

Area 17 2006 Election Assembly

Area 17 2006 Election Assembly November 11th & 12th Puna District

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Parish Hall • Pahoia, HI
(Puna Road, across from Pahoia Elementary School)
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Area 17 2006 Election Assembly Registration Form

Please make \$25 check or money order payable to Puna District.

Mail payment and completed registration form to:

Julie B. • [REDACTED] • Pahoia, HI [REDACTED]

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ District: _____

Group: _____ Position: _____

Do you need transportation to/from airport? YES NO

If so, when does your flight arrive/depart? _____

Do you need a homestay? YES NO

If so, which night/s? FRI. SAT. Smoking/Non-Smoking

Are you a vegetarian? YES NO

HAWAII AREA ELECTION ASSEMBLY

NOVEMBER 11-12, 2006

PUNA

SATURDAY

8:00-9:00 A.M.

Breakfast and Registration

9:00 A.M.

Call To Order

- **Serenity Prayer**
- **Reading-Leadership**
- **Host DCM Announcements**
- **Welcome new members, Introduce Past Delegates, Trustee**

9:15

Concept IX, David E

9:30

Election of Area Officers conducted by Delegate Keith H.

**Delegate
Alternate Delegate
Chair
Alternate Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Registrar**

10:30

Break

10:45

Election Continued

11:45

Skits by Kihei, No ka Oi Districts

12:00

LUNCH

1:00

Election Continued

2:30

BREAK

2:45

Election Continued

4:00

Ask-it Basket-what's on your mind

4:30

AJOURN-PRAYER

HAWAII AREA BUDGET ASSEMBLY
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Area Officer's Reports

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BREAK

10:30

Committee Reports

11:30

Inter-group Reports
HCYPAA, ICYPAA reports

12:00

LUNCH

1:00

DCM reports

2:15

BREAK

2:30

Business

- Update "Message to Teenagers"

3:30

what's On Your Mind?

4:00

Adjourn-Prayer

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Puna District #12

November 11th and 12th

Aloha,

It would be impossible for me to express my gratitude for serving as your delegate this past 23 months. I have frequently felt that I was not the right man for this job and that you all made an enormous mistake. I have learned so much in my term as your delegate. I believe my biggest lesson is one that is personal to me. It is that am blessed with an amassing supportive family. The man you see today is the result of my loving wife and beautiful daughter.

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Yours always in service,

Keith ~~H. [redacted]~~

Panel 55 Hawaii Area 17 Delegate

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Saturday, November 11, 2006

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

Host DCM Announcements

Introductions of new Members

Introductions of Area Officers

Reading of Literature – Leadership by Tom M. – S19 from the Service Manual

Concept IX – David

Panel 57 Area Officer Elections – Conducted by Keith H – Panel 55 Delegate

Delegate – Stood: Vernon, Floyd, Nick, Ted, Sandi

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Alternate Delegate - Stood: Archie, Floyd, Sue, Tim, Old School Mike, Woody, Ted

Panel 57 Alternate Delegate - Woody

Area Chair - Stood: Archie, Floyd, Sue, Nick, Zeke, Elizabeth, Erin, Jerry, Rick, Dianna, Ted

Panel 57 Area Chair - Nick

Alternate Area Chair- Stood: Archie, Elizabeth, Sandi, Dianna, Michael, Zeke, Rick, Tim, Old School Mike, Bridgette, Erin, Floyd, Jerry, Sue

