

HAWAII AREA # 17 BUDGET ASSEMBLY
KAUAI DISTRICT AUGUST 13-14 ~~2006~~ 2005

SATURDAY

- 08:00** **BREAKFAST**
- 09:00** **CALL TO ORDER**
- **SERENITY PRAYER**
 - **HOST DCM ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - **READING SERVICE MANUAL-UNITY**
 - **ACCEPTANCE OF SECRETARY MINUTES**
 - **ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURERS REPORT**
 - **APPROVAL OF TREATMENT, MYNAH BIRD CHAIRS**
- 09:30** **REGIONAL TRUSTEE CANDIDATE /VOTE**
- 09:45** **PROPOSED BUDGET-VOTE**
- 10:10** **DELEGATE REPORT**
- 10:45** **BREAK**
- 11:00** **OFFICERS REPORT**
- 11:30** **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**
SHARING- OPEN MIKE
- 12:00** **LUNCH**
- 01:00** **COMMITTEE REPORTS- 5 MINUTES**
- 02:00** **INTERGROUP REPORTS**
ICYPAA, HICYPAA REPORTS
- 02:30** **BREAK**
- 02:45** **ASSEMBLIES/COMMITTEES 2006**
- 03:00** **OPEN MIKE -WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?**
- 04:00** **ADJOURN**

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SUNDAY

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- 09:00** **CALL TO ORDER-SERENITY PRAYER**
- **READING**
 - **HOST DCM ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 09:15** **DCM REPORTS -5 MINUTES**
- 10:30** **BREAK**
- 10:45** **NEW BUSINESS**
- **HAWAII CONVENTION PROPOSAL**
 - **DELETE FUNDING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**
 - **RE-STRUCTURE-DELETE AREA STANDING COMMITTEE**
- 12:00** **LUNCH**
- 01:00** **CONTINUE AREA BUSINESS**
- 02:00** **GSR ROUNDTABLES**
- 03:00** **BREAK**
- 03:15** **WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND ? OPEN MIKE**
- 04:00** **ADJOURN**

**NOTE; AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE BECAUSE OF TIME MANAGEMENT
ACCORDING TO OUR NEEDS (BUSINESS, BUDGET, ETC.)**

DATES FOR AREA ASSEMBLIES & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

INVENTORY ASSEMBLY	Kihei	JAN. 21-22
COMMITTEE MEETING	Wai'anae	FEB. 18 ²⁵
INFORM THE DELEGATE	E. Hawaii	APR. 29-30 ¹²²
COMMITTEE MEETING	CN Shore	JUN. 24
BUDGET ASSEMBLY	Diamond Head	AUG. 19-20
COMMITTEE MEETING	Windward	OCT. 14
ELECTION ASSEMBLY	Puuu	NOV. 11-12

* DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please be reminded as a courtesy to the secretary and for accuracy's sake to submit a written report to her. Mahalo!

- Diamond Head
- Windward
- K. Hawaii
- CN Shore
- Waikiki
- Kihei
- Puuu
- ~~W. Maui~~
- Wai'anae

**Hawaii Area #17 Budget Assembly
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Kahili Mountain Park, Kauai**

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Saturday, August 13, 2005

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

Reading of Literature – Colin – “What is an Informed Group Conscious?”

Acceptance of Secretary's minutes – Motion to accept, seconded and approved.

Acceptance of Treasurers Report – Everyone given full copies, asked to review before approval. **CPC –** There is a line item of \$50.00 for rent that is not CPC, as well as missing \$20.80 for a phone card. **Motion to accept as amended, seconded and approved.**

Approval of Mynah Bird and Treatment Chairs – Michelle for the Mynah Bird, Steve for the Treatment Chair. A question asked in Steve has resigned of the DCM for Waianae. The positions in the District will rotate. No objections to the appointments, positions affirmed.

Election of Nominee for Regional Trustee - Phyllis is rotating out in 2006. This will be Hawaii's nominee for the Election. Present who are eligible are Tanya and Scott, both past delegates in Hawaii Area 17. Reading from page S-91 in The Service Manual – Regional Trustee Position description. Third Legacy Procedure explained. Both Tanya Panel 47 and Delegate Scott Panel 49 Delegate gave their qualifications.

Voting Details:

First Ballot: Scotty – 44 Tanya – 44	Second Ballot: Scotty - 46 Tanya - 41	Third Ballot: Scotty - 48 Tanya - 40	Fourth Ballot: Scotty - 48 Tanya - 40
Total Votes cast is 88 2/3 will be 58	Total Votes cast is 87 2/3 will be 58	Total Votes cast is 88 2/3 will be 58	Total Votes cast is 88 2/3 will be 58

Motion made to go to the Fifth Ballot. Seconded, 2 in favor, motion defeated. To the Hat: Tanya was selected.

Tanya gave thanks for support. She has stood at this position before and how hard it is for someone who is in our area because of geographic location to get this position.

Proposed 2006 Budget – Jerry – Q. How much has neighbor island air fare been reduced? From \$9600 to \$8200.00. Q. If motion tomorrow regarding the Delegates travel for International Convention is approved, will this line be deleted? A. Yes. Q. The line items for area printing has changed, has it been reallocated? A. Yes. Q. What was actually spent YTD for 2005. A. \$18,779.24 spent so far. Q. When planning the budget for the future, does the committee look at inflation, rising costs of literature and such? A. We did not look at inflation, and we make sure to contact each Standing Committee to see what costs we need. Q. Why are we looking at this now, when there is an item that will affect the Budget on the agenda tomorrow? A. This agenda goes by the group conscious. The way we approve our Budget each year has really been working for us, by not going line

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by line item, and trying to approve each one. Q. The Travel budget for CEC in 2005 was nonexistent, and there is #320 for 2006.

Motion to accept the Proposed 2006 Budget made by Julie GSR for Wahine Opuna. Seconded by Dianna G. of Pl. 84 in favor, 3 opposed. Minority speaks: My home group – Downtown Lunch Group, is opposed to spending so much money for inter-island travel, and has been for about 10 years. We feel it is imprudent. Recently my groups Alt. GSR had visited the Achieves, and reported that the facility was excellent, and this Proposed Budget cuts that budget by \$100. Ted, our permanent archivist, had not spent his full budget in 2005, so we revised it to be more realistic. Jerry did contact Ted before. Nobody wished to change their vote, motion passes.

Area Officers Reports

Delegate Report – Keith –**Please see attached International Convention Report**At the October Committee Meeting, DCM's please suggest agenda items for the 2006 GSC. General Service Conference April 17-23 2005. For those who may have not attended a report back in the past few months I will give a brief view of what happened at the General Service Conference. I have some copies of my full report and you may also check it out at our website www.hawaii-aa.org. I have to just quickly express my gratitude to my family for their willingness to sacrifice me for this two year term. The Conference was truly an extraordinary experience and I am so glad to get the opportunity to be a part of it. What I saw was the Service Manual in action. To be a witness to what Bill W. intended for Alcoholics Anonymous was a nothing short of a miracle. It was amazing to see the 93 Delegates from the US and Canada came from Areas just like ours, with drunks just like ours, to share their experience in order to help someone stay sober who they may not even know. Service, like what we are doing here today, is such a blessing. It takes faith and trusts. We have no idea who may be helped by the service we do; the pamphlets we put in our hospitals, the vital meetings inside prisons that are offering hope, the translations that are being done into Chinese. We are all here to help someone we might not know who is stumbling in the darkness, hopeless. What I heard at the Conference was the same concerns, fears, and hopes for AA's future that I hear here at home. The Concepts and Traditions were in operation everywhere! Seeing the full communication process from the Homegroup to the Conference was remarkable. What I felt at the GSC was a Spiritual Experience. I was rejuvenated with the sprit of love and service. I was overwhelmed with gratitude and appreciation. I also had some fear that somehow we could mess this thing up. I was reassured that we couldn't, that we won't be here long enough to do any large damage. I knew that if we made decisions with the sprit of our principles that we would make decisions that will help drunks around the world. Our theme for next years Conference will be (*Sponsorship, Service and Self-support in a changing world*). I was honored to be elected as Agenda Chairperson. This means, among other things, that I will be attending the Board weekend in January next year. Ron G., Chairperson AAWS, reported that GSO welcomed 1,388 visitors to the net total of 619 new groups registered with GSO last year. At the conference we accepted the Finance Committees recommendation to increase Areas contributions for Delegates expenses to the GSC from \$800 to \$1200. The last increase was in 1997. Literature Committee had several recommendations. I will list the ones we approved: We will have a new introduction to the 12x12. The AA Group will be revised. The term "sexual preference" will be replaced with the term "sexual orientation" in the pamphlet "AA and the Guy/Lesbian Alcoholic." There will be four new paragraphs in the "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" regarding Service Sponsorship. It was my great pleasure to be your Delegate at the 55th General Service Conference. **Report backs May 14 Sept 24** Since the GSC in April I have reported to over 200+ members in 13 Districts. It has been touching and rewarding connecting with different parts of our Island fellowship. I have had fantastic time sharing my experience of the Conference. Every time I give a report back I get to relive my experience in New York. If there is something that you think could be improved on with regards to report backs, please don't hesitate to contact me. **International Convention Toronto June 30-July 3 2005** I also have a full report of my attendance at the International Convention. I think the greatest highlight for me would be the Friday nights Opening Ceremonies. The Flag Ceremony was incredible. 90 countries were represented, including Cuba, Iran and China. Seeing these countries and their flags, knowing that some of them were there for the first time, some were from countries where alcohol is illegal, and some were from countries where it is against the law to assemble for a meeting—well, it was completely touching. The opening talk was given by our past chairmen of the board Elaine ██████████ and it was truly inspiring I couldn't help but cry. She talked about an alcoholic prison guard in Cameroon finding a piece of literature with the address of the GSO in France. He began to correspond with them and with in few months there were seventy members of AA in a prison in Cameroon. This shows us the power of literature and also of the service that we do to keep AA here and its message clear. On Sunday Allen Ault, (class A trustee) in appreciation of Warden Duffy's contribution to helping alcoholics, presented the 25th millionth copy of the Big Book, to Warden Jill ██████████ of San Quentin. I want to thank the Hawaii Area 17 for

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allowing me the opportunity to participate in AA's 70th Birthday. It was an extraordinary event that I will never forget. **Non Trustee Director** There is an opening for a non-trustee director AAWS. The basic qualifications are seven years sobriety, a sound business background preferably in the area of finance, management, publishing, legal or information technology, ability to work with others, and to attend meetings of the A.A.W.S. Board plus three weekend meeting of trustee committees, and one week of conference in April. Resumes should be sent to Joe D., Sec. AAWS INC. 475 Riverside dr. suite1100, New York NY 10115 by Monday September 12th 2005.

