

AREA 17 COMMITTEE MEETING
KONA PALISADES, KONA
FEBRUARY 24, 2007
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Directions:

Exit airport and turn right onto Queen K Hwy. Turn left at next light (about 0.2 mi), on Ka'i'minani Dr. Kona Palisades is about 1 mile up, on your left. Park at the Fire Station.

Registration, questions

Cheryl N [REDACTED]

Homestay

Archie [REDACTED]

Transportation

Don [REDACTED]

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AREA 17 FEBRUARY 07 COMMITTEE MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail form to Cheryl N, [REDACTED]

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Address _____

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District _____ Area Position _____

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West Hawaii

Saturday February 24th, 2007

- 8:30-9:30 A.M. Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:30 A.M. Call to Order**
Host DCM Announcements
Reading- Concept IX ,
“ Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable...”
- 9:45 A.M. Area Officers Reports –**
Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Registrar
Alternate Delegate
Alternate Chair
Chair
- 10:15 A.M. Delegate Report –Including information concerning**
April “Inform the Delegate” Assembly
- 11:15 A.M. Break**
- 11:30 A.M. Committee Work Sessions**
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch (Finance Committee Meeting)**
- 12:30 P.M. Standing Committee Roundtables**
- 1:00 P.M. New Business Information Session**
1) Revised Area Budget- discussion, Q&A
- 1:30 P.M. Break**
- 1:40 P.M. DCM Reports**
Standing Committee Reports
Intergroup Reports
HICY-ICY- PAA Reports
- 3:30 P.M. Adjourn – Declaration of Unity**

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Please be reminded that all reports need to be submitted in writing for the secretary. Please note items you wish recorded verbatim in minutes. In addition, can email report to secretary at area17secretary@hawaii.com

2007 Assembly/Committee meeting schedule

Committee Meeting	02/24	West Hawaii
Inform The Delegate	04/14-15	Leeward (Oahu)
Committee Meeting	5/19	Kauai
Budget Assembly	8/???	Windward (Oahu)
Committee Meeting (optional)	10/13	No Ka Oi (Maui)
Assembly (optional)	11/10-11	Honolulu

Declaration of Unity

This We Owe To A.A.'s Future:
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
And the lives of those to come

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Meeting Opened @ 9:25 with the serenity prayer

Host DCM announcements: Sheryl

Reading: Concept IX: Brian **Summary:** - "Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning in AA" Principles before personalities, Lead by example, act for us, don't boss us :

Area Officer Reports:

Recording Secretary: Bridgette- summary: Thank you everyone who sent me their reports before the committee meeting. I have them with me in a hard copy and they will appear as you have written them. Please, if you want to email me your report after the event, I will accept them for up to 5 days after the event. After that however, it will appear how you have submitted it or will be summarized on the day of. Please be advised, if you send emails to the area secretary I will assume you want them emailed to everyone in my contact circle, if not, please specify in your email that it is not for everyone, only me. My email address is area17secretary@hawaii.com. If you would like to be a part of the area correspondence circle please see me and give me your email address and service position and I would be more than happy to add you area business correspondence, if you were getting correspondence and now would like to elect to not receive, see me to be removed from my list or shoot me an email. Mahalo for letting me serve.

Treasurer: Linda- The aqua flyer has been revised to include the request to record the group name and district number with each area contribution. I would like your help in distributing the correct information to groups regarding area contributions. In addition, please ask group treasurers to make their payments payable to Hawaii Area 17 or to Hawaii Area Committee, not to me personally. No other panel has been able to maintain perfect adherence to these requests, but lets try. Please help me distribute the correct information whenever possible. Also revised is the Hawaii Area Budget for this year. Said item is on the agenda for this afternoon, so I will not use time to review it now. At the beginning of February, I emailed a contributions list for January to each DCM. I intend the list to be a way of sending our thanks to the groups for their contributions. It is not financially feasible to send our Mahalo to each group individually. Would the DCM's like to continue to receive the list? I am open to suggestions on ways to improve the list or for alternative ideas. I am pleased with the rate of incoming contributions this year. As of February 19, 2007 we have received \$4,611.61. If contributions continue at the current rate, we will easily cover our budget for the year. And this brings me to one of my main points. In my experience, budgets are guidelines, especially for non-profit organizations, to be used as points of reference for income and expenses rather than as measures of successes or failures. If an expense category far exceeds or falls short of the corresponding budget amount, it may be that the budget amount is unrealistic rather than the actual expense being out of line. In addition, it is not the goal of a non-profit organization to make or to lose money but to break even and to maintain a prudent reserve. As treasurer, my job is to manage monies received and disbursements made to the best of my ability. If I find that any budget amount is materially deviated from, I will investigate and report to the finance committee or area committee as appropriate. However, we do not need to be penny wise and dollar foolish, I do intend to support any reasonable expense that helps Hawaii Area to meet its primary purpose. Finally, I am reminding each of the officers and standing committee chairs to register for the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Your registration has been paid, but the hosting district needs your individual registration information.

Registrar: Tim Thank you for letting me be of service. If you have not already done so please fill out and return to me your Group or District Change forms so that GSO can update your information I now have software on my computer which has all registered groups with their group numbers, if you need any group information please come see me. To ensure a smooth voting process you will be given a colored piece of paper upon signing in at future assemblies. This will ensure that only voting members, who have signed in, will vote. In effort to keep better records and expedite the registration process, I have created new sign in sheets which list every GSR, DCM, Standing Committee Head, Intergroup Chair and Area Officer. Simply look for your position/name and sign in next to it. If your information is wrong please let me know so I can correct it. All 14 Districts, 7 of 11 Standing Committee Chairs, 6 of 7 Area Officers, 1 of 5 Intergroup Chairs are present today.

Alternate Delegate: Woody- Not present: (An email was sent to the officers that he has stepped down from his position so there will be a special election at the next assembly in April please inform your districts, groups and members).

Alternate Chair: Elizabeth- Honored to serve. For those who haven't been to Prassa there are roundtables from the whole region. I will be going to the chair person's roundtable, and this is where we bring our concerns and questions. So I asked Nick if he had any questions to take, since I am going representing him. So that's what Nick was talking about. I sit on the convention steering committee and the Finance committee. I also am responsible to review flyers for the assemblies and committee meetings. I am preparing to attend Prassa. The part that I am representing Hawaii and that miracle is thanks to AA. I was invited to present a panel, but because I have done it already I let Prassa know that I had done it before, so I declined after much thought. It was a spiritual experience and I want someone else should get the experience. AA has given me the ability to allow others to have experiences too.

Chair: Nick- Been working with Vernon setting the agenda for April. Vernon has been working diligently and we appreciate it. Inform the Delegate is a spiritual principle and the most heavy responsibility we have. Elizabeth will be going to Prassa in my place and I am excited for her and look forward to hearing what she brings back for us. The question I posed to Elizabeth is "How well do we communicate with our standing

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committee's" I am truly feel blessed that we are all here and got up early and I appreciate that it is February and its warm. Thank you all of you.

Delegate: Vernon- Aloha Area 17! I am very excited about attending the General Service Conference as your Delegate. I have received the background materials and the Agenda for the conference around the 15th of the month and have spent a good amount of time in preparation for this Committee meeting so we will all be ready for the Inform the Delegate Assembly in April. There will be Ten Panels and a Workshop. Unfortunately there will not be enough panels for every district so we will pull districts out of the hat for those who are willing to make a presentation. I can not stress enough how important the DCMs are in this process. You are the link from New York, now to Area and finally to your districts for your GSRs to participate in the process. Without you the link in the chain is broken, your district is out of the loop and misses a wonderful opportunity to learn more about A.A. The General Service Conference was created to replace our founder Bill, Bob and the Pioneers of our movement who would eventually die. The Trustees and Alcoholic Anonymous World Services take their direction from the fellowship. They say that the world is run by those who show up. Well, here we are! So that the General Service board is connected to the fellowship and there is a direct link between the membership and New York, the groups, GSRs, DCMs involvement are vital that we keep our movement fresh, alive and responsive to those they serve. Some of the Agenda items may seem dry, others exciting just like life. As your delegate I am asking you to keep me informed on these items about the conscience of our Area so I can go to New York with your input. We will also have a workshop, "Spiritual Value of our Dollars that is also a panel. I will also ask for the groups input on the theme for the 2008 General Service conference. I have been assigned to the Conference Literature Committee and very excited about that assignment. I will share with you all of the Agenda for that committee. On the Agenda for the Public Information Committee there is a suggestion to change the flyer, "A Message to the Teenager" to have language that is more inclusive to different ethnic groups. This Motion Started in Hawaii Area 17 and was presented by The Kaloa Group on the Big Island at the November Assembly and was passed. Our then delegate Keith H. submitted this for the 2007 General Service conference and now will be discussed in April. One A.A. member, one group can make a difference to A.A. as a whole and this is a wonderful example of that idea in action. I am truly blessed to be sober and have the privileged to serve as your Delegate. I am excited about the journey ahead. {Passed out CD's of the Agenda} We need to be careful about distributed this confidential CD because it may violate anonymity. So be careful with distributing these. They are too big to email and shouldn't be anyways because of the sensitive nature of the names. [Drew districts from Hat for the panels that are to be done at the April "Inform the Delegate" assembly]

Panel 1: West Hawaii	[Inclusiveness in AA]
Panel 2: Tri-Island	[Our Primary Purpose]
Panel 3: Kihei	[Humility and Responsibility]
Panel 4: Waikiki	[Corrections]
Panel 5: Area Finance	[Finance]
Panel 6: Central N.Shore	[Grapevine]
Panel 7: No Ka Oi	[Literature]
Panel 8: Puna	[Literature]
Panel 9: Diamond Head	[Public Information]
Panel 10: Waianae	[Spiritual Values of our AA dollars]

Q: sharing session after each panel means anyone can get up and share? A: yes, you can ask questions or make comments during the Q and A, or add to the presentation. You can call the General Service Office as well for input.

Please also take back to your groups that we need theme's for next years conference. Bring your suggestions to the April Inform the Delegate Assembly.

Break: Open with Responsibility Statement

Committee Work Sessions: Introduced all the Standing Committee Chairs and had 30 minutes of work station time to work with DCM's

DCMs, Standing Committees, and Officers did Informational/Feedback Roundtable Discussions:

Members of each of these groups met in circles to discuss pertinent information to their respected positions, receive suggestions and share ideas.

Break for Lunch

Finance Committee Presentation of Revisions to Budget: Linda- Revised budget is available, some changes are a reflection of Prassa expenses, and airfares are more realistic. It also now reflects the priority of spending with delegate first. I didn't put the additional amount of \$400 supplemental support back in but it could go back if needed. Our airfare related to the committees, the printing directly related to assemblies, I figured the airfare more exactly. Our standing committees are now alphabetical. I will try to make things more cohesive in the future. Each finance committee member has been assigned standing committees for the purpose of working out their budgets for next year. Don't be intimidated by this process, but you should get a feeling for what you might need. It is to help everyone not be so confused when they look at the budget. The website is where it is because of the priority of spending Q: it would be great if each committee have the same amount like you wanted but isn't it like that because some committee's are more active? A: each term is different because of resources available to them. Q: Our committee budget's were set by last term, so its not set in stone. A: What I have brought to you is a revised budget that reflects the changes I mentioned earlier. I also included the website fees that have been paid out of pocket by a member, she has now been reimbursed.

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Q: on the insurance, if we are covered on the delegate report back, are we covered? A: Yes we are covered but you will need a writer, but it is done by request not routinely. Q: It would be good if we could see what it was, what it will be, and what it is presently. So we could see real numbers not budgeted numbers and be able to make comparisons. A: yes, you historically use realistic numbers and I apologize it is not presented this way, it will be. Q: the 2007 budget was approved and it was said that Prassa could be put back in at the discretion of the finance committee so why are we doing this? A: I am doing this at the request of the chair, to change the format/layout and address the airfare changes. Chair states: I will decide whether this is presented at the next assembly or not. I thought the budget would be a lot different and it's not, so the discussion is to determine that. Q: We do not need a new budget, the budget was already approved. Why can't we leave it the way it is? A: we could, but we just wanted to reflect the new airfares now Q: I want to know, how do I influence the area to get some information on the website? Q: about website budget and under use of it. Can a website representative come from the group level A: we will get back to that [There is a lot of discussion about the necessity of a new budget] [The consensus of the discussion is to not present this revised budget for approval]

DCM Reports:

Puna: Ermina District is pleased to report that we have a Treasurer. Please help me in welcoming Leinala G. She is instrumental in starting a new Meeting called the Fourth Dimension. Puna is very excited to have her join us. The new meeting Fourth Dimension meets Monday thru Friday 7am-8am at Pu'ula Church in Nanawale. We are hoping to have them become a Group in the immediate future. I am very pleased to announce that Wahine O' Puna is working on a Caravan, that travels once a month to other meetings and Groups to lend support and fellowship. Ho' Ohana has a new GSR Gene C. and a new Alternate GSR Steve, so we hope to see them at Inform the Delegate. Pau Hana asked for more support for their group, as well as Jungle Bunch, Stick Around, and Grateful Living. Ho' Ohana will be celebrating on March 24th at Hot Ponds in Po Hoiki the group members will be there around 8am...most people start coming in about 10am and we go until whenever. All is welcome to come and celebrate the ending of one year and beginning of another year of service for Ho' Ohana. If you would like to come from outer islands call 982-9370 and we can see if we can set up a place to stay. Ho'Ohana Days tickets are \$10 includes meal and fellowship, fun, and games. In addition on February 20th Pau Hana hosted a Seminar on Hospitals and Institutions. Unfortunately, many of the meetings and groups did not report due to our meeting date being Valentine's Day. We should be back on track in March. Discussed at our last district meeting was the fact that many of our groups are small and each meeting/group should think about taking on one of the Standing Area Committee Interest to get the message out to those who still suffer. Many of those present will take this request back to their groups. I anticipate that we can further discuss and move on this after our next meeting in March.

Diamond Head: Doug - summary: I am privileged, I want to draw up a budget for district and that's what we worked on. I'm so privileged to have this group of GSR's. WE are going to be Developing & approving a district budget. We returned \$300 to area for the last assembly we coordinated.

Central North Shore: Hugh- I'm happy to return to the islands. I returned from Jolo Philippines all in one piece. Since coming back, here is what is going on and coming up in Central North Shore District 9. At our District meeting last week, we welcomed a new GSR to the District. Her name is Nadine and she is representing the Thursday Night Meeting in Wahiawa. A New Heartbeat. She is looking forward to getting out and about in service. For committee work, Sheri B. from New Hope is involved with the Hospitals Committee and Joe G. is working with the Grapevine Committee. I continue to try and get others involved in Committee service as well. We have been scanning the libraries in our district, Michele from North Shore Nooners, Elise from Woman's Steps and Traditions and I are going to the libraries in our district ensuring they are stocked with AA Literature. We are set for June 23rd to be our Unity day. Unity day will be held at Alii Beach in Haleiwa. Flyers will be out soon. Central North Shore will fund the hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish. Valerie will be attending PRAASA this year; unfortunately I will be unable to attend this year PRAASA. I just recently retired from the military as of Friday and am working towards landing a job, prior to flying back to the mainland to visit family. I am looking forward to the following two years as serving as DCM for Central North Shore. I chose to restand and finish my full term, with a lot of direction from my sponsor, I look forward to what comes in my path next.

Waianae: Heidi - My name is Heidi and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve as the DCM for the Waianae District. We held our last district meeting the first week of February and I am happy to report we had a better turnout this month. We had eight groups represented out of nineteen and some new enthusiastic GSRs. After reviewing the list of meetings in our district that Tim had sent, I had a question about one group that was in our district vs. Leeward and we have five meetings on the schedule that did not appear to be registered with GSO. Two of these groups were represented at the February district meeting and the GSRs were going to go back to their groups and get the GSO numbers so I can work with Tim and these groups to straighten this out. I am also taking New Group Forms and Change Forms to every district meeting and meetings that I visit as we try and get the information updated. As a result of this increased participation, we were able to fill our Grapevine/Minah Bird rep and CPC/PI positions. I will be working with our district and area committee chairs to get these people in contact with each other. We are still looking for someone to step up and fill the Hospital/Treatment chair position for our district. This is an important as we have a number of facilities in the Waianae District. For PI, we have one library adopted (Kapolei) as of now in our district and we are looking for someone to adopt Waianae. Waianae district will be hosting a service workshop either at the end of April or in May. We have elected a chair for this event and are working on finalizing dates and have sent three potential topics out to the groups for consideration. After the next meeting in March we hope to have the info posted on the web as well as fliers available.

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Leeward: Holly- Since last month some very nice progress has been made in our district. We have a new GSR for the Sat. Morning breakfast meeting, Dalis, and a new archives chair named Rick B. We passed our proposed budget and have a working priority of spending. We have also made progress on figuring out what meetings are in our district and have a working list of 22 meetings we will be making contact with or are already represented. We are still hoping to find a list of the groups registered in our district, to update and add to as necessary. Our district is very motivated and it should be an interesting experience making contact with our fellow groups. We are working with another of our groups that have expressed interest in electing a GSR for their group, Makalapa Miracles. Of course the big thing happening with us is the planning and excitement of hosting the next assembly in our district, the Inform the Delegate Assembly, to take place April 14th and 15th. We have the location, and the fliers are up on the web. The reservations have begun to trickle in. We have our transportation and home stay chairs lining up volunteers and 3 of the 5 meals have been taken on by home groups in our district! There are people that have been active in service, and those that had never previously heard of service, gearing up to get involved, and that makes us pretty happy. We are still seeking a few positions to be filled, such as the beverage chair and two of the meals to be covered, but we feel confident that, like all things in AA service and work with the higher power, they will work out somehow. Please register, call for transportation ahead of time as well as home stay if you need it.