Panel 57 Alternate Area Chair – Elizabeth

Recording Secretary - Stood: Sue, Bridgette, Tim, T

Panel 57 Area Secretary - Bridgette

Treasurer - Stood: Sue, Tim, Steve, Erin, Linda, Dianna, T

Panel 57 Treasurer - Linda

Registrar- Stood: Floyd, Sue, Cathy, Tim, Valerie, Dianna, Erin

Panel 57 Registrar – Tim

What's on your mind - How have the other districts supported GSRs to attend Assemblies? There are a couple things you can do, you can visit different groups and ask them to pass a 2nd basket. We have also done it on a district level, and there is a small amount of money set aside in Area. In my district, we have a travel fund for GSRs for travel, but we ensure that their groups want them to attend. In our district lots of GSRs cannot afford to travel, and we have told GSRs if they express interest in going, we will cover half and maybe get reimbursed from the Area fund. In my district we will pay one way to an Assembly. We have 2 round trip tickets built into our budget for GSRs travel. We have heard this question previously in the area, and as a past DCM I took suggestions back to my district, and we were able to implement what we heard into action. In my district we sponsor one GSR per Assembly from the District treasury. In my home group we started a GSR fund within the pie split, where 10% goes into it for GSR travel. This is a great topic, and I am glad it's been brought up. In an ideal world we would get everyone here, but as long as we have a good cross representation of the groups, along with the Area Officers, we can conduct business. It is a group's responsibility to fund their GSR to Assemblies. It's a spiritual responsibility of the group. How many of your groups have a budget? *4 people raised their hand* I would ask all GSRs to present it to your Treasurer to form a budget for your home group.

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Sunday, November 12, 2006

**Meeting opened @ 9:00 am with the Serenity Prayer.
Host DCM Announcements
Reading of Daily Reflection – Ken**

Area Officer Reports

Alt Delegate Woody – Web Site Ad Hoc Committee is recommending that the Web Master be a Standing Committee Chair position. This would free up a lot of time from the Alt Delegate. I have been in touch with Ted K. and the documents concerning the ownership of Archives have been located. I have also served as a voting member of the Convention Steering Committee and was privileged to be on duty at the Convention for the entire weekend. I would like to thank you of Area 17 for your support and confidence for the last few months and for selecting me to serve you for the next two years.

Area Chair – Vernon – I have just returned from the 45th Annual Hawaii Convention in Honolulu. Mahalos to those who worked all year to put on an excellent event. The hard work paid off as Speakers, Workshops and the entire Convention experience was outstanding. Alcoholics came together from the Islands, mainland and other countries reminding me what a worldwide fellowship we really have. Conventions like these are uplifting, cultivating the Unity that is so important to us. No matter where we come from or what our differences are, we share a common solution in our recovery. We are a global family. As my time as Area Chair draws to a close I want to express to you what a great honor and privilege it has been. I have learned a lot, made mistakes and done my best to correct course when necessary. These last two years have been amazing, having pushed and challenged me to grow and stretch like no other service position. Again I am benefiting from this program and feel truly blessed. Some of you have really put me thru the wringer! But hopefully I came out the other side of the wringer a better trusted servant and human being. I see that everyone in our Area has something of value to bring to the party. Those who provided “opportunities for growth” were my teachers and offered gifts that I was sometimes reluctant to receive. Love and tolerance is our code is more than just one of those little sayings we repeat. Those words mean something to me when put into action when conducting Area business and give me great hope there is a way out and thru when we keep our eyes on the common solution and our Primary Purpose. Having been sent by Hawaii Area 17 to PRAASA and the Pacific Regional Forum as your Chair has afforded me the opportunity to meet with A.A. members, GSRs, DCMs, Area Chairs, Delegates as well as Staff from the GSO and learn more about Service and experience A.A. as a whole in action. In my view we have a healthy Area and way of conducting business that is aligned with the Traditions and Concepts. In meeting with other Area Chairs I have found there are many ways to do business all fitting the needs of that particular Area. To meet, discuss, and share the unique challenges facing our Area gave me a new perspective and ideas for solutions. As others shared with me their challenges I became ever more grateful for Area 17, who we are, what we have to offer as well as the blessings and gifts we have living here in Hawaii. Our Committee work always needs more bodies to serve our Primary Purpose of carrying the message to the suffering Alcoholic. Hopefully the Committees are healthier and are working in a spirit of harmony and kokua. My Mahalos to all those who have served on the committees and your hard work. I thank all of you for providing me the opportunity to serve in the Area and grow as a sober person. I am grateful for this great fellowship, for my sobriety and this wonderful life. In our Area the message of hope that A.A. provides remains strong for those who suffer. Hopefully we can share with others that with sobriety a new world opens up and the possibilities for a full and satisfying life are limitless. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as Hawaii Area 17 Chair, to work with you and call you family. I treasure you all.

Approval of August 2006 Minutes – 2 corrections, page 10 – under Puna DCM report, change Sulei to Suki; and page 11 change memories meeting to “Mommies Meeting” Motion to approve minutes as amended, seconded and all in favor. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report – Jerry - Motion to accept, seconded and all in favor. Keith K , Grapevine Chair has a question about the amount listed under his line item. He will work with Jerry to resolve after he locates his records.

