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 Waikiki District #10

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Registration for Hawai'i Area Orientation Assembly, January 20 & 21, 2007

Name: _____

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Arrival and Departure Information

	Date	Time	Airlines	Flight
Arrival:				
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Special Needs

Transportation? Yes No

Dietary Restrictions? Vegetarian Other:

Home stay? Yes No Smoker? Yes No Male Female

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Saturday January 20th, 2007

- 8:00-9:00 A.M. Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:00 A.M. Call to Order**
Host DCM Announcements
Reading- Unity, Scott C.- Past Delegate
Introduction of Area Officers, Past Delegates, Trustees
Introduction, Confirmation of Standing Committee Chairs
- 9:30 A.M. Madeline P., Pacific Region Trustee**
- 10:00 A.M. Area 17 History and Connection to**
the Home Group, the District, General Service Office
David E., Past Delegate
- 10:15 A.M. Rules of Debate- Tanya E., Past Delegate**
- 10:30 A.M. Break**
- 10:45 A.M. GSR Orientation-**
- **General Service- Vernon G.**
 - **Responsibilities of GSR- Woody E.**
 - **GSR Role at Assembly- Tanya E.**
 - **Break into Smaller Group for follow up/ Q&A**
- DCM Orientation- Vernon G.**
- Standing Committee Chair Orientation- Nick H.**
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch (Finance Committee Meeting)**
- 1:00 P.M. Standing Committee Roundtables**
- 2:40 P.M. Break**
- 3:00 P.M. Role of a GSR- Panel Q&A**
- 3:30 P.M. What's on Your Mind?**
- 4:00 P.M. Host DCM Announcements**
Adjourn- Responsibility Pledge
“When anyone anywhere, reaches out for help
I want the hand of A.A. to always be there for that I am responsible”

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Sunday January 21st ,2007

- 8:00-9:00 A.M. Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:00 A.M. Call To Order**
Reading- Giving Back and Service
Host DCM Announcement
- Area Officers Reports – (5 Minutes)**
- **Recording Secretary- including review and acceptance of recording secretary's minutes**
 - **Treasurer – including review and acceptance of treasurer's report**
 - **Registrar**
 - **Alternate Delegate**
 - **Alternate Chair**
 - **Chair**
- 9:30 A.M. Delegate Report**
- 9:45 A.M. Standing Committee Reports- (5 Minutes)**
- 10:15 A.M. Break**
- 10:30 A.M. DCM Reports (5 Minutes)**
INTERGROUP Reports
HICYPAA, ICYPAA Reports
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch**
- 1:00 P.M. Panel Presentation- Service Sponsorship**
- 1:30 P.M. So you want to make a motion?**
An overview on motions and conducting business
Vernon G.
- 1:45 P.M. Business**
- 2:15 P.M. Ask it basket/What's on Your Mind? Questions, Concerns**
- 3:30 P.M. Adjourn-- Prayer**

NOTE: AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO TIME MANAGEMENT

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Saturday, January 20, 2007

Meeting Opened @ 9:02 with the serenity prayer

Host DCM announcements: Jeff

Reading- Unity, Scott C.- Past Delegate **Summary:** Talked about Tradition of Unity and how we should respect each other during the assembly. Treat each other with respect. Refrain from cross talking and back biting during someone's comments.

**Introduction of Area Officers, Past Delegates, Trustees-
Confirmation of New Standing Committee Chair:**

Mynah Bird- Miranda K.

Grapevine- Ted N.

Public Information- Sue B.

Hospitals- Zeke J.

CPC- Ken K.

Elderly- Betsy B.

Treatment- Kalei M.

Archives- Cathy B.

Corrections- T.B.A *Elected by that committee

Convention- Aike G. *Elected by that committee

Madeline P.- Pacific Region Trustee: Summary: "I'm new, I love Hawaii." In September we lost two trustees. Eastern Canada has chosen to leave one of the Canada positions open until the rotation is back on track. First time ever, have we had two trustees missing. Service Manual was discussed a lot. There was a question about the bi-laws, what went to the conference and what was approved were not the same. There will be a special meeting in March to sort this out. Grapevine subscriptions are declining. They are trying to break even, but is it realistic. New audio grapevine real good for busy people, La Vina on the rise for the third year in a row. **Still looking for a financial consultant.** Board voted that special forms will be done away with. Funding will allow two positions for special forms only. Local Forms will be encouraged. Reducing Price of Audio CD set, to go from \$85 to \$55 dollars. Will be upgrading New York Riverside Drive Office in exchange for the great rates they give us for the space. Now we have a conflict of interest policy to serving on the board, now you can't serve on the board if you are making money in any way from AA, such as PA ect. We must meet the legal requirements for being an organization, we have 7 Class A nonalcoholic trustees and 14 Class B alcoholic trustees. Corrections is making a video for correctional professionals to be trained on what AA is and what AA is not and how AA can help them in their positions. Please come and talk to me, it's a real gift to be here.

Area Chair comments: If you have audio equipment experience please come and talk to me, maybe I can use you as a point person.

Alt. Delegate; Woody: All GSR's please come and see me for your copy of the Structure and Guidelines and GSR Handbooks.

Area 17 History and Connection to Home Group, the District, General Service Office: David E. Past

Delegate : Glad to see a trustee here, take advantage of meeting her. Congratulations to all the new officers and all those in service. This general service is what gets the message to Mongolia. Archives show we started in mid 1940's through a letter that GSO got from a member in Hawaii. Your dollar in the basket helps make that happen. General Service was a 5 year experiment that was convinced by Bernard to give this a shot. Bill had foresight to see that AA needed to be kept going, and who would do this? Trustees agreed and elected a delegate for each area. We weren't an area yet. Bill was satisfied with this and the third legacy was born. After 5 years of deliberation the General Service trustees voted to turn the direction of the affairs over to the conference. The simple purpose of Area was to elect a Delegate to go to the conference. Vernon is our 24th Delegate. Our first delegate in 1961 was 1/2 Tubs at the 11th General Service Conference, 2 years after we became a state. 1976 was Harry Lake, this is when we formed Hawaii Area, before that Oahu Intergroup in an old boys network took care of this stuff. Intergroup funded the start of Hawaii Area. We had 10 districts to start with. The first new district was Kihei, in Maui. Then later E. Hawaii, some districts have not survived and have become dark like district 15 and 16. 1988 was the first Area Committee meeting in Maui, and because of its success the area decided to rotate the meetings. We serve Hawaii Area 17, but we also serve AA. We used to meet every month as a body, and we had to reduce that for financial concerns. We have not always had the same Standing Committees as we have now; we have added some and broken some up. Our newest Committee is the Cooperation with the Elderly Committee. This area has designed a couple of agenda items that have gone through the conference process. Because of our contribution, the Big Book is in Taglog. The GSR's are what makes this work, we delegate the authority to the conference because we can't always get together. Please come and talk to me if you want more information.

Rules of Debate: Tanya E. Past Delegate- summary: Wonderful to be here, I know your all nervous but this is going to be a fantastic experience. How many are new GSR's? *(Over Half of the Assembly raises their hands)* Praasa is so important because of our isolation. Our Delegate goes and interacts with other trustees and other areas. Get your rules of debate and a flyer on how we conduct our business up front. Substantial Unanimity is 2/3 of the number of people in the room that are voting at the time of the vote. All matters of policy require substantial unanimity- or a two-thirds vote. We can reconsider an issue ad infinitum and we see issues come up over and over, but its OK. We do have a motion of reconsider that requires a 51% vote and must be made in the form of a motion by someone who had voted with the sinning side and now after debate wishes to

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change their vote. The calling of the question sometimes is called to early and everyone is entitled to be heard, even if it looks like the motion will be defeated anyways. Conference talks about premature actions; example if using tactics like holding a minority view and not speaking during the discussion which could have been heard and changed the view of the body. Also, we know it is difficult for an alcoholic to refrain from repeating comments that have already been expressed.

GSR Orientation: General Service Presentation: Vernon, Delegate summary: Welcome to all new GSR's you are so important. You are the voice of your group. One group can make a difference, like our youth pamphlet, which was changed by a proposal made from a Hawaii group. There are 14 districts in Hawaii. You're a conduit, you're the connection to New York. We meet four times a year for assemblies and typically we have four committee meetings. You can stay sober your whole life and never know about general service but this work is vital. There are 93 areas and 8 regions. We are area #17. Every year we have a general service conference in New York. This is so your group has an input otherwise they would just make decisions without our input. Every assembly you should have the structure and guidelines, the service manual and the GSR Handbook. It talks about what a delegate is, what the area function is ect. The area is the guardian of the traditions. (Read from Big Book). Recommend reading the Service Manual. Madeline is our regional trustee. Whatever information I take here, I should remember to take the information back in the most impartial way possible. I can never repay what AA has given me. I have relied on sponsorship heavily and whatever position you carry, you'll need more. As you can see we won't be voting on anything at this assembly because the group conscious voiced its concerns at the last assembly. Good Luck, it will be a journey. Hold on to your seat!