Appointed Committee Member There is an opening for an appointed committee members. The requirements for the non-trustee opening are five years of continuous sobriety, active in AA service, especially strong experience in carrying the message through Public Information, experience/ skill in helping to develop public information videos or Public Information efforts aimed at young people, to be available to attend Trustees Committee meetings as well as the General Service Conference in April. Resumes should be sent to Joe D., Sec. AAWS INC. 475 Riverside dr. suite1100, New York NY 10115 by Friday, September 9, 2005. **Request from Conference Agenda Committee** We need to suggest a theme, presentation and workshop topics for the 56th General Service Conference. I would like each DCM to bring back to the October Committee Meeting one suggestion for the theme, presentation and workshop topics. This will allow me to submit them to the Committee by the December 20th dead line. **Our Seventh Tradition** There is an interesting article in the latest issue of Box 459 on our Seventh Tradition. Please read it if you have the opportunity. It discusses our need for self support. I was at a meeting a few weeks ago when the chairmen of the meeting asked if there was anyone here for their first meeting. A gentleman replied that he was there in support of his son. He was not a member nor did he have a desire to stop drinking. As the basket was being passed I witnessed that the man put a five spot into the basket. Is this in keeping in mind our Seventh Tradition? What would happen if we started receiving donations from outside our fellowship? If you see something like this is it your responsibility to speak up? Does love and tolerance have anything to do with this Tradition? There are some interesting thoughts that surface when this topic comes up. I believe that some members are unaware of the services that are provided by you the volunteers of General Service. We might ask these questions in your home group meeting. What are the services that Hawaii Area 17 provides? Do we carry the message into corrections faculties? Do we provide information about AA with the professional community? Do we carry AA's message with literature into hospitals? If we can answer yes, then what do we think the cost should be for these services? The treasurer of GSO, Vince Keefe, said that if every member contributed \$5.92 per year or \$132.51 per group per year it would enable our fellowship to be fully self supporting. **Translations, carrying the message beyond** There are nine new pamphlets and book translations in production from Japanese: Dr Bob and the old timers to the Portuguese new edition of the Big Book. AA has sure seen a lot of growth in the past 70 years. I hope to see more growth in the next 70 years. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this amazing fellowship.

Alt. Delegate – Francesca – 2 of the people in my cabin had dreams about Sam B. last night. I wrote an article in the Myna Bird, which actually had some errors in it. Sam was always the minority opinion, as a GSR while I was a DCM, and then later as a DCM while I was PI Chair. I received much spiritual growth from my knowing him. Asked for all new GSRs to stand and introduce themselves. I am regulary attending the Committee Meetings for the Hawaii Annual Conventions. The Web Site is getting there, and a lot more information has been added. I also have been attending Oahu Intergroup, and a lot of exciting changes have are happening there.

Area Chair – Vernon – ****Please see attached Report on International Convention**** Happy to report that the 2 Standing Committee Chair vacancies have been filled. I have an awesome experience at the International Convention; I truly saw the language of the heart there from all over the world. It is ok to be passionate here in General Service, but we must be respectful to one another.

Alternate Area Chair – Nick - Want to thank the Honolulu District for hosting this Committee Meeting. Thanks alos to the past delegates for attending these assemblies. I attended the Finance Committee presentations on Maui, I attend monthly Convention Steering Committee meetings, flying over for the day. We are down slightly in attendance numbers from last year, can you please spread the word. We received a formal motion from the Puna District to host the 2007 or 2008 Annual Convention.

Recording Secretary – Elizabeth – Thank you to those who have sent me their written reports. As always, email is preferred. I am grateful to serve Alcoholics Anonymous through Hawaii Area 17, please feel free to let me know how I can better serve you folks.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry – Our liability policy was extended for 2005. We are registered by the DCCA for 2005 and 2006 as a non-profit entity. The bank has agreed to renew our fees on our saving account, a small amount of \$35.

Registrar – T - Thank you for allowing me to be of service. I have new color folders per district. For new GSRs, if you have not completed the group change form I do have them at the registration table. Outgoing Committee

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Chairs, please see me for change forms as well. I have not received any group info forms at the PO box so I am understanding that there have been no group changes. I am compiling the GSR list per district per meeting to have available so I ask that DCMs can you please get your districts info to me. I do have a few districts complete. Thank you. If there are any questions, please see me at the back table.

Convention – Open Mike Sharing

Marion - We had a SOS hospitality room, and that was awesome for Stan and I. We spent most of the Convention in there, and about 500 people came by. Some people were wondering if they could come in if they were like 57 or so, and God gave me a phrase "The only requirement for membership is a desire to reach age 60!" I spent an hour with a newspaper reporter who was writing about Alcoholism in the elderly.

David E. - Attending the International Convention was my last Official duty as an outgoing Trustee, I was privileged to attend. This was my 4th International. I filled in at the Grapevine kiosk, speaking with people all over the world about the Grapevine. Tanya and I also were asked to speak on a panel on "Partners in AA". We got to share our Experience, Strength and Hope on being a relationship in AA. I highly encourage all to attend in 2010 in San Antonio.

Scott – I had to jump through a few hoops to be admitted into Canada due to my colorful past. It was a pleasant experience dealing with Customs, and I felt a deep sense that AA has never lied to me. As a result of being sober in AA, this was possible. I really enjoyed attending Tanya and David's panel.

Tanya – I don't attend a lot of conventions, but this is the 4th or 5th convention I have attended. I was down on the floor at the Opening Flag Ceremony, and I looked back and it was so emotional for me, the stadium was filled. For me, going to the International is representing that we are a part of a world wide fellowship. An unbelievable sense of camaraderie. I also got to attend a Delegate Reunion.

Valerie – First International I have ever attended, too much people for me, I am not one for big crowds. I also had a fabulous time. To see the Muslim countries represented in the flag ceremony was amazing. I took the train from Toronto to Vancouver BC, and many AAs were aboard, and we got to have meeting in the bar car.

Debbie – My first International, what an amazing experience. To see an entire baseball stadium filled with AA's, awesome. What really struck me was how strong Hawaii General Service is.

Betsy – It was a real treat to go. The highlight I recall is that all the AAs were all over. The hotel I was in had a fire alarm happen in the middle of the night and we all headed out in our jammies, laughing in the street at 3:00 am.

Keith K. – I was fortunate to attend. I spoke on a topic there. I got to meet someone from Mongolia, and one of my home group members is part Mongolian, and I was able to pass on a piece of artwork, as he was unable to attend. I took digital archives postcards to a young peoples meeting and passed the out to thousands of young AAs.

Nick - I visited GSO before the convention. I took a picture of out Hawaii Area 17 mailbox. I made it a priority to attend the topics focused to how to spread AA. You never know what you do in AA , how it can spread out. 50,000 reciting "I am responsible", and sometimes my homegroup cannot get a coffee person, or a chair. We have to keep spreading the message.

Susan – I always considered others in AA a miracle, and attending this Convention made me see that I am a miracle, and believing that deep down inside.

Brian – In 2000, I remember hearing about people talking about 50,00 saying the Serenity, and I told myself I would attend in 2005 if I could stay sober. It was a blessing to be able to. It was really an overwhelming experience. I can't even put it into words.

Vernon – My sponsor never tells me what to do, but he told me to attend the International Convention.

Reports given at this time: ** All Standing Committee, DCM, Intergroup and HICYPAA / ICYPAA reports are attached to this official recording of the minutes***

Assemblies / Committee Meeting Dates for 2006

Inventory Assembly	Committee Meeting	Inform the Delegate Assembly	Committee Meeting	Budget Assembly	Committee Meeting	Election Assembly
Jan 21-22	Feb 25	Apr 1-2	Jun 24 ¹⁷	Aug 19-20	Oct 14	Nov 11-12

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Kihei	Waianae	East Hawaii	C. North Shore	Diamond Head	Windward	Puna
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Open Mike Session - What's on Your Mind – We are having the 2nd Annual Sober over Sixty retreat October 28, 29 and 30, 2005. At the Ahu Lani Sanctuary in Honokaa. Timeline given out by Aloha Friday group for their motion tomorrow. Arnold N. from Kona passed away this morning, a moment of silence for him. Deadline for early registration for the Hawaii Convention is September 9, so register today. September is National Recovery month, and Waianae Men in Recovery is having an event. Please see me for more information. I have an item that may affect the Budget that you just have. I believe that we are not allocating enough money to Ted K, our permanent archivist. I knew Arnold N. well, he was elected as delegate a long time ago, but he was then called out to Sea so he could not fulfill the position. A very upright guardian of the traditions, and was unafraid to take a popular stand for the better of AA. He was the first editor of the Mynah Bird. Women AA speakers are needed to speak in the jail in Hilo on Tuesdays and Thursdays – Addy B. [REDACTED] is the contact. We are spending a lot of time, energy and emotions on a \$100 line item in the budget that has passed. We have a Finance Committee for a reason. I would like to ask the Finance Committee if we can afford to spend some funds to protect our speaker system. The box is getting pretty banged up, and they have available cases to carry it which will protect our investment. Anonymous questions: Chanting in AA is a concern to me, can someone address this? Some members shared that they worry about how the chanting and rituals affect the newcomers. One says she doesn't say "Keep Coming back it works if you work it" at the end of the Lords Prayer anymore after seeing an example of someone refraining from it at a meeting one day. A new level of awareness has been opened up. Are we serving our primary purpose? I trust our trusted servants, and my group trusts me as a servant. Tradition 4 was quoted – if you don't like people snapping their fingers, don't go to those meetings. Maybe we can have a Communication Workshop across all districts, because I think this is miscommunication. You cannot forget the second half of the 4th tradition – except when affecting other groups as a whole. I hope we can have a workshop on this topic.

Sunday August 14, 2005
Opened at 9:02 with the Serenity Prayer
Reading - Legacy of Service from the Service Manual
Host DCM Announcements

New Business

Hawaii Convention Proposal- Francesca - After careful review of the current Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guidelines, the Conventions Steering Committee recommends the following changes to Appendix C: To read: "1. The Steering Committee shall consist of six members. Three of these members shall be past Convention Chairpersons; one shall be the current Convention Chairperson. Two members shall be Alternate Delegate and the Alternate Area Chairperson from the Area Assembly. A quorum shall be 5 out of 6 members present. A two thirds majority vote shall be required in all general operational matters. Approval from the Area Assembly for:....." Currently reads: "1. The Steering Committee shall consist of seven members. Three of these members shall be past Convention Chairpersons; one shall be the current Convention Chairperson. Two members shall be Alternate Delegate and the Alternate Area Chairperson from the Area Assembly. The last member shall be the Facilities Coordinator Chair. A quorum shall be 5 out of 7 members present. A two thirds majority vote shall be required in all general operational matters. Approval from the Area Assembly for:....." To read: 2. Terms are as follows; Convention Chairperson has a four-year commitment, Alternate Delegate and Alternate Chairperson serves two years. Deleting the last sentence which currently reads: The Facilities Coordinator Chair for one year.

Questions: Point of Order: Is this petition coming from the Committee or the Area Officers? A. I sit on the Steering Committee; I don't see anything wrong with a member of the Steering Committee proposing. It changes the quorum by 1, and takes the Facilities Chairs' vote out. Basically we are going back to the way it was before we changed it last Panel. We tried it, and it didn't work, and now the Committee wants to change it back. Are we taking away a persons authority, but leaving them with the responsibility? Our concepts protect against this. It works better when the Facilities Chair doesn't have a vote. It was originally changed because the Facilities Chair had such a large responsibility; we wanted that position to have a vote. Yes, that position was

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these functions on a regular basis.

Seconded by Ruben.