East Hawaii: We lost our secretary; we had a new meeting in Wailua Park. We had pizza before the meeting, and it was well attended. There's a new woman's meeting in Hilo. They have a lot of long term sobriety. We had to reschedule our service workshop, I would like to talk to anyone on this island who is in service or would like to attend. Maybe district could pay your way. We are looking at end of April or May. East Hawaii had its second district meeting and had very low attendance. Our secretary had to resign her position and we will be looking for a new one for the next meeting. We were to have a Service Workshop March 17th but since we have so many of the key people either off island or had other commitments we postponed it until further notice. When we do we are going to ask that one of the past Delegates come and give a talk on the importance of service. Also give some information on the workings of the AA structure from Group to GSO. We have a new woman's meeting on Sunday at 5 pm, at the Hilo Fellowship which is in the old Central Office. On the first and third Wednesday we have a new 10th step meeting in Wailoa Park. This meeting starts at 6pm. but before the meeting we have pizza. (well attended) Also another well attended meeting on Wednesday in Mountain View which starts at 6:00pm, this one has chef Luigi catering food at 5:30pm. Last, my district is sending me to PRAASA and I am looking forward to it and hope to see you there. Mahalo

Kauai: Shoshanna - We had a record short meeting, Everyone submitted written reports and there was no cross talk. the coconut wireless will carry the message of service across the island and more people will be attracted to participating at the group/district level. We have developed a phone tree as a quick contact tool. Things are happening; we developed a home group sign up sheet. To encourage members to "stake their claim" to a particular home group. Distribution has begun. Individual groups are planning events. Hui 'Ohana group has scheduled a picnic party at Lydgate for 4th of July. They are also planning to celebrate their 10th anniversary in October. The Happy hour group of nawiliwili park is planning their 2nd anniversary birthday gathering in July. PI has set goals for this panel that include providing literature, racks and/or presentations to public and school libraries, police stations, hospitals, hotels, condominiums, vacation rental businesses, public and private intermediate and high schools. They also want to list open AA meetings in the newspaper, respond to speaking request at non-AA meetings, and place PSA with radio and TV stations including Ho'iike. Corrections has found out that he will not be able to get into the jail until he completes the training. The next one is April. Dianne continues to be our primary liaison. This continues to be a slow process but we keep on. CPC has begun contacting the top 100 employers on our island. So far, they have met with the chief officers in charge of the Drug and Alcohol Community Health Center. They will be contacting the Hyatt, Wilcox Hospital, the medical facilities and the educational system. Our garden island sobriety newsletter was faced with increased printing costs and sent out a flyer to inform the island of who are currently contributing and the need for an additional \$30/month. One group passed the hat and \$25 was raised and sent. Our editor has strong faith and know that it will work out. We have our flyer ready for the next committee meeting on May 19th on Kauai. Mahalo to Cheryl, Elizabeth, Vernon and Nick who are guiding me through the process. Please fill them out today and return the bottom half to me. You can email or snail mail me with your flight information when you make your reservations.

West Hawaii: Cheryl- was unable to summarize: hosted this committee meeting

TriIsland: Brian We held our first District Meeting on Lanai this January 27th, during our Outreach to Remote Communities event, The Crossing.

- o We held elections at this district meeting and I'm pleased to announce that we elected the following positions:
 - Alt-DCM - Katrina
 - Treasurer - Anita
 - Secretary - Sarah
- ❖ We also held a Forum on "Cooperation without Affiliation"
 - o My thanks to our Delegate Vernon, Colin (DCM - Kihei), Coleen (DCM - No Ka Oi) and Miranda (Mynah Bird) for their attendance and support
 - o There was great discussion and a lot of great ideas were brought forward.
- ❖ We are planning to hold a workshop or something similar to discuss "The Home Group Concept" in the coming months
- ❖ I am also looking to start a discussion/learning group once a month on the 12 Traditions for all GSR's and District Members.

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❖ Last but not least I am excited to be attending my first PRAASA.

Kihei: Colin Aloha everyone here attending this committee mtg. I would like to thank W. Hawaii district for hosting the area today. Kihei had our Feb. meeting on Tuesday the 20th and we had 16 people in attendance. We have 7 groups represented, and we have 2 of the standing committees filled. We have Rick A. who is stepping into the CPC job, he has been able to take an AA panel into the DUI class for first time offenders on Maui. We also have Joan C. who is doing a wonderful job as our corrections chair. She has organized a handful of women who are able to take an AA meeting into the prison. She also has been working with Aaron, who has been going into the mens side, and she is hoping to pass that responsibility over to him. We as a district have implemented a GSR fund which will help get more GSR's to area assemblies. The district will split the airfare with the particular group if they are unable to fully fund their GSR. I had an opportunity to talk about the next assembly, Inform the Delegate. The GSR seemed really excited for the chance to research topics. Our District has 6 people in service going to PRAASA, that is including our Mynah Bird Chair and of course our delegate. I am really excited about PRAASA for I have the incredible gift to be a presenter. I am looking forward to seeing all of you who will be attending PRAASA, we are always well represented. The three Districts are working on a date so we can share with the fellowship on Maui of our experience in Portland. We passed our 2007 budget. Thankyou for allowing me to be of service.