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Alt Area Chair – Nick – Sat on the Convention Steering Committee, and the Convention went very well. Participated on the Finance Committee and we continued to monitor Ares financial health. The following dates for 2007 are tentative and subject to modification.

Preliminary dates for 2007 Assemblies & Committee Meetings

Orientation Assembly	Committee Meeting	Inform the Delegate Assembly	Committee Meeting	Budget Assembly	Committee Meeting (Optional)	Assembly (Optional)
January 20-21	February 24	April 14-15	May 19	August 18 - 19	October 13	November 10 - 11
Waikiki	West Hawaii	Leeward	Kauai	Windward	No Ka Oi	Honolulu

Delegate – Keith - It would be impossible for me to express my gratitude for serving as your delegate this past 23 months. I have frequently felt that I was not the right man for this job and that you all made an enormous mistake. I have learned so much in my term as your delegate. I believe my biggest lesson is one that is personal to me. It is that am blessed with an amassing supportive family. The man you see today is the result of my loving wife and beautiful daughter. Hawaii Area 17 suffered a great loss last month on October 16th with the passing of Marion B, CEC Co-Chair. She was a bright light of love and service to our fellowship. She was always willing to help others and to share her experience with anyone. I will miss her loving smiling face. **Group Services:** Directories: the 2006-2007 directories will not be printed at this time. The cost to print is approximately \$35,000. We are using another vender and are having difficulties manually loading some data. It was recommended to hold off on printing. I hope you all have received your final conference report from the 56th GSC. The 57th GSC will be held April 22nd -28th 2007. With regards to group services, when is the last time your group updated their group information? Not just GSR name and address, but number of members. My group started about 18 years ago, at that time we had about 7 members, and today we have roughly 30 members. I bet our group information is the same as it was 18 years ago. I am curious to know if other groups are in the same situation. I wonder if we are not updating information as we get larger. And please, as you rotate, pass along the info that you have learned. **Literature:** The committee is still soliciting stores from Native Americans to update the pamphlet "AA and the Native American." The deadline for story submission is December 15, 2006. **AAWS:** Web site, the Board approved electronic distribution of "Markings" (archives newsletter) and "About AA" (newsletter for Professionals). Completed translations: Armenian "Living Sober" and Ojibwe *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. Reading the Quarterly Report from GSO you can see the trustee's committees are hard at work to accomplish the actions of the 56th GSC. One recommendation that came from the CPC Conference Committee was: Three short video segments be produced that can be accessed on GSO's AA web site and directed to professionals in the employment/ human relations, legal/ criminal justice, and medical fields. I can remember we saw a great presentation on just this topic at the Inform the Delegate Assembly in April. We are all part of this conference process and are responsible for our world wide fellowship. A question I would like us to consider is; am I a part of AA as a whole. Am I only thinking what is best for my group, my district, my area? Am I thinking what is best for all of AA? Am I responsible to AA out side my group, my district and my area?

Registrar – T – Working with Tim to orientate him for his incoming position.

Standing Committee Chair Reports

CPC – Marianne – The current Box 459, October-November, 2006 issue has a very interesting article entitled P.I./C.P.C. The Service 'Road Show'. The Road Show consists of several committee chairs going to various groups to share about service. They call it "one stop shopping" and encourage members to explore the wide realm of A.A. that goes beyond making coffee, putting out literature and folding chairs. Mike B., Diamond Head

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District is still actively filling literature racks at Kaiser-Behavioral Health Services in the Ala Moana Building. Colin H., Kihei District's C.P.C. Chair continues to carry the message to D.U.I. classes several times a month, along with providing medical offices with pamphlets and Grapevines. West Hawaii' District is continuing to fill racks and they are planning luncheons to be held in Oceanview, Kailua-Kona and Waimea. The C.P.C. project "Take a Professional to Lunch" is working well in Windward District and hopefully will catch on throughout the Area!

PI – Dianna – The last couple of months have been quiet. I have had a call to go to Schofield on Wednesday November 22, which at this time will be my last event as PI chair. I attended the Hawaii Convention last weekend: awesome! Public Information was on display and I shared at the Panel on Service.

Mynah Bird – Michelle – The Mynah Bird was not published this quarter due to receiving only one submission. This article will be forwarded to the next MB Chair. With the next Assembly in January those with submissions should be prepared to submit by mid-December to give the Chair time to get it ready and printed.

