

HAWAII AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HONOLULU DISTRICT

02/26/05

- 8:00-9:00a.m. BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION
- 9:00 CALL TO ORDER
- HOST D.C.M. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 READING-CONCEPT XII SUBSTANTIAL UNANIMITY
- 9:15 AREA OFFICERS REPORTS
- a. ALTERNATE DELEGATE
 b. ALTERNATE CHAIR
 c. RECORDING SECRETARY
 d. TREASURER
 e. REGISTRAR
- 9:45 BREAK
- 10:00 DELEGATE REPORT
 GENERAL SERVICE MATERIAL
- 11; 00 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 1:00 DCM REPORTS
 INTERGROUP REPORTS
 HICYPAAA, ICYPAA REPORTS
- 2:15 BREAK
- 2:30 NEW BUSINES
- 3:00 ASK IT BASKET- WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
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PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT ALL REPORTS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING FOR THE SECRETARY. PLEASE NOTE THOSE ITEMS YOU WISH RECORDED VERBATIM IN THE MINUTES.

**Hawaii Area #17
Committee Meeting
February 26, 2005**

Meeting opened @ 9:00 am with the Serenity Prayer.

Reading of Literature – Nick H. - Concept XII, Warranty IV - Substantial Unanimity

Host DCM Announcements Patti L.

Area Officers Reports:

Alternate Area Chair – Nick - Want to thank the Honolulu District for hosting this Committee Meeting. Have been attending the Convention Steering Committee Meeting. With the International Conference happening this year, we really need local participation more than ever. The Finance Committee met in January, and is up and running.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry - Still getting my "sea legs". Written Treasurers Report has been distributed. 7th Tradition contributions are a little down, which may be due to groups and districts sending people to PRAASA next month. Stressed importance of getting new treasurers name & address out to all groups.

Registrar – Sam - Information to GSO: I have submitted all of the information to GSO as of this last Tuesday. I processed all of the DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, and Area Officers as of last week. I transposed the information from the "Group Change Forms" to "District Change Forms". I submitted the forms to GSO whether or not it was indicated that they were already sent or not. I spoke to a woman in the Records Dept., and she assured me that no one gets into their mailing list/database twice so I figured better safe than sorry. The actual "group change forms" and "new group forms" were mailed in en masse earlier this week. I apologize that it took so long to do this, part of the reason is that I put my box down after the assembly, and it took a while for me to get back to it; and partly because I wanted to review the forms before sending them. I reviewed the forms for service numbers and added those that were listed in the directory. I also got information via Keith and was able to add the numbers for the remainders from that information. Everyone should get their information kits from GSO soon. Now that all of this information has been sent, this job should be easier as it should be more maintenance beyond the initial submission. Software: I got a CD from Keith (I have it loaded on my notebook). This CD has software and pretty comprehensive data regarding all of the known groups in Area 17. I have not yet completely read the instructions, however, I have at least figured out how to look at the current group information. This information will hopefully be kept current over the course of this panel. As part of the information passed on to me from Keith, I received printouts of data regarding every group known by GSO in Area 17. I have divided all of these up by District and am passing this on to the DCMs. I made copies of the cover letter that came with this information that should hopefully explain how to read these reports. We need to review this information and get it back to GSO before May 1. This will help to get the directory accurate and keep GSO advised on our area's status. If the only change is the Groups' Contact or GSR and I have already been given that information, there's no need to submit any changes. If there are no other changes in group information, there is also no need to return the printouts. Any other information should be turned in. You can either send them to GSO (at the Box 459 address – attention Records Dept.), or give them back to me and I'll send them in. Try to get them back to me by the April assembly if you want me to submit them. These reports will also help you keep track of the groups listed in your district, so you may want to make copies for your own records. Finally, on this topic, there were a number of groups listed that had no district number on file and I have put them in with which district seemed to be the most logical. Please help me to get this information current. For those DCMs not here, can I get help from neighbor DCMs or area officers to get the information to these folks? Otherwise I will mail them. On the Laptop purchase: I did some research and found that Gateway seemed to have the best deal. I contacted a sales rep. at Gateway, and I may need to negotiate a little more to get the computer within budget. Because of our non-profit status we can get Sales Tax Waived, but the bottom line price is still a little more than \$1200. However, I have been assured that we can get it delivered for less than \$1200. Rest assured that I have not asked for special consideration for AA. I have only mentioned that I have been acting on behalf of a non-profit organization with an ironclad budget. Since this is an already approved expense, I'm just passing this information on as such. Finally on item of personal information. My health situation is progressing somewhat. I spent a couple of days this week in an unexpected hospital stay. I expect to be admitted for a procedure within a couple of weeks. I don't see this interfering at this time with me performing my duties with the Area. If this changes I'll let everyone know. I want to thank everyone for their love, support, and prayers regarding this challenge. Q. Do you have a list of all G.S.R.'s yet? A. Not yet, only what has been provided from GSO.

Recording Secretary – Elizabeth - Minutes from June 12, 2004 Committee Meeting have been emailed out. For those who have not received, I have hard copies available. Thanks to those of you who have emailed me your written reports in advance for today, a reminder to give me written reports if you would like the exact words of your reports included. I was contacted by the PRAASA 2005 Chair, Vickie, who invited me to participate at PRAASA as a Moderator for the Secretaries Round Table on Saturday night. Of course, I always say yes to an AA request. Absolutely looking forward to the PRAASA experience for my second time. I remember early on in General Service, the people came back from PRAASA just glowing, and they said it was like college for General Service.

