

But for the Grace of God

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Registration: Karleen (808) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Homestay: Kabani (808) \_\_\_\_\_

Sw. 10 am-4:30pm (church is using it before us...pls. do not come before 10am on Sw.)  
Breakfast, Registration & Ending times: Sat. begins at 8:30-4pm

Saturday & Sunday, April 12-13<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Hale)  
87-227 St. Johns Rd. Waianaa, HI. 96792

# "Inform the Delegate"

## District #17

### Waianaa

# Hawaii Area Assembly

First Things First

Easy Does It

Hawaii Area 17 – **AGENDA** – April 12, 2003

8:00 Breakfast and Registration

8:50 Call to Order  
Serenity Prayer & Reading  
Host DCM Announcements

9:00 Approval of Treasurers report  
Approval of Recording Secretary minutes

9:15 Sharing Session: past delegates “GSC – Inform the Delegate” experience, 5 minutes each:  
\* \* \* *During this time, all new GSRs to go with alternate Delegate – Keith H. \* \* \**

- How did I get interested in General Service? Scott C.
- Preparing for the General Service Conference? Ann M.
- The General Service Conference is not the “height” but the “depth” of service. Tanya E.
- What Makes an A.A. Leader? Dick M.
- “If I knew then what I know now. . . “ David E.

9:45 “Inform the Delegate” panels – each panel will have 15 minutes presentation.

	<u>District Panel</u>	<u>Topic</u>
10:00	District #10 – Waikiki	Treatment
10:20	District #8 – West Hawaii	Public Information District
10:40	District #3 – Leeward	CPC
11:00	Break	
11:10	District #2 – Honolulu	Corrections
11:30	District #14 – Manoa	Conventions/Regional Forums
11:50	District #4 – Windward	Finance
12:10	Lunch	
1:00	District #5 – No Ka Oi	Grapevine
1:20	District #7 – East Hawaii	Literature #1
1:40	District #12 – Puna	Literature #2
2:00	District #6 – Kauai	Policy and Admissions
2:20	Break	
2:30	District #11 – Kihei	Archives
2:50	District #9 – Central North Shore	Reports and Charters
3:10	District #1 – Diamond Head	Agenda
3:30	District #13 – West Maui	Trustees

3:50 Break

4:00 Area Officers report:  
Alt Delegate – Alt Area Chair – Treasurer – Recording Secretary – Registrar – Delegate – Area Chair

4:30 DCM – Intergroup - other reports – please have a written copy or floppy disc available for Marcie (Recording Secretary)

5:30 Hosting DCM announcement and Adjournment. *\*\*\*Agenda is subject to change for time management\*\*\**

Hawaii Area 17 – **AGENDA** – April 13, 2003

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10:00 Breakfast and Registration

10:30 Call to Order  
Serenity Prayer & Reading  
Host DCM Announcements

10:45 Old Business:

- Airline Credit Card – Lyda B.
- Structure & Guidelines – alternate Delegate, Keith H.

Break sometime in-between.

12:30 New Business:

- Create new Budget Line item for Archives supplies – Ted K./Lyda B.
- Re-instate November Assembly proposal – alternate Area Chair – Arne P.
- Proposal for Convention Registration Contracting out service – Betsy M.

Break sometime in-between.

2:30 Standing Committees Presentation – Arne P.

- Corrections – Tom V.
- C.P.C. – Francesca P.
- Hospitals – Joe G.
- P.I. – Paul W.
- Treatment – Albert M.

Written reports for these Standing Committees, will be passed out to all at the Assembly.

- Archives – Jan D.
- Convention – Betsy M.
- Grapevine – Duane M.
- Mynah Bird – Elizabeth B.

4:00 Hosting DCM announcement and Adjournment. *\*\*\*Agenda is subject to change for time management\*\*\**

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**Instruction for the Panels**

- Panel **will provide 1 moderator and 1 timekeeper.**
  - Panelist will enter from the **right side** of table.
  - Panel will have **15 minutes.**
  - Comments from floor (**1 minute**).
  - Panelist will exit **left side** of table when time is up.
  - Next Panel **should be ready** to repeat process.
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Notes:

- All Standing Committee Chairs have your “2004 budget proposal” ready and given to the Finance Committee at the April Assembly. If not, the Finance Committee will have to create your budget.
- June 14, 2003 will be the Area Committee meeting held in East Hawaii District #7 (Hilo) DCM Laura S. – Phone: [REDACTED]
- All GSRs, next Assembly will be held on Oahu, August 2 & 3, 2003. Waikiki District #10 will be the Host – DCM Kevin S. - Phone: [REDACTED]

**HAWAI'I AREA COMMITTEE  
TREASURERS REPORT  
April 12, 2003**

Assets:

First Hawaiian Bank, Checking	6,921.02	
First Hawaiian Bank, Saving	3,950.12	(Prudent Reserve)

Current Total Assets **\$10,871.14**

Income and Expenses

Total Income	\$ 6,995.83
Total Expenses	\$ 7,312.89

**Income Over Expense \$ -317.06**

Aloha Hawaii Area #17:

Our Total Assets are \$10,871.14, we have an income over expense balance of \$ -317.06. We do have a big expense of Air Fare, for the June Committee Meeting. We will have to purchase 14 round trips. I would like to thank all of the Groups for your support of the Hawaii Area and to remind you to give my address to your treasurers, Ted Pond our past Treasurer is still getting mail.

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

Thank you,



Lyda J. B. [REDACTED]  
Hawaii Area Treasurer



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Hawaii Area Committee  
**Profit & Loss**  
January 1 through April 12, 2003

	<u>Jan 1 - Apr 12, 03</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions Income (Dist.)	6,808.24
Other Contributions	22.59
Uncategorized Income	165.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>6,995.83</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
Hawaii Area As A Whole - Detail	6,976.59
Hawaii Area Standing Committies	336.30
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>7,312.89</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-317.06</u></u>

Hawaii Area Committee  
Profit & Loss Budget Overview  
January through December 2003