Corrections – Rick – The Corrections Committee has done considerable work over these last years. When I first began as Chair, it seemed to me that the Area Assembly had a big problem with this committee, the way it was running, and its lack of accountability to the Assembly. I can most definitely state that those problems no longer exist. Also, I am very happy to say that the service from this committee has most definitely increased over the last few years. Meetings that were almost non-existent at the Federal Detention Center are now thriving. We are now taking meetings into the Navy Brig at Pearl Harbor; those meetings had also come to a halt a few years ago. Meetings have also begun at the Laumaka Correctional Facility. We have tripled the number of female volunteers on the island of Oahu. Additionally, the Big Island and Maui have grown from very thin one and two volunteer sub-committees to areas where we now have a wealth of volunteers.

Treatment – Steve – After a slow couple of months the call for literature came from treatment facilities on the Windward side of Oahu. Now my budget is completely exhausted. As I rotate out, I would like to express my warmest gratitude to Vernon for allowing me to step into this position.

Convention Steering – Frank – **FINANCIAL:** Although we do not have the final financial numbers as invoices continue to come in, I believe it's safe to say that the 45th Annual Hawai'i Convention was a success, as we surpassed our budgeted number of **2100 attendees**. We actually had **2309 registered attendees**. A final financial report detailing our final expenses and income will be presented to the area at the financial inventory assembly. **CONVENTION OFFICERS – ROTATION:** Mahalo to Dee Dee C., Nick H. & Woody as they all rotate off of the steering committee also mahalo to Francesca who stepped down. Charley R. rotates on to the steering committee next year. Aike G. rotates into the steering committee chair position as I rotate to the outgoing steering committee member. **WRAP – UP MEETINGS:** Convention Committee wrap up meeting is scheduled for the last Wednesday in November at Kaumakapili church. Convention Steering Committee wrap up meeting scheduled for Dec. 2, 2006 at Kunane's office at 1pm. **CONVENTION MISHAP:** Saturday evening at the convention there was a call for your prayers for Dave R. who had suffered a heart attack while playing volleyball. His family had asked that I thank the fellowship as they send their heartfelt gratitude for all the support and prayers extended to Dave and his family. **OLD BUSINESS:** Website – asked Webmaster John H. to address steering committee on options to maximize service and minimizing cost. **AD HOC Committee** – Made up of three past convention / steering committee chairs and an past area officer. Committee has been gathering information on the cost to host the convention at a location other than the convention center. Locations being looked at are: Sheraton Waikiki, Blaisdell Center & the Hilton which has not responded to inquires at this time. **2007 Registration Increase** – After much discussion and price increases from vendors the steering committee voted to increase early registration from \$50 to \$55 and late registration from \$60 to \$65. **46TH ANNUAL HAWAI'I CONVENTION: STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR: AIKE G. CHAIRPERSON: PATTI L. DATES: NOVEMBER 1-4, 2007 REGISTRATION EARLY: \$55 LATE: \$65.**

Grapevine – Keith – Grapevine subscriptions in Hawaii rose from 424 in January 2005 to 499 in November 2006. LaVina rose from 6 subscriptions in January 2005 to 10 in November 2006. We did really well, see me if you want more information. Suggestions for next GV Chair: build a committee and get members involved in writing articles for submission. Special promotion of buy one subscription, get one subscription free with the blue postcards I have handed out. There is a new book entitled "Emotional Sobriety". Audio Grapevine is offering one month free. I encourage all groups to get a GvR. The Grapevine is looking for a new name for

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“Ham on Wry”.

CEC – Marianne – No written report submitted

Hospitals – Bridgette – Hospitals is flowing steadily and strong on most islands. I would like to acknowledge a few people who I could not have don't the job without during this term. Kudos to Ann in Maui who has not only been working hard for Hospitals there on Maui, but also for Treatment as well. I would like to thank the district members on Kauai, who with their support, commitment and love was able to establish the Detox, the panel meetings in Treatment Center, service the main hospital and help support the new recovery homes that are sprouting up there to help the Detox transitioners find AA. I would like to thank those on Oahu who always supported Hospital service like Laurie on the Windward side and Bad Brains for taking the meeting into Queens. All the groups that support hospital meetings and bridge the road for the alcoholic who come through their doors. I would like to acknowledge Carol on the Big Island and all the dedicated AAs there who care about their fellowship and share the message through their continued commitment to service. I would like to thank the finance committee for allowing the budget some room, because we sure used it. Remember, Gratitude is an action word. Don't say it, do it.

