

Hawaii Area Committee Meeting

**Hosted by Central
North Shore District 9**

**Mililani District Park
Lanikuhana Avenue**

Contacts:

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Date: Feb/22/2003

Time: 9:00 A.M.

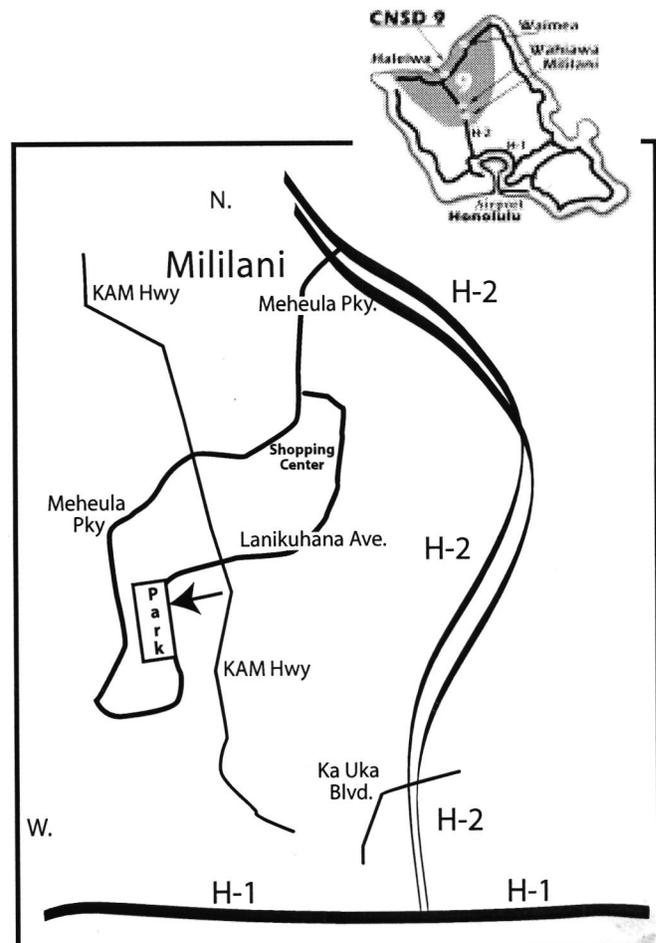
TO 5:00 P.M.

- Breakfast at 9:00 A.M.
- Lunch at 1:00 p.M.
- Potluck
- Come and Learn More
About Area Service
- Open to All

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and can provide
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the airport?**

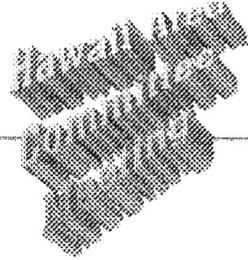
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**Transportation:
Anne W:
(808) [REDACTED]**



Agenda

For February 22, 2003 at District #9
Central North Shore (CNS #9)



- 0900 Breakfast and Registration
- 0945 Call to Order – Serenity Prayer – Host DCM Announcement
Reading – The First Tradition . . . ref, *The Twelve Tradition Illustrated*
- 1000 Hawaii Area 17 Officer reports:
Delegate – Alt. Delegate – Alt. Area Chair – Secretary – Registrar – Area Chair
- 1030 Treasurer’s report and information on “Airfare Credit Card”
Break – Time Out
- 1100 Theme for the 53rd General Service Conference: “**Inform the Delegate**” Assembly
“*Living A.A.’s Principles Through Sponsorship*”
1. Sponsorship 2. Principles
- a) Responsibilities of Sponsorship. a) What are the Principles?
b) Is Sponsorship Fading Away? b) Living A.A.’s Principles, accepting
c) Working with Medical Practitioners. Our Differences.
Other Professionals and Friends.
- 2003 Workshop:
“*Sponsorship – Remembering to Practice Our Principles*”
- 1145 Presentation and Reports of the Standing Committee Chairs:
Presentation to DCMs
Break – sometime in-between
Hospital * P.I. * Treatment * Corrections * C.P.C.
- 0100 **Lunch Break**
- 0200 Ad-hoc for Structure & Guidelines up-date Alt. Delegate Keith
- 0215 Convention - Betsy
- 0230 DCMs concerns:
What do the DCMs wish to be discussed for future Agenda items?
Break – sometime in-between
- 0345 Intergroup reports - others
- 0400 Up coming Districts activities announcements only, no reports.
- 0410 District #17 announcement for **April 12 & 13 Assembly in Waianae**. Flyer is to be
past out at this time and explained.
- 0415 Motion to Adjourn. *Serenity Prayer*.  Please arrive home safe. 