Area Chair – Vernon – I am very excited to be serving as Hawaii Area 17 Chair. The Orientation Assembly went very well, and I thank everyone who was such tremendous support to me. All committee heads are in place and we have a great group. There were two DCMs that were not at the Orientation Assembly and that was from East Hawaii and West Maui. Both have been contacted and invited to attend. Malissa from East Hawaii is here and the newly elected West Maui DCM Paul is unable to attend but will be at the April Assembly. Hopefully I can attend some of West Maui's District Meetings to support them. I am looking forward to PRAASA and will be on Panel #5 speaking on the Public Service Announcements. Again I am excited to be in service in AA and look forward to the next two years together. I am hoping the Website can be up and running and will be able to post the agenda for the Inform the Delegate Assembly. I will try to have it ready early. April will be awesome as we all prepare our Delegate to represent is at the General Service Conference. I will have PRAASA report back for the Assembly in April. I am proposing to change the Budget Assembly from the August 20-21, to August 13-14 due to the conflict with the HICYPAA. Does anyone have any objections? No. Assembly is changed; please inform your districts and groups. Mahalo for this opportunity to serve.

Alternate Delegate – Francesca - I have been attending the Convention Steering Meetings, and it's awesome, because I know nothing about Conventions. Our Web Site Committee is going strong. We have Content Manager Hugh, Webmaster Dennis and Fellowship Liaison H. James. We have reviewed the guidelines to see what the purpose is, and it is basically a communication tool. We are going for a new look, and we are updating the Web Site, keeping it current. **Q:** Have we always been able to put our minutes on the site? **A:** Yes, but it is hard to find. We are looking to make it more user friendly. Concerns with the current information not being available, and would like to suggest a priority that #1 we maintain timely information (like fliers, minutes), and #2 achieved area documents.

Delegate Report – Keith - Aloha and welcome Committee Members. By now you have had a few district meetings or Standing Committee meetings. I have been blessed with heaps of reading this past month. I have been corresponding with other delegates on all kinds of topics; Area inventories, remote communities, background material for the GSC and translations. I have learned so much in the last month that I could take a few hours talking. I am so excited to be a part of this process. **PRAASA March 11th -13th 2005 Tucson AZ.** I've been selected to give a panel on **Remote Communities**. What an exiting topic. Remote Communities are defined as any community to which it is difficult to carry the message because of language, culture or geography. I have some experience in my own life about living in a remote community. I got sober in Hana Maui in 1990. At that time there was only one meeting a week and I often was the only one in attendance. I am very excited to be giving a panel on this topic. Our past delegate Jeanette F. chaired a workshop at the GSC on this topic. This Area made huge improvements in the way we carry the message to remote communities. We started a committee entirely devoted to the elder community. I hope that we can create other opportunities to carry the message to remote communities. **55TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE:** I have copied the guidelines for re-distribution of the background material. This is crucial material meant for this Area's AA members only. It is not meant for distribution beyond your GSR's. **PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED GUIDELINES TO YOUR GSR'S.** I have made CDs of the background material for all committee members. There are over 500 pages of material. Don't kill yourself trying to read it all. We need to trust the committee process and know there are qualified servants sitting on each committee. There has been much email discussion on the background material for the GSC. A question was posed by a delegate "what do we do for Spanish speaking members with regards to the background material?" This question has sparked lots of loving email discussion. Some think that the GSO should translate this for Spanish members. This may create an overload of work for the office. **Informational Assembly April 2nd and 3rd 2005**" This upcoming assembly is essential if you want to be informed about AA. The most dangerous thing in AA is the uninformed Alcoholic. Express to your GSR's that this Assembly is vital for AA's unity. Here is how agenda topics for the General Service Conference will be distributed between the districts. Each district will have 2-3 topics. Topics will be pulled from the hat by the DCM. The DCM will distribute the topics (which may be completely unrelated to each other) among his/her district along with background information. I will select Standing Committee Chairs to moderate the seven different panels. Knowing that there are only seven panels with six and a half hours allotted, I would like to generate a situation that allows for as much discussion and questions as possible. Each panel moderator is responsible to find a timer and each speaker should aim for approximately three to five minutes. I would like all presenters to have their presentations written and given to the secretary at the end of their panel. Literature will be split into two panels because of the large number of topics pertaining to that subject. Ask your GSR's to go back to their groups and discuss the committees that I am on. I will have the most influence on these committees. I am on both the Agenda and International Conventions/Regional Forums committees. To create discussion asks them to pick three themes from the list provided in the background material. Have them bring back three of their favorites, remember this is something the whole fellowship will discuss for the next year. For the International Conventions / Regional Forums committee make sure they know that the convention is happening this summer in Toronto June 30th - July 3rd , and there are over 20,000 pre-registered. Let them know they can not get into Canada if they have a felony in the past ten years. How many of you attended the Special Forum last year? Ask them how we can encourage interest in Regional and Special Forums? This next question might be fun to discuss. Should we broadcast an encrypted,

anonymity-protected, delayed Internet broadcast of the 2005 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony? What an amazing opportunity to share this experience with others that may not be able to attend.

Presentation/Discussion and Workshop

1 **Recovery:** A. Have all home group members read the pamphlet “the AA GROUP?” Have they participated in a group inventory? B. How do we carry the message in our daily lives?

2 **Unity:** A. What dose love and tolerance mean to your group with regards to unity? B. With regards to the 7th Tradition does money and spirituality mix? C. What is the principle of the 12th Tradition?

3 **Service:** A. Who has the Final Authority and Ultimate Authority? B. What is meant by “Right of Appeal? Should the Minority Opinion always be heard? C. Who is responsible for AA’s future?

2005 workshop: “Do I carry the AA message or my own?” If you have any questions or comments, please don’t hesitate to contact me. Please pass on my info. Love and service Keith Hashimoto (808) 558-0171 cell (808) 558-0171 home and email: keithhashimoto@hotmail.com

Topic Panel Assignments for the Inform the Delegate Assembly:

<p><u>Panel 1 - Marianne F. - CPC/PI:</u> Leeward – Erin Manoa – Debbie Central North Shore – Valerie Waikiki – Ken Diamond Head – Floyd</p>	<p><u>Panel 2 - Robert C. - Finance / Trustees / International Conventions & Regional Forums / Treatment:</u> Leeward – Erin Windward – Sue Kauai – Bart East Hawaii – Malissa Windward - Sue</p>
<p><u>Panel 3 - Rick M. Correctional Facilities/ Policy& Admissions:</u> Kauai – Bart Leeward – Erin Kihei – Kathie Waikiki – Ken Diamond Head – Floyd Honolulu – Patti</p>	<p><u>Panel 4 - Sandra M. Literature</u> East Hawaii – Malissa Waikiki – Ken Waianae – Steve Kihei – Kathie Waianae – Steve Windward - Sue</p>
<p><u>Panel 5 - Bridgette K. Literature</u> Puna – Chris Central North Shore – Val Manoa – Debbie Honolulu District - Patti</p>	<p><u>Panel 6 - Keith K. - Report& Charter/Grapevine</u> West Hawaii – Archie Puna – Chris Maui No Ka Oi – Cliff Honolulu – Patti</p>
<p><u>Panel 7- Dianna G. - Homegroup/ 2005 Workshop Topic</u> Kauai – Bart West Hawaii – Archie Kathie – Kihei Waianae – Steve Central North Shore – Val Manoa – Debbie Waianae – Steve</p>	

Standing Committee Reports:

CEC- Yesterday I received an email from a man in Australia whom started something down there after attending the Hawaii Convention and learning about our committee. CEC has been actively engaged in carrying the message to the older alcoholic in Area 17 and throughout the nation. February, 2005. Report-back on the presentation before the Nursing Staff (CEU credits) at the Kona Community Hospital. Those involved were Marianne F. Area chair of CPC; Carol G, District chair of Hospitals Committee; Marion B. Area chair of CEC and Stan B. (M.D.), as a member of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. A slide presentation was used. Marianne described what A.A. does and does not do and what A.A. is and is not. Carol described the Hospital Committee function. Marion told her story as a “chronologically gifted” member entering the program at the age of 61. Stan described the disease of alcoholism in the elderly and its ramifications. A positive reply to Stan’s letter to AARP was received. It concerned a request to submit an article on Alcoholism in the Elderly in the AARP Magazine which is reputed to have the largest circulation in the world. Julio of Special Services at GSO sent a

positive reply to the plan. An update of forthcoming activities includes: CME/CEU presentation before the medical and nursing staffs at the Maui Memorial Hospital; CME presentation for the medical staff at the Wilcox Hospital on Kauai; Participation in the Kupuna Day event of the Parker Ranch Center in Kamuela; International in Toronto, As "Sober over Sixty" hospitality suite chairs, Marion and Stan have been working with our Toronto representative, Wes B. regarding volunteers, refreshments, and other plans for the suite. "Sober over Sixty" meeting are doing well. New format is reading from large print copies of "As Bill Sees It". Two newcomers are involved in service posting notices on the bulletin boards of condos in Kona. For district brainstorming meeting a plan has been developed to have an A.A. Kupuna day including a picture guessing "then and now" event, kupunas share their story, and lunch. All district committees will be invited to participate. Plan to hold it in October, Sunday after the planned Assembly Committee meeting on Saturday.

Grapevine – Keith K - Read a letter from the Grapevine Inc., referencing "Sober over Sixty" topic, which mentions our own CECI. We would like all GvR and LvR to have workbooks, so please let them know to contact the Grapevine Office to request one. Working on getting Grapevines out. Draft a letter to our City Officials asking where we can send issues of the Grapevine, and would be effective.

CPC – Marianne - Contact has been made with all of the Area D.C.M.'s in an effort to make a list of all districts C.P.C. Chairs. Unfortunately, at this time, there appear to be only three (3) districts with C.P.C. Chairs. These are David J. from Kauai, Colin H. from Kihei and Sandra S. from West Hawaii. Several D.C.M.'s have requested a workshop and/or a C.P.C. presentation to inform their districts of the importance of C.P.C.'s carrying the message to the professional community. At this time I am looking into dates and locations to facilitate these requests. West Hawaii recently sent a letter to about 150 professionals who were invited to the professional luncheon held in December at which approximately 35 people attended. The letter was a follow up which included meeting schedules and two pamphlets, A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professionals and If You Are a Professional. Another event is being planned to be held in the fall. Their next activity will be to contact all the churches in West Hawaii with a letter containing a meeting schedule and the pamphlet, Members of the Clergy Ask About A.A. I had the opportunity to join the Cooperation with the Elder Community, Stan and Marion B. and the District Hospital Chair, Carol G. for a presentation to the Nurses at Kona Community Hospital earlier this month. I have some pamphlets with me today, which I would like to give to each D.C.M. to take back to their districts. I would also like to suggest that each district order the C.P.C. Kit and Workbook from G.S.O. which contains comprehensive information on carrying the message to the professional community and being a resource to all professionals. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Mynah Bird – Mike - Purpose: We are committed to representing Area 17 news, events, and features as presented and reported from single members or through groups (GSRs), and districts (DCM's). Each issue will have a Theme. This theme will be recognizable throughout each Mynah Bird by the use of questions to readers to consider, references to our AA literature, and free use of Grapevine and Service material. We encourage articles about what is happening in (y)our Home Group, (y)our District, and (y)our Area 17. This will mainly come through individuals or groups who submit their stories directly to the Mynah-Bird (electronically or snail-mail) or through their DCM. Here are some ideas that you can write about and have fun at while performing service to some person/s that you will probably not know how much you helped. A. HISTORICAL: Group anniversary? Has your group been carrying the message behind a hospital or prison or (???) other facility for one, five, ten, or more years? We are interested. B. GROWTH: Does your group have an interesting story of not being able to find agreement on something that threatened to destroy the whole group, but then, out of nowhere a solution presented itself? We are interested. C. HUMEROUS: Include interesting stories or short, humorous one-liners about sobriety. [When asked why he picked me for a sponsor Jerry smiled and replied: "It was when I realized that my sponsor didn't have to be perfect!"] D. STORIES: Without promising we will put everything we can use that will help us carry the message of our groups, our districts and our own Area 17 story of Recovery, Unity and Service. This is all what makes your own sobriety so very, very important! (Old coffee pot stories? First meetings? When, how, or why did groups pull together? Humorous anecdotes? Etc.) Our initial goal is to receive submissions through each DCM for the MB. Later, with greater use of computers we believe that more work will be submitted electronically. The MB will be working to make District Committee Meetings to hear what's happening and work with any article contributor. To contact our editorial staff, use the following names and e-mail addresses: Mike Russell; 6092@mynahbird.com; Honolulu, HI; minah_bird@yahoo.com; Mary H; 6092@mynahbird.com; maryspc@hotmail.com.

Convention – Dee-Dee - The steering committee met on February 12th at Kunane's office. Lena and Patti were missing but we still had a quorum. Our next meeting will be March 12th same place same station and all are welcome. Please note that we have worked hard on the convention budget and tried our best to keep from raising the registration fee. However, we found that not enough revenue came in to help defray our convention center fee which, went up \$20,000. By raising the registration fee \$5 we will make \$10,000 based on 2200 attendees. As you know this is a busy year for AA with the convention in Toronto and NA will have their convention here in September, plus all the other activities going on. Convention fliers are on the web site for viewing and printing. You can register online via Pay Pal. Fliers will be ready for PRAASA and Aike has arranged for someone to take some. Full description of monies spent and brought in to the 43rd annual Hawaii convention will be given at the next Area Assembly. Theme for 2005 Hawaii Convention: "Working With Others". Q. Is it true that the Convention

will be held on the Big Island in 2007? **A.** Not sure, but we are locked into contract with the Convention center for the next 2 years. **Q.** Wouldn't it be a good idea to form an Ad-Hoc committee to look at this? **A.** The bid packets have been given to the folks on the Big Island to submit, so the next step is to complete and submit the packet to the Steering Committee. **Q.** Was I misinformed by the past Steering Committee Chair that we were locked in to a special rate until 2007 with the Convention Center? **A.** No. **Suggested to Sandi (who has brought up the question) to attend the next Convention Steering Committee Meeting.

Corrections – Rick - I am very excited about being in service to Hawaii Area 17 as its Corrections Committee Chairperson. Our committee has had some difficulty in meeting recently. Our last scheduled meeting at Blaisdell Park was rained out. We are also in the process of changing our regular meeting time and place; stand-by for further information. Many positive things have happened since the Orientation Assembly. I recently received a call from Lynn Zakimi, the Assistant to the State Drug Control Liaison who works out of the office of the Lt. Governor. Lynn wanted information on AA meetings taking place in OCCC and Halawa because that question had come to her office and she was not sure how to answer it. I informed her of when, exactly where, and how AA meetings were conducted in OCCC and Halawa. She was very grateful for this information and assured me that she would pass it on to all who might inquire through the State Drug Control Office. She also sent me a follow-up email, thanking us for our efforts in carrying the message into the Correctional Facilities and establishing an electronic link between our corrections committee and the Office of the Lt. Governor. I was asked to contact them via email if there any way in which I believed that they could be helpful to our committee. Another high note was when I facilitated two AA meetings in the Halawa Correctional Facility this past Valentine's Day. Since the regular volunteer had made other plans for that day, I took that opportunity to share with approximately 80 Halawa inmates about our "Bridging the Gap" program for those who are incarcerated. Not only was the response very encouraging, but I have already received a few letters from the men incarcerated in that facility and have passed them on to fellow AA members who have expressed a huge interest in this type of service. That, along with the fact that I know of at least a few women who are currently corresponding with female inmates in WCCC leads me to believe that this program is successful in carrying AA's message through correspondence. I have faith that this program will continue to grow. I am also happy to report that since our Orientation Assembly, I have established contact via email with corrections volunteers and/or GSR's from the Big Island, Maui, and Kauai. The weekend after PRAASA, I will be on the Big Island to attend a District meeting in Kona and then going to Hilo to share my experience as a corrections volunteer and also to see if I can drum up some more support for our committee. I recently received a letter from Christie L., sharing with me the great news of two daily women's meetings that are taking place in the Hale Nani Makai facility with each meeting lasting 45 minutes. The first is for inmates who are pre-trial with the second being for those who have been sentenced. Christi says that the participation is about 50/50, so they have two good meetings. Christie, being challenged with MS will have to rely on another volunteer, Addie B. to pick up whatever meetings her health won't allow her to make. However, she is confident that things will work out fine, and of course our prayers go out to you Christie. We thank you so much for your awesome service. We also had the opportunity to assist Norman P. of Kauai by sending him eight new Big Books and 4 new 12 X 12's to help him carry AA's message into the Prisons. This committee is committed to assisting all corrections volunteers in any way that we possibly can, however, we can't do accomplish without your continued support. I would like to thank the Diamondhead District in particular for their recent donation of AA literature and their pledge of a future literature donation. It is our great wish that other districts will also assist in helping to get literature into the prisons. One of our goals is to get as many Grapevine subscriptions as we can and divide them among our volunteers to carry into the different facilities. Any District or persons assisting in that manner would actually be supporting two of our Area's committees, and that would be truly helpful and greatly appreciated. Again I would like to thank you all for this awesome service opportunity. **Sam has a list of meetings from GSO of meetings that are connected to Correctional Facilities, and asked that Rick help the DCMs to see which groups are active.**

Archives – Sandi - First I would like to announce that Ted K., our non-rotating Archivist, will be speaking at the Hukilau gathering on Saturday morning, on the History of AA. East Hawaii has an Archive Committee chair, she has no committee yet, but she does have a chair. Please contact me through bigislandaa.com. You can also reach Marion from CEC and Marianne from CPC from the web site. I have an awesome picture on my phone, which I can send to anyone who is interested and has the capabilities to receive. I have visited our Archives, you need to see this. I cannot tell you how this impressed me. On this board you can see the things Archives would like that you may not think would be of value that may assist us in assisting you to follow a paper trail. Please preserve future things. I have visited my library and found I need to recruit newcomers to help me look through millions of microfiche items to find an announcement that was printed in the Tribune Herald.

Treatment – Robert - I can be reached on Oahu at (808) 281-0000 or via email at: robert.edwards@treatment.com. You are receiving this message because you are active in Area 17 service and/or have expressed an interest in performing service for the Hawaii Treatment Facilities community. Feel free to forward this invitation to other A.A.'s who may be interested in service. Contact me directly if you are interested in a service position. Thank you. Please make note of this date for our kickoff meeting for the Treatment Facilities Committee: **When: Saturday March 19th at 1:05 pm (One Hour Meeting) Where: 1159 Bethel Street (Downtown Honolulu)** There are several positions open on the Treatment Facilities (TF) Committee; please come to the meeting to find out

more or to discuss, all are welcome. If you are unable to come to the meeting, no worries, just email or call me.

From A.A. Guidelines: "Treatment facilities committees are formed to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities and to set up means of "bridging the gap" from the facility to an A.A. group in the individual's community."

"Basic Functions of TF Committees: 1. With approval of administration, takes A.A. meetings into facilities within its area. 2. Encourages group participation, in some areas each group has a representative on the TF committee. 3. Coordinates temporary contact programs. 4. Arranges purchase and distribution of literature for these groups and meetings." The following TF Committee service positions are now open and need to be filled: * **Meeting List**

Keeper - TF Registrar (One position open): This service position carries no minimum sobriety requirement and is for an individual with administrative skills able to prepare and maintain a list of treatment facilities contact information and scheduled meetings in excel or word format. * **TF Literature Person (One needed for each**

island): This service position requires a minimum of two years of continuous sobriety and is for an individual interested in coordinating the A.A. literature requirements of the treatment facilities community. Will involve visits to various treatment facilities on your island. * **Bridging the Gap Contact Person (At least one needed for**

each island): This position requires a minimum of two years of continuous sobriety and is for an individual interested in being the contact person for a patient who is about to be discharged from a treatment facility and is requesting assistance to make a transition into the A.A. community in their local neighborhood. "Experience shows that even though a patient may have been participating in a group or meeting in a treatment facility, there is anxiety about the transition to a regular group on the outside. With the reminder that A.A. has only sobriety to offer, many committees do try to provide some additional personal contact so this transition period can be made easier." * **TF Group Coordinator (At least one needed for each island):** This position requires a minimum of two years of continuous sobriety and is for an individual interested carrying the TF Committee message to the local A.A. groups on their island. This involves visiting many local A.A. groups and announcing various TF committee activities.

DCM Reports:

Diamond Head – Floyd – The district has been moving forward. Attendance has started to get better, in our last district meeting we had two more groups send their GSRs. We are now up to six GSRs in attendance of our meetings. I am sorry, but at this time I do not have anyone for the Standing Committees, our goal is to have someone for each Committee by May if not sooner. Over all Diamond Head District had been doing well and growing at the same time. I, as the DCM, look forward to an exciting two years and I will be working hard to help make this happen. The GSRs want us to start a caravan to other meetings, in hope to get other groups to send a representative to join us, my goal is 100%. Look forward to seeing everyone again at our next assembly.

Manoa – Debbie - Life is good in the Manoa District. We have a small core group of participants and are working on getting more groups involved. After a short break to work on last month's assembly, we have started our caravan again. Everyone met for dinner last Friday and then we attended the Strivers for Sobriety meeting at St. Clements Church. I have been making phone calls to remind everyone of meetings and activities, and bribing them to come to district meetings by baking brownies and such! I'll guess I'm willing to go to any lengths. Diana attended our last district meeting and gave a presentation on Public Information. One of our GSRs is going to serve on that committee. Most of our GSRs serve in two roles already, so I will have to look elsewhere to fill other committee positions. It is a work in progress. I attended the Intergroup Inventory last weekend at Ala Moana Beach Park. There was a pretty good turnout and I learned a lot about what Intergroup is. I'm looking forward to continuing to be involved. Manoa District will put on a workshop at the Founders Day celebration. We have not decided on what we will present yet but will be discussing that at our next district meeting. I decided to attend PRASSA this year and have made all of my arrangements to go. I'm really excited about attending. Our alternate DCM, Ted N., is also planning to attend this year. I know we will get a lot of great ideas to bring back to our district.

Central North Shore – Val - Our district is doing well and we seem to be getting a lot more people to participate in service positions. We have a person who services Wahiawa General Hospital by taking care of the rack there. We also have supported the P.I. committee by funding new "Big Books" for our local libraries. As the new DCM I am trying to get to all of the meetings in my District. I believe it makes them feel "a part of", it lets them know who I am, as well as making myself available for any questions that may arise concerning our district or Hawaii Area. I am trying to be an example to all the people in my District by not asking someone to do something that I would not do myself. I am not able to go to PRAASA this year, we are hoping to send my Alternate DCM, however I will be attending the "International Conference" in Toronto where I will also be celebrating my "Ninth" AA anniversary on the opening day. At our meeting on February 17, 2005, we began finalizing the set up for our workshop in May. It will be held on May 14, 2005 at the Wahiawa Methodist Church on California Avenue, in Wahiawa. The hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the topic will be "Service from the Home Group Up" this is based on the pamphlet "The AA Group". We will be doing this as a panel discussion and I would like to invite all of the people who are in service with the Area to please join us if they can.

Kihei – Cathy -We had our second district meeting of the year on February 15, 2005 and it was well attended. We discussed ways that all of us can encourage groups that do not have a GSR to get one and participate. I had prepared some questions and answers on why a group might want to have a GSR and distributed to district

members to help in our quest. At this time we have 5 of the 15 groups in the district participating. Our treasurer prepared a proposed budget and it has been approved. We have two new committee chairs for the district, Danny R. for Treatment and Tracy B Achieves. Danny is taking aq meeting into the resource center on Wednesday nights and is asking for support from the groups. Colin H. CPC Chair is taking a panel into the DUI class every month. We discussed whether we wanted to keep our District Archives separate from the whole island Archives. The general consensus was that we do want them separate and accessible. We have two GSRs planning to attend PRAASA along with myself. We have set Saturday March 26 as a tentative date for our PRAASA report back.

Leeward – Erin -The leeward district is off to a good start. Sunday the 27th is our monthly softball game, everyone is welcome to come and play. Diana will be attending our next district meeting to do a PI report. We are also planning for the June committee meeting. We have a unity day workshop, picnic in the planning. We are not sure on the topic but looking at the history of AA as a whole. We are asking for a group to start on the planning for our yearly inventory picnic which is in August. We are trying to get a district caravan together we can get more district participation. There are three GSR at the next assembly, so we still need work in this area. I am excited to say that the district is paying for me to attend PRAASA, and I have got my tickets, this will be my first PRAASA and I can't wait to see what growth and experience this will give me. Well that's all for now we look forward to seeing all of you in June for the committee meeting.

Puna – Chris - Thanks to Stan and Marion to coming to our District Meeting to give a presentation on CEC. We have a new meeting in our district, which also happens to be my home group. Our last district meeting we had 8 members in attendance. The motions and discussions were on expanding the Website by our Webmaster Dan. Money was allocated to provide a link to the World Wide Web. As it is now, when someone types in aabigisland into a search engine it does not come up. This new addition to the update of our website will make it possible for any alcoholic anywhere can find it, for meetings etc. I attend the Intergroup meeting each month to inform them about what's going on in our District. Began working with Marianne the CPC Chair to bring a workshop to Puna.

Honolulu – Patti - Our district is doing well with 11 active groups. Several issues came up in our last district meeting that I would like to address at this time. I will read it as it was brought to our meeting. Aloha Friday's group felt as though the groups were railroaded into voting at an orientation assembly. Many of the GSRs were new and did not have a chance to bring situations (sending the Delegate to The World Convention & buying a new laptop) back to their home groups. As it was noted, the structure chart shows, the groups are on top and the trustees at the bottom. Bill W. wrote in Concept 1: "The A.A. groups today hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world services" Then in Concept II, Bill made it clear that the groups "delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference ... the actual voice and effective conscious for our whole Society." **Pg 15 AA Service Manual.** Thus, Aloha Friday would like to petition a motion to send the Delegate to The World Convention. The group also reported that they would be contributing only \$6.00 for 2005 due to mishandling funds. Downtown Lunch also reported that their group hasn't contributed to Area in some years due to their misallocation of funds. They would like to make a motion to change the priority of spending to having the Standing Committee Expenses second priority and The Area Assembly and Committee Meeting Expenses listed as third priority. Malia Discussion and St. Francis Women's weren't happy with passing the motion of sending the Delegate to The World Convention. They felt that this was a lack of responsibility and that this issue should have been brought back to their home group. There are a couple of activities happening in our district at this time: The Aloha Roundup started yesterday and will continue until Sunday. Black Experience is celebrating Black History Month with a meeting and dance this evening. The meeting starts at 7 PM and dance follows at 8PM. I want to thank Dianna G., PI Chair for attending our district meeting to inform us on what PI does and how we are able to service our district. It was noted that we were seeking for a contact person to keep Dianna G. informed and vice versa. Ruben T. will be our contact person. Our Alternate DCM is working on putting together a workshop on the Traditions in the near future.

Waikiki – Ken - We are growing in participation. We have participation from 9 of our groups as of today. We are in the process of clarifying the groups that are on the schedule, whether there are active or not, so that we may better serve the fellowship. We have a Budget Committee today, that has met and prepared a our budget for year 2005. We will be discussing further participation with the groups in the district and their fellowship events and functions so that this may better our unity within. This, we hope, will then be the beginning for us to create a foundation to grow towards our participation for our Area 17. As for our participation with the standing committees, we will be studying various avenues, and maybe if the other districts feel that as a joint effort, we can address our participation together we are more than open.

As a blessing for the year 2005, the district has voted to have me attend PRAASA 2005, this I feel, will be the opportunity to gather ideas from others so that we may better serve our fellowship. We continue to trudge the road, to serve our fellowship.

No Ka Oi – Cliff - All our positions are filled, with the exception of CPC. Over two dozen people involved and in attendance at District Meetings. Special Mystery guest, Paul B. the new DCM for West Maui was in contact with me several times and accepted invitation to attend No Ka Oi District meetings. Archives continue to be the largest issue on the table. As is storage cost is over half of annual operating budget. Hana Caravan continues and is going strong. Inform the Delegate Assembly April 2-3 Paia Community Center. Contact info: Cliff: 344-0005,

transportation: Clifford: 385-2183 and homestay Coleen: 572-0157. Funds were allocated and I will be attending PRAASA.

West Hawaii – Archie - Our district had a brainstorming meeting on February 18 and we came up with many ideas, some old, some new. From our C.E.C. co-chairs with a kupuna day, to A.A. meetings or displays before a food bank or lunch for the homeless, to a banquet or luncheon or C.P.C. people, to carrying the message to hotels and cruise ships in the Kailua-Kona at our old airport meetings. Of course districts founders and unity days were on the board as well, and all to fit the budget. With all this enthusiasm and the willingness to work together I found we need to make chairs for all these ideas, and guidance from a loving god i.e. our group conscience. It's all a learning process for me, I'm glad I have a lot of past D.C.M. advice if I need it. And I do. Our alternate D.C.M., secretary, treasurer positions are filled and most of our committees as well. I hope to recruit more G.S.R.'s by stopping in at more meetings and caravans. Thank you for this growth period in all our lives, that's it for now.

Windward – Susan - Since the last assembly, the district has lost a group. Windward Pathfinders has dropped out. They still have a meeting at that time and place, but do not desire to have any district or area representation. It meets Friday night at 8 pm at St. Christopher's in Kailua. District members will caravan to that meeting this month. We have district chairs for all the standing committees. They are: Public Information-Sally T.; Grapevine - Chris K.; Convention - Dancette Y.; Mynah Bird- Cozi B.; Archives – Rosemary; Corrections - Becky F.; Elders-Shirley A.; Treatment - Juli T.; Website - Jim S.; CPC - Roberta A.; Hospitals - Laurie L. We decided to send our Alt. DCM, Dancette Y., to PRAASA this year. We will have workshops this year, and will start with Steps and Traditions workshops.

Waianae – Steve - Kahanaoi@math.com is new email. I made changes on contact roster for registrar. We meet the first Tuesday at Maluhia Church across from Waianae High School. We have had one meeting since the Orientation Assembly. We have finally gotten our treasury straightened out. Hospital and Grapevine / LaVina chairs in place. Both our annual workshop and annual picnic are in the planning stage and we have chairs for both events. It's possible that we will combine these events; if we do we will try to have the Delegate report back as well. New women's meeting "Ewa Women's Big Book, Steps, and Traditions Group" Wednesdays 7-8 pm at Kahi Mohala.

East Hawaii – Malissa - I am a little overwhelmed. I am the DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer and Secretary all in one. Hospitals and Archives Committees are filled, and my top order of business is getting some GSR's.

Oahu Intergroup – Zeke - Our Intergroup Inventory was well attended by approximately 40 people. Meeting changes are done quarterly, please respond to the email address on the front of the meeting schedule. There was a learning experience that we went through, and it had to do with breaking traditions by using last names on the Intergroup Website in a letter that I wrote to the DCMs. I am grateful for the experience, and what I learned is that any tradition breaks are handled by the Delegate, with guidance of the GSO so that personalities don't get involved. Now we have a sub committee to review all items before they are posted to the Web Site. We are looking at the possibility that Central Office may have to move when the current lease is up. If the rent is raised, which it probably will be, we will not be able to stay there anymore. Looking at moving somewhere more central and where rent is reasonable. Events we are planning include an Island Wide Alkathon and a No-Booze Cruise, along with workshops.

ICYPAA: www.hawaii-icypaa-bid.info

HICYPAA: August 20 – 22 on Maui, more information at the April Assembly.

What's On Your Mind:

Robert –Treatment Committee Chair

Wants to know process on getting items on agendas / motions for assemblies. Wants more accountability on budgetary info. Wants line by line breakdown. Other Areas publish Treasurers Reports on the Web Site.

Response – Jerry Treasurer This will be discussed with the Finance Committee, GSO will be contacted and report back will be given at the April Assembly. **Response – Patti Convention Treasurer** – Full report back will be given at the April Assembly.

Mike from Mynah Bird- I have a bunch of Mynah Birds with me, please come see me and pick some up, and do not want to take any home.

Q. I have heard that PSA will be available in CD, does anyone know about this? PI Chair responds that they currently available from GSO.

Meeting Adjourns at 2:30 PM

Committee Meeting Honolulu District #2

Feb.26, 2005
Delegate Report

Aloha and welcome Committee Members. By now you have had a few district meetings or Standing Committee meetings. I have been blessed with heaps of reading this past month. I have been corresponding with other delegates on all kinds of topics; Area inventories, remote communities, background material for the GSC and translations. I have learned so much in the last month that I could take a few hours talking. I am so excited to be a part of this process.