Archives – Sandi – No written report submitted

Intergroup & HICYPAA / ICYPAA Reports

Oahu Intergroup – Matt- November 2006 Financial Status: Checking Account - \$4,312 (\$700 below desired amount); Savings Account - \$7,496 (\$2500 below desired amount); Activities Account - \$2414. We are \$3200 below our prudent reserve of a 3 months operating budget (\$800 better than reported at Budget Assembly). The Oahu Intergroup thanks the continuing support of participating homegroups. Recent island-wide participation is improving, but still low. There are about 300 groups/meetings on the island of Oahu; currently 99 of them have contributed financially to the Central Office year to date (33%, up 4% from August). There are about 175 homegroups on the island, but monthly Intergroup meetings average about 20 home group representatives present (11%, up 2% from August). GSR's, please share with your homegroups about Intergroups need for increased participation and contributions. For increased unity, we would like to invite an Area rep to attend our Intergroup meetings; you have a vote their. Also, Area and District officers may now submit their meeting information to the Intergroup Website for posting on our AA Business Events calendar. What have we done recently? Elections were held on Wednesday, November 8th. The results are: Chair – Matt L. – Sick & Twisted; Vice Chair – Max G. – Pioneer Group; Secretary – Kevin E. – Downtown Lunch; Treasurer –Mary Ann – Na Wahine Koolau. An Intergroup Newcomer Packet was finished and distributed. It contains I.G. by-laws, suggested readings, the role of an I.G. rep, and rules of debate information. The Intergroup Website guidelines have been revised further. An AA business section will be created, with room for Area and District meeting info. The Intergroup Round-up is back! Planning meetings begin Sunday 11/12/06, and will be held on alternating Sundays in Kapiolani Park where Happy Hour meets. The event will take place from 9/21 to 9/23 in 2007.

Maui Intergroup - Nicki – Tradition 5 - each group has but one primary purpose ... To carry it's message to the still suffering alcoholic. As a result of being an AA trusted servant for Maui intergroup this tradition has taken on a deeper meaning to me it has also shown me the importance of action. Maui intergroup has taken an inventory! In September of 2006 30 or so alcoholics gathered to brainstorm on how we may become more effective in reaching out to the newcomer. As a result we have 5 ad hoc committees researching 5 of the inventory categories. Our November gazette will have an insert with the information that was gathered. Our phone committee has a system put in place that provides the phone to be answered 7 days a week. 24 hours a day. Another sub committee was formed to research and up date our meeting schedules. There has been a suggestion that we put the meeting locations on map quest. I attended day unity this year at the Alano club. It was a great opportunity to see how important it is to support the Tri Island district formerly the West Maui district. Our intergroup reps and chairs could make a difference. When we attend meetings and carry the message, we can stand together in unity. It has been an honor and a blessing to serve as the Maui intergroup co chair. It will always be my responsibility to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic whether that be in area service or individually. Thank you all for carrying the message to this grateful recovering alcoholic.

Kauai Intergroup – Mathea – Kauai Intergroup meets the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am in the Intergroup office in Lihue. About 8-10 people attend. New schedules have been printed with our 56 meetings

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per week. John H. of Oahu is our webmaster and keeps our online schedules up to date at www.hconv.org. We have completed a Structures and Guidelines for our Intergroup using the Oahu Structures and Guideline as a model. Our monies are below prudent reserve at present at \$1337.00. Our excellent activities chair, Michael B., has presented a budget of \$269.00 for our upcoming Thankathon on Thanksgiving day. We expect this activity to break even financially. All committees are formed and working. We will have back to back meetings, dinner at 12:00 pm, a raffle of AA t-shirts and other items. Kauai Intergroup is doing well, and our phones are being answered by AAs.

East Hawaii Intergroup – Ben – I would like to thank the Area for holding the Elections here in Puna district, we welcome you all to the Big Island. We at Intergroup have been going through some changes as relocation of Central Office and holding business meetings at Wailoa State Park. There will be activities coming up such as East meets West, which will be held at Waimea Park on November 19. We will be hosting the Thankathon for Thanksgiving and the Alkathon for Christmas and New Years.