Discussion: Do the individual districts have the ability to carry out this work? You just heard Kauai DCM's report, and listening to all the Standing Committee work that's getting accomplished in his district. What about the budgets for these Committees? Will it be taken out of the Area budget? Yes. The Area does not generate money; all of our money comes from 7th tradition, from the home groups. When I was DCM, we had trouble filling our service positions. I need to know more before I make a decision on this topic. It costs about \$13,000 to fly all of us here this weekend! I am a Standing Committee Chair, and I hold a committee meeting monthly on Oahu, and last meeting there were 4 people in attendance. There are a lot of Alcoholics that will fall through the cracks if it is left to the Districts. We are considered a remote community. The main goal of the General Service Structure was to promote unity. Our district has 5 treatment centers, and our budget averages about \$1,000. There is no way we could service these facilities without Area's help. This is the nature of living in Hawaii. In the District of Hilo, we need help. We have a general manager in New York from Hawaii, and I don't think this ever would have happened if we wouldn't have gone to the lengths and expenses we do to send our area servants. Kauai DCM rephrased his report, his District Chairs are nonexistent, and what little they have would be lost without the Area Committee Chairs. I am completely against this restructuring. I remember when the Treatment Committee Area chair started Bridging the Gap and I remember how helpful it was. What would Area become without the Standing Committees? Would Area disband? When I first began Area service, I paid my own way, which I didn't have a problem with doing. Progress is forward, never backwards. People went out of their way to help me get sober, nobody cared where I lived or how much money I had. When we get so into money in our discussions in AA, I think we are being diverted from our primary purpose. It's easy for me to not take stuff personally in Alcoholics Anonymous, each group is autonomous. The real problem is that our budget has remained the same for 10 years, we need to figure how we can raise contributions. We will still have to get together to inform our Delegate. Money and spirituality do mix, but we need to have both of the components. Why are you excluding Mynah Bird and Archives from the disbandment? Well, Ted said that leaving Archives would be a good idea and Mynah Bird seems to be a

Chris called the question

Floyd seconded

We are voting to vote.

In favor: 69

Opposed: 3

Vote

In favor: 4

Opposed: everyone else (by body's consensus, not counting off)

Minority: We still haven't addressed the issue about what we are going to do about rising airfare and the income remaining the same.

At 2:30 Area Chair revised the agenda, and moved the GSR Round Tables to the January Assembly.

Ask it Basket / What's on your mind: When a change is made to the Structures and Guidelines is the copy on the website physically changed? No. I am very disappointed that we are not having the GSR roundtables, as I am a brand new GSR. I am bidding a fond aloha. When we change the S & G, can we have the revision available? Alt. Delegate Francesca told new GSRs who wish for a Roundtable to meet with her after the closing, and she will conduct one for them.

2:40 adjourned.

International Convention

"I am Responsible"

AA's 70th birthday in Toronto Canada
June30-July3, 2005

The responsibility statement was read by members forty years ago at the 30th Convention in Toronto. Forty years later we returned to Canada and celebrated the same theme. The excitement began driving into Toronto from Buffalo on Thursday and seeing all sorts of people heading to the Convention. At one point we saw a group of motorcycles with Australian plates, I didn't know for sure they were heading to the Convention but it seemed likely. Getting into the city there was a huge banner that welcomed members to the Convention; we knew we were going the right way.

After registering I talked to Rick W., a GSO Staff member who is on the CPC assignment. He also had the responsibility of broadcasting the flag ceremony. Rick will be the coordinator for the 2010 convention in San Antonio. He shared with me that the flag ceremony broadcast was to be in Russia, Poland, most counties in Western Europe, and also in Peru and Columbia.

I ran into Adrienne B. who is on the International assignment. She shared that she just got back from Sub-Saharan Africa Service Meeting. Talking to her about the work that is taking place in Africa is so exciting. Knowing that our message can be carried in any language and any culture is truly inspiring. She believes that Tanzania will have the next Zonal Office. This is because they are informed about the importance of self support and are encouraging participation.

There were three different displays in the main hospitality room. What a fun experience to walk up to the desk for GSO and see Trustees and Staff. They answered questions and handed out our literature. One of the questions they got were where do we get the AA tee shirts? This is a funny question because AA doesn't make tee shirts. When I walked up to the Grapevine display there was a huge group of Spanish speaking members that were getting La Vina subscriptions. They also had the Digital Archive up on display. By far the Archive display stole the show. It took up ¼ of a room that was about the size of 4 football fields. Seeing the life sized photos of the places and people responsible for AA's early years was incredible.

Friday morning we had rehearsal for Saturday night's meeting. Being in Rogers Stadium when no one was there was very surreal. Later, we went to the young

peoples meeting where Oahu resident Martina shared. Then we attended the partners meeting where David and Tanya E. spoke. It is so much fun to here how they meet and communicate with each other.

From 2-4 we were in the Pacific Region Hospitality Suite. We welcomed over 100+ visitors at our two hour time slot. David E. played a few Hawaiian songs on his ukulele for us.

The Opening Flag Ceremony was incredible. 90 countries were represented, including Cuba, Iran and China. Seeing these countries and their flags, knowing that some of them were there for the first time, some were from countries where alcohol is illegal, and some were from countries where it is against the law to assemble for a meeting—well, it was completely touching.

The opening talk given by our past chairmen of the board Elaine [REDACTED] was so inspiring I couldn't help but cry. She talked about an alcoholic prison guard in Cameroon finding a piece of literature with the address of the GSO in France. He began to correspond with them and with in a few months there were seventy members of AA in a prison in Cameroon. I think this shows us the power literature and also of the service that we do to keep AA here and its message clear.

The three speaker meeting was one of the best meetings that I have ever been to. It began with the "I am Responsible" statement which over 45,000 participated in. This cemented that we are all here for the same common goal—to help each other and make sure that this message is here for future generations. The second speaker, Pushin, from India told us of the history of AA in India and how they are today. India celebrated its 48th anniversary and has over 30,000 members. In the last five years AA has doubled from 800 groups to 3400 groups. This is an astronomical expansion. They have 16 different languages in India, so carrying the message can be challenging. Most poignant in his talk was a cry out for the women of AA in the US and Canada to come twelve step his countries females. He said that you can go to a meeting in India and see 100 members but only a few of them might be women. He says that the stigma of women with alcoholism is so bad that women are not coming to AA for fear of the shame they would receive. It was so touching to me to see a sober man reach out to the fellowship's women in this way.

Saturday I attended the General Service Conference workshop. The topic was "how we work with each other from within" chaired by Ron G. Chair of AAWS. Two past Delegates and one present one gave twenty minute talks mostly on their experience at the General Service Conference.

The Delegates luncheon was attended by 569 past and present Delegates. It was great to see the Delegates that I served with and those of the past who have made decisions that affected us to this day, for example the making of the forth

edition Big Book. Uncle Herb was there who was a Delegate panel 29. Also in attendance was a panel 6 Delegate.

I stepped in to check on Maryann and Stan in the SOS suite they looked like they had been working extremely hard carrying the message.

I started to get very excited about being on stage in front of every one. I knew that I was just reading our Preamble at a meeting but I couldn't help but feel so happy I couldn't stop smiling. Participating in the main meeting with my wife was an unbelievable experience. We were extremely honored to be asked to take part. I stayed up way passed our bed time getting to bed around 3:30am.

On of Sundays morning's meeting moving moments was the giving away of the 25 millionth copy of the Big Book in honor of Warden Clinton ██████ of San Quentin. In 1942 he was responsible for the first meeting behind the walls. Today there are over 2,562 groups in prison and over 70,000 inmate members. Hawaii has a very active Corrections committee and if not for the diligent work of this committee we would have fewer members and more inmates returning to prison.

I want to thank the Hawaii Area 17 for allowing me the opportunity to participate in AA's 70th Birthday. It was an extraordinary event that I'll never forget.

Keith H.
Hawaii Area 17 Delegate panel 55

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Standing Committee Reports

Mynah Bird – Mike – My report is in the current edition of the Mynah Bird.

Archives - Sandi – Report from Ted: Since last assembly ed has made a AA history presentation at the 9th Annual Westside Round-Up, July 4th. July 11-14 received the entire archive of the Maui No Ka Oi district. July / August: Archives Building being insulated, dry-walled and painted. Archive research by AA member; 20 hours. Report from Sandi: I think we should start a savings account, because as much as we would like Ted to live forever... Proposal reviews, any comments to fred@hawaii.com. I am studying digital archives from Maine. Thank you Keith and Keith for the DVD. Consulting with East Hawaii Archives Committee member about our own digital archives. Always put dates, including years, on your fliers or future archives.

Convention Steering Committee – Dee Dee- The convention is coming along, we are right on target 453 registered so far. We thought our registration count would be low due to all the other activities going on but numbers are about the same as last year. The program is in rough draft and I must admit it has my attention; I want to go to everything! Last years count at this time was 558, so there is something to be concerned about. How many of you have received your registration flier? (A few members raised their hands) This might be the problem so please pass the word to register. The flier can be downloaded and printed from a computer. The Ala Moana Hotel, our base, is renovating the one and only pool. This project was to have been done by August. Aike is going to speak with our liaison to see if guests have been notified and to see if there is some option or compensation. More shall be revealed. IRS - we thought we were done with this project but received another letter stating they need more information. Please notice that they addressed the letter to the name we requested in the first place. On Monday I called the number given in the letter just to see what the hold up was, and wouldn't you know it was assigned to Mrs. Jackson. She was not there; the case has been closed and a confirmation letter is in the mail. 2006 Convention chair / there were no applicants for chair as of today. We would like to have someone chosen before the convention. We are asking the fellowship to come with any nominations and/or suggestions to next month's steering committee meeting. The steering committee is accepting resumes for secretary and treasurer positions. We would like to make our selection in November. Resumes are due by the end of October. These announcements will be posted on the web site.

Public Information Committee – Dianna – PI has not been very active in the past couple of months. Zeke from Oahu Intergroup, Lisa M. and I will be working on getting signs with Central Office phone number on the Bus again. We will be going to Mililani High School sometime in September or October. I will be calling all DCMs for help with putting pamphlets in the library. I am looking forward to going to Puna District for their workshop.

Cooperation with the Elderly Committee – Marion International Conference Report: The Humber Room at the Intercontinental, Toronto, that housed the Sober over Sixty hospitality suite was a beehive of activity. Hundreds of people visited.....over 200 signed the guest book and contact sheets requesting information, the workbook, the resource guide and registration forms for the SOS conference. The workshop on carrying the message to the elder community was attended by about 1,000 folks. There has been an explosion of interest in the work. Many Sober over Sixty meetings are now happening throughout the nation. Since the conference we have had requests for info and help from many folks eager to go to work. Two new Sober over Sixty meetings are in the works in Hawaii. One in Honolulu, and another at the Hualalai Elderly Housing in Kona. We sent out, via e-mail attachments, the workbook, the resource guide, registration forms for the SOS conference and other material. To the snail mail contact people we sent the conference registration form and if they wish copies of the other material they must inform us. We did a well-received workshop at the Leeward District Honolulu delegate report back in June. Upcoming events: Sunday, October 9, 10 am- 4 pm Kupuna Day at Palisades Recreation Center. Lunch will be served. Saturday, October 21 Hawaii State Convention, Workshop "Sober over Sixty – Are we carrying the message to the elder community?" Friday-Sunday, October 28-30 Sober over Sixty Retreat, Ahu Lani. Thursday-Sunday, May 18-21, 2006 First Annual International Sober over Sixty Conference, Keauhou Beach Resort, Kailua-Kona, Hi. **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2005 REPORTBACK:** Wednesday, June 29, 2005 – United Red-eye Kona, Hawaii to Chicago. Thursday, June 30, 2005 – Chicago to Toronto, arrived about 9 am, good flights, no sleep, excited, thrilled, raring to go. Greeted at airport by Wes B., Toronto Coordinator of the "Sober over Sixty" hospitality suite. Aloha, hugs and all is wonderful! Greeted at Intercontinental Hotel by Shirley and Cindy, two dear Hawaiian buddies. Then off to the Humber Room, the Sober over Sixty hospitality suite to unload all the vast material trekked in from Hawaii including 1,000 registration forms for the First Annual International Sober over Sixty Conference to be held on Big Island May 18-21, 2006. After settling in to a lovely room, headed to Registration.....located in the bowels of the Convention Center.....trudged the yellow line snaking round aisles and down escalators always greeted by hordes and hordes of cheerful volunteers with red shirts and white peaked caps. Everyone's mood was splendid despite huge, vast crowds as we edged forward. Registration a snap, ordered photos and trudged back to the Humber Room. Stan set up the power point presentation so folks

neck of the woods. Of you would like hospitals to be at your workshop, presentation, or district meeting please contact me. My number is 542-4820 or home 695-0143. for that I am responsible. In love and service, Bridgette K hospitals chair area #17.

