

Inventory Assembly Minutes ~ Waianae District
January 16-17, 2009

Saturday January 16, 2010

9:00 am Call to Order

Serenity Prayer

Host DCM Announcements: Clyde: housekeeping, transportation, home stay announcements

Welcome announcements Area Chair-Ken welcomes everyone to the assembly, introduces Area officers, recognizes Past Delegates, 12 new GSRs; Lani (?), Patty, Linda, Mike, Maria, Michelle, Eric, Steve, Lilia, Angela, Bill, Jeff.

Ken: acknowledging sobriety anniversaries from August – present asks all those to stand and say their sobriety dates

Secretary Miranda: Correction first line, date should read August 22, 2009 (not 2008). Noelle motioned to accept the minutes, Aike seconds, none opposed, motion passes.

Treasurer: Aloha Hawaii Area 17 A.A. members,

As of December 31, 2009 Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$24,800.76
Prudent Reserve	\$5,000.00
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$500.00
Reserve for International Convention	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total cash in bank	\$31,300.76

As of December 31, 2009:

Total Revenues/Contributions	\$23,460.87
Total Expenditures	<u>\$20,332.43</u>
Net Revenues	+ \$3,128.44

Part of Concept XII advises that we take great care never to become the seat of perilous wealth or power, and that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be our prudent financial principle. In 2009, we were able to maintain sufficient operating funds, and our reserve funds were increased from \$3,500 to \$5,000. We paid all our expenses, and still have funds in our operating/checking account to help in the following years.

We have an ambitious budget for 2010. We don't solicit or accept financial support from sources outside of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is up to the members, meetings and groups in our Fellowship to honor our 7th tradition. After basic expenses have been taken care of, I hope it is your group's informed conscience to also support your District, Intergroup, General Service Office, and Hawaii Area 17.

Page 8 of the pamphlet Self Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix has a segment titled "The Bottom Line." It states: "Now that we are sober in A.A., the word 'support' has to do with sharing, people, self-respect, gratitude, and what we are privileged to give –not take – in material terms." To all the members and groups who support your Area 17 A.A. service structure, however you choose to do so - thank you. Coleen A., Area Treasurer, Panel 59 treasurer@area17aa.org

Coleen: re- interisland advances, committee chairs advances, I don't have the receipts yet. They will be placed in line items once I get the receipts. On P.2 – registrations at assemblies and committee meeting fees over budget – we prepaid for this Assembly and Feb committee meeting – will delete from this budget and move to 2010. We'll get the corrected budget on line for you. Nora motion to accept amended report, Kathy seconds, one opposed - asks about Delegate airfare p.5 Coleen clarifies, the numbers go on the 2010 budget. Motion passes.

Registrar: Sue: summary: asks everyone to sign in, new GSRs please sign in. GSRs should have a committee assignment, if you don't have one, come see me. I have contact sheets available.

Alt Delegate: Linda: verbatim: Happy New Year and welcome to year 2 of Panel 59. Mahalo to the Waianae District for hosting this committee meeting. One of my duties as Alternate Delegate is to "conduct orientation sessions for GSRs," so I thought I would take this opportunity to say a few words about service commitment. The cover on the pamphlet "G.S.R." says that the General Service Representative "may be the most important job in A.A." The most vital part of your commitment as GSR is to act as a conduit for exchange of information between your home group and district, area, and A.A. as a whole. That means that you report to your group the business conducted by area and district on a regular basis and that you carry your group's collective conscience to those service bodies. Then you report back to the group the results of actions taken by area or district and so on. I know that's a lot of reporting, but if you fulfill your service responsibilities as GSR, then your group stays connected to this service structure so lovingly handed to us by our founders. If can, can. If cannot, cannot. (Then let someone else who can.) It's that simple. In love & service, Linda McD Alternate Delegate Area 17, Panel 59 altdelegate@area17aa.org

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Alt Chair: Colin: verbatim: Good morning, so great to see everyone here this weekend. I want to thank Clyde, The Wainae District and those who have made this weekend possible. I also want to welcome all of the new GSR's and a real big thank you to all of you who are in service here. I have been working with the DCM's who are putting on the February Committee meeting and the Inform the Delegate Assembly in March. I attended the January Steering Committee meeting last Saturday for the State Convention which will be held November 4th-7th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. I will leave the rest of the story on the Convention to Kalei, our new Steering Committee Chair. I want to express my thanks for allowing me to participate and I hope I get a chance to talk with all of you over the weekend, we are going to have a great one!!
Colin H. Alt. Area Chair

Ken: for anyone coming in late, please come up to the mic and introduce yourself. Chris - new DCM for Honolulu District, Patti, new GSR, Mel – new PI Chair, Levinia – new Alt DCM for alt Honolulu District

Area Chair-Ken: Year end summaries will be available at the February Committee Meeting, there is still time to submit your summaries.

9:10

Delegate Report-Elizabeth: verbatim: Welcome everyone to our second year of Panel 59. By the end of this year we can look forward to knowing how to do our current position, just in time to rotate out! That is the true spiritual meaning of the Spirit of Rotation. It is so good to see all of you, and I am excited to share with you a lot of news from A.A. near and far. This is going to be a great weekend for us as an Area, doing some fact finding and fact facing through our Inventory. I read this recently from the Final Conference Report from the 1st General Service Conference in 1951: "Genuine faith is more than insight; it is always the beginning of action. It is propulsive. It fortifies the will. It begins as an experiment, and ends as an experience." