Districts/DCM's, Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and Intergroups/Chairs.

GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

The 53rd General Service Conference will be held April 27-May 3, 2003 in New York City. The theme for the 53rd General Service Conference is "Living A.A.'s Principals Through Sponsorship". We will be discussing this theme in workshops at our *INFORM THE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY* in April, on Oahu in Waianae, before I leave for New York.

I was picked to serve on the Trustee's Committee for the General Service Conference in April. I just got the assignment, so I don't know too much about it as yet. I do know that the committee does review and suggest nominees for trustee positions. I will let you know more about this as I am more informed.

PRAASA 2003 March 7-8, RENO HILTON HOTEL

Please let me know if you are going to attend this PACIFIC REGIONAL ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICE ASSEMBLY. Its an exciting service event that will change and/or improve your whole outlook on carrying the message.

Anyone who is attending PRAASA this year and wants to get involved on panels or whatever, please see me so I can send your name to the committee.

REGIONAL FORUM FOR HAWAII 2004

Phyllis our Regional Trustee will give you a report on what is planned so far. So once again, thank you for your support and please let me know what I can do for you to help carry the message of our wonderful recovery program.

In Love and Service, Don A. Hawaii Area 17 Delegate, Panel 53 Cell [REDACTED]
email [REDACTED]

Hospitals Chair – Joe G.

The objective is to continue to service all the hospitals and clinics in the Hawaii Area #17 and to make contact with the social directors of all hospitals to ensure that pamphlets and meeting schedules are always there. Joe reports that twice he was hospitalized and received lots phone calls, cards, flowers and now wants to give back and get involved.

Convention Committee – Betsy

Convention theme is “One Day at a Time.” This is the essence of our recovery. Dee Dee is the chair and is making the flyer in time for PRAASA in March. She is still looking for people to fill positions on her committee and her first meeting will be held at St. Andrews downtown Honolulu on January 28th at 6 pm. You can reach her at [REDACTED] home and [REDACTED] work. You can reach Betsy at [REDACTED].

Intergroup and Special Event Reports

Ginny J. - Maui – met for the first time this year on January 11, 2003. New officers were elected. Sandy Q. as Treasurer, Cliff C. as Secretary, Sally B as Co-chair, and myself as Chair. We meet on the second Saturday of the month @ 6 pm at the warehouse in Wailuku. Next meeting is February 15th. There are meeting schedules back at the registration tables.

Ted [REDACTED] – Oahu Intergroup. Oahu Intergroup has been in service for more than 42 years. We provide the standard services – the help line, we compile and publish meeting schedules and distribute AA literature. Also host Founder’s Day celebration. Like other Intergroups, we sometimes have problems staffing the phones and Oahu AA groups are under-represented at the monthly Intergroup meetings. We’ll be trying some different approaches to these problems in the next two years.

Matea – Kauai – One thousand more schedules were printed. We plan to print about 2000 new schedules every three months. The phone service on Kauai has new vigor. We are the only one of the five Hawaii Intergroups that has our phone service entirely dependent on a commercial service. While the service has been going for about eight years, for the past four years we have not paid sustained attention to what the service was doing. Now we are watching what type of calls come in, what happens to the callers, and whom the phone service calls to solve caller problems. We receive about 200 calls per month. We’re discussing for the far future having an Intergroup office on Kauai. We think it’ll cost about \$12,000 a year. Our income is about \$3500 a year. Four years ago it was about \$2200, so we’re going in the right direction. All our elected positions are filled.

Edwin – HICYPAA – Setting a date in August for HICYPAA bonfire. Possibly Maluhia? Outreach events include hikes, movie night, surf safari – fun in fellowship.

Judy – HICYPAA bid committee for 2004- Volleyball tournament will be our first event on Saturday January 25th @ Ala Moana Beach. \$5.00 entry fee, potluck and speaker. (another piece of paper says that the Oahu Bid Committee is putting on a volleyball tourney @ Kapiolani Park this same date). Sorry.

Area Chair suggested that one of the ways to help keep everyone updated on your district is to do a newsletter. He also challenged everyone to subscribe to the Grapevine. It’s only \$15 per year.

What’s on Your Mind?

- ❖ Anyone who knows they are going to PRAASA please let someone know. Encourage all who don’t know to try and go. Don’t pass this up. Good way to serve the fellowship it’s a wonderful experience.
- ❖ Al M. who is the new treatment chair will continue the *Bridging the Gap* program and so will Arne. Getting calls from treatment centers for contact people who are in need of some ‘bridges’ between treatment, jail or schools and AA. Sign up sheet is going to be passed around. 208 people are currently in the data base.
- ❖ Re: sponsorship talk. No one touched on praying to God to give you the right words to say to your sponsees.
- ❖ Would like an article read from the Grapevine at the assemblies.

- ❖ Maui Intergroup used to have a list of people who would pick up folks and take them to meetings. Can you go back to your group and see if this is of interest to people? It would help.

- ❖ Motion to have a credit card for the finance committee to reduce the cost of airfare.

Motion is for the Hawaii Area to apply for a credit card for airfare.

Discussion comments: New executive account that would considerably reduce fare to \$63 each way. This process would be very controlled. If you use Aloha website you get an automatic 15% savings. What is liability for this? Because travel expenses have been such a big issue, why not get a credit card? We need to consider less assemblies and committee meetings. Is this a proposal that will be put together to take back to the groups or are we deciding this today? Will they want to know about credit history? With a 501©3 there are layers of protection to area officers. There needs to be a list of officers and give them financial reports. We can act today as representatives of our groups with power of decision and save our area lots of money; you are a trusted servant. Non-profit corp. is called Hawaii Area, not AA.

Jan D. amends the motion to “have the area apply for a credit card for airfare and to apply to the Executive Plus Program with Aloha Airlines.” Seconded.

Keith moves to table this discussion. Seconded. 55 people needed to pass. There was some confusion about “till when” this motion would be tabled. Clarified that it would be tabled (if passed) until it was taken off the table. One count was 68, one was 64. **Count needed was over 55 so motion is tabled.**

Tomorrow’s meeting starts @ 9am. Motion to adjourn. Seconded, voted and passed.

Sunday January 19, 2003

Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by Area Chair.

Tammy reads the *Twelve Traditions Illustrated* pamphlet.

Dates for Area Committees and Assembly Meetings

Moving the July committee meeting from July 26th to July 12th. This was too close to the August 2-3rd Assembly. One of the Committee meetings between the April and August assemblies may be cancelled depending on the amount of business that needs doing. In the February committee meeting we will be picking the 2004 hosting districts. Manoa would like to be the first committee meeting next year because Area kept having to cancel these meetings.

New Business

Lisa makes a motion to take issue to “**have the area apply for a credit card for airfare and to apply to the Executive Plus Program with Aloha Airlines**” off the table for continued discussion.

Discussion: Lyda: We just need this credit card to open an Aloha Airline account. ~~We don’t even have to use this card, but we need it for the account.~~ *Other discussion comments:* We don’t have to make this decision right away because my understanding is that it will just save us \$50 for this next event. Who is liable and what is the credit limit? Concept 3 referenced about “right to dispose of problems” as we see fit. We need to trust our servants. More research needs to be done. **Sam calls the question. Seconded.** Requires a 2/3rd vote. 58 is number needed for motion to pass. 53 was the count for calling the question. Opposed was 34. This did not pass. Debate continues.

Continued Discussion: What is to stop District and GSRs from getting credit cards? I'd like to report back to my home group about this issue. This is a perfect idea to put before the finance committee, we obviously don't have consensus.

Amended motion by Keith to table the issue until the April assembly and in meantime have the finance committee have a meeting about what's the best way for us to go on this issue. Seconded. 51% needed. 82 was the count. Opposed count is 7. **Motion is tabled.** All pertinent information will be researched by the next committee meeting so it will be brought back to the April assembly.

New Business:

1. **Incorporation of the "Rules of Debate: document to Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines.** Person who was going to make a motion about this is not present this morning. No motion so it dies.
2. **GSR Orientation Informational Handbook.** Keith: Researched other areas for what others do for orientation. Our handbook included a lot of references but not *where* this information came from. These are good things to know. Not going to make a motion to bring this forward but someone else might want to. Floyd: this issue was left in limbo from the ad hoc committee and tabled. We may want to reinvestigate and take this back off the table. **Motion was made by Francesca to adopt the GSR handbook. Seconded.** *Discussion:* GSR handbook is great. If there is anyone here that is new, there are great suggestions in it. Like to thank Joe for getting this out before the assembly because it was very helpful. Supportive. I was on this committee for this handbook and I think it's really clear. This made the Traditions come to life for me and what was expected of me. If we had this when I was GSR it would have probably made me better informed. **Jason calls the question. Seconded.** 89 voted for calling the question. 2 opposed. Voting for the motion. 90 votes. 2 opposed. **Motion passes.**