Treatment – Steve – Incoming Chair, no written report submitted.

Corrections – Rick I am happy to report that we have two new volunteers going into the Federal Detention Center on Wednesday nights. We have also recently begun speaker/discussion meetings at the Laumaka Correctional Facility on Friday nights. More meetings have also started in a couple of the Hilo facilities in the last few months so we are definitely reaching more inmates then we had been. I had been asked by some of the volunteers here in Kauai to support them with new hard cover Big Books and 12 X 12's, and I was not able to get that done. However, I was able to bring some books with me and I would like to offer the volunteers here what I do have available. Because of many recent personal challenges, I have not been able to do the type of service that I would have liked to do. We haven't had a committee meeting since April, have not been connecting with the neighbor islands as we should have been. I do hope to re-focus and re-commit to doing a better job in those areas. I am currently going into different facilities on Monday, Thursday, and Friday nights. There are always a couple of new inmates signing up for the Bridging the Gap program and I am happy to report that I have been able to match every inmate that has requested assistance, with an AA member that has been willing to share his experience, strength, and hope through correspondence. While I do realize that much more could be done in the area of corrections, I believe that the main focus of the Corrections Committee should be to carry the message behind the walls, into all of the facilities that will have us, and as far as I know, we are doing just that. I thank you all for this awesome opportunity for service.

Grapevine – Keith - Next Committee Meeting will be held at lunch at the October 8, 2005 Committee Meeting. Have subscription numbers: 437 in August Hawaii Area 17 and 12 for July/August issue of La Vina, up from 4 in January / February. I visited the Grapevine offices while I was on the mainland for the International. Spent some time with the staff members there. I was given phone numbers of other Grapevine Chairs, so now I am networked. I was really moved listening to all the other committees talking about using the Grapevine in their Committee work. Grapevine will be participating in the Kupuna Day as well as the Sober over Sixty. My contact info: 808- 298-5548, email is: Grapevine@hawaii-aa.org.

Intergroup Reports

Oahu Intergroup – Zeke – FOUNDERS DAY: Was a great success. We had a two day event a dance and speaker and then workshops and meetings and a volleyball tournament. We did not lose any money on the event. YEAH!! We are currently looking for a next years Founders Day Chair. If you are interested please come to the September 14, meeting and qualify yourself. I personally would like to see it on the West side since I have not seen it there. We are doing caravans to meetings. I want to ask ALL DCMS if I can have a couple of minutes at your District Meeting so I can let individuals know what we are about and where we would like to go as Intergroup. Our new web site for Intergroup is: <http://www.oahucentraloffice.com/>. We have an extension on our lease at Central Office until February 2007. I spoke with Bill Ramsey who is managing the property and he said the owners said they hope to let all the tenants know by January of 2006 what plans they have for the property. So we formed a committee to look into our possible move. We looked at the following: What do we need? Deposit 1st months rent. Deposit for phone/charge to move/or new number. Charges for internet, rough guess \$2,500. What is our mission? *To provide literature and answer calls.* What do we want: *stability.* What is a suitable location? *400-500sq ft/ accessibility by transportation, population, and ADA accessible.* How much time do we need? *We have 17 months to be proactive on this issue.* How will our move affect the fellowship? *In some ways bad, since we will not be able to please every one the committee will listen to the fellowship yet at the same time will have to weigh out what is best in the long run for us as a WHOLE. We may need to really have more groups donate to Central Office in order to pay rent. Lets face it everything has gone up and I think we forget that at times when it comes to the 7th tradition. in some ways good: since we may have a place where we can do more. We would like to have it ADA Accessible. The place we have now only has stairs an individual who may have difficulty walking up stairs can not get there. Note to remember: We may not be blessed enough to have the rent opportunity we have now. Remember we only pay \$739.37 per month right now. That price is unheard of in today's market especially for a location as ours.*

West Hawaii Intergroup – Mike – Our low prudent reserve has been brought back to comfortable levels thanks to fundraisers and the groups support. Annual East Hawaii vs. West Hawaii softball game scheduled for October 1 in Waimea. Halloween party October 29. Teleservice and in-office volunteers have quadrupled in the past three months. Mahalo to the groups.

East Hawaii Intergroup – Carroll – I just started this position 6 months ago. We are looking for phone volunteers, but the good news is we have terrific level of participation from our Intergroup Reps. We have a new landlord on the mainland, and so far he has said "no changes", and at this time we have enough prudent reserve if we ever had to move.

Maui Intergroup – Nikki- The biggest news to date is that we found a volunteer from the Big Island and we now have a website up and running. Do dare, meeting schedules are available. We are in the process of printing upcoming events. Our next step is getting our monthly newsletter, the Serenity Gazette, online. Our editor Jule and her committee are doing an awesome job. News from C.O. – Our phone angels have filled 54 out of 120 time slots available. Our literature sales were 181.00 last month. We average anywhere from 150-190 per month. As Maui co-chair I brought to the group conscience the importance of setting up literature for all of our events on Maui. There was a small discussion about violating the rules at the parks against commercial sales. Our literature is available for sale at C.O. only during the time our central office manager is working. This is 5 days a week for 3 hours a day. Weekends and all other times the literature is locked up. I look forward to and am grateful for being part of service at this level. I feel honored to carry the message to and from area assemblies. I am in the process of being informed and responsible co-chair. Today I can contact my service sponsor and others who information about my responsibilities in service. I must always remember I am an alcoholic in recovery and that God is in charge. Comment - Lisa M. - For those Intergroups who use CMJ Communication, they should provide better directions to your meetings. My 2 daughters work for them, and this is being passed on from them.

HICYPAA/ICYPAA Reports

HICYPAA – Brian – HICYPAA is August 26-28th at Camp Maluhia, Maui. \$60 per person, which covers food and board. Camp provides for camping or cabins. Cabin facilities do not provide linen, please provide your own. Transportation will be provided. Please state your flight information. If you would like to register this weekend, our registration chair Pamela is here. Our email contact is: hicypaa2005@hawaii.rr.com.

ICYPAA – Todd- I am the Big Book Chair from Maui. We have a committee that has been fairly active over the last 11 months. The need to carry the message to young people is great on Maui. The idea of starting a new Young Peoples Group was the beginning of this committee. The current and filled positions of this committee include Chair, Events, Food and Beverage, Facility Chair, Alanon Liaison and Big Book Chair. We have held numerous events to help show those new in recovery that fun in sobriety is possible and also to outreach this year ICYPAA in New Orleans September 1-4, 2005. We encourage Alanon to attend our events and hold Alanon participation when appropriate. Our last event was August 20, 2005 Surf and Turf.

DCM Reports

Diamond Head – Floyd- The Diamond Head district, over all has been doing very well; the meeting is still on the first Thursday of each month, and all are welcome to attend. Sue came and gave our district a written budget report with a explanation back in July and we also had our delegate Keith H. give his report back from the 2005 general service conference in Aug. Diamond Head district has set up funding for GSR's who groups are unable to afford there group the capital to attend off island area assemblies, the district is now able to pay a one way fare for 4 needy group in our district. We have been taken your caravan on the road weekly in the hope of drumming up new GSR's and to also let the groups know that the district is still alive and still needs help. I would like to take this time to thank the GSR's that are here today from the Diamond Head to let them know that I truly appreciate all of the time and effort that they have put into helping to keep the diamond head district alive and number 1. Thank you. We still have plenty of time left and there are still alcoholics who not only need our help but they also need to be informed. I hope that I am not out of place? I would like to take a moment to acknowledge our friend Sam who is no longer with us. He will truly be missed.

Windward- Sue- In an effort to inform non-participating groups what their district is doing, participating GSRs have been visiting the non-participating groups with copies of the District minutes so that they can be informed and to spark some interest in the District business. Along those same lines, our district is planning a workshop in September at the Waimanalo Health Center on the topic "What District Does for YOU." It will be 1 pm to 5 pm and will include brainstorming, pupus, guest panels from other districts, and lots of fun. Please join us if you can. It will be interesting if you are part of Windward District or if you are part of another district.

Kihei- Kathie – Our district meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Kalama height retirement center. We are grateful to have a new GSR, rich, representing the Sunday beach group. Kihei district has a new meeting called "wet drunks" which meets Saturday morning at 9:00 in the ocean off Kamaole beach Ali'i Park. Floats devices are recommended for this meeting. Our district treasurer resigned so we will be having an election Tuesday August 16th to fill that position. Danny R., our district treatment chair is continuing to take a meeting to the resource center every Wednesday night at 8:00. He reports that there are a lot of new people and the meeting is larger than it has been. Colin H. District CPC chair has been taking a panel to the dui class once a month. There has been such an increase in dui arrests that the county has asked for three panels a month. Matt H. has joined Colin with this commitment. Unity day, an all district event will be held September 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Kalama park pavilion. Planned are panels on next year's general service conference theme, games and of course food.

Puna- Chris- GSR's in attendance this weekend are: Stephanie, Lehua, Terry, Dan, Ken, Julie. Our district meetings are held at the Hawaiian Acres Community Center at Road 8 and Road C the second Wednesday of the Month. We have decided to hold a CPC/PI workshop on the first week end in November. At our last district meeting on August 10, an Ad Hoc meeting was formed with three members to discuss and organize the upcoming workshop. We also donated \$75.00 to the Corrections Chair in Puna to be used for literature for Hale Nani, Kulani and HCCC. There was a flier distributed at district seeking women to come into the Hale Nan facility to share their experience strength and hope with the inmates, as there can be to 18 women incarcerated at one time. Also another flier was give to the GSR's for the Unity day camp-out with members from Puna, West Hawaii, and East Hawaii to be held at Punaluu State Park on August 20th. Lastly a motion to send the DCM to PRASSA was tabled to be discussed in September. Our website is www.bigislandaa.com.

Manoa – Debbie- Manoa District has been active in service since our last assembly. Some of the highlights include joining with the Windward District to host a delegate report back and picnic at beautiful Kailua Beach Park, and participating in Founders Day by putting together a workshop on the home group and service at that level. District members continue to caravan to meetings in the district and work to get others involved. One of our GSRs moved to the mainland, but God always provides, and at our last meeting, two new GSRs showed up. We are making progress. I visited Waikiki, Waianae and Central North Shore Districts to present the 2006 Hawaii Area Budget proposal. It was great to see the level of participation at other Oahu districts – and those in attendance were not too tough on me so for that I am grateful. I spent 3 weeks on the mainland in June and July, and got a chance to attend meetings in San Diego, San Francisco and Toronto, to attend the International Convention, and visit the General Service Office in New York. I had a great time and met some wonderful people from all over the world. But everywhere I went, I ran into people from Hawaii, or those who had a connection to people in service here. It is so awesome to be part of this area and the AA fellowship that is generated by those in service here today, and those who came before us. This reminds me of my friend Sam B. and the love he had for this area and fellowship. I miss his friendship and quirky sense of humor, but am glad that he is at peace and know that he is with all of us in spirit. Since my return, I have been immersed in AA activities – celebrating my 6 year birthday, attending and/or speaking at meetings, catching up on district business, and sponsoring a couple of women. I'm also learning how to surf, doing the usual work and housework stuff, spending time at the beach, and hanging out friends. My life is phenomenal today thanks to this program. I will be forever grateful.