Woody, Alt. Delegate- summary: Murphy's law has ruled for me this weekend. So, most groups start as a meeting then later they evolve and become a group. If a group does not do that, then they probably just stay a meeting. Then when the guru leaves so does the meeting. This happens often, they were unplugged and not connected. Your job as a GSR is to do that. You get the information and take it back to the groups. You're probably the most important position in AA. Otherwise nobody knows what's going on with anyone else. We all carry the service manual, that's to keep us out of trouble. As a GSR it is your responsibility to go to the meetings. District, Area and maybe you should also go to Intergroup. Even though you don't have a vote there. Your word will get heard, you are the vote of your group. If you don't have a GSR then you might as well just be a meeting, not a group. The primary purpose is to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic.

Role of GSR Tanya, Past Delegate: summary: The most important responsibility is the suit up and shows up. So in order to be a communications conduit, what that means is to carry the vote of the group, carry the message back to the group. In my group the GSR has a lot of duties. But you are not responsible to know everything in advance, but you are responsible to know where to get the information. I read the pages in service manual that talked about the GSR duties. It talks about attending the assemblies, be knowledgeable about what goes on at area, learn everything you can about the concepts. [Read concept 3 to group] **summary:** we use right of decision. Even though you carry your group conscious, in the course of hearing the discussion, you have the right to vote your conscious if the information should change your decision. Just make sure you report your conscious to your group and explain the information you received as to why you changed your mind and voted differently. This creates trust and freedom for the GSR and allows us to delegate. Important to vote your groups conscious and also important to vote your own conscious. Remember to not bore your groups with numerous details. Pick a few key issues and report on that including voting matters. Important to have a service manual. If you are the minority opinion and are unable to sway the group, what is my responsibility? Do I continue to hit the group over the head with my minority opinion? We should have grace and allow the group to move on. I'm sure it will come up within the next two years. GSR's break into groups. 4 groups for Q & A.

Standing Committee Roundtables- Nick, Area Chair summary: Committee Chairs Introduce themselves and area body breaks into groups. Q & A is done and groups rotate from chair to chair every 10 minutes.

Role of the GSR- Panel Presentation: Vernon, Delegate, David E., Past Delegate, Tanya, E. Past Delegate, Scott, Past Delegate, Madeline, Regional Trustee: summary: Panel expressed their experience, strength on how they began area service individually and what it was like being a GSR. Q & A: Why do we have right to reconsider? David talks about the want for a gay pamphlet in the past and the motion was defeated then later came up again with a stronger voice and a pamphlet was made as a result. Tanya talks about hearing a minority opinion and was swayed to change her vote because she heard new information. Q: I wonder whether you have ever stepped back from service for a year or for a whole panel, since you were a GSR? A: David comments that he continued to come after he was delegate because he feels that Hawaii area has invested a lot in his education and he owes it to AA to offer his education to the incoming GSR's. There was a period of 5 years until he became on the grapevine board, then as trustee. It was suggested that past delegate's should serve as home group grapevine rep, and so I stood for that and lost. Now I've weaseled my way into being the intergroup rep for my home group. There's a never ending job to be done in AA. Q: Many of us are in groups with others with long term sobriety, so when you conduct the business meeting you have kermudges of long term sobriety, how do you deal with that? A Tanya: suggests look around for someone who has what you want and ask them to be your service sponsor, because they value General Service. There really isn't anything you can do about that, it is for us that we do it, it's a spiritual experience for me and I want to make a contribution in that way. We all have our path, general service is my path. Do your service despite these people, be a link. If they don't value what your doing, that's their problem, not yours.

Host DCM Announcements

Tim- Registrar: summary: Tomorrow I will have a contact list for you all. Come see me and make sure your contact information is correct.

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Reading - Giving Back and Service- Marjorie- Why do we need a conference? summary: We need a permanent haven for those suffering. We need it to ensure it against government. We need it so AA doors never end up locked. So new comers feel welcome. Never letting it be about race, religion or creed.

Area Officers Reports:

Recording Secretary- Bridgette summary: Please provide me with a hard copy or email your report to me. Otherwise I will be summarizing what you say. My email is area17secretary@hawaii.com please come and give me your email address if you wish to be included in the area correspondence loop.

David Motioned to accept minutes, Bob seconded. Unanimously passed, 0 opposed.

Treasurer- Linda- honored to serve as treasurer, this is for year 2006, Please take a second to review those documents. Any questions? [none asked] as you can see I totaled the Revenue \$27,058.60 Expenses \$23,521.69 Net Gain \$3536.91

Motioned by Johnston to accept Treasurers report, Seconded by Doug, Unanimously passed- 0 opposed

I received this position a week ago. I am an over achiever but powerless. I should mention one correction to the report: Should read: Revenue Jan 1 through **December 31,2006 instead of November 10,2006**

Expenses Jan 1 through **December 31, 2006 instead of November 10,2006**

I will have a revised budget at the next assembly. After some discussion with the finance committee we will be sending the Area Chair to Praasa after recalculating expenses, especially travel for upcoming year.

Correction from the floor: Last page on, Interisland Airfare, Metings to **read Meetings.**

Registrar; Tim- If you are a GSR, DCM, Area Officer, Standing Committee Head or Intergroup Chair, you must register with the Area on both days of every area assembly. When you register with the District you get your badge, but if you are one of the above listed you must also register with the Area in the colored folders on the other table.

If you are a new GSR or DCM please pick up, fill out and return to me a Group or District Change form so that GSO can update your information. It is very important that you fill out the section that says "Number of Group Members" this is how GSO compiles membership statistics. This is not how many people attend you meeting but how many people are members of your group. If you are not sure of this how many group members you have one easy way to find out is to create a new contact list for your group and have a spot on there to check if a home group member. If you have more questions about the importance of determining the number of group members or about filling out your forms please come see me at the registrars table. PLEASE take your time filling these forms out and print legibly. We read Hawaiian words all the time and can usually figure out street names such, however someone in NY might not be able decipher you handwriting so please take your time. I also now have software on my computer which has all registered groups with their group numbers, if you need your group number please come see me. Read "How a group is listed: Active, Inactive, Active Unknown" If effort to make sure that all groups are registered with GSO, I will be implementing a new sign in system for the next assembly. Rather than having blank sign in sheets I will have all registered groups listed and the GSR's will simply sign in next to their group. If your group is not listed that will mean that your group is not registered with GSO and will therefore need to fill out a new group form. I will have similar sign in sheets for DCM's, Standing Committee Heads, Intergroups and Area Officers. Mahalo Nui!

Alt. Delegate; Woody- Everything that could or would go wrong has, while trying to get here. I was going to talk about the website, but Francesca will do that. I will bring forth some recommendations about the website. I would like to see the webmaster at every assembly. We have a new look to the website and should be rocking and rolling soon. If you have any suggestions please contact me through the website- Area Alt. Delegate. I will be more than happy to respond. If I can settle this website I can concentrate on what the Delegate is doing. I get all the same information that Vernon gets except it says, "Don't Fill This Out". Doing Better than yesterday, I have a lot of life things going on. But I have put them on the side to serve you. I had a good home stay with a happy hour member. I am very happy to serve you for the next two years. I have been doing this for a long long time and would love to give what's in my head away.

Alt. Chair- Elizabeth: Honored to serve, Palolo Discussion is my home group. I am honored and privileged by the trust the fellowship has given me. Since January 1 I have attended the convention steering committee meeting, I look forward to building a strong bond between convention and area. I also sit on the finance committee, which we are working on right away. Another responsibility I have is to work with districts who are putting on assemblies; I have reviewed both flyers already and encourage everyone to grab the Inform the Delegate flyer which are available this weekend. Please feel free to contact me. On a personal note: To all those serving on this panel, it is all of our responsibility to stay the whole weekend. I don't schedule anything on these weekends, please don't come for an hour or two and leave and do personal stuff. This is not a joke, it is our responsibility.

Area Chair- Nick: Aloha kakou, I am appreciative to serve. This assembly allows us all to connect, to make new friends and work on our daily maintenance to maintain sobriety. Thank you Vernon for helping me with the agenda, we are so fortunate to have the Delegate and Alt. Delegate. I have appointed the standing committee chairs; every committee will have roundtables at every assembly. My personal vision: Please feel free to contact me at my email or the website email at Hawaii-aa.org. I will not be able to make Praasa this year because of another commitment. So because this is the last year of this commitment, there

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will be no conflicts in 2008. Elizabeth will be going in my place. The corrections chair is looking for a new chair. Please submit suggestions to Rick.

Delegate- Vernon My name is Vernon and I am an Alcoholic and proud to serve as your new Hawaii Area 17, Panel 57 Delegate. I want to welcome all the new GSRs, DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, and Area Officers to the Orientation Assembly. I want to especially welcome our new Regional Trustee, Madeline P. who has come to join us as well as our past Delegates Tanya E, Scott C, Don A. and our past Delegate and past Trustee David E. They are valuable resources to us and have supported me personally for the past two years and the Area for many. I give Big Mahalos and appreciation them for all that they give and have given. When I came to the rooms of Alcoholic Anonymous in 1987 I didn't know Or care what a Delegate or General Service was. I just wanted to stop drinking and stop the pain I lived in every day. That day was the beginning of a new sober life. I recently celebrated 18 years of sobriety. I can never repay what AA has given me. This fellowship and the love and support you have given me through the years are priceless. I look forward to serving the Area as Delegate and am excited beyond words about the journey ahead. I have begun to receive information from the General Service Office in New York to prepare me for the Conference in April where 93 delegates and all the Trustees and General Service Staff meet yearly to conduct the business of AA as a whole. I have been assigned to the Conference Literature Committee and couldn't be more pleased. At the end of Panel 56 this Area made suggestions to change the Pamphlet "to the teenagers" to be more inclusive of different ethnic groups and to reflect in the illustrations the diverse people we are. (Not just Caucasians pictured). This was submitted by our past Delegate Keith H. and I will keep you abreast on what is happening. My understanding is that as we submitted our suggestion the Pamphlet was already in the process of being updated. Since this is a new journey for me as Delegate and yours as new GSRs, DCMs, and other positions we are going to learn as we go, doing the best job we can sometimes making mistakes or mis-steps as we go but correcting ourselves growing stronger as sober men and women and as trusted servants. The theme for the General Service Conference is "Our 12th Step Responsibility-Are we going to any length?" I will keep you informed and involved as I possibly can so further in the year we can have an enlightening "Inform the Delegate" Assembly before I go to New York. This process will begin when we have our Committee meeting in February where I will share with the DCMs the Agenda items and the Background material. At that time the DCMs will bring that material given to them to their districts and you. [Read From 12 Traditions] Each group is autonomous following the dictates of their Group Conscience. I would encourage all of us if we have concerns about the way Area conducts business to please bring those concerns or issues to your district, inform your DCM. Your DCM can bring those issues to our Area Chair to light, we can all grow and hopefully come to a resolution or understanding on common ground. The power of the purse is mighty and the right of each group to exercise when they so decide, but please look to that choice as a last resort not a first option. Some of our traditions are not always black and white but have gray areas which are open to interpretations as we are all different in our view points, Opinions and the way we understand things. I would like to talk a little about PRAASA. PRAASA stands for Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and Areas of the Pacific region: to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences: And to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA The Assembly and the PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of AA. In Hawaii we are a remote community. Not only are each of our islands geographically separated by water but we are separated in General Service from other Areas. The camaraderie and exchange that other Areas enjoy we don't have much opportunity for. That is why something like PRAASA is so important and has been vital to me in developing my understanding of General Service. The great variety of ways Areas conduct their business, solve their problems, deal with issues as well as the exchange of ideas for problem solving and commonality have been uplifting. The experience of PRAASA has always been beneficial to me and I believe the Area. I would encourage all who can to go. I am currently looking for those attending from our Area willing to volunteer to be apart of a panel speaker, time keeper, and moderator or in any capacity. I would love to see a Good cross section from our Area. PRAASA has been life changing for me. What ever I asked to do I came away much more informed. If you do choose to go and either your group, district funds you or you fund yourself please go to everything you can. The program starts at 7:00 am and ends sometimes at 10:00 pm in the evening. Whether you are a GSR, DCM or Area Officer, I suggest that you go to the Roundtables for your position. They are invaluable! You will find many people that share the same challenges that you face and may be on the other side of them or you may have something to share with others that will assist them. Once again the fellowship of other Alcoholics sharing their experience strength and hope that sobriety has brought us. Lastly I would encourage all of us no matter what the service position we have to trust the process and rely on the Higher Power to help us serve AA. The General Service Structure was formally adopted by AA as Bill W. and the old timers turned over the three legacies of recovery, Unity and Service To the fellowship at the St. Louis AA Conference in 1955. Bill W. knew that the founders wouldn't live forever, that they would die and then what would happen to AA Would it continue? How? You may be able to stay sober your whole life or not know or be involved in General Service at all but General Service is a way to make sure AA continues and is here for future generations-our children and their children who may suffer from Alcoholism. I am sober today by the Grace of a loving Higher Power, the steps of this program and the fellowship. May we all continue to walk in this Grace and in the sunlight of the spirit. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Standing Committee Reports

Convention: Aike Convention: I'm Aike G. I'm a member of the Malia Discussion Group, and the new Steering Committee Chair of the Hawaii Annual Convention. I would like to welcome the GSRs and the Hawaii Area Standing Committee members. My commitment and responsibility as chair is to serve and be financially responsible to the members of Alcoholics Anonymous of the Hawaii Area #17. I look forward with much enthusiasm and aloha in this coming year 2007, being the link between the convention committee and for one more day, and so did 2300 others. Our final report on finances or budget report will not be final until April assembly. But we did have \$18396.90 above expenses from last year. 1. \$10000 was voted and passed, to revamp our prudent reserve. 2. We also passed motions to buy 2 laptops for our treasurer and secretary, allotment at 2000. 3. We are working on solutions to having a more user-friendly website. 4. This year's convention flier is out. Patti and I have been working with hotels, airlines, and committee people, and look forward to a great convention this year. 5. The Alkathon meeting at Ala Moana Hotel will be held in the Carnation Room this year, with theatre seating for 100, and we are working on having coffee for sale at the event.

Elderly Committee- Betsy Honor to carry on this legacy. Right this minute I feel Marion B., she really brought this to light and it has spread and it has grown. I am thankful. Our history is Area 17, right here. In July 2000 in Minneapolis Marion chaired a workshop and GSO revised the Pamphlet to the Elder Alcoholic. Each of us have loved an elder, and that is the purpose of this work. If you have an elder or two in your home group, get them a seat in the front row, they wont ask to repeat stuff, help them with their wheel chair, they

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wont ask. Supply your home group with large print literature. We have a lot of literature available today so we have some small print literature on the table. Box 459 Last year states that Area 17 Hawaii which led the way in this committee work has a second conference being held in Arizona.

Hospitals- Zeke I want to thank you, I want to continue what Bridgette has started and I've done some research. I have a goal to contact all the Hospitals; I noticed that Kaiser Hospital doesn't have a Big Book. My goal is to have one Big Book behind every Nurses station. I would like to put a sticker for contact to AA Intergroups. We will be involved in every health fair. If you have a hospital in your district please contact me. I urge you and I plead with you to get into service. Lastly, please do not send me junk email. Only stuff pertinent to Area Service.

Mynah Bird- Miranda I want to thank you for your response to the first newsletter, I received great feedback, ideas and suggestions. Two questions in particular came up the most; 1. What is the Mynah Bird? The Mynah Bird is the voice of Hawaii area. The structures and Guidelines, states: Mynah Bird publishes Newsletters that focus on A.A. topics, including actions decided bit the Area. Special Editions may be publishes as needed. 2. How can I get the Mynah Bird? I think distribution has been challenging in the past. Let's all work together to change that. The Mynah Bird is distributed to DCMs at Area Assemblies, and then to the GSRs in their District, the GSRs take them back to their groups. If more copies are needed, extra copies can be printed at the District level. One of the ways of making this newsletter readily available is to post it on our website at Hawaii-aa.org. The Mynah Bird is usually distributed at Area Assemblies, published four times a year. Depending on how much participation is shown, we may publish more often. You will be notified when the in-between Assembly issues will be accessible through the Area website. I am asking all of you for your participation. By contributing your stories, by distributing it to your group members, by discussing it with your home group members, you are actively participating. The Mynah Bird is a valuable resource of information, use it as a tool when you talk about the actions taken at the Area Assemblies, and use it to help carry the message to the Alcoholic who still suffers. My recovery has been greatly enriched by participating, by service; I can only hope yours is too. Please let me know what you think, how we can make the Mynah Bird better, more interesting, more inclusive, please submit your ideas and stories. As we have experienced in the past, having a "theme" for the Mynah Bird has not shown much success in participation, some issues have not been published for lack of submissions, so we may try a different route after the April issue.

For the next couple of months we will focus on the theme of the General Service Conference; the 12th Step Responsibility, are we going to any length?" and after that we'll have a PRAASA issue. For now, send your stories, share your experience. I look forward to seeing you all in Kona. Q: Will it be in color? A: if it is available in PDF it will be color Q: What is your email? A: you can access it from the area website at Hawaii-aa.org, link on it.