	<u>Jan - Dec 03</u>	<u>Budget</u>
District #01 Diamond Head	774.17	
District #02 Honolulu	146.36	
District #03 Leeward	382.88	
District #04 Windward	408.93	
District #05 Maui No Ka Oi	558.83	
District #06 Kauai	450.00	
District #07 East Hawaii	171.85	
District #08 West Hawaii	2,096.53	
District #09 Central N. Shore	131.20	
District #10 Waikiki	1,206.71	
District #11 Kihei	534.22	
District #13 West Maui	92.70	
District #14 Manoa	125.95	
District #17 Waianae Coast	27.91	
<b>HASC - Archives</b>		
Display Materials	0.00	25.00
Printing/Postage	-78.77	10.00
Supplies	0.00	265.00
<b>Total HASC - Archives</b>	<u>-78.77</u>	<u>300.00</u>
<b>HASC - Corrections</b>		
Books/Videos/Literature	0.00	300.00
Postage/P.O. Box/Printing	0.00	50.00
Rent	0.00	100.00
Workshops	0.00	140.00
<b>Total HASC - Corrections</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>590.00</u>
<b>HASC - CPC (Cooperations w/Professional</b>		
Literature/Videos	-59.05	300.00
Postage/Phone	0.00	75.00
Travel	0.00	140.00
Workshops/Profess. Event	0.00	70.00
<b>Total HASC - CPC (Cooperations w/Professional</b>	<u>-59.05</u>	<u>585.00</u>
<b>HASC - Finance Committee</b>		
Phone	0.00	15.00
Postage	0.00	15.00
Printing & Next Yrs. Bdgt.	0.00	90.00
<b>Total HASC - Finance Committee</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>
<b>HASC - Grapevine</b>		
Display/Literature	0.00	100.00
Phone	-15.61	20.00
Printing/Postage	-69.27	50.00
Subscriptions to give	0.00	100.00
<b>Total HASC - Grapevine</b>	<u>-84.88</u>	<u>270.00</u>
<b>HASC - Hospitals</b>		
Literature	-51.50	100.00

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January through December 2003

	<u>Jan - Dec 03</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Postage	0.00	25.00
Printing	0.00	75.00
Rent	0.00	100.00
Travel	0.00	140.00
Workshops	0.00	50.00
<b>Total HASC - Hospitals</b>	<b>-51.50</b>	<b>490.00</b>
<b>HASC - Mynah Bird</b>		
Misc., Postage, Phone, etc.	0.00	25.00
Printing (100 copies per issue)	-29.06	475.00
<b>Total HASC - Mynah Bird</b>	<b>-29.06</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>HASC - PI (Public Information)</b>		
Literature	-61.60	150.00
Phone	0.00	25.00
Postage/Correspondence	0.00	20.00
Printing/ Stationary	0.00	25.00
Pub. Serv. Anns.	0.00	200.00
Workshops/Travel	0.00	140.00
<b>Total HASC - PI (Public Information)</b>	<b>-61.60</b>	<b>560.00</b>
<b>HASC - TFC (Treatment Facilities Comm.)</b>		
Literature	0.00	150.00
Phone	0.00	30.00
Postage & Stationery / Workshops	0.00	68.00
Printing	0.00	200.00
Travel	0.00	140.00
<b>Total HASC - TFC (Treatment Facilities Comm.)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>588.00</b>
<b>Hawaii Area Officers/As Whole</b>		
<b>Area Mtgs</b>		
Area Committee Mtgs.	-680.00	1,200.00
Assembly Reg. Fee @ \$20 ea.	-300.00	1,280.00
Literature	-9.00	75.00
<b>Total Area Mtgs</b>	<b>-989.00</b>	<b>2,555.00</b>
<b>Area Phone</b>		
ALT Area Chair	0.00	10.00
Area Chair	0.00	60.00
Delegate	-10.88	60.00
Other Area Officers	0.00	25.00
<b>Total Area Phone</b>	<b>-10.88</b>	<b>155.00</b>
<b>Area Postage</b>		
Agendas & Minutes	-135.62	50.00
Alt Chair	0.00	15.00
Area Chair	0.00	30.00
Delegate	0.00	20.00
Financial (incl budget)	0.00	126.00

Hawaii Area Committee  
Profit & Loss Budget Overview  
January through December 2003

	<u>Jan - Dec 03</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Other Area Officers	0.00	25.00
Area Postage - Other	-24.02	
<b>Total Area Postage</b>	<u>-159.64</u>	<u>266.00</u>
<b>Area Printing</b>		
2002 Year End Report	0.00	60.00
Agendas , Minutes & Registration	0.00	150.00
Area Chair & Alt. Chair	-356.30	50.00
Delegate	0.00	200.00
Financial (Incl budget)	0.00	200.00
GSR Guide	-35.83	100.00
Structure & Guidelines	0.00	85.00
Area Printing - Other	-114.77	
<b>Total Area Printing</b>	<u>-506.90</u>	<u>845.00</u>
<b>General Sv Conf</b>		
Hotel	0.00	500.00
Meals	0.00	100.00
Min. Registration	0.00	800.00
Transportation & Misc.	0.00	50.00
General Sv Conf - Other	-800.00	
<b>Total General Sv Conf</b>	<u>-800.00</u>	<u>1,450.00</u>
<b>Insurance</b>	0.00	450.00
<b>Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs</b>		
Area Off. & Stand., Com. (est. 8x9)	-1,742.00	10,920.00
Assist Districts Air Fare	0.00	280.00
Delegate's Report 1.5	0.00	210.00
Outgoing SC Chair (9 ea.)	-804.00	980.00
<b>Total Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs</b>	<u>-2,546.00</u>	<u>12,390.00</u>
<b>Office Supplies</b>		
Computer	0.00	100.00
Officers	0.00	25.00
Registra	0.00	15.00
Secretary	0.00	50.00
Treasurer		
Dept. Consumer Affairs Treasurer- Other	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Office Supplies - Other	-77.90	
<b>Total Office Supplies</b>	<u>-77.90</u>	<u>290.00</u>
<b>PRASSA</b>		
Airfare 2 @ \$600	-859.31	1,200.00
Banquet 2 @ \$25	-40.00	50.00
Delegate Lunch 1 @ \$20	-18.00	20.00
Food 2 @ \$150 (3 days)	-234.51	300.00
Hotel 2 @ \$345 (3 nites)	-391.19	690.00

Hawaii Area Committee  
 Profit & Loss Budget Overview  
 January through December 2003

	<u>Jan - Dec 03</u>	<u>Budget</u>
PRASSA Tapes 1 set @ \$70	-48.00	70.00
Registration 2 @ \$20	-40.00	40.00
Transportation/ Misc. 2 @ \$25	-25.00	50.00
<b>Total PRASSA</b>	<u>-1,656.01</u>	<u>2,420.00</u>
<b>Trustee Visit</b>		
Airfare	-501.70	600.00
Room, Board & Expenses	0.00	150.00
<b>Total Trustee Visit</b>	<u>-501.70</u>	<u>750.00</u>
<b>Web Site</b>	0.00	300.00
<b>Total Hawaii Area Officers/As Whole</b>	<u>-7,248.03</u>	<u>21,871.00</u>
<b>Travel</b>	165.00	
No name	2.59	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>-337.06</u></u>	<u><u>25,874.00</u></u>

**Hawaii Area Assembly Minutes**  
**April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003**  
**Hosted by Waianae District**  
**Inform the Delegate**

**Meeting called to order** by Area Chair, Joe M. @ 9 am with the Serenity Prayer.

**Announcements** by Host District member Bridgett.

Lureen opened with a reading regarding **Sponsorship**.

**Approval of Treasurer's report:** Lyda

Total assets = \$10,871.14

Income = \$6,995.83

We've paid out more than we've gotten in, as you can see. We're doing ok as far as the prudent reserve but we have a big expense with airfare coming up, but we'll talk about how to do this later in the weekend. Each ticket has gone up quite a bit. **Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Sam and seconded.** Discussion re: PRAASA expenses. Member wants to change their vote, so consideration of re-voting. 4 want to reconsider vote. **Motion is passed.**

**Approval of Minutes – Marcy B.**

Keith K. wants the last initial to be specified for motions. He will submit where he was the one making the motions. Jan D. wanted corrections to be made to the discussion re: the airline credit card. Also no last names used in minutes. **Motion to accept minutes, discussed and passed with corrections.**

**Sharing Session: Past Delegates**

(At this time, all new GSR's go with Keith, the alternate DCM. He will give you a quick orientation. This will help with voting.)

**How Did I Get Interested in General Service – Scott C.**

Like all of you, I got voted in. I got involved with PI. That was cool because I got to speak to kids, colleges. I did PI for 3 years. I did the state mental hospital for about 5 years. That was really different. There are 3 members from the hospital that are sober today. I went to PRAASA in 1996 in San Jose. This was another awakening. Made me realize how huge AA is and I came back full of fire. I saw the Delegates answering the Ask It Basket questions and I was impressed. Then I became the Area Chair. Modeled myself after Phyllis H. and this was one of the reasons that I stayed around. All these contacts have kept me more in line with being in AA. Been to GSO twice. Every time I go to these things I get more and more enthused. I see people doing work for free. They give of themselves to help others.

**Preparing for the General Service Conference – Scott C.**

This was easy because everyone tells you what to do. All I had to do was read what was sent to me and make time for it. Your job here at this assembly is to give your opinions so the Delegate can take this back to New York to express the conscience of the area. As Delegate you have to read and listen. You have to get your affairs in order (mentally, physically and emotionally), because you'll be working about 10-12 hours a day.

**What Makes an AA Leader? – Dick M.**

If you look in the service manual, you'll see characteristics of a good Delegate. Is it someone who can get up and speak in front of a crowd, or sway people? Maybe a good *service representative* might be a better way to say it. Depth of knowledge, sincerity and commitment are the most impressive things. Also what makes a good follower? Do we have the ability to listen well? After the decisions of the whole, do you accept the conscience of the group or not? You don't have to select the star orator, but the one that will do the best job and carry the information to GSO. What's more important is not what you've done, but *how you've done it*.

**If I Knew Then What I Know Now – Dick M.**

I realize that I didn't know as much as I thought I knew. What we're doing is important, but don't lose the bigger picture because the world goes on. The most important part is the way it's done not what is done. The same arguments are happening now that were happening in the past. The process is the most important thing. If you get frustrated, don't give up. I can't remember too many things that I voted for or against. Eventually your work will work its way out into AA. AA is all over the world and it's because of our day to day work.

**Inform the Delegate panels – each panel will have 15 minutes**

**District**

**Topic**

***District #10 – Waikiki***

***Treatment Facilities***

Kevin, Kelly, Lindsay, Roger

Issue is whether they should combine the folder and work book. Why not combine them into a 3-ring binder. *Pro* – make it easier to handle, more professional looking. *Con* – cost of it would be more expensive. We would like to continue to make the workbook available separately. We could continue to print the original workbook so that the treatment facilities folks can use it. For the treatment facilities kit, they want to review this material on an annual basis. These contents are not reviewed regularly. The kit includes the workbook, pamphlets (30 of them), service materials and fact sheets, directories of meetings, central office information, Box 459, catalogues and order forms. **Questions/comments.** *This information is reviewed yearly. To continue printing the treatment facilities pamphlet, a lot of the information wasn't available to the treatment facilities reps. Is there any way that this kind of information can be made available to the general assembly?*

***District #8 – West Hawaii***

***Public Information***

Christy, Jane, Archie, Marian

From the Service Manual, Public Information is for "Creating greater understanding of and preventing misunderstanding of AA." Television PSA: up to date PSA's have a better chance of being aired. The plan is to update the PSA's on a 4 year basis, each year replacing the old one with a new one, costing \$30,000 a year. We need to reach the most people possible and these need to be current. Another issue is to consider and approve the 2004 membership survey questionnaire – reason for survey. Inform AA members the characteristics of their membership. Some queries are in question, e.g. marital status, employment status. The Delegate got the changes recommended. Public information packet: make recommendation that the workbook be made available because this is a wonderful piece of information. Recommend that this packet needs to have more information about seniors. **Questions/comments:** *How does the PSA relate to our tradition of attraction rather than promotion in press, radio and films?*

**District #3 – Leeward**

**CPC**

Francesca, Susan, Mary, Kimo, Erin, Roger

Committee coordinated presentations to various professional groups so they might become aware of AA as a resource. Singleness of purpose, cooperation with court programs, spirituality, pamphlets for court participants were all topics discussed. Also considered was wording of language re: religion and that different ways to communicate about this were needed. The CPC displays to professional conventions are used to educate the professional community. We had a need to update our display. The current one weighs too much and is too unwieldy and needs updating. 10 display units to be developed. The CPC workbook needs to be reviewed yearly, but this is not a requirement. Literature guide and website information should be reviewed regularly to protect its integrity. What is a way to reach a larger group of professionals that may operate with contempt prior to investigation? Those who have been to therapy and are in AA are the ones that should be talking to the professionals. **Questions/comments:** *How much time is associated with yearly review of materials? Changing of singleness of purpose statement is a paramount issue.*

**District #2 – Honolulu**

**Corrections**

Judy, Bob, Chris, Lisa, Mike

Correctional facility kit and workbook – what they would like to do is combine them. We agreed that this not exceed \$10.12. Changes to service materials are reviewed annually but not required. This panel is recommending that they are reviewed annually. We recommend a revision of the definition of the Corrections Committee. Singleness of purpose – would like to echo the previous statement to include a “desire to stop drinking” although there was one on this panel that disagreed with this. Revise the booklet “Inmate to Inmate”. Make it more up to date and to include more stories from female inmates. **Questions/comments:** *none*

**District #14 – Manoa**

**Conventions/Regional Forums**

Scott, Sam, Alan

The issue is inviting non AA speakers to the convention and have AA pay their way– doesn’t discuss the selection, but the appropriateness of this. (Pro) we already affiliate with non-alcoholics, state conventions also ask non-AA members to attend (Alanon), no direct conflict with traditions. (Con) 6<sup>th</sup> Tradition inviting them at AA expense. Also that we have found a solution spiritual in nature, this is a key factor. Those who have not experienced this are not able to truly understand our disease. Don A. claims he will vote in favor of Honolulu for the 2010 convention. Data collecting within AA conventions – handwritten registration forms, web page on internet. This can be transferred onto data base. Name, address, phone, email, credit card, souvenirs. Process is time consuming for volunteers and many are turning to hiring for this activity. Companies do not have an understanding of anonymity. Ways to increase attendance in forums: haven’t been able to attend myself, but what’s the point of regional forums? How do we understand why people attend or don’t attend? How do we get more regular AA members involved in general service? Those of us in service need to be enthused so others will become involved. Concept of attraction rather than promotion. **Questions/comments:** *re: Cons on data base – maybe we have professional create the data base but volunteers put the information on. Perhaps we could have a data base that doesn’t use last names and could be destroyed after each convention. Non-alcoholic speakers sometimes have fantastic things to share. Problems with internet data base re: anonymity and secure nature of information.*

**District #4 – Windward**

**Finance**

Fred, Leona, Rick, Dancette, Susan, Jack, Susan

History of self-support: why do we give this money to AA? How money can spoil AA and how the founders came to understand this. Voluntary donations should be the way AA gathers money



for use. Responsibility statement referenced. One way to ensure that the hand is always there is to make sure that there is money to guarantee that various circles of service can operate. Bookbanks, Founder's Day, etc. all are funded with donations. How can self-support affect me as a selfish alcoholic? How can showing up and putting a dollar in the basket each day help AA and me? It is the individual's responsibility to help AA and each other. **Questions/comments:** *not clear about what the question was from the panel presentations. Keep emphasizing self-support.*

**District #5 – No Ka Oi**

**Grapevine**

John, Cliff, Nick

Recommending a change to the Grapevine pamphlet to include the words “encourage subscription.” Fellowship is concerned about subscription problems. Nowhere in the pamphlet does it suggest that we need to be concerned about subscription. Consider that the conference committee review some proposed items a year in advance for production by the Grapevine. Some examples: Rule 62, a soft-cover book of jokes and drawings; a new poster and stories that people have written re: the promises are also some items that are being considered. Also being discussed is a book about the statement “I am responsible” – compilation of Grapevine stories with this topic. Another book is “The Best of Bill” – a Spanish language edition. CD of stories of the promises in Spanish. **Questions/comments:** *Good idea to include these items to encourage the support of the Grapevine. They're great for newcomers to read. Another member said her group was uncomfortable encouraging people to subscribe and that maybe the Grapevine should fold if it can't be self-supporting. Having a poster placed in a treatment program could be construed as promotion. When a member gets their 1 year chip, they are given a year subscription. “I will beg, borrow or steal to keep the Grapevine going.”*

**District #7 – East Hawaii**

**Literature #1**

Laura, Donna, Kathy, John

Revisions suggested re: comic book literature and edit the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Big Book for punctuation. Characters in comics were already old when I was a young girl. Purpose of leaflets is for people to identify. Restoring the 4<sup>th</sup> edition which has been in print for 18 months should be restored in new edition to make it more understandable. Issue of putting the AA Big Book online. May be able to be downloaded and altered, could be presented out of context, concern over a loss of revenue for each book, no need to do this and no sense of urgency. Internet offers advantages – everyone has access, benefits usability, availability, anonymity and economically. This would give worldwide access to AA's message. Could be used as research by the general public. German and Spanish translations have been on the internet and have not affected sales. One life may be saved. **Questions/comments:** *don't put comics on that wiggly paper, it falls down in the rack; you can't alter a “read only” document; I'd rather read a book than use the electronic medium; these are avenues to reach people that don't have access to the outside world; this could hurt our book sales.*

**District #12 – Puna**

**Literature #2**

Woody, Sandi

Spanish Big Book –(pro) to include more new stories are in addition to the existing ones and be as close as possible to the 4<sup>th</sup> edition. Spanish speaking alcoholics are the largest growing group to AA. (con) Actually I'm not opposed but it would be more logical to do 10 stories as opposed to 25 stories, which they are requesting. AA and the Armed Forces pamphlet committee – 10 stories already in that pamphlet and they want to add 7, take away 3 and make it 14 stories. Do these pamphlets address females in the armed forces, specifically our female warriors and also those on reserves? Does it reflect retired and disabled vets? Proposal – book compilation of all AA pamphlet with comprehensive index for reference for panels such as these.

**Questions/comments:** *There is a growing population of Spanish speaking people here in the islands.*

***District #6 – Kauai***

***Policy and Admissions***

Mathea, Bart, Amos, Theresa

AA with internet usage. Scope and content of website, use of GSO website for group records, formation of guidelines by AA districts, areas, and regions, security issues, use of internet email and instant messaging and the use of the internet by committees at the district and area levels. We have a lot of room to grow in this area. Remembering that our primary purpose is to remain sober. We should take a better look at our use of the internet. We need a secondary committee to explore these opportunities. Requests from area 27 to establish a committee to outline the means and criteria to examine materials for conference approval. Recommend that we use existing principles and not to try to complicate this process. Take no further action on this matter. Discuss the request to form a conference committee on special needs. What are special needs? Definition is reported. Language and geographical areas are not special needs? What needs are not being met in our area? How are special needs now being handled? When a person requests information or assistance, they are connected with someone who is capable of helping them. Our special needs are handled quite appropriately here. **Questions/comments:** *none*

***District #11 – Kihei***

***Archives***

Vernon, Rich, Cathy, Betsy

Suggested changes for Archives. Want to update archive workbook. Changes include such issues as typographical and grammatical errors and equipment needed, issues about the PH level and paper products used in storage, compatibility issues with documents, photocopying policies. **Questions/comments:** *none*

***District #9 – Central North Shore***

***Reports and Charters***

Carl, Betsy, Dan, Ann, Valerie, Lureen

Proposed changes to the service manual (blue version). E.g. Change Delegate duties sentence, the group and its GSR – move some points re: their duties, review updated chart of Grapevine, suggested that manual be modified in qualifications to GSR service to reflect 2 years of continuous sobriety *and have a sponsor*. (Panel is opposed to this) Change reference of service chart to something that is larger, which includes diagrams that were used in previous editions of the service manual. Reprinting requirement change to allow local groups to copy without permission and only need quote where it comes from at the bottom. Freedom to reprint is limited. We need better proof-reading of service manual to make sure we don't change the meaning of sentences. **Question/comments:** *none*

***District #1 – Diamond Head***

***Agenda***

Doug, Darryl

Themes for upcoming conferences - *patience in service* (really learning how to let the process work) *It works, it really does, living sober* (more than not taking a drink or a drug, applying the principles and lifestyle), *unconditional faith*. Discuss ideas for the 2004 conference – *how to make the most of service* (how to get other people motivated to service), *pass the message of recovery* (try to live recovery in our daily lives and have people see that, to sharing our strength and hope, being in service and working with newcomers), *steps to freedom*. Discuss workshop topic ideas – *share recovery, gratitude list, how to actively work with your sponsor, meeting makers make it*. Laptops at the conference - pros and cons. Do business on Saturday and vote early. Give solutions to complaints. Always share recovery on any level. **Questions/comments:** *none*

**Area Officers report:**

**Alternate Delegate: Keith H.**

All information to districts was late coming to you for these presentations. I attended convention steering committee, hired Patty L. for treasurer position, Kunane D. is secretary. As of the last count there are 59 registered for the convention (Alanon and AA combined) and we have taken in \$6,130.00. Next Steering Committee meeting will be held at Betsy's house on April 19, 2003. I do not have anymore GSR handbooks today but they are on the website. The website has a new look, check it out. Hawaii-aa.org. Asked Sally come up with pros and cons re: website having its own standing committee. Talk to Sally if you have any ideas about what to put on the site, it's a great avenue.

**Treasurer: Lyda B.**

We'll vote tomorrow on the credit card issue. If you need any figures on this, just let me know. Remember my address when you're sending in your group donations. Put your district # and name inside the envelope or on the check so that your donations can be credited properly.

**Recording Secretary: Marcy B.**

Nothing to report. I love seeing your faces from this vantage point. Thanks for the smiles. ☺

**Alternate Chair: Arne absent at this time**

**Registrar: Peggy Sue**

At the last assembly I forgot to welcome you and tell you it's going to be fun working with you for these next two years. Hopefully the connection with GSO will speed up. Keep information coming if you have changes in email and/or addresses and phone numbers.

**Delegate: Don A.**

Copies of this report to DCM's. PRAASA in Reno March 7,8, and 9<sup>th</sup>. There were 30 of us there. Over 1000 attendees. First PRAASA for me as Delegate but 8<sup>th</sup> PRAASA total. The next PRAASA is in Irvine California next year. *Keeping Our Literature Relevant* was the workshop that I attended. I also gave a report on our area and participated in the ask-it basket. The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups and Areas of the Pacific Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspect of AA. I will be going to the General Service Conference from April 26 – May 4<sup>th</sup> and I am booking report-backs when I return. DCM's please contact me so we can schedule this. I've attended several district meetings so far and if you want me to come to your district, just let me know. I can talk about whatever you like or participate in any way you say. Hawaii has a Special Forum from January 16-19, 2004.

**Area Chair: Joe M.**

I'm receiving a lot of emails, so hopefully I'm answering you promptly. If you haven't set up your report back date, do so, hopefully this weekend. We don't start tomorrow until 10 am tomorrow. We will be doing old business tomorrow, we'll be hearing from Standing Committees and we will be talking about an Area inventory assembly.

**DCM Reports**

***District 1 – Diamond Head - Darryl***

The district has 2 GSR's in attendance today. Our district suffered the loss of a long time trusted servant Kate R. She will be missed. Our prayers go out to her husband David and her family. I know understand how much of a challenge it is to motivate people to this level of service, and how I am given this amazing opportunity to become a more loving and tolerant person.

***District #2 – Honolulu - David***

Still looking for a secretary. Has 9 active groups that attend district meetings. St. Francis Women's are still looking for an Intergroup Rep. 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary benefit and dance for Black

Experience. Safe Haven has 5 members. Their members are talking about having a picnic in August to celebrate their 8 year anniversary. Came to Believe had to change their seating to solve the problem of folks walking in and out of the meeting to get their court papers signed. Aloha Friday will be having their 4<sup>th</sup> annual chili dinner on April 25, 2003 @ \$3.00 per ticket. Their theme would be "Service". A Big Book will be raffled at the dinner.

***District 3 – Leeward - Darrin***

Starting a district newsletter. We will possibly have some type of Alcahion during the holidays. We're happy to know that we were picked to host the election assembly.

***District #4 – Windward - Denny***

We are looking forward to hosting the budget assembly in 2004. We'll be having a big party at the beach after the assembly like we did last time. Alternate DCM and 12 GSR's are in attendance. We were honored to present at this assembly. We need a hospital chair in our district, this is distressing because we have 2 hospitals and 4 outpatient clinics in our district requesting aid, one of them being the state mental hospital. We are carrying the message to the state hospital by asking our groups to sponsor monthly until we can find a willing servant to taking this on. Thanks for sending me to PRAASA. This was an experience I'll never forget. In the spirit of service.

***District #5 – No Ka Oi – Wayne***

Our district is slowly growing. We now have 9 GSR's participating. The Standing Committees are filling up too! We have chairs for Hospitals, CPC, Women's Corrections, and Grapevine. Archives, Treatment Facilities, and Men's Corrections are still open for willing members to chair. Some of us went to PRAASA and it was an awesome experience! We go to Hana monthly because this is considered a remote area. We have a potluck and the group is really grateful that we come. There format is that we go around the room and share if we are willing.

***District #6 – Kauai – Mathea A. for Jerry V.***

Kauai District Committee continues to meet once a month. At the last meeting there were twelve in attendance. Our treasurer reported the yearly income of \$1065. Caravan meetings were reduced to 2 a month rather than once a week, which works better. We agreed that the credit card might be acquired for the area and that this was a very persuasive discussion. Gordon B. reported restarting the monthly talks on AA at the Drunk Driver classes. Putting together the panel for the Inform the Delegate Assembly has helped and inspired us to learn more about the General Service conference items. We are forwarding the area minutes to about 30 other AA's on Kauai.

***District #7 - East Hawaii - Laura***

Please be aware that if you need homestay for the next assembly, see me. Flyers are also available and you can register online for the committee meeting that's coming. Activities for our district: May 26 Memorial Day potluck, June 7<sup>th</sup> Founders Day Potluck with Delegate Report Back, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, Labor Day potluck. Stephanie and I continue to do outreach to our groups.

***District #8 – West Hawaii Marianne***

Brainstorming meeting produced many ideas. We now have a new Bridging the Gap Chairperson, Virginia H. Senior outreach program is manned. Our Delegate Day Committee is planning to invite current and past Hawaii delegates to visit District #8 to share their experience, strength and hope with all AA members in West Hawaii. We are all looking forward to hearing back about the conference. This will be on June 8<sup>th</sup>, when we are sponsoring our annual Founders Day. We have 10 GSR's attending this assembly today. Thanks to our panel for their presentation today.

***District # 9 – North Shore & Central – Dianna***

No written report, nothing on the tape.

***District # 10 - Waikiki – Kevin***

We're hosting the assembly on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you didn't get the registration form, there are registration forms at the back table. Please get your registration in early. We'll be having a report back from the Delegate with Diamond Head, Manoa and Honolulu on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Site to be announced. We had a report back from Delegate from PRAASA. Working on our Waikiki schedules at the next district meeting. Hospitals Chair, Joe, spoke at our district meeting.

***District 11 – Kihea - Vern***

Most positions are filled in our district. We are planning a Unity Day island wide will be hosted in our district. Fun and food and it brings everyone together. Also in June is the Founders Day picnic and meeting on June 10, 2003 at Kamaole Beach Park. New Big Book meeting at the Bridge club in Kihei. It is well attended. A Spanish speaking meeting has started.

***District #12 – Puna – Sandi***

We got off to a turbulent start with the argument about airfares. I had a resignation letter ready to hand out and I'm happy to say I didn't hand it out. Thanks to you all here, because I'm learning a lot about area service and how important you all are to me. A lot of folks at the group level don't understand what we do here.

***District #13 – West Maui – Varna***

No written report, nothing on the tape.

***District #14 – Manoa – Sam***

Manoa has had phenomenal growth over the past months. Participation has gone from three groups to as many as 7. We have a person willing to serve as a hospitals contact, another as a Grapevine contact and a recording secretary. Alternate DCM is still open. Trying to keep people informed and interested, I drafted a simple newsletter. Both Diamond Head and Honolulu have asked for copies to use as a template for their districts. We've had the Area Chair, Area Delegate, the PI Chair and Hospitals Chair present short presentations. These seem to have a positive effect on enthusiasm and participation in committee work.

***District #17 – Waianae - Bridgett***

Everything is great in Waianae. Only three groups that aren't represented at district. We have 80% attendance. We've been working on this assembly for a couple of months and thanks to all who've participated in this. The Hospital chair had to step down but have had a lot of interest for this position so that shouldn't be a problem. Have a PI chair step up and that is Sarah. West side roundup is May 30, 31, and June 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets go on sale soon. \$20 for adults, \$10 for teens, and I believe it's \$8 for kids.

**Other Reports:**

***Oahu Intergroup – Rayna***

At the end of February 2003, Oahu Intergroup's telephone answering service went out of business. Volunteers came forward to man the phones for 12 hour shifts. The system is being coordinated and seems to work quite well. Calls are being answered by recovered alcoholics 24 hours a day. Attendance at the Intergroup meetings are also under-attended and contributions are down. I urge all of you to do what you can to support your Intergroups. We all need your help.

***District 8 Intergroup- Valerie – Office manager***

Of the 24 groups in the district we have an average of 15 reps at our business meeting. Encouraging unity is one of our goals. We're hoping to have some form of get together every 4-6 weeks. We appreciated the convention contribution. On October 5<sup>th</sup> East and West Hawaii Intergroups will co-host the second annual East Meets West gathering in Waimea.

***Kauai Intergroup - Mathea***

We meet on the first Saturday of each month. 5 people were present at the last meeting. We are accumulating monies in our bank to try and start an Intergroup office on our island. Kauai is the only Intergroup without an office. Our phone service is receiving over 200 calls per month for Kauai AA. Two thousand schedules were printed.



**HICYPAA – Nick – program chair.**

HICYPAA is on Maui this year. I have given flyers to all DCM's and others. Aug 29-31<sup>st</sup>. It is at Camp Maluhia. It is a Boy Scout camp with beautiful views and waterfall hikes. \$55 for registration. We're trying to keep the costs down. This is not just for young people and it's a good way to people to get involved in service.

**WACYPAA– Kelly** – WACYPAA is being held in San Diego. I will bring some flyers tomorrow. Bid committee is starting here so there's some excitement about that.

**Host DCM – Bridgett** Tomorrow, don't come before 10 am, because the church has services.

**Sunday  
April 13, 2003**

**Meeting called to order** by Area Chair, Joe M. @ 11:00 am

Open with the **Serenity Prayer**.

Carl reads a summary of the **Sponsorship** pamphlet.

Bridgett – **Host Committee announcements.**

Scott C. – past Delegate – **Special Regional Forum** Jan 16-20, 2004. Jeanette is the State coordinator, Scott is the contact for Oahu, Will R. is Kauai, Charlie N. is Maui, Jackie M. is Big Island. We're charged with getting an agenda together. We need suggestions from the DCM's and GSR's on what they would like information about. For the special Regional Forum we tell GSO what we need. We have to tie this up by June 1, 2003.

**Old Business:**

**Airline Credit Card – Lyda:**

Revisiting joining the Executive Club with Aloha Airlines for airfare costs. We had a committee that explored the pros and cons of getting this credit card. You can read the minutes that explain this from the January 2003 assembly. The money we would save on the budget would be \$1200. This year without the card is \$6,240. If we get the card it would be \$5,040. Next year it is going up to \$175.00 per round trip. If we stay with our current process it will be \$7,000 next year if we don't get this card. We will have a limit of \$3000 on the card. As soon as we charge the tickets, we pay it off with a check. **Lyda made a motion that we vote on getting the credit card with a \$3000 limit.** Seconded. *Discussion: took this to my home group, they have fear of this. Don't understand the amount that is reported, never had to pay more than \$134.00. Unanimous decision of my home group that debt and alcoholics don't mix. We had it in our area and there was never any problem. Our group thought it would be irresponsible not to get the card. Would we be able to use this card for traveling GSR's? How would the name on the card translate when the position rotates? We should review this on a yearly basis to ensure that it isn't mishandled. This is going to earn us free frequent flyer tickets.*

There was a previous motion to *table* the motion from the last assembly by Keith H. Keith takes this motion off the table from last January assembly. Lyda takes the current motion off the table so we can re-read the original motion and continue discussion.

**Motion from last assembly was re-read. It states: Motion is to “have the area apply for a credit card for airfare and to apply to the Executive Plus Program with Aloha Airlines.”**

*Discussion: We could actually save some money for travel and we've been talking about this for a long time. How are we going to use the frequent flyer miles and how do we know you're doing what you say?*

Jan would like to amend the motion: **“Motion is for the Hawaii area to apply for a credit card and to the Executive Plus program with Aloha Airlines for airfare *only* for a credit limit not to exceed \$3,000. The credit card is to be mileage accruing for free tickets and to be used by the chair person or treasurer only”**. **Seconded.** *Discussion: Not hearing if GSR’s can use this card or not. Trust our trusted servants. Questioning does not mean that you don’t trust. To blindly trust is negligible. Isn’t this an amazing process? I don’t see substantial unanimity. It looks like we need some more information.*

**Motion to table the discussion by Keith K. Seconded.** All discussion ceases. This needs simple majority of 51%. Keith withdraws the motion to table, because he spoke first and this is out of order.

Discussion continues. **Kathy calls the question.** **Seconded.** We are now voting to stop debate. Requires a 2/3 vote. With 85 registered voters, we **need 57 to pass.** 84 is count for. 1 opposed. Motion is passed. All discussion ceases.

Motion is re-read by Marcy. **Needs 57 to pass.** 61 was count. Opposed is 24. Minority speaks: *No mention in the motion that we won’t incur debt. I find this motion to be technically inappropriate. There are some problems with anonymity, why can’t we wait until we have more information, be the guardians of the Traditions.*

Member wants to change her vote. Request for reconsideration. 51% needed. **43 need to pass.** Count is 26. Opposed count is 52. Request for reconsideration does not pass. Motion for credit card passes. The area will apply for the credit card for airfare.

#### **Structures and Guidelines – Keith H.**

Darryl, Francesca, Kelly

The intent is not to change any content in the Structures and Guidelines, except to make it grammatically clearer and easier to read. *Discussion: who is qualified to make these grammatical changes? If you’re going to revise and change the document, should we start with a document that’s correct? We need to make this document reader friendly, that was all we were tasked to do.*

Roger makes a motion: **“Motion to direct the ad hoc committee on Structures and Guidelines to provide a complete copy with proposed changes highlighted to the assembly to approve in toto”**. **Seconded.** *Discussion: it would be easier if the committee could provide a document with the changes proposed so we can all look at this. Submit a document with the changes evident, side by side with the current document. I think that if we try to do this piecemeal, we can get this done. I think we should allow this process to continue.*

Voting number is 86. 58 is 2/3. The count *for* this motion was 43. The count *opposed* is 37. No minority speaks. Motion is dead.

Keith H. - **“Motion that we accept these first five pages with the changes that we have discussed.”** **Seconded.** Confusion about numbers of pages so motion needs to be clarified.

New motion by Keith: **“Motion that we accept the title, the preamble and the forward”**. *Discussion: why are we arguing about grammar when we need to be concerned about the alcoholic that still suffers. Suggestion about wording of preamble.*

Proceed to voting. 2/3 voting. Need 59. 72 for the motion. *Opposed* is 13. *Minority speaks: Suggested changes; document has grammatical errors as is; produce the document and give it to a professional editor; opposed because you're going to edit a document that isn't correct to begin with.*

Member wishes to change his vote. We will vote to reconsider. 51% of the vote. Need 45 to pass. 35 for it. *Opposed* is 32. It has passed for reconsideration.

Re-vote on the motion. 43 for the motion. *Opposed* 38. For the motion is the minority. *Minority speaks: This is an editor's job. We shouldn't spend all this time doing this.*

Motion dies. The Structure and Guideline committee will have something by the next committee meeting. They will look at the first 12 pages to look at content and grammar. Content will have to come with proposals for change for the voting body to decide.

**Corrections - Tom :**

We have over 26 meetings a week that we are responsible for. 50 volunteers. For a person to volunteer at the military facilities requires fingerprinting, 4 hours of training and a clean record. Other correctional facilities require 2 nights of training and a recommendation which comes from your sponsor, criminal record search and fingerprints and requires a test which you must pass. We need some help in specific areas: secretary that can help us keep in communication with each other, someone to track our training requirements and to make sure that they get their paperwork in, and someone to be the contact in working with the neighbor islands. Please see me after this meeting. This work is very important.

Problem for discussion by the assembly group: Arne has been having some problems attending assemblies, etc. due to his work schedule. What shall we do? There was a suggestion to have the Delegate speak to him regarding his ability to keep this commitment.

Ted is storage director for Archives and presented us with a receipt for \$407.44. This was packing and archive protection items. "If you want to reimburse me, great, if not, I'll have a resentment". ☺

**Lyda: Motion to reimburse Ted \$407.44 for the amount he has paid out for archives.**  
Passed unanimously.

**Lyda: Motion that we add a line item of \$500.00 for Archives to pay for storage and make it permanent.** *Discussion: confused about the separation between Ted's job as Archive storage person and Jan's job as Archive Standing Committee Chair. Jan clarified this for the group.*

Voting requires 2/3rds of total registered voters. *For* the motion is 82. *Opposed* is 1. *Minority speaks: It gives Ted a fixed budget. I think he should submit a budget like the rest of the standing committees.*

Member wishes to change her vote. Vote for reconsideration. 51% to reconsider. 7 to reconsider. More than 51% voted to not reconsider. Motion for line item passes.

Joe M.:

Arne is not here to bring this up but he said he'd like to have a November assembly. We weren't planning on this. If someone wants to make a motion for this we can go forward. *Discussion:*



*I've yet to be able to talk about PI at an assembly, so I can see that there would be things to talk about.*

**Paul: Making a motion that we have a November assembly on Kauai. Seconded.**

*Discussion: so we'll have a two day assembly to hear committee reports? What other business do we have? Can we do the inventory at the November assembly? January is the inventory meeting (Joe M.); I was able to convince my group about the budget contingent upon not having that assembly; my home group budget was only able to pay for two assemblies this year and I wasn't able to come in January, I hope that it's not reinstated; from treasurer: hope donations are up, because we decided not to do one in November because of the cost; this is not only costing area money, but groups and districts as well.*

**Norm calls the question. Seconded.** 2/3 vote. If passed, debate stops and we vote. 63 for it, 3 against. For the motion to have a November assembly: 14 for the assembly, against is 51. *Minority speaks: I've got business to bring up and we've heard that people have committee reports. The money comes.* No one wants to change their vote. **Motion did not pass, no assembly.**

**Convention Report - Betsy:**

Has the financial report for the convention for 2002. First page is income reflected as \$261,605. The second page is the expenses reflected as \$239, 926. (See detailed report passed out at assembly). We have set aside money to set up new telephone lines and upgrade computer. \$17,000 is used for start up fees for convention in 2003. It is designated for the deposit that is due at the convention center, speakers, fliers, etc.

**Motion to accept the convention report made by Judy. Seconded.** Passed unanimously.

**Treatment Facilities Chair - Albert**

Asking for information to clarify what the picture currently looks like for treatment facilities. Who are we and who's doing the services? If you or your group is performing this vital service please contact me. We're updating our data base and show us where the gaps are. We are also looking for volunteers.

Close at 4:15 pm

**Reports handed in after official business:**

**Hawaii Area Archives – Jan D.**

Archives (Jan D. & Ted K.) provide three presentations; two at Area Assemblies and one at St. Phils in Honolulu. Have placed the interview questionnaire on the Hawaii area website viewable in html format or as a word document. The questionnaire will be used to interview old times and retrieve a group history of all groups on all islands. We have two volunteers from the neighbor islands to help facilitate circulating the Archives questionnaire. As part of the questionnaire process we are looking for past Hawaii Delegates, we would like a picture and information from all. At Feb. committee meeting we turned over to the Treasurer a notarized document to ensure that if anything happens to Ted K. that the Hawaii Area 17 archives will be turned over to Hawaii Area 17. I would like to increase the Archives budget to print District history for each District that is visited. This would purchase the supplies necessary to build District history boards.

**Grapevine – Duane M.**

One of the problems we have in Area is the Grapevine being delivered on time. We are not alone in this problem as the majority of Grapevine Chairs at PRAASA shared this same problem. The Grapevine Committee is moving slowly. I would like to see GVR's at each District. I'm working on putting together a Grapevine display board. Carrying the Grapevine message is one way of enhancing your sobriety. I keep forms with me, you'd be surprised how many people say yes when you ask them. I fill the form out and put it in the mailbox immediately. I don't even ask for money, I have them check the *bill me later* box. In love and service.

#### **Mynah Bird – Elizabeth**

I would like to thank the Hawaii Area for allowing me to be of service, which helps me grow in my personal recovery. As of 3/15/03 I have received 2 submissions for the next issue of the Mynah Bird. I have been in touch with a couple of the Mynah bird Reps and am grateful for their willingness to be of service to the Hawaii Area. I've received feedback regarding some of the content of our January edition. It was pointed out that featuring stories involving treatment is against our primary purpose, and more specific, not in keeping of the purpose of the Mynah Bird as described in the Hawaii Area Structures and Guidelines. I am grateful for those who have gone before me in service, so that I may continue to learn and do the best that I can, truly being of service. The next Mynah Bird topic is "Tradition 5 – Our Primary Purpose", with a deadline of July 15, 2003.

#### **Hospitals – Joe**

The committee is doing well on Kauai. We have Will servicing the island with a few volunteers. On Oahu, Waianae has picked up Cindy & Corrine. Waianae has also adopted Makakilo Hill climbers, our dark district #15 with Noi and Tasha, who will be servicing St. Francis west. I have done a presentation at Honolulu district. I am still waiting for a list of hospitals from David L. @ Manoa. Paul & Roger are brining in a mock AA meeting into Castle Hospital, something that I learned about at PRAASA. They are looking for speakers, so you can contact Paul at [REDACTED]. They will work with Windward's Alternate DCM Jack who is currently taking another meeting into the State Hospital. Thanks to Oldschool Mike who started an all island (Maui) standing committee with Cathy, Ann and Lloyd, servicing Maui, Molokai & Lanai. Kona [REDACTED] has a multi-tasked person, Puna Rule #62 hang in there Sandy. Finally, East Hawaii we have Luigi, working with Laura.

# HAWAII AREA 17 ASSEMBLY

APRIL 12-13, 2003, WAIANAE DISTRICT 17

## DELEGATES REPORT

Aloha Friends in Service,

### PRAASA 2003 March 7-8 , RENO HILTON HOTEL

30 Hawaii Area DCM's, GSR's, Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs attended PRAASA this year. We all had a great time learning how to better carry the message in our Area. There were over 1000 attendees from the 13 Western States. It Started at Noon on Friday and ended Noon on Sunday. It still amazes me how much work and effort goes into putting on one of these events. Then all the time and effort put in by the attendees to participate in the panel discussions and round table breakout groups.

The program was panel discussions on the agenda items for this years General Service Conference in New York City This month. I have copies of the program for all DCM's and Area Officers.

I participated on a panel called, ***KEEPING OUR LITERATURE RELEVANT***, my topic was "Discuss Placing the Fourth Edition of the Big Book on the GSO Web-Site". I also gave a report on our Area (copies of report given to DCM's) and was on the Delegates Ask it Basket Panel at the closing session.

The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and Areas of the Pacific Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. The Assembly and the PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of AA.

- Next years PRAASA will be held in Irving California, March 5-7, 2004. I have given a copy of the flyer to each DCM and Area officer. Please talk to your groups to start planning for Next years PRAASA.

### **GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE APRIL 26-MAY4, 2003**

The General Service Conference is held in New York City and its theme, "Living AA's Principals Through Sponsorship". An estimated 1,300,000 A.A. Members in over 56,000 groups across the United States and Canada are represented by the 93 Delegates at the conference. We participate in Conference Advisory Actions and produce Conference-approved literature for A. A. as a whole.

I am on the Trustees Committee

I would like to schedule my Conference report backs to your Districts as soon as possible. I have booked the Districts on Maui and the Big Island and also 4 Districts on Oahu. Please contact me to schedule a report back to your District. It would be very helpful to combine Districts if possible.

### **HAWAII SPECIAL FORUM JANUARY 16-19, 2004**

Janette F. our immediate Past Delegate is chairing the Forum. She has appointed hosts on each of the four Islands, who will be contacting us with more information.

I have packets for all DCM's and Area officers with Group info and other reports from our Trustee and GSO.

I have attended a few District meetings and would like to visit your District if you want me to attend. Let me know and I'll be there.

In Love and Service,

Don A.

Hawaii Area 17 Delegate, Panel 53

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