West Hawaii – Archie- We have been getting our goals together. One of them is the CPC outreach project to introduce aa to the clergy. It's purposes are: to carry the message, answer any and all questions, give them meeting schedules and other aa related info on a one to one basis. Another goal was to create more unity between districts. We have planned a unity day for all three districts on the big island. Puna, east and west Hawaii districts will meet at Punaluu's black sand beach park on August 20. We will be having our 1st kupuna day on October 9th. This is the day after the area committee meeting October 8th. Both of these functions are in Kona at the palisades community center. Thanks to Marion and Stan B. For their kokua from the CEC committee for putting the kupuna day plans together. All are invited to attend. Home stays are available.

There is also a meeting that has started in the psyche unit in the Kona hospital. An enthusiastic group has gone in where patients can not come out. As you can imagine there are many rules just to do this but so far everyone involved is happy with the outcome. We have many more projects in the oven. It is pleasure working with such dedicated people in both our district and area.

Waikiki- Ken- On July 3rd we had the opportunity to be a part of the International Convention "Flag Day Ceremony" broadcast event at the Best Western Plaza Hotel. We would like to thank those that gave us the opportunity to be a part of this successful and historical event. September 24th at the Waikiki Community Center from 9am to 2pm We invite the fellowship to The "Delegate Report Back" of the General Service Conference and the International Convention. Schedule as follows: 9-10 Aloha fellowship; 10-11 Delegate Report Back; 11-12 Lunch; 12-1 Delegate Report Back; 1-2 Workshop. Flyers will be available soon. This year both Christmas and New Year's lands on a Sunday. As a note, the Waikiki Community Center has a church service scheduled for Sundays. So to offer the traditional format for the Alkathons we are reviewing other options. We, along with several districts, have been working to continue our tradition, to offer the fellowship a safe haven to come to, to have Fun, Food, and Fellowship during the holidays. As an up-date on our schedules; we are finalizing the schedule for printing and hope to be available by September 2005. ***Addendum:** As an added item to the September 24th "Delegate Report Back" event agenda, we ask the DCMs on Oahu if we could meet post the event to discuss the Christmas and New Years Alkathons for 2005 due to the unavailability of the Waikiki Community Center.

Central North Shore- Valerie – I would like everyone to know that there has been some major growth in the Central North Shore District. My district members have been getting out to the Haleiwa meetings and working to get them involved with the District. We had our annual Central vs. Leeward softball game, yours truly was the umpire for the game as well as the catcher for CNSD. I am sorry to report that Leeward beat us this year 30 to 25. However, I did notice that they had a great many players from the Westside on their team. All in all it was a

great game. I was on the mainland from the middle of June until the middle of July, traveling from Maine to Seattle via Canada. I was also privileged to be a part of the International Convention in Toronto. Any way while I was gone some of my district members worked up a picnic that will be held on August 27, 2005 starting at 12:00 noon. It will be a Clean & Sober Picnic/Potluck at Haleiwa Beach Park "Japanese Beach" end of the park. The members themselves are donating a Huli Huli Hind Quarter. We hope many of you will come out and have a great day at the beach with food, fun, and fellowship. All of our meeting are getting good attendance and are able to contribute to the various entities in AA. I am also happy to let you know that we have 2 new meetings in our District. One is filling the empty spot that we have had for years now on Thursday nights called Heavens Connection; it runs from 8:15 to 9:15 at Wahiawa Methodist Church. This is so it doesn't conflict with the District meeting on the third Thursday. Also the Saturday morning meeting in Kaala Park will resume on September 17, 2005 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. I am happy to see the growth in my District and I hope to see it continue.

Honolulu – Patti – Thank you Kauai District for hosting this assembly and all those in service that made this weekend possible. With me today, I have GSRs, the editor for our district's newsletter (Smoke Signals') and my alternate DCM. Several of my GSRs weren't able to attend, however the message will be carried back to them. Our GSR's, Smoke Signal's Editor, Alternate DCM, Secretary, and myself were able to caravan to 8 of our homegroups in the district so far to let them know who we are and to show cohesiveness. We were also able to give one of our GSR's a helping hands 1 way ticket to come to this assembly. Several of our groups continue to not sign court papers and they are still doing okay. In the near future, Black Experience will be hosting an anniversary meeting and dance, and Malia Discussion will be having their annual roundup from September 23-25, 2005. Per Kane Ali'i home group, the Annual Aloha Roundup, which is held from February 24-26, 2006 is looking for more people to take active roles. They also have a logo contest with their theme 'Hawaii 2006 – Conscious Contact.' Anyone that has a drawing and would like to submit it, please see our GSR Bob Z. Last but not least, we are sad to say that Safe Haven closed their doors due to lack of attendees and financial funds.

Leeward- Erin- No written report submitted.

Waianae – Steve- No written report submitted.

East Hawaii – Virginia for Malissa – East Hawaii district continues to thrive in big, big ways. We are very excited to have Guy, David, Arthur and Virginia our Alternate DCM attend the Budget Assembly this weekend. Since we last met, East Hawaii has filled numerous positions at the district level, now we have a new secretary who will be starting up next month, two co-treasurers who will be starting immediately. We have two very active AA members who are taking meetings to the correction facilities for both men and women on a weekly basis. WE have four meetings per week right now for the women's correctional facility! WE have also just made allocations for funds so that the correction facilities will now be supplied with Big Books and other essential AA literature on a regular basis. We are in the process of helping our co-chairs, Addie and Guy, fill their corrections panels with active members in our East Hawaii AA district. Also, we have a new H and I chair, Kathleen who we just loaded up with a container of literature so that she can continue to keep our institutions up to date with literature and meeting schedules. We have approximately 10 GSRs representing East Hawaii at this time, so a lot has been going on. And finally, thanks to Archie, the AA members of the Big Island will be joining together on August 20 for a potluck and camp out to celebrate our first ever Unity Day.

Maui No Ka Oi – Edwin – District meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 5:30pm. Location is Christ the King Church in Kahului. We have 50+ meetings weekly. 7 GSRs present from our District. We have five standing committee positions open, they are: Archives, CEC, CPC, Grapevine, and PI. Our hospital/literature chair has been up to date with the racks in our hospitals and at Kaiser. She has found a co-chair and has gone over the budget and is asking to increase her budget by \$300. District voted to increase her budget. She also asked for the groups to donate old grapevine issues to fill up the racks. Our current discussion is if we would like to host a workshop of some type... (e.g. Steps, traditions, concepts, sponsorship, service, etc.) GSRs will bring it back to their groups for a group conscience and bring it back to district. Saturday night speaker meeting got a subscription to grapevine and is in the process of donating one. Our district sill hosts the Hana Caravan. It happens monthly on the last Sunday of the month. Wailuku groups 45th anniversary on November 13th at Kauaha Beach Park. Pot luck picnic 2 speaker meetings fun and fellowship. HICYPAA on Maui August 26-28. New meetings are Upcountry Sunrise now meets 6 days a week; new meeting is on Saturday morning at 7am. A new men's stag in Paia, Maui 7:30-9pm. Flag ceremony was attended by 15 or 20 people is was held at the Maui Memorial Hospital and was a success. Some of our Achievers save been sent to Area Archives because of storage expenses on Maui. Temporary amount of time. A lot of other stuff I can't remember to report or find information on I do apologize for my lack of organization of my paper work. I hope the No Ka Oi district can forgive me. Mahalo for letting me serve as Alternate DCM here @ the Budget assembly.

Kauai DCM Report – Bart - I like to start off by thanking all of you for your all of your kind words and compliments regarding this weekends Assembly. I haven't been able to receive your accolades as graciously as I would have liked...Only because I Immediately think of the devoted and tireless efforts of my District Six Members witch truly made all this magical event happen with there countless hours of love for this Program. In no particular

order I like to thank the following Special events Chairs, GSR's And AA Groups and members...Jannene B. Special events, Cabins Chair. Bret H., our Transportation Chair. Shoshanah B. for her love and service and the beautiful leis she made and bestowed to our guests here this weekend! Virginia & Diana for preparing vegetarian & vegan food. Susan O. For her clerical skills and in finding vendors that, we as a non-profit organization could purchase food & beverages at wholesale prices. David J. and Mo, Food services chairs and cooks and special guest star Chef Michael and all of the volunteers that helped make our wonderful food this weekend. Michael B. our Beverages Chair. Pat W. and Our Registration Folks that Just Showed and got the job done. All of our AA Members and Groups that Volunteered there Homes Cars what ever was necessary for this weekend to happen. And Lastly OUR Jack C. and his Imu Crew! What a fantastic Job they did with such a huge pig and even bigger job. They were... Amazing in their service and devotion! Mahalo Jack! And Crew and Mahalo! To all of you in here in district 6 that participated! Oh... Thanks to Our Treasurer Carl K. for writing all those checks! But more so... the AA Members that donated seventh tradition money in that that we can get to the business of representing them in carrying the message to the alcoholic that still suffers! So... That's enough of the pleasantries, let get to "Our Primary Purpose". I would have to Say that without Bridgett our Area Hospital's Chair visiting Kauai on a fairly regularly basis our racks would have be empty some four months ago. Our thanks and gratitude go out to Her in All of her service work that she continues to do on this island She Has been a God send here. "Faith without work is dead" and although were not dead yet... we have certainly dropped the ball and seem to be sleeping at the wheel in our PI and Hospitia's Chair Positions as well as Corrections and CPC could use a bit of stoking of there AA fires. Our PI person that was new in his position had to concede his duties due to a health matter and in that we at this time have no Pamphlets Ordered and non in stock to distribute We Need to Address this Problem Immediately and find a salutation to this oversight in ALL of our reaching out capacities here on Kauai. We have a new Elder Committee Chair Lopaka B. and he has been in commutation with Marion and has a good idea of the work that needs to unfold and blossom here on Kauai. We Have A New Meeting and Group Happy Hour that meets at the Park in Niliwilli Park and is represented here today by a New GSR Michael B. Jerry V. our Area Treasure, David J. our CPC person, Chuck T. Our Intergroup office Manger A New Comer with 30 days and Myself Visited Hina Mauka at there request and had an hour presentation to some of there recovery program participants. We had about and hour to Sheri Our experience strength and hope with them regarding AA and "How it Works" and about getting involved and sponsorship. The meeting went extremely well and we been asked to come back on a Monthly basis to share more of the same with there new comers in there program. We were also asked and agreed to A form of bridging the gap in that AA's would be available to pickup individual Hina Mauka participants at there request and take them to a meeting, introduce them to our group members and the AA program and then a meeting after meeting (talk story) on there way home with us. The Benefits of this newly formed relationship with Hina Mauka is truly unfolding before us. The Prospect of a new AA member embracing the program and staying sober is by far the goal of "our Primer purpose" but Another aspect of the relationship with Hina Mauka is that they have agreed on a case by case bases to help up with 12 step calls that we may receive that require a medical Alcohol detoxify: We AA have to take the Person requesting Help from us to Hina Mauka for an interview, then to Wilcox Hospital for A Medical review and Finely if they are excepted We would take them to Mahelona, for a supervised Detox and upon release enrolment in the Hina Mauka Program. This is a huge step in our Availability to these Facilities as in the past you needed to have a needed to have a relationship with the Kauai Police Department and or the Courts to utilize these Programs. Now you can call AA's Hotline on Kauai and ask for help. That Wonderful that we have some cooperation from these programs and it's in direct response to our wiliness to make ourselves available to them.

Discussion: This is unnecessary; we don't need to change the S & G for each little action. My understanding of calendar is that it just means dates and events. I feel like we are making this too complicated.