HICYPAA – Kunane - 2006 HICYPAA was held at the Makaha Resort in September. It was fabulous and attended by 170 participants. We actively connected with each island. The advisory met during the event. The 2007 HICYPAA was awarded to Big Island - a committee was formed and planning has started; more information to come. There will be a pancake breakfast on November 18 at Wailoa State Park.

ICYPAA – Claire – ICYPAA 49 will be held in Los Angeles, CA over Labor Day weekend 2007. We hope to bring this awesome event back to Hawaii in 2008. The Hawaii ICYPAA bid committee has had its election meeting and will hold its next meeting in Kihei at 1pm, November 19th. We are still looking for a webmaster. If you would like to be a part of this committee or this next meeting please see me or contact our co-chair at CoChair@hawaii-icypaa.org. We are working on outreach towards the Pacific rim to show up in L.A., ICYPAA is a great bridge for this.

Web Site Committee – Woody – Since the last Assembly our webmaster has resigned and I have appointed Francesca as the new webmaster and she has been working very hard. The website has a new look and has become more user friendly. Web address is www.hawaii-aa.org. We would like to have each link take you to a separate page. We are going to have a lot of links to other service resources as well. If anyone is interested in serving as Web Master, please come see me. Q. Is the January Assembly Registration Form on the web site?
A. No, not yet, it will be shortly.

DCM Reports

West Hawaii – Archie – While on the mainland during the Budget Assembly our district was led by our very competent alternate and newly elected D.C.M. Cheryl N. I'd like to take this time to thank her for all the help she has given A.A. and myself for the past two years. We've had our Big Island Unity Day again, three districts, three days, two nights of camping. Lots of A.A. Unity, Fellowship, and love for the program. P.I. has meeting schedules in more hotels and some of the cruise ship people have been attending Kona meetings. I hope it grows as A.A. information becomes more available to the tourist population. Because of our large geographic district our C.P.C. luncheon has split into Three sections, North, Central, and South. Hopefully some time in December they will be held. If not our plans could be used as a blueprint for those to follow. Carol G. from Hospitals has Hospital, clinic, and some store pharmacy racks full of A.A. literature. Lots of hard work and imagination to get it all done. Marion B. has passed away, quite a loss to the A.A. community. She and Stan B. came out of West Hawaii, and Cooperation with the Elderly Community came out of Marion and Stan. If you have ever been around these people you know how dedicated and hard working they are. I had the pleasure of helping the first Sober Over Sixty Conference where they changed the name to Seniors In Sobriety to be more inclusive. The next S.I.S. Conference is in Arizona. The C.E.C. movement is on; Area 17 is no longer alone.

Puna – Chris – We chose to propose our election until December in order to focus on this assembly. Ho'ohana group is doing an excellent job with CPC works. Members are working with the medical staff, social workers and educators at Kulani. GSRs present this assembly: Stephanie from Ho'omaikai; Julie from Wahine O Puna; Laurie from Pahoa Reflection Group; Terry from Bounce Back; Ken from Jungle Bunch and Ermina from Ho'ohana.

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Central N. Shore – Hugh – Since my last report in August, here is what has been going on. We held our elections last month. Attendance was a disappointment I was hoping to see more people at the District Meeting, We as a district put the flyer out with plenty of time to make announcements throughout our district and other districts. District Nine continues the New Year without an ALT DCM. I started off at ALT DCM at the beginning of Panel 55, and kept the position midway through, until I became DCM; I re-stood for DCM and was elected for the upcoming 2 years. I look forward to serving as DCM for the upcoming 2 years. Looking forward to hosting workshops in the district to dates and times will be announced. Always Up for a game of SOFTBALL, If you dare, come out and join us for food, fun and fellowship. LEEWARD DISTRICT ALWAYS CAN USE THE HELP WITH SOME GOOD BATS!!!! Bobby Benson Center has been welcomed back to the meetings in the Central North Shore in September, except for the Wahiawa Meetings on Monday and Thursday Nights. At this point in time the church is not ready to welcome them back. Attendance at meetings have been scarce this past couple of months, hit or miss at some of the meetings in Central North Shore. Hopefully we will start to see a rise in attendance at all of our meetings.

No Ka Oi – Cliff - No Ka Oi district is good. Many members, Ann in literature is our new PI Chair, Jeremy has been really been being active. Our service workshop really went well with good attendance and interest. Our Hana caravan continues strong every last Sunday of the month. District elections held, Colleen new DCM, Clifford new alt. We still need secretary.