Public Information- Sue I am honored and excited to be in service and to participate in area as the PI Chair. Since the last assembly, I have spent my time preparing for this assembly, and receiving an orientation about the position from the previous PI Chair. I received a lot of materials from her, including boxes of literature and the presentation boards to use at events. My presentation and plans for PI for the year will be posted on the web in Power Point format ASAP. I plan to be coordinating with and working with the existing PI chairs and their committees on the islands, which, at this assembly, I have found are many and active. The PI speaker list has now 16 names of trusted servants willing to speak at schools, groups, meetings, and other events when requested, as well as man booths at fairs and events. Another 25 willing members have volunteered to be in service in some way in libraries, hotels, or other public venues, keeping information available for the public, never knowing when the alcoholic who still suffers will read or need that pamphlet, poster, sign, or schedule. Thank you for letting me be of service, and for being an integral part of my continued sobriety.

CPC- Ken Proud and privileged to serve. The fire in me came from Praasa at a workshop. A member in a wheelchair asked for help because his doctor asked for help. For those of you who are interested or suggestions I would be more than happy to take them. I will be helping areas that need assistant. I have one commitment in July at a conference in the convention center. We will be manning a booth there. I have learned there is never a dumb question, maybe insane answers but please ask. It will keep me busy and vigilant. Thank you for letting me serve.

Treatment Chair- Kalei I truly blessed and truly honored to serve. I want to thank all of you that have signed my book and your suggestions. One of the things that I am learning is reaching out and asking for help. I'm learning that it's not reinventing something but continuing on what is there. I will focus on Bridging the Gap, for those coming out of treatment. We also have a woman that is working on taking in a meeting to the Detox at ATS. I have a few people on outer islands. Please contact me, and I make announcements to solicit donations of books, grapevines ect. I have a couple people that work in the treatment facility to help me. Please come and sign my book or email me. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Archives- Kathy I would like to thank Waikiki District, for your hospitality in hosting this assembly. I know that your district will be blessed for its willingness to serve. I am honored to serve this panel as the archive chair for the next two years. The purpose of the Archives committee is to collect, classify and preserve AA material pertinent to Hawaii. I want to thank all of you who came to my corner yesterday to hear about what this committee does and how each one of you can help. It is my hope that I will receive via email or snail mail group histories written by your home group members. As I told many of you I could take the facts of when, where, who and how about your group and write up a narrative but it wouldn't capture the flavor or essence of your groups. Bill, in the archives workbook said, it isn't hard to prepare a fact sheet of what happened that is, dates when people came in, groups started and so forth. The hard thing to la hold of is the atmosphere of the whole proceedings and anecdotal material that will make the early experience alive. I've asked several of you yesterday to make the experience alive for your group's history in Hawaii. Another hope that I have is that the various Intergroups would consider dedicating a portion of their offices to an archival collection of their area, West Hawaii, East Hawaii, Kauai, There were many hours that I spent at our central office in Wailuku that I read everything on the walls. There was much information that I took in while waiting for the phone to ring. I find taking on a project that would create a roster of delegates from the time Hawaii became area 17 intriguing. This would include their sobriety dates, home groups and service histories- what position launched them into serving the fellowship and listing all the ones that followed until the time of their being elected to

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represent Hawaii in New York. Our area is young compared to those of the East Coast or the Midwest. It is my hope that such a roster could be started and kept up as the AA fellowship continues to serve Hawaii.

Website-Francesca I am your webmaster. Purpose is to enhance AA as a whole. Exchange information and unite our community. Tool for communication. If its not on the website don't have a fit. It is not to replace the face to face that is so important. I would like to get everything on the web as soon as I can. Email me but also call and Ill give you a timeline on when it will appear I have done my best to keep the website with updated information. I would like to have Panel 57 information up and running on the next two weeks. I will be making ghost emails for officers, standing committee's and DCM's. The invoices for the past 4 years for web hosting are 120.00 which has been paid by the original webmaster out of their own pocket. Area will be taking care of this. Total visitors last year 35,574 which is an average of 99 per day. Total visitors this year 1355 which is an average of 4 per day. Top search engines that refer people to our site is: Hawaii AA, AA Hawaii, AA, Hawaii-aa.org, AA, alcoholics anonymous Hawaii, Hawaii, panel, AA Hawaii, general. As a past alt. delegate and the website committee chair and your current webmaster. I recommend to area 17 to move to make the website a standing committee, full voting member, paid to attend all standing committee meetings and assembly. My recommendation is that the website needs to be in the loop. Also, the website is taking applications for the area webmaster, experience in Microsoft applications and front page. Q: The expense of \$119 to keep the website going, I make a motion to provide those funds. A: There is no need to make that motion it is being taken cared of and will be reflected in the revised budget. Q: Is there going to be a proposal to approve that amount or not? A; There is already a line item for this; the reimbursed amount is not in the budget but a necessary amount that must be paid by Area. Q: Point of Order, this is about committee reports not proposals.

Who is the Finance Committee? 5 people: 3 members usually DCMs, the Alt. Chair and the Treasurer.

Grapevine- Ted I limped into this position; I met with the previous chair and got a lot of valuable information. He talked about what was done and his successes. Some of my plans are to use the grapevine and the La Vina., to share the message and make a La Vina committee. Most of the books are not available; I GSR will provide some kind of display at all AA events. I want to visit all the DCM's and visit the districts and get grapevine reps in all the districts. I will suggest ways to increase subscriptions. Were happy to have representation of my home group here today. I have been in touch with Grapevine in New York; they have sent me information and a subscription. If you're a new GSR get involved. I will supply back issues for whatever event I can find. The other things that the grapevine does are provide other literature from Bill. Solutions to my problems are the 12 steps and my groups problems are solved by the 12 traditions. I know a lot of things come up over and over. So each month the grapevine has topics for each month. I encourage you to subscribe. The grapevines are available on the website and hear the audio version there as well.

Comments from the floor: Is the past delegate going to sit on the finance committee because this wasn't done last panel and it is a tradition in Hawaii? A: There never was a history only ideas, we have discussed this and prepared our committee already.

DCM Reports:

East Hawaii- David We are ready to start the New Year with a bang. We have new GSR's aboard and new district officers. We had a couple of new things that had E. Hawaii spinning for a few months. 1. Intergroup and district had to leave the old meeting place because the rent went up and we could not afford it. 2. The old meeting place is now Hilo Fellowship, a privately run club which has meetings from different 12 step programs: NA, OA etc. All of the other meetings are still there, Nooners 5 days a week, Giant Steps 5 mornings a week, The Mon. 5:30 Old school meeting, Tues. 7:30 Elevatah Stay Broke, 7pm Hooili Ohana, 7pm Thurs. Young Peoples, Frid. Nite Special and Fri. Nite Hilo men's stag. Intergroup and district have new meeting places, and I think we got the cob webs out of Puna by saying that we wanted to merge. I think they filled all of their positions to avoid this (I love stirring up the pot) We just started a new 10 step meeting, which meets 2 a month on the first and third wed. at 6pm. The fellowship before the meeting has pizza made by luigi at 5:30 and then the meeting. What a turnout, also a very heavy hitting spiritual meeting, you must come with your sponsor and bring your Big Book and the 12x12 We will have our first District meeting of the year a week before the assembly so we may be able to get some of the information to the new GSR before they get there. Most of the new officers have served as GSR's in the past. Looking forward to see you all.

No Ka Oi-Colleen We've held our first district meeting with 6 GSR's attending; Dot upcountry sunrise, Jim upcountry speakers meeting, Ed Men's stag north shore, Vincent Wailuku group, Michael Saturday speakers meeting and Michael C. high in the sky. Also serving are Clifford Alt. DCM, Bob Treasurer, Tonja Rec. Secretary, Edwin Grapevine and Jeremy PI. Well continue to caravan to Hana the last Sunday of the month. We hope to work with Kehei and the Tri Island District committees's and look forward to what HP has in store for AA on Maui.

Kihei- Colin Aloha from Kihei District. We would like to thank Waikiki district for all the hard work it takes to host this Orientation Assembly. We had our first District Mtg. of the year on Tuesday Jan. 16. We hold our District Mtg. on the third Tuesday of each month. In attendance we had 8 GSR's, 1 Alt. GSR, CPC Chair and The Corrections Chair for District along with our 4 District Officers. I am so pleased that we have so much enthusiasm in the District. Our Alt. DCM Claire started us off with concept 1, we will be taking turns and discussing a concept a month. Here in attendance today we have; Juddee, GSR Kihei Morning Serenity, Peggy-Sue, GSR Sunday Sunset group, Heather, GSR Friday Night Young Peoples, Livit, GSR Club 449, Reggie, GSR and Rick, Alt. GSR Kalama Park Happy Hour. We are all really excited about being here at the assembly, and speaking for all the GSR's in Kihei, they are really grateful for the opportunity to be of service. We will be represented at PRAASA by myself, Claire, alt. DCM (funding her own way) along with Reggie and Juddee. I am looking forward to serving Kihei District, Area 17 and the fellowship of AA in the coming year.

Diamond Head- Doug We have 23 groups, Recently adding in 4 groups from Manoa District. 8-10 GSR's show up at the monthly meeting and 9 here at the assembly.