16 for the motion and 60 against. Motion defeated.

MOTIONS
Hawaii Area #17 Budget Assembly
August 13-14, 2005
Kahili Mountain Park, Kauai

Hawaii Convention Proposal- Francesca - After careful review of the current Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guidelines, the Conventions Steering Committee recommends the following changes to Appendix C: To read: "1. The Steering Committee shall consist of six members. Three of these members shall be past Convention Chairpersons; one shall be the current Convention Chairperson. Two members shall be Alternate Delegate and the Alternate Area Chairperson from the Area Assembly. A quorum shall be 5 out of 6 members present. A two thirds majority vote shall be required in all general operational matters. Approval from the Area Assembly for:....." Currently reads: "1. The Steering Committee shall consist of seven members. Three of these members shall be past Convention Chairpersons; one shall be the current Convention Chairperson. Two members shall be Alternate Delegate and the Alternate Area Chairperson from the Area Assembly. The last member shall be the Facilities Coordinator Chair. A quorum shall be 5 out of 7 members present. A two thirds majority vote shall be required in all general operational matters. Approval from the Area Assembly for:....." To read: 2. Terms are as follows; Convention Chairperson has a four-year commitment, Alternate Delegate and Alternate Chairperson serves two years. Deleting the last sentence which currently reads: The Facilities Coordinator Chair for one year.

Questions: Point of Order: Is this petition coming from the Committee or the Area Officers? A. I sit on the Steering Committee; I don't see anything wrong with a member of the Steering Committee proposing. It changes the quorum by 1, and takes the Facilities Chairs' vote out. Basically we are going back to the way it was before we changed it last Panel. We tried it, and it didn't work, and now the Committee wants to change it back. Are we taking away a persons authority, but leaving them with the responsibility? Our concepts protect against this. It works better when the Facilities Chair doesn't have a vote. It was originally changed because the Facilities Chair had such a large responsibility; we wanted that position to have a vote. Yes, that position was very awesome, and if we have a person who meets the qualifications, will we have to change again? All committees are very important, and Facilities is another position, and if we gave all committees a vote, we would never get any business completed. If voting members are even number, then how do you pass any voting issues? All items need a two thirds vote. There was a typo in the proposal given at the June Committee meeting, I would like to take this back to my district, as the correction of the typo changes the number of quorum – which is why my group was against this proposal. I think there is a problem with both the way it is and the way it is proposed to be. The Area could hamstring the Steering Committee by both members not attending, there could be no business. We have a very successful convention that has been going on for years, they tried something new and it's not working. If it has worked for the past two years, why don't we let it roll and see if will work. It is not working now, and we have a convention coming up in 2 months! We need a current solution. I thought that a quorum was 50% plus 1? Each body can choose their own

Motion made by Julie to eliminate one of the votes from the steering committee, the facilities chair –the quorum would then be 5 out of 6. Seconded by Floyd.

Discussion – What about deleting the line about the facilities chair serving for a year? We can take the motion as is, or preferably we would amend the motion to read as was written. Asking to

amend motion to read as is on the paper. The original motion maker needs to amend. **Julie withdrew her motion, Floyd withdrew his second.**

Motion By Julie: The Steering Committee shall consist of six members. Three of these members shall be past Convention Chairpersons; one shall be the current Convention Chairperson. Two members shall be Alternate Delegate and the Alternate Area Chairperson from the Area Assembly. A quorum shall be 5 out of 6 members present. A two thirds majority vote shall be required in all general operational matters. **Seconded by Floyd.**

Discussion: None

Vote:

In favor: 82

Opposed: 4

Minority Speaks: Once again, my district declined this proposal based on the number on the original proposal, and I think I should bring this back to my district. My group is against this because we feel we should make a more concerted effort to fill the facility chair.

Motion – To delete the sentence “The Facilities Coordinator Chair for one year”

Seconded by Adina.

No discussion

Vote: 80

Opposed: None

Motion Passed

Aloha Friday’s Proposal

Ruben, GSR – I was voted to be GSR of Aloha Friday Group, my second time in this position. AS all members of Area Service, we know just a little. Right when we almost get it, it’s time to rotate out. At my first Orientation Assembly, we talked on the importance of reporting back to the home group and I knew I was the one to carry this message and information back to them – and I was eager to do this. We had a great time; we moved from roundtable to roundtable learning the different standing committees and the importance of the assembly. So, armed with this information, I went back to my home group and informed them of all the good things that could be done at this level of service. Now, I come to another Orientation Assembly and I would expect the same wonderful time of learning it all over again. Then we get hit with a vote of changing the Structures and Guidelines. Some of the new GSRs haven’t had the time to grip what the Structures and Guidelines really means. As of now, my home group knows what’s going on and we still feel the same way: Not to add to the Structures and Guidelines to read under D. Priority of Spending #4 Other Expenses C. In the Years that correspond to send the Delegate every five years to the International Convention. All I wanted to do was not to vote on it so early in our term and talk it over with my home group. “Take it back” as I was told. I know my home group is a place where we are involved in important discussions that affect not only us, but other home groups and the future of A.A. Back from 2002, we had a motion to change the S & G and add the International Convention. At that time we were allowed to take it back to our groups, and it was over 70% against the motion. This year, we were not able to take it back to our groups.

Lisa – Reviewing all the background and research that we conducted this in support of this proposal. 20 hours spent the Archives was spent preparing for this motion. We originally had 2 petitions, and we would like to delete the Petition #2, about the funds being returned to the Area Treasury.

Questions: Your position is that making amendments to the S & G at an Orientation Assembly is a bad idea? What about the Content, the spirit of the Vote? We are saying that the Orientation is a bad time to change anything. How are you justifying changing the S & G now, when you are against the change that was made at the Orientation Assembly? We are asking for a restoration. Does debating this proposal make good use of this assembly’s time? How does this proposal help the alcoholic that still suffers? It probably won’t help the suffering alcoholic. Is the objection the placement of the item in the Priority of Spending, or the actual funding of the Delegate to

attend the International? We are objecting the passing of this at the Orientation Assembly. Did everything we do at that Assembly count?

Motion made by Ruben - That the Area Assembly void the decision of changing the Structures & Guidelines' Priority of Spending, to reflect that money be given to cover the delegates' expenses to the International Convention. Waldean seconded.

Discussion: This was a number 4 priority of spending, at the same time our Treasurer was reporting a deficit of \$6000. Should we have rethought that?

Sandi called the question.

Bart seconded.

In favor: 77

Opposed: 10

Voting on the motion:

In favor: 10

Opposed: 78

Minority: At the Orientation Assembly, I overheard someone say that if the motion went back to the home groups, it will never pass. I don't mind paying for the delegate to go, but I don't want the S & G changed. I voted for this motion because my group doesn't like the fact that they were not consulted on this matter. I took this back to my home group, and they don't agree with this, unless we are sending the delegate to an assembly, we have no business ending our delegate. AT the Orientation Assembly, I voted with the majority, because I thought you all were right, but when I went back to my home group they didn't agree. So, now I can go back to my group and report that I voted their conscious. What is the official capacity of our Delegate at the International Convention? I want to apologize to all the new GSRs, I voted in favor of this at the Orientation Assembly. I am now voting to void this motion, because the groups should have been able to vote on it, and the GSRs were too new.

Nobody who voted in the minority (for the motion) wished to change their vote, motion is defeated.

Downtown Lunch Group Proposal: DTL rents a storefront on 1159 Bethel St, we have 33 meetings per week, and sponsors 3 outreach meetings. Unity at the Area level is a huge priority, no matter what the cost. My travel group feels that we are spending too much on travel. My home group hasn't contributed to Area in over 7 years. My home group does not send me to neighbor island assemblies, therefore I will not be joining you folks until the August 2006 Assembly. Areas income has leveled out, and it is not going to grow. 10 years ago travel was 50% of the budget, this year it is 70% of the budget, and it is going to continue to grow. Therefore, the amount of money we give to the Standing Committees will continue to decrease. My group feels the Standing Committees are vital.

David P. - GSR Downtown Lunch Group proposes the following motion:

That the existing Area Standing Committees, with the exception of Achieves and Mynah Bird, be dissolved.

1. That the functions of these committees be returned to the district or Intergroup levels, to be determined by the membership of each county respectively.
2. That this transfer occurs in a mutually agreed time frame designed to prevent interruption of ongoing the Standing Committee service work.
3. That the succeeding districts or Intergroup undertake to inform the Area Assemblies of the conduct of these functions on a regular basis.

Seconded by Ruben.

Discussion: Do the individual districts have the ability to carry out this work? You just heard

Kauai DCM's report, and listening to all the Standing Committee work that's getting accomplished in his district. What about the budgets for these Committees? Will it be taken out of the Area budget? Yes. The Area does not generate money; all of our money comes from 7th tradition, from the home groups. When I was DCM, we had trouble filling our service positions. I need to know more before I make a decision on this topic. It costs about \$13,000 to fly all of us here this weekend! I am a Standing Committee Chair, and I hold a committee meeting monthly on Oahu, and last meeting there were 4 people in attendance. There are a lot of Alcoholics that will fall through the cracks if it is left to the Districts. We are considered a remote community. The main goal of the General Service Structure was to promote unity. Our district has 5 treatment centers, and our budget averages about \$1,000. There is no way we could service these facilities without Area's help. This is the nature of living in Hawaii. In the District of Hilo, we need help. We have a general manager in New York from Hawaii, and I don't think this ever would have happened if we wouldn't have gone to the lengths and expenses we do to send our area servants. Kauai DCM rephrased his report, his District Chairs are nonexistent, and what little they have would be lost without the Area Committee Chairs. I am completely against this restructuring. I remember when the Treatment Committee Area chair started Bridging the Gap and I remember how helpful it was. What would Area become without the Standing Committees? Would Area disband? When I first began Area service, I paid my own way, which I didn't have a problem with doing. Progress is forward, never backwards. People went out of their way to help me get sober, nobody cared where I lived or how much money I had. When we get so into money in our discussions in AA, I think we are being diverted from our primary purpose. It's easy for me to not take stuff personally in Alcoholics Anonymous, each group is autonomous. The real problem is that our budget has remained the same for 10 years, we need to figure how we can raise contributions. We will still have to get together to Inform our Delegate. Money and spirituality do mix, but we need to have both of the components.

Chris called the question

Floyd seconded

We are voting to vote.

In favor: 69

Opposed: 3

Vote

In favor: 4

Opposed: everyone else (by Area body's consensus, not counting off)

Minority: We still haven't addressed the issue about what we are going to do about rising airfare and the income remaining the same.

MOTIONS

Hawaii Area #17 Inform the Delegate Assembly

April 1-2, 2006

East Hawaii District

Proposals from Aloha Friday Night – Limit Spending on Unbudgeted Line Items Lisa M.

The original wording stands after going back to the home group with suggestions from the last committee meeting. Would like to table this to the next assembly. Discussion from floor. Upset

Kauai Budget Assembly

Delegates report

August 13th and 14th 2005

General Service Conference April 17-23 2005

For those who may have not attended a report back in the past few months I will give a brief view of what happened at the General Service Conference. I have some copies of my full report and you may also check it out at our website www.hawaii-aa.org.

I have to just quickly express my gratitude to my family for their willingness to sacrifice me for this two year term. The Conference was truly an extraordinary experience and I am so glad to get the opportunity to be a part of it. What I saw was the Service Manual in action. To be a witness to what Bill W. intended for Alcoholics Anonymous was a nothing short of a miracle. It was amazing to see the 93 Delegates from the US and Canada came from Areas just like ours, with drunks just like ours, to share their experience in order to help someone stay sober who they may not even know. Service, like what we are doing here today, is such a blessing. It takes faith and trusts. We have no idea who may be helped by the service we do; the pamphlets we put in our hospitals, the vital meetings inside prisons that are offering hope, the translations that are being done into Chinese. We are all here to help someone we might not know who is stumbling in the darkness, hopeless.