PRAASA March 11th -13th 2005 Tucson Az.

I've been selected to give a panel on **Remote Communities**. What an exiting topic. Remote Communities are defined as any community to which it is difficult to carry the message because of language, culture or geography. I have some experience in my own life about living in a remote community. I got sober in Hana Maui in 1990. At that time there was only one meeting a week and I often was the only one in attendance. I am very excited to be giving a panel on this topic. Our past delegate Jeanette F. chaired a workshop at the GSC on this topic. This Area made huge improvements in the way we carry the message to remote communities. We started a committee entirely devoted to the elder community. I hope that we can create other opportunities to carry the message to remote communities.

55TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

I have copied the guidelines for re-distribution of the background material. This is crucial material meant for this Area's AA members only. It is not meant for distribution beyond your GSR's. **PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED GUIDELINES TO YOUR GSR'S.** I have made CDs of the background material for all committee members. There are over 500 pages of material. Don't kill yourself trying to read it all. We need to trust the committee process and know there are qualified servants sitting on each committee.

There has been much email discussion on the background material for the GSC. A question was posed by a delegate "what do we do for Spanish speaking members with regards to the background material?" This question has sparked lots of loving email discussion. Some think that the GSO should translate this for Spanish members. This may create an overload of work for the office.

Informational Assembly April 2nd and 3rd 2005

This upcoming assembly is essential if you want to be informed about AA. The most dangerous thing in AA is the uninformed Alcoholic. Express to your GSR's that this Assembly is vital for AA's unity. Here is how agenda topics for the General Service Conference will be distributed between the districts. Each district will have 2-3 topics. Topics will be pulled from the hat by the DCM. The DCM will distribute the topics (which may be completely unrelated to each other) among his/her district along with background information. I will select Standing

Committee Chairs to moderate the seven different panels. Knowing that there are only seven panels with six and a half hours allotted, I would like to generate a situation that allows for as much discussion and questions as possible. Each panel moderator is responsible to find a timer and each speaker should aim for approximately three to five minutes. I would like all presenters to have their presentations written and given to the secretary at the end of their panel.

Literature will be split into two panels because of the large number of topics pertaining to that subject.

Ask your GSR's to go back to their groups and discuss the committees that I am on. I will have the most influence on these committees. I am on both the Agenda and International Conventions/Regional Forums committees. To create discussion asks them to pick three themes from the list provided in the background material. Have them bring back three of their favorites, remember this is something the whole fellowship will discuss for the next year. For the International Conventions / Regional Forums committee make sure they know that the convention is happening this summer in Toronto June 30th- July 3rd , and there are over 20,000 pre-registered. Let them know they can not get into Canada if they have a felony in the past ten years. How many of you attended the Special Forum last year? Ask them how we can encourage interest in Regional and Special Forums? This next question might be fun to discuss. Should we broadcast an encrypted, anonymity-protected, delayed Internet broadcast of the 2005 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony? What

an amazing opportunity to share this experience with others that may not be able to attend.

If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to contact me.

Please pass on my info.

love and service

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1 a) Recovery

a) Have all ^{gus} AA members read the pamphlet the AA Group

b) Have they participated in a GP
Involvement

b) How do we carry the message in our daily lives

2 Unity

a) What does "love and tolerance" mean with regards to ~~your group~~ unity.

CD Format and Re-distribution of Conference Background Material

Our practice is to send final Conference committee agendas and background information on agenda items to Conference members, upon request, and leave to the discretion of each area delegate the extent to which copies of these materials are further distributed to other interested members in the area. If we receive a request for Conference committee background from a member, we will refer that request to the appropriate delegate for follow up.

Since some of the materials may contain full names or other confidential matter, we must rely on the delegates to take this into consideration when distributing this material. We would like to point out that the internet and web sites are a public medium and that it may not be appropriate to make these materials accessible to the public.

We provide background material on CD format, upon request, to Conference members only. The CD includes a copy of these guidelines, an index of contents, a list of Final Conference Committee Agenda Items, as well as Acrobat Reader® for Windows® and Macintosh®. In the interest of preserving the integrity of the Conference process, we ask delegates to exercise their judgment in determining whether to "burn" additional copies of the CDs since the indiscriminate distribution of large numbers of CDs might inadvertently violate the principle of anonymity.

We would like to emphasize the confidentiality of background material.

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TREASURERS REPORT
FEBRUARY 26, 2005

Cash on hand January 1, 2005	\$17,597.17
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	\$ 3,508.00
Total January 1, 2005	\$21,105.17
Revenue January 1, 2005 thru Feb 15, 2005	\$1,836.81
Expenses January 1, 2005 thru Feb 15, 2005	-\$5,705.22
Net loss for January 1, 2005 thru Feb 15, 2005	-\$3,868.41
Net cash available	\$13,728.76
Net cash in Savings Account (Prudent Reserve)	\$ 3,508.00
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$17,711.77

Observations

- 1. We experienced heavy expenses at the beginning of the year, which is normal for our Area.**
- 2. We have on hand about \$800 received after Feb 15 (not deposited) which reduces the deficit.**
- 3. One time expenses. We covered large checks for Prassa air fares, our Trustee air travel, and our contribution to GSO at the beginning of the year for a total of \$2288 which explains a good part of the deficit.**
- 4. If you take the net loss and back out the \$2288 plus the total of about \$800 not deposited yet and our January 1 thru Feb 15 deficit comes down to about \$780.**


Area Treasurer