1. Our district event is the Moonlight on the beach meeting which occurs the last Sat. of every month run by Spiritual Awakening. We are checking into a sunset cruise but not decide on that yet.
2. We're financially secure.
3. We have filled 3 standing committee representatives, PI, Hospitals & institutions and Treatment Facilities.

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Honolulu- David I'm privileged. I started at the Alkathon on New Years Eve and I was so happy to see that Alkathon going smooth without me. I became DCM and led Grace at Breakfast. I was scared but no one died. I'm privileged to serve as DCM for Honolulu District #2. I'm excited to be here at the kickoff of our new panel. Congratulations to the new area officers -- they look like a strong and promising slate. And congratulations and best wishes to the new GSRs, DCMs and standing committee chairs. And many thanks to the past delegates who continue to grace us with vast experience. I became DCM at the stroke of midnight at the New Year's alkathon, which our district hosted at the Unity Church, just a block up the street from here. I thought the alkathon went extremely well, thanks to the efforts of many hands, but especially thanks to the hard work of the alkathon chair, Rochelle A. -- who happens to be GSR of a home group in the Diamondhead District -- and our outgoing DCM, Patti L. I've never seen food fly out of a kitchen so fast. Patti decided to take a break this year -- instead of being DCM and treasurer for the Hawaii convention, this year she's cut back to just being the convention chair. I'd like to acknowledge our alternate DCM, Ruben T., and the GSRs from our district who are here. From Aloha Friday, Lisa M. Black Experience, GSR Tony and alternate Barb. From Came to Believe, Mel. From Downtown Lunch, Bob H. From Grapevine, Allen. From Ha'awa'awa, Connie S. From Malia Discussion, Marlo. From Pali Women's (and also district treasurer), Kati I. And from Students of Sobriety, Peg. Highlights of the past quarter include a Martin Luther King Day picnic hosted by Black Experience, preparations for Malia Discussion's annual roundup in August, and Downtown Lunch's Joe and Charlie style Big Book workshop, set for the weekend of Feb. 24-25. Downtown Lunch members mourned the passing of their treasurer, Fred. L. I feel the Honolulu District did a good job of advancing our Three Legacies and carrying the message over the last panel. It's my hope that we can improve in two areas: 1) I hope we can enlist the active participation of the nine meetings that now fall inside the boundaries of the Honolulu District with the closing of the Manoa District at the first of the year. So far we have the participation of two of them. I hope we can caravan to the other meetings to get them thinking about getting involved. 2) I hope we can begin to carry out the duties of the Area Standing Committees within our district. To that end, I've suggested that each GSR sign up for one of the committees, and then to serve as district coordinator for that committee, calling on their sponsees and home group members to carry out needed service. We've let these responsibilities lag for far too long.

Kauai- Shoshanna We have 7 members present today, some who were at both the group and at district levels: Jim secretary, Mathea treasurer, Mary Alt. DCM, Kathryn Intergroup, Darryl GSR, and John Paul GSR. Darryl and John Paul are here for their 1st time. We are very grateful to our outgoing panel who gave us the first District 6- Structures and Guidelines. Another success of the last panel was the creation and support of our newsletter, "The Garden Island Sobriety" which is available via email at district6newsletter@hotmail.com. Linda B and Jannene B. are doing an excellent job and the newsletter has now expanded from 4 pages to 6 pages which includes the tradition and concept of the month. Our first District meeting was held on January 6 and was well attended with 13 members attending. We set the tone of spirituality by opening with the Unity Declaration and reading the short forms of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts. The checklist questions for the First Tradition were read followed by a very interesting history/summary of concept one given by Mary C. We have been offered our first challenge of this panel. We announced the first meeting and spread the word about our desire to get as many GSR's and group voices present, especially encouraging the members to attend this orientation assembly which makes their new job understandable. One member reported to us that 4 groups didn't like the announcement that District and area would help finance a group. They stated that they would not contribute to those 2 entities. Many attempts were made to contact them directly and they were invited to attend the district meeting to have direct communication. No one attended the meeting. I did contact the trustees and area committee members that I knew and their help was fabulous. At the district meeting, it was decided that they had contempt prior to investigation" and that we will need to visit each of these meetings directly in the near future. On a less stressful note, after reviewing last panels contact sheet, it appears that we have approximately 26 groups registered with GSO. We have approximately 56 meetings a week are held island-wide. Our treasury is up to date and a budget is in place. (Mahalo to Mathea and Mary) Goals of caravanning, holding workshops, updating contacts, having GSR orientations and having more Intergroup activities (movies, unity day, bowling, plays, picnic) Round up at camp sloggett in Koke'e was a success. Next one June 9-11th. Registration flyers are available. We have combined H & I and corrections- Uncle Tim- chair, Micke is PI, Jannene is Archives, Linda is newsletter. I have been invited to sit on the finance committee by our treasurer Linda and looking forward to the next two years.

Puna- "Puna Fresh" Fresh Term, Fresh GSRs and fresh Ideas. Currently we have 14 meeting and 2 new meetings starting up. #1 Nanawale "4th Dimension Meeting" mornings and "Looney Tunes" M-F noon. The group conscious of the people serving this term will be to assist inactive groups to get into general service and our last district meeting had 9 AA members and 4 are not in general service. As a district we will caravan to meetings in our district to support and bring information. Our last meeting dealt mainly with elections and we have not finalized the treasurer position. Alt. DCM Charles Pau Hana, Secretary Sandy Wahine o Puna, Alt. Treasurer Iopa Ho Ohana We are all looking forward to the coming term.

Windward- Kunane: The Windward District has a total of 25 groups with ___ of them being represented here today. DCM: Kunane D.ADCM: Laurie L. Treasurer: Pat D. will be rotating out once a new treasurer is elected Secretary: Taesha Aiwohi Our biggest struggle is making sure that all these groups are represented or at least receiving all the information from Area, District, etc. This will be one of the hot topics at our upcoming district meeting this Thursday; brainstorming ideas to make sure all meetings are informed. I'll be looking to other districts for "best practices" and experience in this area. The Windward District is hosting the August Budget Assembly, please don't make and purchase any flights yet. Once a site and date are confirmed we will let you know. I thank you for allowing me to be of service. This will be a very exciting 2 years for the Windward District.

Central North Shore- I'm Valerie, substitute alt. DCM for District 9. Our Dcm, Hugh, is currently deployed to the Philippines and regrets that he is unable to attend this assembly. He should be back for the February Committee Meeting and is in touch by email with us at the district. We returned to the New Years meeting with all of the new officers in place. Sheri is our new recording secretary, I am the new treasurer and Hugh remains as the DCM so that he could do a fell term on his own. Our district meetings have

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been running short lately, so in order to make the most of our meeting time we have begun reading the 12 concepts in the time. This I believe will also help some of us with less than 20 years to better understand the working of our general service structure. I know that I can certainly use it. We are currently working on our annual Unity Day. This year we are thinking of having it at Alii Beach Park in Haleiwa by the jetty so people can get in some swimming. We are also going to fund the hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and chips for the picnic and have others bring fill in stuff. This is instead of a potluck. Last but not least we are working on a skit to put on and hoping to incorporate some help from some newcomers. This is planned for June 23 and will be getting flyers out soon. We certainly hope you all attend. Lastly as the new treasurer, I think I have finally worked out all the bugs in our record keeping and found out that we had a lot of money so I made some large donations to Intergroup, area and GSO. Somewhere along the way we lost our original PO Box but with the help of my fellow district member Joe G. we now have a new PO Box in Wahiawa. I would like to thank all of the GSR's from Central North Shore District who do participate and specially the ones that showed up yesterday, Joe from SOS, Sheri New Hope, and Elise Mililani Women's Steps and Traditions.

West Hawaii- Cheryl- Hi, I'm Cheryl and I'm an alcoholic. I'm blessed to be serving as DCM for the wildly enthusiastic District 8 of West Hawaii. We have 15 people here this weekend and now have chairs for all eleven of our standing committees. We have three new meetings in the District. We caravanned to the Friday Night BBQ's second anniversary in Naalehu. Over thirty people attended. We've found caravans to be an effective and fun way to create greater unity in our district. At our District meeting this month, we held a brain storming session. Suggestions included ideas for our PI committee, a service sponsor workshop, and a presentation explaining and encouraging service that we can take to various meetings. The 19th Annual Big Island Bash April 27 - 29 and I have registration forms. They are also available online at www.bigislandbash.com.