Notes: Agenda is subject to change, if time management is difficult.
District #17 - Waianae to take Loudspeaker equipment.

Hawaii Area Committee Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2003
9 am to 5 pm

Call to Order- at 9:50 am with the Serenity Prayer –
Reading – The First Tradition – Lisa M. [REDACTED]
Host DCM #9 Announcements - Diana

Hawaii Area 17 Officer Reports:

Delegate – Don A.

There is a new Grapevine out. The title is “Now About Sex”. PRAASA is coming up soon. You can still register if you haven’t done so. I have copies of the agenda and shuttlebus information. Phyllis (Regional Trustee) said the AA board approved a Hawaii Regional Forum January 16-19 for next year. Forum folks will travel to each of the islands over Martin Luther King weekend. Jeanette will be the coordinator for the state and has asked individuals to coordinate with her. Honolulu was one of the 10 cities selected to present bids for the International Convention. I will be receiving more instructions on the bidding process and our presentation to the bid committee. More details to follow. Re: GSO conference: I have received boxes of information about this conference. Each delegate that attends gets put on a committee and I’ve been put on the Trustee Committee.

Alternate Delegate - Keith H.

Attended the January steering committee meeting for the convention. 34 pre-registered. Loving discussion about the age required for badges. What should price be for different age groups? We want parents to be responsible for children there. We are interviewing for secretary/registration person for the convention. We are also defining the Chairperson job responsibilities; should they attend assembly/committee meetings? There are still a couple of open positions available on this committee. GSR handbook: We can make workshops out of the GSR handbook. This could help our new GSR’s serve their districts better. Don’t forget that you can have some of the standing committee chairs come and talk at your district meetings. Any new GSR’s that come to the next assembly, send them my way and I’ll help them. Website: down this week since Tuesday. The domain name needed to be changed and it should be back up soon. Once it’s up the GSR handbook will be back up. Robert’s Rules of Order will be up as well. Ad hoc committee re: Structures and Guidelines: will give a report later in the day.

Alternate Area Chair – Arne P.

Continuing meetings is my responsibility. Fliers for the upcoming assembly will be out soon. I am also on the convention steering committee. We need to be able to contract out for registration services. We’re at that point where the operations fall within the \$15,000 - \$25,000 range. It is becoming too much for a person to handle that is a committee member. We need a person to do this who can do it as a business. Regarding the website – registration for the convention is handled by the website. We need a website that is up to date, current and maintained. We need some decisions to be made immediately. We could have the assembly decide on committee authority. We do eventually come out with the best decisions but we don’t want to have that be a disadvantage when we put this convention on every year. We could modify the Structures and Guidelines Appendix 3 to give committee authority to take care of this at the August assembly.
Loving discussion pro and con.

Secretary – Marcy B.

I apologize for missing people with the last minutes. I tried to pull email addresses/phone numbers off of the last assembly registration and had quite a few incorrect ones. Peggy Sue is remedying this today. Also, just reminding you all to please submit legible, brief reports that you want to share with the group. I had to leave some information out in the last minutes because I could not read some handwriting. Thanks to those who gave feedback about the minutes.

Registrar – Peggy Sue

I apologize that I wasn't able to finish this list because I didn't want to get information out that wasn't accurate. I wanted to say how delighted I am to be serving with you all. 12 DCM's did sign in this morning. Part of the purpose of signing in is to get a full count of who can vote. You can print this coming roster to your district GSR's for their information. If there's any change forms that haven't been turned in yet, please do so.

Area Chair – Joe M.

I'd like to introduce Dick and Ann, past Delegates. At last assembly reports came in from GSR's and it seems that they enjoyed the assembly. Problems were that the back couldn't hear enough. People who didn't want to participate were talking in the meeting. Let GSR's know that they can tell others to go ahead and go outside to talk. Emails and addresses/phone numbers etc. need to be updated when necessary. We're going to have to look at how to solve the problem of getting the heavier items on planes (e.g. speakers, etc). What I'd like to look at is to buy smaller speakers that put out twice as much as these and they could be used as outer island speakers. Don will come back and report from PRAASA when he returns. We're also looking at canceling one committee meeting this summer (July committee meeting) and as of now there will be no November assembly. We're looking for ways to save money. Suggestion to merge Election Assembly with the Budget Assembly. Talked to the treasurer and in the S&G's it says we pay for the Delegate to do the report back to the district re: GSO. We're going to purchase three tickets Kauai, Maui and Oahu for him to report back on GSO. Any member could meet with him and get this information. Statement made to cut off funds for Corrections Committee due to the Corrections Chair not attending the last assembly or this meeting. We want representatives to be accountable when handling money. *Concern about cutting off funding to Correction Committee. Where is the authority to do this? Do we want to have all DCM's vote on this today? Area Chair will put this out for decision today. Member reports that Chair of Corrections Committee has been having some medical problems but is doing the work. May not have the time to show up at meetings to give report. Suggestion to have a representative for corrections chair come and give report. Closing this subject down, no decision made at this time.*

Treasurer's Report & Information on "Airfare Credit Card" – Lyda B.

Income has increased over what it was last time. My address is on this report and it's important when sending the checks to have your treasurer put exact name of group and district # on the check otherwise it will be logged under "anonymous" donation. Total assets are \$10,616.25. (Please see Treasurer Report for specific information and group donations).

Airline Travel Panel –

The reason for this panel was to try to find a more economical way to fly to the other islands.

Jerry: see attached report

Checking into the viability of getting a credit card to purchase airplane tickets. Specifically the Executive Plus program with Aloha Airlines. Questions and answers in this regard: Can we get a debit card that will charge to our checking account? No. debit card is available to individuals but not to corporations/non-profits. Can we get an air carrier to electronically debit our account as is

done by other companies? No, not available with Aloha Airlines. Can we get a charge card? Yes, I have an application from First Hawaiian Bank, our checking account Bank. Suggest we keep our credit limit to less than \$3000, we must provide a copy of Articles of Incorporation, a copy of our by-laws, and a resolution by the Board (or approving entity) giving approval to process a request for a credit cards.

Marianne: research 7th tradition re: credit and travel finances. GSO was contacted and couldn't remember ever being asked this question. They couldn't see any Traditions would be broken by Area having a credit card, security would have to be rigid, use of the card would have to be planned in order to protect the 7th Tradition. Archivist couldn't find any documentation regarding Area every applying for a credit card. Delegate from Alaska was contacted who said they considered it but it was defeated. Their committee meetings are conducted by teleconferencing. They do fund the Delegate's report back from GSO. They call their travel expenses "the cost of unity." Many members commented that our trusted servants should be trusted and that it would save a substantial amount of money. Many members felt that it would be crazy for a group of Alcoholics to have a credit card and that the area should not even incur debt.

Wayne: assignment was to research other areas that used credit cards and if they've ever had a discussion on it. The only area that had a discussion on this was Alaska, and I spoke to Dave M [redacted], former Delegate and he said that the discussion had more "cons" than "pros" and was defeated. There is some information that came out from Northern California that talks about committees using a debit card.

Jan: Research with Airlines and possible ideas: Hawaiian Air has no discounted tickets. Talked with Aloha Airlines and they outlined the Executive Plus program. If we did go with this program if you book 7 days ahead of time you can get a \$63 ticket. Overall this would be 10-15% savings, however we brainstormed and there's other ways to save money. If we had Aloha Air credit card from First Hawaiian Bank we would save miles at the end of every 10,000 miles we would get one free ticket. This is offered to everyone. If the people we give the tickets to have an Aloha Air mileage plus card, you can stack the miles on that and every 10,000 you get a free ticket. That would cut the costs way down. The only way that you can use this service is to actually use this card, so having a \$3,000 limit is a good idea. The ad hoc committee should form a motion to incorporate this into the structures and guidelines to protect us, laying out parameters. Another way is to find someone in the fellowship who is a travel agent and they would get a kick back from Aloha for any tickets they sell. Then we could get a portion of this kick back. But we could have another committee just on airfare travel. We could form our own travel agency. We could sell tickets at reduced price to anyone in the area who needs to travel.

Past Delegates:

Shared what it's like at GSO Conference. Results are not as important as how you're doing it. Individually our judgment sucks, but collectively we can make some good decisions and when we don't we correct them. Don't worry about the money.

Theme for the 53rd General Service Conference: Inform the Delegate Assembly

Living A.A.'s Principles Through Sponsorship"

- 1) Sponsorship
 - a) Responsibilities of Sponsorship
 - b) Is Sponsorship Fading Away
 - c) Working with medical practitioners and other professionals and friends
- 2) Principles
 - a) What are the Principles?

b) Living A.A.'s Principles, accepting our differences

How do we want to break up these topics to present at the assembly? *Discussion: by district is good so that GSR's can have the opportunity to do research and help them learn and participate; if you're going to do this in group conscience, meetings can drag on and on and may create apathy, proposal to have everyone talk at the mike will not necessarily reflect group conscience. Give out questions to DCM's to give to GSR's for home group discussion, have each district be responsible for a pro or con of each questions. At the assembly have the pros sit on one side, cons on the other. 7 districts would take pro of questions, 7 would take con. Don: needs a consensus, so the pro and con plan wouldn't really work for him. After panels do we want individual sharing? Do we want to give just two districts the topics to complete or figure out another way? All groups should have a voice in this regard. Select two districts from a hat and have them bring back information. Have all districts be ready with all meetings and then pick from a hat the day of assembly. Have all districts be ready and pick one person from each district to share a different topic.*

Two options to vote. 1) The panel way where districts get selected for a topic and will report back, or 2) all districts will do all questions and do a workshop. 6 votes for #1, majority for option 2 so this was the winning selection.

Structures and Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee – Keith

The intent of this committee is to make it easier to read and address grammar. We did not change the content. We want you to bring this back to your groups for discussion so this can hopefully be dealt with at the August assembly. Thanks to all on the committee for their help. Lisa, Jan, Darryl and Francesca and Keith have been regularly meeting. The changing documents are being color coded to track the changes. *Discussion of the changes in committee. Requested to not suggest changes today but if you have suggestions, email or talk to committee members.*

Notes regarding upcoming schedule from Area Chair:

April 12-13, 2003 assembly is on in Waianae. May 31st 2003 committee meeting is changed to June 14, 2003 in Hilo, Hawaii. Next committee meeting after that in July 2003 is cancelled. Next assembly is budget assembly August 2-3, 2003 in Waikiki is on. October 4, 2003 committee in Maui is on. November 15-16 in Kauai is cancelled. January 16-19, 2004 is Regional Forum dates. February committee meeting 2004 in Manoa. Inform the Delegate assembly on April 3-4, 2004 on Kauai. June 5, 2004 committee meeting in Kona. August 14-15 Budget assembly 2004 in Windward Oahu; November 27-28, 2004 Election assembly in Leeward Oahu. October 9, 2004 committee meeting is in Honolulu. (New committee meeting and assembly dates will be distributed later).

Archives – Jan D.

Got the packet that New York sent. In it are recommendations that the archives are not stored in a public facility. If archives are stored in a house, there should be something in writing that state these items belong to us. There is currently an incident where archive information is in dispute when an archivist died and the wife wants to keep this information as opposed to return it to the Area. A form was constructed and notarized to ensure that the archives that are stored with Ted will be returned. Secretary will make copies of this and give to current archivist and Area Chair.

Discussion about reimbursement to Ted for expenses incurred for archives amounting to \$407. Treasurer needs vote of assembly to reimburse this amount. Jan offered her budget money, but budget cannot be used this way. Decision is to defer payment until April assembly.

Convention Steering Committee Chairperson – Betsy M.