K.T. makes the motion that the Rules of Debate be incorporated into the Structures and Guidelines. Seconded. *Discussion:* These don't need to be in the structures and guidelines, it's just a way to facilitate discussion. More discussion is needed. This needs to be better clarified. Assuming that this would be added as additional appendix. Too ambiguous. Opposed because it would be adding one poorly written document into another poorly written document. 2/3rd is needed for passing. 53 is count for. Opposed is 36. 60 was needed to pass. After minority speaks, someone wishes to change their vote. We will vote to reconsider, which needs a simple majority. **Judy makes a motion to reconsider. Seconded.** 46 for reconsideration. 39 opposed. Motion to reconsider is passed. Open for continued debate. *Discussion:* Let's keep thing separate. Staple these too documents together. If we attach it, we can make a motion to correct the language and make it more understandable. Let's fix it first and *then* add it in. **Elmer made the motion to table this discussion. Seconded.** 14 for tabling. Over 51% is opposed. *Discussion continues:* How is this helping the suffering alcoholic? We're beating this to death. **Judy calls the question. Seconded.** 91 for. 2 opposed. Vote for original motion. 67 for. Opposed is 33. Needed 67 to pass. **Motion passes.** *Minority speaks.* No one wishes to change their vote.

DCM Reports

#1 Diamond Head – Darryl

Thanks to outgoing DCM, Kate R. for her leadership and guidance over the last 2 years. Offering prayers for her and her family are appreciated. Her strength and perseverance have been an inspiration. Diamond Head had 3 GSRs in attendance today. The Alternative DCM and DCM are going to more meetings within District to try and bring more groups into District service. Diamond Head GSRs voted to support the X-mas Alcathon @ Waikiki community center by

giving Manoa District \$200 to help provide the food. Thanks Manoa District DCM Sam B for the opportunity to help. 1st meeting was on January 2nd.

#2 Honolulu – David

DCM thanks District for selecting him for service. Alternate DCM was elected but, due to directions of his sponsor, he had to remove himself from service. Secretary position is still open. 8 GSR's or Alternate GSRs participated in the first meeting of the year. We will be getting word out to other groups in the district. Honolulu District had another successful New Year's Alcahion at Waikiki Community Center. Came to Believe almost lost their meeting place due to complaints made by a member of Queen's regarding the restroom. Malia Discussion is preparing for Group Inventory at the end of January. They have a new chairperson for their Round-Up. Beretania Discussion have a lot of treatment clients attending their meeting. Safe Haven has 4 home group members and meetings usually range from 8 to 25 people. Black Experience will be doing Group Inventory in February and are planning a potluck picnic in Kapiolani Park on Monday, Jan 21, 2003 to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. They will also hold a dance sometime in February to celebrate Black History Month; dates and times is coming. Aloha Friday voiced a concern regard the last assembly and this one as being too close together. District paid for 2 helping hand tickets for our GSRs to attend this assembly.

#3 Leeward – Darwin

Leeward is doing well. Thanks to former DCM Francesca for her service. All District officer positions are filled. Alternate DCM is Sand K., Josh C is the new treasurer and Erin R. will be new secretary. We have 5 GSRs at this assembly. We will be having a workshop in March. Exact date, time and place to be determined. We are also hoping to set up a softball game with Manoa District. Business meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at St. Philamena's church at 6:30 pm. Looking forward to the next two years and grateful for the opportunity to serve.

#4 Windward Oahu – Denny

The District is grateful to have the guidance of 2 Trustees and 4 past Delegates at our assembly. Term began on Jan 1st and first meeting will take place January 30th. There are a lot of questions and issues that I need help with. E.g. a treasurer that has not showed up yet, the financial status of X-mas and New Years Alcahions, a member who is mixing his money with 7th Tradition money, and other issues of problematic member behavior.

#5 No Ka Oi - Wayne

No Ka Oi District meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday @ 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Christ the King Church cafeteria in Kahului on the corner of Puunene and Wakea Ave. the District held an inventory and questions that were asked were: 1) What is the purpose and function of the District? *To keep groups and its' members plugged into the Area and AA as a whole.* 2) What did our district do well in the past two years? *Outreach to groups who were struggling and attended their homegroup meetings.* 3) What could we have done better? *Keep better track on what's going on with our Standing Committees.* 4) Do new GSRs stick with us and what can we do to attract people to General Service? *Yes, most GSRs are sticking with us.* Letting groups know what happens when their voice isn't represented. Past Tuesday was the first District meeting. Some issues addressed were funding literature racks in several locations. Next Hana Caravan will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16th. We will be meeting at regular location in Paia and then drive out. Potluck at 4 pm, followed by meeting at 5 pm. The District currently has 9 GSRs. Hoping to have more groups participating. We'll be reaching out to groups and introducing ourselves, and explaining how and where to send their group splits.