Waianae- Heidi- My name is Heidi and I am the new DCM representing Waianae District. I am new to service in this district having stepped in as GSR mid-term last year. We have elected our district positions and alt. DCM is Gregg fro the Point, Glenn Secretary Mosquito Junction and Steve Treasurer Men's Stag. Also we have the area secretary Bridgette K. We have yet to elect committee chairs due to the lack of participation at our district meetings and rotating these positions among the same people for some years. We are planning to caravan to meetings in our district in hopes of generating more interest and enthusiasm as we had 5 of 19 groups represented at our January meeting. We have also moved our district meeting place to Kapolei Park on 1st Tuesday 6pm to try and increase participation. The district hosted a Christmas and new years Alkathons which were both successful. Lastly we are beginning to discuss locations, dates and a topic for our spring workshop. Thank you

Leeward- Holly- I walked into a great legacy passed down by the past DCM's. We don't have a lot of participation from our groups though, and we're working on caravanning to new meetings and getting participation from our old meetings back. My one-time sponsees said I should serve as DCM and used my prior words to her about service against me, and then promised she'd be my service sponsor, so here I am. Erin is the outgoing DCM, and my service sponsor. We held district elections and welcome Lee to Alternate DCM, Steve to Secretary, and Erin to Treasurer. Rip is here from Mustard Seed, Delori was here with Head Start, and Erin is here as the alternate for Hickum Traditions since Donna's hubby had surgery. Not present but possessing GSR's were The Eating Meeting, and Tuesday Men's Stag. We scheduled a potluck and an inventory for the day of the earthquake, then we rescheduled - but the church needed their place. We rescheduled again and finally had the inventory... and realize that we could improve on how we carry the message. People inspired at our inventory filled four of our committees: Treatment, PI/CPC, Archives, and Hospitals. We are getting ready for the Inform the Delegate Assembly and hope that will help involve others into service too. I am working to contact all the meetings in our area. We're working on figuring out where they are, and who they are and how we can serve them. I am happy to be here and grateful to serve.

Tri-Island Hello my name is Brian I'm an Alcoholic and DCM for Tri-Island District #13
Our District has been renamed from West Maui District to Tri-Island District to better incorporate and represent the islands of Molokai and Lanai. I have so far identified 23 Groups within the District, 7 of which are registered with GSO. We currently have three GSR's, Aron (Coffee Break) from Lahaina (present), Shari from Molokai and Yvonne from Lanai. My hope, with God's help, is to get a good representation of the District present at our District Meetings and Area Assemblies and have all registered groups with GSO elect new GSR's. With the help of Area, my own District and group contributions from Molokai and Lanai groups I am hopeful that we will have Molokai and Lanai GSR's present at the Inform the Delegate Assembly in April. I have two new committee chairs - Sean B our Grapevine Chair and Matt B our Remote Communities Chair. I'm still looking for a Secretary and Alt DCM and have a very willing member who will stand for Treasurer at our next District Meeting. Remote Communities Chair has a Sub Committee plans "The Crossing" an overnight campout event that outreaches the islands of Molokai and Lanai Planning 4 trips this year to the Outer Islands in our District

- January 27th - Lanai
- April 21st - Molokai
- July 21st - Lanai
- October 20th - Molokai

We will be holding our next District Meeting on Lanai during the January Lanai Crossing and plan to have a District Meeting on Molokai also during one of the upcoming "Crossings" I attended Maui Intergroup's meeting this January and was excited to see a new Intergroup Rep from Molokai - John L I spoke with John after the meeting and he reported that there are now two new meetings on Molokai, the Molokai Hot Bread Meeting held 9:15pm - 10:15pm Tuesday's and Friday's. The District will be holding an upcoming Forum/Discussion - "Co-operation without Affiliation" to be held at the Alano Club, February 3rd, 1pm-4pm I have registered for PRASSA and am truly looking forward to becoming a better "Trusted Servant" for my District. My contact info is pcgolfer@hawaii.rr.com, Cell: 281-6525

Waikiki- Jeff Thank you to 12 coconuts for breakfast, Catherine for lunch and Scott, Happy Hour for dinner. We meet on the first Tuesday at the Peter, Paul Church. 6pm You are invited to commercial your committee at our district meeting. I've noticed that you've really raised the bar and thanks for letting me do

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that. We are going to make a do's and don'ts list for area. I want to visit all my groups and make an outline showing area service and how it works. I defend area travel. I want to get more involved in committee work. Oz, Andréa, Robert is our district officers. I am the transportation chair for this assembly.

Inter Group Reports

East Hawaii Intergroup;- Ben Aloha!

My name is Ben, I currently serve as your co-chair for East Hawaii Intergroup. We at East Hawaii Intergroup have finally found a new Central Office. It will be in operation in Feb. Our new location will be at 120 Keawe St. Room 204 B in beautiful downtown Hilo By Bears Coffee Shop. The East Hawaii Christmas and New Year Alkathon was a great success. We would like to thank all the East Hawaii Groups that participated in taking the time and energy in helping another alcoholic stay sober. There's a future event in February 14th Valentines Day. There will be a spaghetti dinner and HKipa will be hosting the dance at Wailoa State Park. Last of all Intergroup is alive and well.

West Hawaii Intergroup: We hired a new manager, Margot. We are in good shape financially

Maui Intergroup Chair-Tom Rotation of Intergroup reps has gone smoothly and we are going right to work. An inventory was taken last year and completed with (5) ADHOC committee reports. We are starting with a review of Central Office and a job description of C.O. manager duties. An (ADHOC) committee was formed with results to be presented during the Feb. Intergroup meeting. Bob C. Central office manager has resigned as of Jan 1 and in that process the steering committee has met twice and in accordance to Maui Intergroup by laws has appointed Rich H as office manager pending permanent placement. Thank you for allowing me to be of service and we are looking forward to working with our (3) districts on Maui and Area 17.

Oahu Intergroup- Matt-

January 2007 Financial Status:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Desired</u>
Checking Account	\$6,262	\$6000
Savings Account	\$7,514	\$8500
Activities Account	\$2414	\$2500

We are \$1224 below our prudent reserve of a 3 months operating budget (\$1975 better than reported at November Election Assembly). This year we saw a loss of \$632.66.

Total Meetings on Oahu	End of year # of groups who have contributed financially	% of meetings that contributed
300	104	35%

Total Home Groups on Oahu	Total # of Home Groups represented at Intergroup meetings	% of Home Groups represented at Intergroup meetings
175	About 20-23	13%

What does Oahu Intergroup do? Intergroup is a body of home group representatives, with an elected steering committee, that maintain a Central Office on the island of Oahu. When an Alcoholic calls AA, Central Office is who answers. Central Office:

- a. Answers phone calls for help and information (AA related)
- b. Maintains a stock of literature available for purchase by AA groups or individual members.
- c. Maintains, prints, and distributes a comprehensive meeting schedule.
- d. Maintains an information website, which includes an online meeting schedule.
- e. Coordinates and Hosts AA events (Founders Day, Dances, Workshops)

What's New? Website updates – a service events calendar was added, listing AA business meetings on Oahu. Monthly District meetings are part of this section. Links and Phone #'s to outside enterprises were removed. Work towards Founders Day has begun. Chair will be elected in February. Intergroup Inventory set for March 25th, 12pm, at Kapiolani Park where Happy Hour meets. All are invited to this pot luck inventory. A Webmaster Position Committee was formed—charged with researching and making suggestions for the role of the Intergroup Webmaster, as well as his or her possible position as a voting Steering Committee member.

Kauai Intergroup- Katherine Intergroup in Kauai is alive and well and moving forward. We have a new Alt.Chair and a temp Treasurer. We are still looking for a permanent Treasurer. Financially we are strong thanks to an anonymous donation. We are on a search for a more user friendly office location for Intergroup Office. We have voted to give a 30 day notice to vacate our current office on March 1st. We need to find a new location to move by March 30th. We have asked all groups to support finding a new location with their finances and contacts. Each group will vote to keep a physical location for an Intergroup office or not and bring a report to our next meeting on Feb 3rd. There has been some questions in the past about what the roles of Intergroup and District. We are happy to report that Kauai has a live AA member answering the phones up to date schedules distributed and on –line and we are proud to co-sponsor with a District the Garden Island Sobriety. This month we have expanded to 6 pages Please check it out on line District 6 newsletter@hotmail.com

ICYPAA- Tim summary: International conference young people in alcoholics anonymous www.ICYPAA.ORG. Feb. 11 is the next event. We want to bid for ICYPAA to come to Maui.

HICYPAA- Kunane Hawaii Island conference Young People Alcoholics Anonymous. Will be in Big Island this year on July 20-22 @ Spencer Park. Reg. flyers will be at next assembly. The Big Island host committee is in full planning mode, hosting monthly activities to spread the word. Billy S. GSR for Ho'ohana is program chair on the host committee if you have questions. HICYPAA Chair is Shawn S. 808-960-0166*

Service Sponsorship: Panel Discussion: David E. Tanya E. Madeline, and Scott. Summary: Panel Members shared their experience on getting a sponsor to guide them in service positions that a lot of regular AA members are not involved in, like district service, committee service and area service. They emphasized the importance of needing guidance when it's unavailable through your regular sponsor. Someone who can answer questions about service. Q: I believe in one sponsor, Is the precedence being set implies you should have more than one sponsor? My sponsor wasn't service orientated but I could always turn to people who did the position before me. I don't like the word- sponsor, I always look for a way out and I wanted to share that.