This event has grown a lot since 1993. Registration is \$35 if you pay before deadline. Late registration is \$45. With 3000 attendees, this translates into an enormous amount of changes, keystrokes, and corrections. Committee believes that some parts of the operations should be redesigned in the following ways:

- 1) to amend the Convention Secretary/Treasurer job description to a minimal compensation for treasurer (financial custodian) and a volunteer position for secretary.
- 2) To append this section and allow for the contractual hire of professional event registration services at a rate commensurate with today's standards at a fiscally prudent and reasonable amount after requesting a minimum set number of bids.

The attendees would be better served, in a more professional manner. Eliminating many problematic areas and allowing all involved to enjoy doing service in the spirit of the fellowship without reservations. This will be on the agenda for the April assembly for voting.

District Reports – no reports at this committee – out of time.

Waianae assembly announcement – corrections – start and end times. Make sure that everyone knows that no one can be on church grounds until after 10 am. This causes problems for us as we have regular meetings there.

Congratulations to the host DCM. You did a great job.

Adjourned at 4:15 pm

HAWAII AREA GUIDELINES – APPENDIX C
ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION
February 22, 2003

We have operated the same way for the better part of the last decade and it is our belief that we could better serve the convention by redesigning some parts of our operations.

Saturday, February 22, 2003

This would include a modification to the guidelines Appendix C section 1.3 Personal Services contracts:

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Please help us by taking it back to your groups for further discussion.



Hawaii Area Committee
 Profit & Loss Budget Overview
 January 1 through February 22, 2003

	<u>Jan 1 - Feb 22, 03</u>	<u>Budget</u>
District #01 Diamond Head	352.80	
District #02 Honolulu	46.35	
District #03 Leeward	170.38	
District #04 Windward	283.29	
District #05 Maui No Ka Oi	381.58	
District #06 Kauai	295.00	
District #08 West Hawaii	1,596.41	
District #09 Central N. Shore	60.00	
District #10 Waikiki	436.15	
District #11 Kihei	349.82	
District #13 West Maui	20.00	
District #14 Manoa	22.50	
District #17 Waianae Coast	27.91	
HASC - Archives	-67.56	300.00
HASC - Corrections	0.00	590.00
HASC - CPC (Cooperations w/Professional	-59.05	585.00
HASC - Finance Committee	0.00	120.00
HASC - Grapevine	0.00	270.00
HASC - Hospitals	0.00	490.00
HASC - Mynah Bird	-29.06	500.00
HASC - PI (Public Information)	0.00	560.00
HASC - TFC (Treatment Facilities Comm.)	0.00	588.00
Hawaii Area Officers/As Whole	-4,680.36	21,871.00
No name	0.89	0.00
TOTAL	<u>-792.95</u>	<u>25,874.00</u>

**HAWAI'I AREA COMMITTEE
TREASURERS REPORT
February 22, 2003**

Assets:

First Hawaiian Bank, Checking	\$ 7,114.46	
First Hawaiian Bank, Saving	\$ 3,501.79	(Prudent Reserve)

Current Total Assets **\$ 10,616.25**

Income and Expenses

Total Income	\$ 4,063.08
Total Expenses	\$ 4,836.03

Income Over Expense **\$ -772.95**

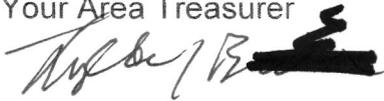
Aloha Hawaii Area #17:

I am happy to report that income has increased over what it was last year at this time.

Last year at this time our total Income was \$2,784.61. We started this year with a large expense for our January Assembly. Remember, when sending in donations it is very important to include the District and the name of the group on the check. My address is:

Hawaii Area Committee
C/O Lyda J. B. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Waianae, Hawaii 96792

In Love and Service
Your Area Treasurer


Lyda J. B. [REDACTED]

Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss
January 1 through February 22, 2003

	<u>Jan 1 - Feb 22, 03</u>
Income	
Contributions Income (Dist.)	4,042.19
Other Contributions	<u>20.89</u>
Total Income	4,063.08
Expense	
Hawaii Area As A Whole - Detail	4,708.92
Hawaii Area Standing Committies	<u>127.11</u>
Total Expense	<u>4,836.03</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-772.95</u></u>