Waikiki: Andre- summary: I got some good stuff from the roundtables, to bring back some suggestions to our district. We have good financial support but not good service support. We ended up in the black, because of the assembly we hosted. We are sending our DCM to prassa because of it and we funded ½ the funds to send one GSR to Prassa who is being funded the rest by his group.

Windward: Kunane- The officers representing Windward District, Panel 57 are: DCM: Kunane D. ADCM: Laurie L. Treasurer: Dianna G. Secretary: Taesha Aiwohi We continue to seek out ideas to make sure that all groups in the Windward District are well informed and receive all information that happens at the group, district and area levels. We also want them to be informed of what decisions and discussion will be happening in New York when our Delegate attends the Conference in May. All the current GSRs and District Chairs have pledged to share the information with at least one other group that isn't represented at our meetings. We are hoping that this may get other groups interest in having a GSR and representation at the District level. We are looking forward for our assignment for the upcoming Inform the Delegate Assembly. The Windward District is hosting the August Budget Assembly, please don't make and purchase any flights yet. We are still looking for a location. Finding a site that is available both Saturday and Sunday all day has been a challenge. Once a site and date are confirmed we will let you know. We are still however, optimistic that we will find a place. I thank you for allowing me to be of service. This will be a very exciting 2 years for the Windward District

NoKa'Oi: Coleen- We have two new GSR's: Johnny for Wailuku Group, and Ken for Back to Basics. Ill be going to PRAASA along with two GSR's: Michael, Sat. speakers meeting and Dot, Upcountry sunrise meeting. Our PRAASA report back will be held with Kihei and Trid Island District on Saturday, march 24th at the Cameron Center from 9 am- 1 pm. Breakfast first, followed by presentations from those who attended.

Honolulu: David Good morning, my name is David [redacted], DCM for Honolulu District 2. Thanks to the Kona District for hosting us; thanks, Cheryl. Because it took us a long time to settle on a new meeting place, we haven't a lot to report. Our district meetings will happen at the Downtown Lunch venue, 1159 Bethel St., near the Hawaii Theater in the historic and increasingly less seedy Chinatown district. Our first meeting of the year, except for an attempt at a meeting during a break at the last Area Assembly, will be this coming Monday at 7 p.m. Our first order of new business will be to decide on which Monday of each month we will meet. I'll let Tim know when that's decided. We now have by my count 18 meetings, some inherited from the darkened Manoa district. Some have yet to respond to our attempts to discover signs of life there. Three of the Manoa meetings so far show signs of being eager to participate in Honolulu district. I hope to organize a caravan soon to try to attract (not promote) more participation. A second order of business will be to assure that we have a district coordinator (or chair, or liaison) for each Area standing committee. Those of our GSRs who attended the last assembly have already gotten started. Black Experience is hosting a dance tonight. Downtown Lunch is holding a Joe and Charlie style Big Book study starting today at 9 and finishing tomorrow from 1 p.m. until they get to Page 103. Downtown Lunch also held a group inventory last Saturday.

Standing Committee Reports:

Hospitals: Zeke- not present

Archives: Cathy- [represented by Tim because she couldn't attend, he gave report] Aloha, my name is Cathy [redacted] and I'm privileged to serve panel 57 as your Archive chair. I am unable to join you for this committee meeting due to knee surgery I had at the end of Jan. and because my doctor wouldn't clear me for this trip.

The goals of this committee is to

- Have an archive committee member from each district
- Collect group histories from groups within each district
- Collect material relevant to each district with the purpose of archiving AA history in Hawaii

Achieving these goals will only be possible with the participation of this fellowship. I've had the opportunity to introduce myself at two district meetings on Maui so far and hope to attend the Trilsle district meeting before too long. My hope is to be able to attend district meetings around the state so GSRs who don't attend assemblies can associate a face with this committee. I attended the 25th anniversary of the Kihei Morning Serenity group last Saturday. What a testimony for how this program works. There was a display board of all the meeting rooms they have used over the last 25 years as well as sharing from the founding members and some of the old timers who attended the meetings in those early years. Those who attended this celebration

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got a taste of what it was like back in the early '80s for this group. There was the practicing of the Traditions that went into forming this group and again when the first meeting room became too small and a new space had to be found. How true that while we aim for substantial unanimity, personal recovery still depends upon AA unity. I encourage all of you to urge your GSRs to find out about their home groups. To make known to the members what it was like in its early years; how their groups have used the traditions in safeguarding this fellowship for future generations. Please contact me regarding your histories/biographies.