#6 Kauai - Jerry

We spent our first District meeting discussing "How can we best carry the message?" Out of this came 3 formalized courses of action that will lead our district for the coming year. 1) Establish a budget line item to create 2 workshops on the island to cover sponsorship and service. 2) Establish a budget line item to fund public information in preparing informational ads, as

provided by GSO, to incorporate newspaper and TV media and 3) Establish a budget line item to fund matching funds to assist GSRs in attending area assemblies.

#7 East Hawaii – Laura

We have gotten off to a wonderful start. We have filled most of the positions for district officers and standing committee members except archives, CPC and PI. We have an awesome group of new GSRs. District meeting date and time have changed to the 2nd Monday of each month at 5 pm. It is at East Hawaii Central Office. We are planning for our 2003 budget including the changes in travel costs. We've asked GSRs to encourage participation of group members in district standing committee and service in general. The chief focus is to create a district atmosphere that is "we" oriented.

#8 West Hawaii - Mary Anne

District held its first meeting on January 10, 2003 with 22 people in attendance. All positions except two have been filled. We voted to distribute the funds carried over from the November election assembly to Area # 17, less the prorated amount generated by our District. The Treasurer has a check for approximately \$1400 for the Area Treasurer. We will be resuming caravans with a trip to the Honoka'a Monday Miracles on Feb. 17th. New Years Alcahion was a huge success. Next district meeting will be a brainstorming meeting to discuss what the district wishes to accomplish during the next few months. That meeting will be Friday, Feb. 21, 2003. I plan to visit every group and meeting in West Hawaii and hopefully have a GSR from each group in the near future. We have 14 members from District 8 present at this assembly.

#9 North Shore and Central Oahu– Diana G.

District elections were held Dec. 5, 2002: Diana Gray, DCM; Carl S., Alt. DCM; Valerie V., Secretary; Dean, Treasurer. Two meetings were held in preparation for the Feb. 22nd Committee meeting. Location will be sent as soon as a flyer is done. At our next District meeting we will be discussing goals for the district and how to increase attendance at the meetings.

#10 Waikiki – Kevin S.

We hosted the Thanksgiving Thank-a-thon and Christmas Alcahion. Both were successful. Thanks to Manoa, Diamond Head, and Honolulu Districts for their participation and support. Our first meeting of the year was attended by approximately 70% of our district represented. There's a new meeting in Waikiki. It's called "Chapter 5" and meets on Queens Surf Beach on Sunday nights @ 7:30 pm. It's a speaker/discussion meeting using a section of chapter five as the topic. Please stop by. All positions have been filled in our district. We have also created a filled a registrar position that will monitor and maintain group information.

#11 Kihei – Vernon

Thanks to the outgoing DCM Melanie. All our energies have recently been put into the area assembly. Thanks to all district members. We have 5 groups represented here at the assembly; Happy Hour, Kihei Morning Serenity, Monday Women's, Tuesday Beginners, Sunday Sunset. As the DCM, I will emphasize unity, more groups active, and committee work.

12 Puna – Sandi

We have a new meeting 5 days a week, Keaau @ 5 pm. 2 GSRs were unable to attend because of money but they have already attended an orientation assembly before. Women's group in Pahoa has started caravans again after a 10 year break. Next caravan is Super Bowl Sunday Jan. 26th to Waimea Winners. 9 am at the open pavilion of St. James Episcopal Church. Everyone welcome.

#13 West Maui – Varna

New district officers: Varna, DCM; Joanie, Alt. DCM; Geannie, Secretary; Bob, Treasurer. There are 18 meetings total on the Westside, including Moloka'i and Lana'i. Guy W. is here as a potential GSR from the island of Lana'i, although there are only 1 or 2 at their meeting. We will try and get a caravan to Lani'i every other month. At the Alano Club there is a meeting every day. We have Suzie, Chris, Star, and Sean as GSRs here.

#14 Sam – Manoa

The Manoa District helped with the Christmas Alcathon meal for the Waikiki District. Thanks to Diamond Head District for a generous donation of \$200 which helped defray the meal costs, to Waikiki District for their help and guidance, and to members of Manoa that donated time, food and money towards this project. We fed 300 people and had some food left over that we gave to IHS. Manoa is slowly growing. With the addition of the Wilder group, this brings the active participation in the district to 5 groups. All GSRs present at the Jan. district meeting are to bring a “wish list” of district events back to the Feb. meeting and we’ll try and pick some to do this year. While Manoa is solvent enough to maintain primary expenses, at this time it doesn’t seem likely that we will be able to cover all of the travel expenses for me to attend all the meetings and assemblies held off Oahu this year. We will do the best we can.