Hawaii Area 17- Orientation Assembly

January 20 & 21, 2007

Minutes

Q: I have a great sponsor who is a service person; the principles of the steps are incorporated. Since she has led my thinking from the beginning, but I am a service sponsor. To help others do good service and take an inventory. I only sponsor two but there is always an inventory involved. Qualifications should be mentioned, look for trustworthy people, use a network of friends until one is found. Trust is precious; use your right of decision. Q: I picked someone just like me, addicted to chocolate and caffeine and he said I should get into service. Do you believe in concentrated service and a spirit of rotation, Is it possible to do a lot of service positions? A: In AA there are no rules, but the literature suggests that if you're a GSR that might be the only position you should hold for now. I did a lot of service, but as I moved through service I started to concentrate my service and my energy. Keep it simple. Q: Could you say what you think about a long distance sponsor? A: With communication the way it is now, there need be no limit where they are. Who has what you want in regards to general sponsor. Q: There are few people who want to do service, should be someone who takes over, but what if they don't? A: It comes back to sponsorship and shows them to be in service. Even in struggling areas, if that's all you got then that's all you got. Ideally you have enough people but that is not always realistic.

So You Want to Make a Motion? Vernon summary: We make motions during the business part of the assembly. [Read Pg. 8 #10 in the Structures and Guidelines.] There's no hard and fast rule. Usually a proposal is brought by the author to the home group, then the GSR brings it to your district, then your DCM takes it to the Area Chair to be put on the agenda. It starts as discussion, it is a *we* process. The wording of the proposal is very important. When we vote we are voting on the exact wording of the motion not the intention. In the past, discussion concluded that wording is not good. Sometimes even the author is not aware. Motions are always in writing. During Discussion: you line up at the mic, you speak 1x. Discussion is important to being informed alcoholics. Calling the question ends debate. Then you vote to vote. 2/3 majority vote is required [substantial unanimity]. [Read Concept 12 warrenty 4, Service Manual] The minority is the only ones who speak. Then we ask if anyone wants to change their vote. This ensures that the minority is always heard. We table a motion if there is not enough information, requires a motion and a second. A motion can only be made by voting members of the body, which include GSR, DCM, Standing Committees, Intergroup Chairs, and Officers. Point of Order is made when the rules are not being followed to alert the chair. [Read from AA comes of age].

Ask it Basket- summary: Comments: A number of GSR's express thanks to assembly and the area; one GSR says, *I have a lot of time and only now am a GSR, but happy to be here, glad to hear about service sponsors;* another says, *we are discussing outside affiliation and AA please come and give suggestions to Erin from Maui,* a GSR says *"A great leader doesn't do great things, he makes the people do great things"* a GSR says, *I thought this was going to be a giant whining meeting, now I'm grateful.* **Questions** Q: *scholarships for travel for GSR's?* A: Q: *How many general service offices are there in the world?* A: *Recently a survey was done, some are a little room, and there are approx. 50. There are about 160 countries with meetings.* Q: *what have you found to inform your home group about service?* A: *When I was a GSR I did little spiels in my home group, I proponed for service every chance I got during AA related announcements. Like do you know where your dollar goes? Ex: Be an example to your group by being in service.* Q: *We are always arguing about money, I know we could save more if someone buys all the tickets to fly for us. What about buying tickets as a bulk?* A: *actually we started doing that last term.* Q: *How do you express efficiency concerns about money?* A: *Read the pamphlet on spirituality and money, there will be a revised budget coming out and we can all discuss it as a whole.* **Comments;** *Be careful, god has a long memory and that's contempt prior to investigation, I didn't trust where the money went and I ended up on the finance committee.* **Entertainment Convention Chair:** *looking for representation from all the islands for entertainment contributions for the convention. Even juggling, joke telling. Contact Lisa M. Look for flyers at next assembly.*

REVISED BUDGET 2007

Attached is the revised budget for 2007. The document has been revised to reflect the restoration of PRAASA expenses and to reflect more realistic estimates of travel expenses based on the resident island of each officer and standing committee chair and the location of assemblies and committee meetings. In addition, please note that the format has been amended to adhere to the priority of spending according to the Structures and Guidelines.

In love & service,



Linda McDole

This doesn't have to be
approved by the body
at the Assembly, right?

**Hawaii Area Committee
Revised Budget
January through December 2007**

Revised 1/2712007

	Budget 06	Budget 07	
Delegate Expense - General Service Conf.			
Airfare			
Hotel	500	500	
Meals	100	120	
Minimum Cost Coverage to GSO	1200	1200	
Other Misc. Exp.	50	50	
Supplemental Support to GSO	400		**400
Delegate Report	500	500	
Total Delegate Exp. - Gen'l Svc Conf	<u>2750</u>	<u>2370</u>	**2770

Hawaii Area Assemblies & Meetings			
Interisland Airfare			
Officers & Standing Comm. Ch's	6282	7560	
Assistance to Districts	500	500	
Printing			
Chair & Alternate Chair	150	150	
Delegate & Alternate Delegate	1100	800	
Registrar		50	
Secretary	200	100	
Treasurer	300	100	
Other			
Registrations			
Assemblies	1280	1275	
Committee Meetings	1280	1275	
Total Haw Area Assemblies & Mtg's	<u>11092</u>	<u>11810</u>	

Hawaii Area Standing Committees			
Archives - Non-rotating			
Storage/Supplies	400	200	
Total Archives - Non-rotating	<u>400</u>	<u>200</u>	
Archives			
Display Materials	100	100	
Printing	115	115	
Supplies	100	100	
Telephone	20	20	
Travel	160	160	
Total Archives - Non-rotating	<u>495</u>	<u>495</u>	

Cooperation w/ Elderly Community			
Display Materials			
Literature	250	250	
Ppostage		40	
Printing/Copying	250	210	
Telephone	20	20	
Travel	320	160	
Total CEC	<u>840</u>	<u>680</u>	

**Hawaii Area Committee
Revised Budget
January through December 2007**

Revised 1/27/2007

	Budget 06	Budget 07
Corrections		
Literature	260	260
Postage	80	40
Printing		40
Telephone	20	20
Travel	160	160
Workshops	120	120
Total Corrections	<u>640</u>	<u>640</u>
Cooperations w/Professional Community		
Literature	162	162
Postage	57	37
Printing	50	50
Travel	320	320
Rent		0
Telephone		20
Total CPC	<u>589</u>	<u>589</u>
Finance Committee		
Postage	37	37
Printing & Next Yrs. Bdgt.	150	200
Telephone	20	20
Total Finance Committee	<u>207</u>	<u>257</u>
Grapevine		
Display Materials	100	100
Gift Subscriptions	100	100
Literature		
Postage	40	40
Printing		
Telephone	20	20
Travel	100	100
Total Grapevine	<u>360</u>	<u>360</u>
Hawaii State Convention		
Alt. Del. Airfare to Meetings	960	1440
Hospitals		
Literature	250	250
Postage	20	20
Printing	50	50
Telephone	20	20
Travel	210	210
Total Hospitals	<u>550</u>	<u>550</u>

**Hawaii Area Committee
Revised Budget
January through December 2007**

Revised 1/27/2007

	Budget 06	Budget 07
Mynah Bird		
Miscellaneous	100	40
Postage		40
Telephone		20
Printing (100 copies per issue)	600	400
Travel	<u>160</u>	<u>160</u>
Total Mynah Bird	860	660
Public Information		
Display Materials		
Literature & PSA's	350	350
Postage	37	80
Printing	50	50
Telephone	20	20
Travel	<u>160</u>	<u>160</u>
Total Public Information	617	660
Treatment Facilities Committee		
Literature	150	150
Postage	50	50
Printing	90	90
Telephone	20	20
Travel	160	160
Workshops	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
Total Treatment Facilities Committee	520	520
Hawaii Area General Expenses		
Bank Service Charges	0	0
Computers & Software	100	0
Department of Consumer Affairs	10	10
Insurance	500	500
Office Supplies		
Chair & Alternate Chair	15	15
Delegate & Alternate Delegate	15	15
Registrar	100	30
Secretary	15	30
Treasurer	<u>200</u>	<u>100</u>
Total Office Supplies	345	190
Postage		
Chair & Alternate Chair	45	40
Delegate & Alternate Delegate	60	60
Registrar	12	12
Secretary	13	13
Treasurer	<u>37</u>	<u>39</u>
Total Postage	167	164