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Corrections; - not present this committee is currently unrepresented pending election of chair

Public Information: Susan- Since the January assembly, the following activities have taken place or are initiated in PI:

1. Speaking engagements:
 - a. Terri F., GSR for Phoenix, and Ken K., CPC Chair, went to PACT (Parents and Children Together) and presented PI and CPC jointly. They refer a lot of people to AA and had a lot of questions.
 - b. March 1 - David P., DCM for Honolulu District will talk at Castle High in Kaneohe.
 - c. Kunane D., DCM for Windward District is set to talk during Youth Drop-In hours at the GBLT Center in Honolulu.
2. Adopt-a-Library program: Of the 50 state libraries in Hawaii (all islands), 24 have been adopted. We are in the process of stocking them.
3. Adopt-a-Hotel program: In the process of compiling lists of Hotels, Motels, and B&Bs on the islands.
4. Tourism racks: Looking for volunteers to stock tourism racks.
5. Will be looking for volunteers to post signs when they are ready, which should be soon.
6. Looking for volunteers to post ads in local neighborhood newspapers.
7. Recruiting local talent to record PSAs for distribution on radio and TV.
8. Due to popular demand, I suppose I will start having monthly committee meetings.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to make the April Assembly, but am coordinating with a PI committee member to attend in my place.

Cooperation with the Elder Community: Betsy- Thank you Stan, the contacts are wide. California, Phoenix is very active. In the Mynah Bird is a registration for that. Present goals: circle up friends to share the work, test the waters with an actual meeting in Maui, if you have suggestions call me. Literature you can order pamphlets in large print and distribute them

CPC: Ken- A new beginning ~ a new experience, Thank you to Sue and the PI committee for allowing me to serve with you. The experience of "carrying the message" to the staff members of various programs at Kuhio Park Terrace was a great start on this mission to serve AA and the experience to grow. Yet, much to learn with experience and continued communication with my fellow trusted servants. In the time to learn of the position and the resources to learn we have experienced of the resources available abroad. Irene CCPC, GSO, Gayle GSO, Special Needs, and Bill D. PI/CPC News exchange. We are asking for help to serve; The annual American School Health Association Conference. To staff a booth with a display from GSO and AA literature to hand out Date: July 9-13, 2007. More details to follow from GSO.

Treatment: Kalei- I plan to have one or more from each island be on the committee. During the past couple weeks I've been very busy and will be contacting everyone who volunteered. I got two calls from the mainland for those who are getting out of treatment. Need suggestions for how to bridge the gap. I went to BBC on Oahu; they had some literature in the waiting room. I had 4 people purchase grapevine subscriptions who donated them.

Grapevine: Ted- summary: Thank you west Hawaii. Thank you Evon, and Cindy here for volunteering. [Read from the Grapevine Representative Pamphlet] I've been treated to some interesting literature from GSO, the price went up to \$2.00 a magazine, but electronic grapevine went down in price. 07 is bringing new sections to the grapevine. The grapevines focus in 07 is to get young people interested and informed about the grapevine. My goal is to hound the districts and bring the numbers up. I have started a committee, because I didn't inherit a committee. If you want to be a rep. contact me. Get registered to be a rep for your home group and you'll get all kinds of free stuff. In 06 only had 2 from Hawaii registered. aa.grapevine.org **Hard copy:** The past two months have gone too quickly. After registering with AA Grapevine, I was treated to some interesting correspondence from the Grapevine Executive Editor; Robin B. The big news was about the \$2.00 cover price of the Grapevine and La Vina. This is the first price increase in over ten years! Because the Grapevine does not receive group contributions or revenue from ads, it has to raise prices to offset rising prices. The Audio Grapevine subscription will be lowered to 20\$ for an annual subscription (12 issues) and \$3.95 monthly. I have seen what's coming in 2007 - new departments and sections in the magazine, new books (Language of the Heart in large print- Anthology of Grapevine stories by young people- The first ever anthology of La Vina stories), and new CD's. The focus in 2007 will be letting young people and newcomers know about the Grapevine and La Vina and their experience, strength, and hope - in print and audio.