#17 Waianae – Bridgette

District officers: Bridgette, DCM; Vanessa, Alt. DCM; Leah, Treasurer; Steve, Secretary; Leila, Hospitals Chair; Raymond, Treatment Chair. Westside is doing well, but Maile Sunset group is not being held presently due to lack of support and individuals available to serve. Waianae Men’s Stag is also appealing for AA support. They are in Nanakuli @ 87-1948 Mohihi St. 7 groups were represented at the last district meeting. Waianae is hosting the Assembly, Inform the Delegate, on April 12 and 13 @ St. Phillips Episcopal Church @ 87-227 St. John’s Rd. in Waianae. Times are Sat. registration/breakfast @ 8:30-9:30 am, assembly ends @ 4 pm; Sunday registration/breakfast from 10:00-10:30 am because of church services. Please don’t come onto church property before this. 4:30 pm will be ending time on Sunday. Contacts are: Registration – Charlene phone: [REDACTED], Homestay – Kalani phone: [REDACTED] Transportation – Steve Phone: [REDACTED] Overall Contact – Bridgette phone [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. GSRs can send \$25 for registration to Waianae District #17 at PO Box 1992, Waianae, HI. 96792

Area Chair appoints an Ad hoc committee of Keith, Jan D., Lisa, Daryl, and Francesca for Structures and Guidelines.

Orientation II: Standing Committee Rotating Presentations

1. Archives – Jan D.
2. Grapevine – Duane M.
3. Convention – Betsy M.
4. Mynah Bird – Elizabeth B.
5. Meeting the Other Standing Committee Chairs

Officer Reports

Keith - Alternate Delegate

Went to the Convention Steering Committee meeting. First official meeting will be Jan. 25th. Working on trying to arrange the orientation. Talking to the past Delegates and also reading the literature that GSO has been sending. Some changes to the website. In the “About Area 17” button you can now get the latest Agenda, Hawaii Rules of Debate and list of the Standing Committees. The “Activities” button is a calendar of events for the year: Assemblies, Committee meetings, Convention Steering committee meetings and the Convention. If you want to be on the Area website calendar you would go to your district and ask them to ask the website committee to be on the site. Added to the “Recovery” button is a Concepts Checklists and the Traditions Checklists. We want to put the Structures and Guidelines and possible the GSR handbook up also.

Lyda – Treasurer -Lyda reports to GSRs please put district number and group name when you send your check to Area so she can register it correctly. Anything not labeled will go into “anonymous donations.” Joe reminds GSRs to tell their Treasurers and give them the address.

Marcy – please submit your *very legible* reports with your district #, name and hopefully short synopsis of what has occurred in your district. If I don't get a written report, I don't have anything to share with others.

Peggy Sue – Registrar – thanks for registering. Whenever you come I will ask you to register immediately on both days. This is the vote count for motions. It's also to help with the meal count.

Joe – Area Chair I would like the DCM's to do something please. You know what groups are active and submit them to Peggy Sue. It costs us money to register groups at GSO who aren't active. Peggy can send it to GSO. Thank you very much for putting up with me. I'll make mistakes but I have resources to count on. Please be aware of the noise level. We want DCMs to bring issues for the assemblies.

What's on Your Mind?

- ❖ Outgoing chair does not need to be here. If the area wants to be prudent about finances tickets do not need to be purchased for this.
- ❖ How do we go about putting HICYPAA or other events on the website?
- ❖ Go to your district and they will come to the website committee
- ❖ Welcome and thank our pacific regional trustee for coming to this assembly
- ❖ Correction on flyer for Waianae assembly. Location is on the right side of the street.
- ❖ Thanks to Kihei district. Bonfire was fun. This is the best time to get up in front of the crowd at the mike. Get recognized.
- ❖ Can you remember Standing Committee chairs when you're handing stuff out?
- ❖ Would like to have the Maui Serenity Gazette for the archives to Ted, who has it?
- ❖ Really got a lot out of this assembly. Thanks a lot.
- ❖ Started all island general service meetings to work on joint projects between districts. E.g. literature racks, etc. Wed. Jan 27th at Church of Nazarene in Kahului.
- ❖ Maui round up is May 9, 10, and 11.

Chair ends with a reading: Tradition 1, page 131.

Adjourn - Prayer