Leeward – Erin – Our district picnic-inventory did not go as planned due to the earthquake. The district decided that we would benefit from an inventory and our January district meeting. We held our district elections last week and our new DCM is Hollie, Lee will continue as Alt DCM, as he only served 5 months on this panel. Steve is our new secretary. The treasurer position is still open at this time.

Kihei – Kathy – Kihei District has had a very busy few months preparing for our workshop which was held October 19th. For this workshop we presented an evening of Dinner Theater “The Spirit of Service.” Four groups, Club 449, Friday Night Young People, Kihei Morning Serenity and Happy Hour performed skits. Each GSR, for the participating groups, directed their skits. Our Area Corrections Chair, Rick, came over for a presentation and to take part in the corrections skit. Apart from the skits there were musical interludes on recovery and on the Grapevine. I am overwhelmed with gratitude to Kihei District for their effort and participation in this undertaking. Around sixty AA members were in service in this event in one way or another either as actors, kitchen help, servers, greeters, set up or clean up. In all there was around 140 members in attendance for this workshop. Club 449 hosted a dance at the Kalama Park Band Stand on September 23rd from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Everyone had a lot of fun and it was well attended. Our District did a panel presentation on “How our District carries the message” at Unity day which was put on by the Tri Isle District. Our district elections were held on October 24th. Colin H. was elected as DCM, Claire S. Alternate DCM, Keith K. Secretary and Owen Treasurer.

East Hawaii – Kelly – No written report submitted

Diamond Head – Floyd – District elections will happen in January. We are looking at going to meetings that we will absorb as Manoa dissolves and making announcements. Pioneer Group reports that their meeting is bigger and is children friendly and has a good home group membership. Palolo says they may be moving locations, there is a new minister. Up to 12 members attend the group conscious. Spiritual Awakening reports group doing well. Makahiki Lanai bought a new PA system and is trying to sell the old one. Group voted to donate the proceeds to district. We subsidized Pioneer Group to attend this Assembly. Over all the Diamond Head District is doing well, the district still has plenty of money and hopes that can help through the next two years with the new DCM.

Honolulu – David for Patti – I was asked earlier in the year what I was going to stand for, but due to being next year’s chairperson for the state convention, I wouldn’t have time to even consider any other position at this time. We are getting ready to welcome the groups from Manoa District to merge with Honolulu District with a potluck at the Queen Emma Gardens Teahouse. I made flyers for Honolulu and Manoa Districts as to the location/directions. This event will take place on November 24, 2006 from 11 am to 3 pm. We will be voting for next years DCM, Alt. DCM, and Treasurer, Howard H. will stay on as our Secretary. Malia Discussion is gearing up for their Thanksgiving dinner and meeting, and Honolulu District are getting ready to plan the New Year’s Alkathon and Dance.

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Kauai – Bart – Kauai AA is continuing to grow and blossom and we look forward to our yearly Thanksgiving Day Thank-a-thon. There will be plenty of food and fellowship at “The Stone Church” Tuesday November 23rd. All AA members are invited, as well as their family and friends. Meetings will start at 9am and go on throughout the day until 4pm with an always plentiful Thanksgiving Day feast served at 12 noon. Last year we were treated to a play, based on the 12 traditions I’m not quite sure of all of the festivities we’ll be treated to, but I do know that Intergroup will be holding a raffle, as well as selling there “Kauai AA” coffee mugs and t-shirts. District will be setting up a service-oriented table that day. There will be an AA representative to answer questions about service work. All the workbooks for each of the standing committees will be available to view, as well as a short written description about what each committee does to carry the AA message. There will also be signup sheets for each committee to volunteer for service on the incoming Panel. Our District Election date has been moved to December 2nd at 2pm following the Intergroups elections that same day. I would like to mention a few Kauai AA milestones that have taken place during panel 55’s term. First and new (for us in Kauai), is a **District 6, Structures & Guidelines** that we hope will be helpful to the incoming panel. (I’ve brought a copy for anyone who is interested in viewing and a copy for our Area Archives) I can email you a copy if you like. Our Monthly News Letter Garden Island Sobriety is in its 11th month of printing and still receives many accolades with every new issue. We all would like to thank Linda B. the editor, and Jannene B., her assisting editor for the fantastic job they do each month. Kauai’s Panel 55 formed two new standing committees, a Kauai AA Activities committee chaired by Michael B. With the help and guidance of Marion B. Lopaka now Chairs the CPC Committee and has started two weekly meetings and is involved in the “chronologically challenged community” Marion was a wonderful gift to us and she remains so in all of our hearts. We have had nine new meetings formed that continue to be successful. A brown bag lunch meeting on the north shore, 5 Happy Hour meetings in Nawiliwili, three new meetings on the west side and a new Spanish speaking meeting. Our Intergroup office two years plus since it’s inception, continues with the help of Kauai’s AA’s to handle all AA related phone calls and 12 step requests.