**Hawaii Area Committee
Revised Budget
January through December 2007**

Revised 1/27/2007

	Budget 06	Budget 07
Telephone		
Chair & Alternate	40	40
Delegate & Alternate Delegate	80	80
Registrar	20	20
Secretary	20	20
Treasurer	20	20
Total Area Phone	<u>180</u>	<u>180</u>
Webmaster		
Web Site Fee - Current Year	120	120
Web Site Fees - Prior Years	0	478
Total Webmaster	<u>120</u>	<u>598</u>
PRAASA - Delegate		
Airfare	600	370
Banquet	25	40
Delegate Lunch	25	20
Hotel	300	300
Meals - Other	100	100
Registration	25	20
Tapes/CD's	70	75
Transportation - Other	25	25
Total PRAASA - Delegate	<u>1170</u>	<u>950</u>
Pacific Forum - Delegate		
Airfare	600	0
Hotel	300	0
Meals	150	0
Transportation - Other	30	0
Total Pacific Forum - Delegate	<u>1080</u>	<u>0</u>
International Convention - Delegate	250	250
PRAASA - Area Chair		
Airfare	600	380
Banquet	25	40
Hotel	300	300
Meals - Other	100	100
Registration	25	20
Transportation - Other	25	25
Total PRAASA - Area Chair	<u>1075</u>	<u>865</u>
Pacific Forum - Area Chair		
Airfare	600	0
Hotel	300	0
Meals	150	0
Transportation - Other	30	0
Total Pacific Forum - Area Chair	<u>1080</u>	<u>0</u>

**Hawaii Area Committee
Revised Budget
January through December 2007**

Revised 1/27/2007

	Budget 06	Budget 07
Trustee Visit		
Airfare	0	600
Hotel & Meals	0	150
Other Expenses	0	0
Total Trustee Visit	<u>0</u>	<u>750</u>
TOTAL	27,009	25,688

**** items were reduced based on the agreements reached by the finance committee at the committee meeting in North Central Oahu on June 17, 2006. It was decided that major cuts were required to offset reductions in reduced seventh tradition donations. If there are substantial revenue increases, then the budget costs can be restored, based on recommendations made by the finance committee.**

Treasurers Report Hawaii Area 17 December 31, 2006

Cash on Hand December 31, 2006	\$ 17,423.27
Prudent Reserve Savings	\$ 3,488.73
Set aside for Intl Convention	250.00
Total December 31, 2006	\$ 21,171.00
Revenue Jan 1 through ^{12/31/06} November 10, 06	\$ 27,058.60
Expenses Jan 1 through ^{12/31/06} November 10, 06	\$ 23,521.69
Net Gain for year 2006	\$ 3,536.91

Observations

1. Our financial status improved through the efforts of our Districts.
2. I would recommend based on this financial statement that the Prassa Line item be reinstated. This determination will be made by the finance committee.

It has been a pleasure to serve you.

Yours truly,

Jerry 



Profit and Loss
January 1 through December 31, 2006
Hawaii Area 17

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

District 1 Diamond Head	\$3,718.87
District 2 Honolulu	\$ 490.60
District 3 Leeward	\$ 553.75
District 4 Windward	\$ 2,010.88
District 5 No Ka Oi	\$ 1,801.14
District 6 Kauai	\$ 1,283.00
District 7 East Hawaii	\$ 1,497.43
District 8 West Hawaii	\$ 5,056.29
District 9 Central N. Shore	\$ 835.75
District 10 Waikiki	\$ 3,732.79
District 11 Kihei	\$ 4,345.34
District 12 Puna	\$ 431.50
District 13 West Maui	\$ 436.61
District 14 Manoa	\$ 334.76
District 17 Waianae	\$ 529.89
Total Contributions Income	\$27,058.60

Expense

Convention , Hawaii	\$ 354.31
Hawaii Area as a whole	
Area Assemblies	\$1,000.00
Area Meetings	\$1,000.00
Computer and programs	\$ 68.98
General Service Conference	\$1,894.06
Insurance	\$ 500.00
Interisland airfare	\$10,771.96
Office supplies	\$ 63.02
Pacific Forum	\$1,980.42
Phone	\$ 20.00
Postage	\$ 95.50
PRASSA	\$1,778.31
Printing	\$ 1,116.92
Total Hawaii area as a whole	\$20,289.17

Hawaii Area Standing Committees

Archives	\$ 100.00
Coop elderly community	\$ 306.63
Corrcections	\$ 517.50
CPC	\$ 226.66
Finance	\$ 63.14
Grapevine	\$ 307.43
Hospitals	\$ 560.00
Mynah Bird	\$ 130.25
Public Information	\$ 174.60
Treatment facilities	\$ 492.00
Total Hawaii Area Standing Committees	\$ 2,878.21
Total Expense	\$23,521.69
Net Income	\$3,536.91

**Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss
January through December 2006**

Jan - Dec 06

Ordinary Income/Expense
Income

Contributions Income (Dist.)

District #01 Diamond Head	3,718.87
District #02 Honolulu	490.60
District #03 Leeward	553.75
District #04 Windward	2,010.88
District #05 No Ka Oi	1,801.14
District #06 Kauai	1,283.00
District #07 East Hawaii	1,497.43
District #08 West Hawaii	5,056.29
District #09 Central N. Shore	835.75
District #10 Waikiki	3,732.79
District #11 Kihel	4,345.34
District #12 Puna	431.50
District #13 West Maui	436.61
District #14 Manoa	334.76
District #15 Ewa/Pearl	10.00
District #17 Waianae	519.89

Total Contributions Income (Dist.)	27,058.60
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Total Income	27,058.60
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Expense

Convention, Hawaii	354.31
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Hawaii Area As A Whole - Detail

Area Assemblies	1,000.00
Area Meetings	1,000.00
Computer and programs	68.98
General Service Conference	1,894.06
Insurance	500.00
Interisland Airfare - Area Meet	10,771.96
Office Supplies	63.02
Pacific Forum	1,980.42
Phone	20.00
Postage	95.50
PRASSA	1,778.31
Printing	1,116.92

Total Hawaii Area As A Whole - Detail	20,289.17
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Hawaii Area Standing Committies

Archives	100.00
Coop/Elderly Community	306.63
Corrections	
Books/Videos/Literature	293.50
Workshops	224.00

Total Corrections	517.50
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CPC

Literature/Videos	226.66
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Total CPC	226.66
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Finance

Printing	63.14
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Total Finance	63.14
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Grapevine

Display	65.00
Literature	117.65
Phone	3.00
Travel	121.78

Total Grapevine	307.43
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Hospitals

Literature	560.00
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Total Hospitals	560.00
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Accrual Basis

**Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss
January through December 2006**

	<u>Jan - Dec 06</u>
Mynah Bird	
Postage	3.00
Printing (6 Issues)	127.25
Total Mynah Bird	<u>130.25</u>
Public Information (PI)	
Literature	15.00
Workshops/Travel	159.60
Total Public Information (PI)	<u>174.60</u>
Treatment Facilities (TFC)	
Literature	492.00
Total Treatment Facilities (TFC)	<u>492.00</u>
Total Hawaii Area Standing Committees	<u>2,878.21</u>
Total Expense	<u>23,521.69</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>3,536.91</u>
Net Income	<u><u>3,536.91</u></u>

Hawaii Area Committee
 EXPENSE COMPARISON: ACTUAL TO BUDGET
 January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/ <Under></u>
Expenses			
Convention, Hawaii	354.31	-	354.31
Department of Consumer Affairs, annual reg.	-	10.00	(10.00)
Hawaii Area as a Whole			
Area Assemblies, registration	1,000.00	1,280.00	(280.00)
Area Committee Meetings, registration	1,000.00	1,280.00	(280.00)
Computer & Programs	68.98	100.00	(31.02)
General Service Conference	1,894.06	2,250.00	(355.94)
Insurance	500.00	500.00	-
Interisland Airfare, ^{Meetings} Meetings	10,771.96	8,242.00	2,529.96
Office Supplies	63.02	345.00	(281.98)
Pacific Forum	1,980.42	2,160.00	(179.58)
Phone	20.00	180.00	(160.00)
Postage	95.50	167.00	(71.50)
PRAASA	1,778.31	2,245.00	(466.69)
Printing	1,116.92	1,750.00	(633.08)
International Conv. Accrual	250.00	250.00	-
Web Site	-	120.00	(120.00)
Sub-total	<u>20,539.17</u>	<u>20,869.00</u>	<u>(329.83)</u>
Hawaii Area Standing Committees			
Archivist, Permanent	-	400.00	(400.00)
Archives	100.00	495.00	(395.00)
Cooperation w/ Elderly Community	306.63	840.00	(533.37)
Corrections	517.50	640.00	(122.50)
Cooperation w/ Professional Community	226.66	589.00	(362.34)
Finance	63.14	207.00	(143.86)
Grapevine	307.43	420.00	(112.57)
Hospitals	560.00	542.00	18.00
Mynah Bird	130.25	860.00	(729.75)
Public Information	174.60	617.00	(442.40)
Treatment Facilities	492.00	520.00	(28.00)
Sub-total	<u>2,878.21</u>	<u>6,130.00</u>	<u>(3,251.79)</u>
Total Expenses	<u><u>23,771.69</u></u>	<u><u>27,009.00</u></u>	<u><u>(3,237.31)</u></u>