What I heard at the Conference was the same concerns, fears, and hopes for AA's future that I hear here at home. The Concepts and Traditions were in operation everywhere! Seeing the full communication process from the Homegroup to the Conference was remarkable.

What I felt at the GSC was a Spiritual Experience. I was rejuvenated with the sprit of love and service. I was overwhelmed with gratitude and appreciation. I also had some fear that somehow we could mess this thing up. I was reassured that we couldn't, that we won't be here long enough to do any large damage. I knew that if we made decisions with the sprit of our principles that we would make decisions that will help drunks around the world.

Our theme for next years Conference will be (*Sponsorship, Service and Self-support in a changing world*). I was honored to be elected as Agenda Chairperson. This means, among other things, that I will be attending the Board weekend in January next year.

Ron G., Chairperson AAWS, reported that GSO welcomed 1,388 visitors to the office in 2004. At year end GSO had 79 full-time staff, and 6 part-time interns. A net total of 619 new groups registered with GSO last year.

At the conference we accepted the Finance Committees recommendation to increase Areas contributions for Delegates expenses to the GSC from \$800 to \$1200. The last increase was in 1997.

Literature Committee had several recommendations. I will list the ones we approved:

- We will have a new introduction to the 12x12.
- The AA Group will be revised.
- The term "sexual preference" will be replaced with the term "sexual orientation" in the pamphlet "AA and the Guy/Lesbian Alcoholic."
- There will be four new paragraphs in the "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" regarding Service Sponsorship.

It was my great pleasure to be your Delegate at the 55th General Service Conference.

Report backs May 14-Sept 24

Since the GSC in April I have reported to over 200+ members in 13 Districts. It has been touching and rewarding connecting with different parts of our Island fellowship. I have had fantastic time sharing my experience of the Conference. Every time I give a report back I get to relive my experience in New York. If there is something that you think could be improved on with regards to report backs, please don't hesitate to contact me.

International Convention Toronto June 30-July 3 2005

I also have a full report of my attendance at the International Convention. I think the greatest highlight for me would be the Friday nights Opening Ceremonies. The Flag Ceremony was incredible. 90 countries were represented, including Cuba, Iran and China. Seeing these countries and their flags, knowing that some of them were there for the first time, some were from countries where alcohol is illegal, and some were from countries where it is against the law to assemble for a meeting—well, it was completely touching.

The opening talk was given by our past chairmen of the board Elaine McDowell and it was truly inspiring I couldn't help but cry. She talked about an alcoholic prison guard in Cameroon finding a piece of literature with the address of the GSO in France. He began to correspond with them and within a few months there were seventy members of AA in a prison in Cameroon. This shows us the power of literature and also of the service that we do to keep AA here and its message clear.

On Sunday Allen Ault, (class A trustee) in appreciation of Warden Duffy's contribution to helping alcoholics, presented the 25th millionth copy of the Big Book, to Warden Jill Brown of San Quentin.

I want to thank the Hawaii Area 17 for allowing me the opportunity to participate in AA's 70th Birthday. It was an extraordinary event that I will never forget.

Non Trustee Director

There is an opening for a non-trustee director AAWS. The basic qualifications are seven years sobriety, a sound business background, preferably in the area of finance, management, publishing, legal or information technology, ability to work with others, and to attend meetings of the A.A.W.S. Board plus three weekend meeting of trustee committees, and one week of conference in April. Resumes should be sent to Joe D., Sec. AAWS INC. [REDACTED], New York NY [REDACTED] by Monday September 12th 2005.

Appointed Committee Member

There is an opening for an appointed committee members. The requirements for the nontrustee opening are five years of continuous sobriety, active in AA service, especially strong experience in carrying the message through Public Information, experience/ skill in helping to develop public information videos or Public Information efforts aimed at young people, to be available to attend Trustees Committee meetings as well as the General Service Conference in April. Resumes should be sent to Joe D., Sec. AAWS INC. [REDACTED], suite [REDACTED], New York NY [REDACTED] by Friday, September 9, 2005

Request from Conference Agenda Committee

We need to suggest a theme, presentation and workshop topics for the 56th General Service Conference. I would like each DCM to bring back to the October Committee Meeting one suggestion for the theme, presentation and workshop topics. This will allow me to submit them to the Committee by the December 20th dead line.

Our Seventh Tradition

There is an interesting article in the latest issue of Box 459 on our Seventh Tradition. Please read it if you have the opportunity. It discusses our need for self support. I was at a meeting a few weeks ago when the chairmen of the meeting asked if there was anyone here for their first meeting. A gentleman replied that he was there in support of his son. He was not a member nor did he have a desire to stop drinking. As the basket was being passed I witnessed that the man put a five spot into the basket. Is this in keeping in mind our Seventh Tradition? What would happen if we started receiving donations from outside our fellowship? If you see something like this is it your responsibility to speak up? Does love and tolerance have anything to do with this Tradition?

There are some interesting thoughts that surface when this topic comes up. I believe that some members are unaware of the services that are provided by you the volunteers of General Service. We might ask these questions in your home group meeting. What are the services that Hawaii Area 17 provides? Do we carry the message into corrections faculties? Do we provide information about AA with the professional community? Do we carry AA's message with literature into hospitals? If we can answer yes, then what do we think the cost should be for these services?

The treasurer of GSO, Vince [REDACTED], said that if every member contributed \$5.92 per year or \$132.51 per group per year it would enable our fellowship to be fully self supporting.

[REDACTED]

Translations, carrying the message beyond [REDACTED]

There are nine new pamphlets and book translations in production from Japanese: Dr Bob and the old timers to the Portuguese new edition of the Big Book. AA has sure seen a lot of growth in the past 70 years. I hope to see more growth in the next 70 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this amazing fellowship.
In fellowship,
Keith H.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2005 REPORTBACK

Wednesday, June 29, 2005 – United Red-eye Kona, Hawaii to Chicago

Thursday, June 30, 2005 – Chicago to Toronto, arrived about 9 am, good flights, no sleep, excited, thrilled, raring to go.

Greeted at airport by Wes B., Toronto coordinator of the “Sober over Sixty” hospitality suite. Aloha, hugs and all is wonderful!

Greeted at Intercontinental Hotel by Shirley and Cindy, two dear Hawaiian buddies. Then off to the Humber Room, the Sober over Sixty hospitality suite to unload all the vast material trekked in from Hawaii including 1,000 registration forms for the First Annual International Sober over Sixty Conference to be held on Big Island May 18-21, 2006.

After settling in to a lovely room, headed to Registration.....located in the bowels of the Convention Center.....trudged the yellow line snaking round aisles and down escalators always greeted by hordes and hordes of cheerful volunteers with red shirts and white peaked caps. Everyone’s mood was splendid despite huge, vast crowds as we edged forward. Registration a snap, ordered photos and trudged back to the Humber Room.

Stan set up the power point presentation so folks had an opportunity to view the slides independently.....a big success. Spent hours sharing with those who visited the suite searching for information and literature about the work we are doing in carrying the message to the elder community. Hundreds of folks signed the guest book, signed contact sheets to be kept up to date and requested the workbook and resource guide. All 1,000 of the registration flyers vanished. By Saturday every bit of material was gone.

On Friday about 1000 folks attended the “Carrying the Message to the Elder Community” meeting. It was thrilling! And we spent most of our time in the hospitality suite sharing and talking story.

A few folks from Lithuania and other Baltic countries came in to review the power point presentation and a woman translated every

word for them. They requested our material and we gave them packets of everything.

I was interviewed by a New York Times magazine writer who is doing an article on addiction in the elderly. Fortunately he is a member of a twelve step program and respects the anonymity statement.

The Friday and Saturday night and Sunday morning closing meetings in the stadium were awesome. The flag ceremony brought tears of joy. Greg M., general manager of GSO, led 45,000 of us holding hands in the Our Father. A beautiful woman emerged singing "Amazing Grace". Wow!

Saturday night very young recovering alcoholics picked the names of twelve 40 years or more oldtimers, and led them up to the stage. The oldtimers shared their e/s/h with us.

Sunday the 25 millionth Big Book was presented to the warden of San Quentin. The emphasis was on Corrections as the three speakers shared their stories.

It was a glorious few days with much love, much sharing, greeting old friends and making new friends. A real charge to be of maximum service whenever and wherever possible.

Submitted by Marion B.
Co-chair of Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee Hawaii Area 17 and District 8

Hawaii Area 17

To: All Members
From: Jerry Vigil

Just a reminder to send your area contributions to the following address:

Hawaii Area 17
Jerry Vigil
5330 Koloa Rd #3
Koloa, HI 96756

Make your checks out to Hawaii Area 17.

Please: Include your District and group name on the check.
Thank you for all the support this year.

Hawaii Area 17

**To: Members of the Finance committee
Delegate, Alt Delegate, Standing Chair, Alt Chair,
Secretary, Registrar, and Area Standing Chairs
DCM's. (Extra copies enclosed)**

I have enclosed the final Draft of the 2006 Budget. All changes that were brought up at the committee meeting on June 25 have been incorporated in this final revision.

This budget is slightly less than last year's budget by \$538.00. Not a significant change.

The following narrative will give you some idea of the changes made.

Archives The archive budget went down because the money was not used in the past and it was not justified to keep it at that level. I spoke to Ted prior to making the change.

Coop with the Elderly community went up and is larger than the other standing committees. They are in start up mode and they will probably need more in this initial phase.

Corrections went up at the request of the Standing Chair.

Cooperation W/Professional Community went up at the request of the Standing Chair.

Finance committee. I reduced the amount as our copying costs were less than budgeted for last year.

Grapevine went up at the request of the Standing Chair.

Hospitals went up at the request of the Standing Chair.

Mynah bird went up at the request of the Standing Chair.

Public Information stayed the same.

Treatment Facilities stayed the same.

Hawaii Area Officers/As a Whole

Area Printing went up

General Service Conference went up as our participation amount was increased by \$400.

Insurance went up because of an increase.

Interisland Airfare was reduced after a review of our budget and expenses over the last five years.

Office supplies increased.

Pacific Forum added (occurs on even years only)

Prassa increased slightly to cover meal costs.

Trustee Visit deleted. Occurs on odd years only)

Web site is the same.