Mynah Bird: Miranda- I am privileged to serve as your Mynah Bird Standing Committee Chair, Well, we now have a February issue not expected or planned, just happened. Starting with Vernon's regular column, Diary of a Deleg then Ted's Grapevine submission which did not make it in the January issue. I threw in a wonderful article on the Traditions from the Grapevine Digital Archives, the next thing I knew it snowballed into an issue. Mahalo to those of you participating by sending in your submissions. Our host District West Hawaii sent in an awesome lineup trusted servants, check it out in the District Spotlight section have sent Francesca the MB .pdf file so it can be accessed from our www.hawaii-aa.org website. We may or may not have a monthly issue, it depends on participation but so far this year we have two is distributed, that's what was done last year. So having it on the website will really cut down on printing costs to Area. I'm looking forw

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to working with a committee; we have had some great feedback to day at our roundtable. Marjorie had an idea to have an "issues" column/page so she will follow up on that and format something for the next newsletter. I am continuing to ask Standing Committee Chairs how the Mynah Bird can help them to carry the message. The Bulletin board back page seems to be working out really well. So folks are unable to write a "story" but can send me a "post it" or sound bite for the next event or Committee gathering or reminders. The page has good information to pass on. I will be going to PRAASA and I noticed there is a newsletter workshop/ roundtable there, I will be attending that and hopefully bringing back some fresh ideas for the newsletter. The next issue of the Mynah Bird will be a Special PRAASA Edition; the deadline for submissions is March 24th. That gives you almost 3 weeks to write about what you heard, felt and share with the Hawaii Area Fellowship, as usual, I will be sending you email reminders. I am having so much fun as your Mynah Bird Chair; I'm looking forward to working with an active committee,

Convention: Aike- Everything is running as smooth as can be. All the contracts are signed, logistics have gotten a free ticket to fly our mainland speaker. Our registration forms will be available to go to Prassa Wednesday. Im still waiting to sign the contract with the convention center for the next three years. We sign for three years so we can get November each year. We get a 25% discount so we are working towards that discount again. The registration form is available online. The meetings are starting next week. Ive attached the minutes to our meeting to my report and will be submitting them every assembly. Q: Im the servant here and if you want a workshop for convention let me know. Q: what about the proposal for moving the convention to our island? Have you closed that out? A: We did not make the decision to go three years at a time the convention center did. There was an adhoc committee that researched that issue, at that time the vote was against moving it.. Q: so 08 or 09 is not dead to come to Hawaii? A: no its not, but there was a vote down to Hawaii, then they searched Oahu, and couldn't find another place. Q: Can the minutes be forwarded? A: sure

Intergroup/Hicypaa/Icypaa Reports:

Intergroup Puna: Ben- Not much change. New office above Bears coffee shop 120 Keawe St. Rm 204 in Hilo. The women are delaying us cause they want to paint and stuff. Still holding business meetings at Wailoa State Park. We hosted the valentine's spaghetti dinner and a dance, it was fine. We are alive and well.

Intergroup Kauai: Catherine- The question was do you want a office, will you support it? The response was overwhelmingly Yes. Last month all groups on Kauai voted to continue having an Intergroup office in a new location. We are now in negotiations for a new office space. We are in the mix to make that happen and have found a great location for it. We are trying to promote unity. We are doing bridge meetings at Hina Mauka and the Kauai Mental Health Facility. Our phone lines are manned by Kauaians and the 12 step list is full. If you have a problem let us know. Schedules will be printed when we find a place. Mike C is hosting a roundup June 9th- 11th. We are still in search of a Treasurer for Intergroup. The treasury is in the black however.

Hicypaa: Kunane- hosted by Big Island at Spencer beach. Closer to Kona July 21,22. Its young at heart. Waikalua is the Hotel or else you camp. Co-chairs: Laura [REDACTED] and Sean

Icypaa: Tim www.49th Jole 281-33

Intergroup West Hawaii: Marjorie- were trying to get the groups involved in answering the phones instead of the answering service. We have a script for the volunteers, we have a 12 step list that is now being updated and the guidelines are a year of sobriety, a car, telephone and the willingness. I just got the office and Im getting the office updated and stocked. Q: Is there an Intergroup website ? A: there is the schedule and a map on the website.

Whats on your mind?

We have ghost emails on the area website and Ive gotten some emails and now Im being haunted because I responded and my personal email was on it. A: You can respond by inserting a different email in the return email spot. Q: We have a grapevine meeting and this attracts people to the grapevine. C: We were contacted by a treatment center to supply them with big books, it sparked heated discussion. What do other places do? C: transportation ? C: Big Island Bash flyers available.

Host DCM Announcements

Ended with Lords Prayer 2:50pm

Reminder: Next time Area gets together is April 14-15 Oahu (Leeward District) Hokulani Community Center Building 3453 Main St. Pearl Harbor. Contact: DCM Holly [REDACTED]

Dates for 2007:

**Inform the Delegate Assembly
Committee Meeting
Budget Assembly
Committee meeting
Optional Assembly**

**April 14-15
May 19
Aug. 18-19
Oct. 13
Nov. 10-11**

**Leeward District, Oahu
Kauai District, Lihue, Kauai
Windward District, Oahu
No Ka 'Oi District, Maui
Honolulu District, Oahu**