Windward – Sue - We had our workshop! It was great! Keith K, the Grapevine Chair, gave a segment on the Grapevine, Rick M., gave us segment on Corrections, augmented by a segment by Becky F., our district’s own Corrections Chair, who talked about her work in the women’s prison. We ordered pizza, and potluck salads and desserts. Then Rosemary, our district’s Archives Chair, ran a little interactive workshop, and we all developed the start of a group story. Then we had a skit on sponsorship – almost everyone had a part – and two speakers, followed by discussion. We wrapped everything up with several exciting rounds of AA Bingo – using AA literature, a Grapevine subscription, and district T-shirts as prizes. (If anyone wants to borrow our AA Bingo game, contact me.) We had our elections: DCM: Kunane D. ADCM: Laurie L Treasurer: Open Secretary: Open Alkathons for Christmas and New Years: We will have District Alkathons! They will be at Waimanalo Health Center again. The Alkathons chair is Sue M. from Phoenix Group. We still need groups to sign up for meetings, and a few shift captains. We will have a dance at New Years – watch for details.

Waikiki – Ken – District elections were held this last week, and the incoming DCM is Jeff from South Pacific Group, Alt DCM is Andrea from Happy Hour and recording secretary is Robert . We have a location for our 2006 Thankathon, Christmas and New Years Alkathons – Unity Church on Monsarret Ave a block from Waikiki Elementary. We have a new meeting, “A New Beginning” on Thursday night at the Queen Surf Beach snack shop at 8pm. As the outgoing district trusted servants, we decided to participate at the Orientation Assembly hosted by our district.

Tri-Island (formerly West Maui) – Brian – I am the incoming DCM, our current DCM could not make it this weekend. Unity Day was held in the district this year, and it was announced that the District name was changed to Tri-Island District which members felt was more inclusive in representing the islands of Molokai and Lanai. The district also announced the formation of a new committee called “The Crossing”. They have already had an outing to Molokai and are in the early stages of organizing a trip to Lanai. They are working closely with the district as they work on their Primary Purpose. District Elections were held and we were excited to have present a new GSR from Lanai. Positions still available are Alt DCM, Treasurer and Secretary. We now have meetings being held at the new Resource Center in Lahaina. This past week the district held “The Four Acts of Recovery” which was well attended. This meeting consisted of 4 speakers sharing their experience, strength and hope.

Manoa – Ted – Thank you to Puna, this panel and assembly. We have 5 district members present. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve. We discussed and visited meetings to notify them of district boundary

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change beginning in January 2007. Groups are being absorbed into the Diamond Head and Honolulu districts. We are offering electronic records, district minutes and various reports to the Hawaii Area Archives. The Manoa District Treasurer was elected yesterday to the Area Treasurer position. It has been approved to contributing remaining funds to Area Treasury after our dissolution.

Waianae – Steve – Thanks to Keith for coming to District 17 for the Delegate Report Back. It was informational and concise as usual, and Wai'anae is excited about the new pamphlets. Thanks also to members from Central North Shore and Leeward districts for participating in our softball game after the report back. Central North Shore was able to claim the inaugural "Broken Bat" trophy. We did have some trouble with our meeting place and time for district meetings. It should be hammered out by January 2007. Don't forget, the annual Christmas and New Years Alkathons are coming up. There is a new meeting "No Can Dis Kine" Mon – Fri 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

New Business

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What's On Your Mind – Who cares how much AA is growing, or not is Hawaii? What sadly disappoints me is that we are not rotating Assemblies on other islands besides Oahu this next year. Request for more emailed reports. Suggesting an Ad Hoc Committee on Service Participation. Ad Hoc Committee on rotating Assemblies.

Motion made to call the question.

Voting to vote - In favor: 78 Opposed: 1

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Minority Speak: None

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