I would like to give thanks to the members of the Finance committee and those who presented the budget at District business meetings for their service and help. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Jerry 
Area Treasurer**

Hawaii Area 17 2006 Budget
Revision 2 Final Version June 25, 05

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Storage/Supplies	400
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HASC - Archives	
Display Materials	100
Phone	20
Printing/Postage	115
Supplies	100
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Litterature	250
Paper,Printing, Copying	250
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Travel	320
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Books/Videos/Literature	260
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Postage & Printing	80
Workshops	120
Travel	160
Total HASC - Corrections	640
HASC - CPC (Cooperations w/Professional	
Literature/Videos	162
Postage/Phone	57
Printing	50
Travel	320
Total HASC - CPC (Cooperations w/Professional	589
HASC - Finance Committee	
Phone	20
Postage	37
Printing &Next Yrs. Bdgt.	150
Total HASC - Finance Committee	207
HASC - Grapevine	
Display/Literature	100
Phone	20
Printing/Postage	40
Subscriptions to give	100
Travel	160
Total HASC - Grapevine	420.00

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HASC - Hospitals		
Literature		250
Phone		20
Postage		12
Printing		50
Travel		160
Workshops		50
Total HASC - Hospitals		542
HASC - Mynah Bird		
Misc., Postage, Phone, etc.		100
Printing (100 copies per issue)		600
Travel		160
Total HASC - Mynah Bird		860
HASC - PI (Public Information)		
Literature/Public Service Anns.		350
Phone		20
Postage/Correspondence		37
Printing/ Stationary		50
Workshops/Travel		160
Total HASC - PI (Public Information)		617
HASC - TFC (Treatment Facilities Comm.)		
Literature		150
Phone		20
Postage & Stationery		50
Printing		90
Travel		160
Workshops		50
Total HASC - TFC (Treatment Facilities Comm.)		520
Hawaii Area Officers/As Whole		
Area Mtgs		
	Area Committee Mtgs. Fees	1280
	Assembly Registration Fees	1280
Total Area Mtgs		2560
Area Phone		
	ALT Area Chair	20
	Alt.Delegate	20
	Area Chair	20
	Area Officers (other)	60
	Delegate	60
Total Area Phone		180
Area Postage		
	Alt Chair	15

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		<u>2006 budget</u>
	Area Chair	30
	Delegate/Alt.Delegate	60
	Financial (incl budget)	37
	Other Area Officers	25
Total Area Postage		167
Area Printing		
	Area Chair & Alt. Chair	150
	Delegate/Alt.Delegate	1100
	Secretary	200
	Treasure	300
Total Area Printing		1750
General Sv Conf		
	Add GSO Support \$400. if able	400
	Hotel	500
	Meals	100
	Min. Registration	1200
	Transportation & Misc.	50
Total General Sv Conf		2250
Insurance		500
Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs		
	Area Officers & Standing Committees	6282
	Assist Districts Air Fare	500
	Officer travel conv/strng/committee	960
	Delegate's Report Back	500
Total Interisland Airfare		8242
International convention	Yearly set aside	250
Office Supplies		
	Computer	100
	Officers	30
	Registra	100
	Secretary	15
	Treasurer	200
Total Office Supplies		445
Pacific Forum		
	Airfare 2 @ \$600	1200
	Food 2 @ \$150	300
	Hotel 2 @ \$300	600
	Transp 2 @ \$30	60
Total Pacific Forum		2160

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		<u>2006 budget</u>
Prassa	Airfare 2 @ \$600	1200
	Banquet 2 @ \$25	50
	Delegate Lunch	25
	Hotel 2@ \$300	600
	Meals	200
	PRASSA Tapes 1 set @ \$70	70
	Registration 2@ \$25	50
	Transportation/ Misc. 2 @ \$25	50
Total Prassa		2245
Trustee Visit	Airfare	
	Room, Board & Expenses	0
Website		120
Grand Total		27,009.00

**HAWAII AREA #17
TREASURERS REPORT
August 12, 2005**

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS:

First Hawaiian Bank, Checking	\$12,982.89
First Hawaiian Bank, Savings	\$ 3,468.38
Total Checking/Savings	\$16,451.27
Total Current Assets	\$16,451.27
Total Contributions Income	
Jan 1, 2005 – August 11, 2005	\$13,417.31
Total Expenses	
Jan1, 2005 – August 11, 2005	\$18,779.24

Net Income	-\$5,361.93

Our contributions are up and the majority of all large expenses have taken place earlier this year. Our net income for the year will improve as we get closer to year end. We have ample projected income plus current assets to cover our expenditures for this year.

**Jerry [REDACTED]
Area Treasurer**

Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss
January 1 through August 11, 2005

Jan 1 - Aug 11, 05

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Contributions Income (Dist.)

District #01 Diamond Head	1,850.06
District #02 Honolulu	290.53
District #03 Leeward	533.78
District #04 Windward	800.79
District #05 No Ka Oi	1,210.37
District #06 Kauai	1,099.50
District #07 East Hawaii	155.68
District #08 West Hawaii	1,457.47
District #09 Central N. Shore	662.35
District #10 Waikiki	2,827.78
District #11 Kihei	1,212.99
District #12 Puna	316.62
District #13 West Maui	398.06
District #14 Manoa	252.38
District #17 Waianae	348.95

Total Contributions Income (Dist) 13,417.31

Total Income 13,417.31

Expense

Hawaii Area As A Whole - Detail

Area Assemblies	640.00
Area Meetings	935.00
Computer and programs	1,031.19
General Service Conference	1,867.33
Insurance	500.00
Interisland Airfare - Area Mee	6,269.86
International Convention	1,222.00
Office Supplies	261.41
Phone	20.82
Postage	106.78
PRASSA	2,576.63
Printing	
2004 Year end report	132.28
Printing - Other	1,129.41
Total Printing	<u>1,261.69</u>

Trustee Visit 388.50

Total Hawaii Area As A Whole - I 17,081.21

Hawaii Area Committee
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Hawaii Area Standing Committies

Archives

Storage & Access 348.74
Total Archives 348.74

Coop/Elderly Community 257.50

Corrections

Books/Videos/Literature 330.00
Postage/PO Box/Printing 9.06
Total Corrections 339.06

CPC

Literature/Videos 54.39
Rent 50.00
Travel 127.40
Total CPC 231.79

Finance

Printing 65.03
Total Finance 65.03

Grapevine

Printing/Postage 61.87
Total Grapevine 61.87

Hospitals

Literature 204.94
Postage 5.00
Printing 6.30
Total Hospitals 216.24

Mynah Bird

Misc./Internet 21.13
Printing (6 Issues) 154.17
Total Mynah Bird 175.30

Total Hawaii Area Standing Com 1,695.53

Uncategorized Expenses 2.50

Total Expense 18,779.24

Net Ordinary Income -5,361.93

Net Income -5,361.93

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**Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through December 2005**

	<u>Jan - Dec 05</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Dept. Consumer Affairs non profit reg.	2.50	-10.00
HASC - Archive -Ted ██████████		
Storage/Supplies	348.74	-500.00
Total HASC - Archive -Ted ██████████	348.74	-500.00
HASC - Archives		
Display Materials	0.00	-100.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Printing/Postage	0.00	-115.00
Supplies	0.00	-100.00
Travel	0.00	-160.00
Total HASC - Archives	0.00	-495.00
HASC - Coop w/ Elderly Comm.		
Litterature	12.50	-325.00
Paper,Printing, Copying	275.00	-275.00
Phone	20.00	-20.00
Total HASC - Coop w/ Elderly Comm.	307.50	-620.00
HASC - Corrections		
Books/Videos/Literature	330.00	-300.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Postage & Printing	9.06	-50.00
Workshops	0.00	-160.00
Total HASC - Corrections	339.06	-530.00
HASC - CPC (Cooperations w/Professional		
Literature/Videos	54.39	-162.00
Postage/Phone	0.00	-57.00
Printing	0.00	-50.00
Travel	127.40	-160.00
Total HASC - CPC (Cooperations w/Professional	181.79	-429.00
HASC - Finance Committee		
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Postage	0.00	-37.00
Printing &Next Yrs. Bdgt.	65.03	-300.00
Total HASC - Finance Committee	65.03	-357.00
HASC - Grapevine		
Display/Literature	0.00	-100.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Printing/Postage	0.00	-40.00
Subscriptions to give	0.00	-40.00
Travel	0.00	-160.00
Total HASC - Grapevine	0.00	-360.00

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**Hawaii Area Committee
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	Jan - Dec 05	Budget
HASC - Hospitals		
Literature	204.94	-150.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Postage	5.00	-12.00
Printing	6.30	-50.00
Travel	0.00	-160.00
Workshops	0.00	-50.00
Total HASC - Hospitals	216.24	-442.00
HASC - Mynah Bird		
Misc., Postage, Phone, etc.	21.13	-100.00
Printing (100 copies per issue)	216.04	-500.00
Total HASC - Mynah Bird	237.17	-600.00
HASC - PI (Public Information)		
Literature/Public Service Anns.	0.00	-350.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Postage/Correspondence	0.00	-37.00
Printing/ Stationary	0.00	-50.00
Workshops/Travel	0.00	-160.00
Total HASC - PI (Public Information)	0.00	-617.00
HASC - TFC (Treatment Facilities Comm.)		
Literature	0.00	-150.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Postage & Stationery	0.00	-50.00
Printing	0.00	-90.00
Travel	0.00	-160.00
Workshops	320.00	-50.00
Total HASC - TFC (Treatment Facilities Comm.)	320.00	-520.00
Hawaii Area Officers/As Whole		
Area Mtgs		
Area Committee Mtgs. Fees	320.00	-1,280.00
Assembly Registration Fees	935.00	-1,280.00
Total Area Mtgs	1,255.00	-2,560.00
Area Phone		
ALT Area Chair	0.00	-20.00
Alt.Delegate	0.00	-20.00
Area Chair	0.00	-20.00
Area Officers (other)	20.82	-60.00
Delegate	0.00	-60.00
Total Area Phone	20.82	-180.00

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	Jan - Dec 05	Budget
Area Postage		
Alt Chair	0.00	-15.00
Area Chair	0.00	-30.00
Area Postage	15.00	
Delegate/Alt.Delegate	14.80	-60.00
Financial (incl budget)	71.38	-37.00
Other Area Officers	5.60	-25.00
Total Area Postage	106.78	-167.00
Area Printing		
2004 Year End Report	132.28	-75.00
Agendas , Minutes & Registration	109.88	-75.00
Area Chair & Alt. Chair	58.25	-150.00
Delegate/Alt.Delegate	550.77	-375.00
Finance Committee	0.00	-300.00
GSR Guide	300.00	-75.00
Misc.	104.26	
Special Reports	6.25	-75.00
Structure & Guidelines	0.00	-150.00
Total Area Printing	1,261.69	-1,275.00
General Sv Conf		
Add GSO Support \$400. if able	400.00	-400.00
Hotel	498.00	-500.00
Meals	118.33	-100.00
Min. Registration	800.00	-800.00
Transportation & Misc.	51.00	-50.00
Total General Sv Conf	1,867.33	-1,850.00
Insurance	500.00	-450.00
Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs		
Area Off. & Stand,. Com. (est. 8x9)	5,202.84	-9,600.00
Assist Districts Air Fare	0.00	-320.00
Conv. Steering Air Fare	571.74	-1,920.00
Delegate's Report 1.5	321.28	-320.00
Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs - Other	174.00	
Total Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs	6,269.86	-12,160.00
Office Supplies		
Computer	1,268.68	-50.00
Officers	0.00	-30.00
Registra	0.00	-15.00
Secretary	0.00	-15.00
Treasurer	23.92	-25.00
Total Office Supplies	1,292.60	-135.00

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	<u>Jan - Dec 05</u>	<u>Budget</u>
PRASSA		
Airfare 2 @ \$600	1,789.50	-1,200.00
Banquet 2 @ \$25	25.00	-50.00
Delegate Lunch 1 @ \$20	35.00	-20.00
Hotel 2@200	604.45	-600.00
Meals	32.68	-200.00
PRASSA Tapes 1 set @ \$70	75.00	-70.00
Registration 2 @ \$15.	8.00	-30.00
Transportation/ Misc. 2 @ \$25	7.00	-50.00
Total PRASSA	2,576.63	-2,220.00
Trustee Visit		
Airfare	388.50	-600.00
Room, Board & Expenses	0.00	-150.00
Total Trustee Visit	388.50	-750.00
Web Site	0.00	-120.00
Total Hawaii Area Officers/As Whole	15,539.21	-21,867.00
International Convention	1,222.00	
Taxes	0.00	-200.00
TOTAL	<u>18,779.24</u>	<u>-27,547.00</u>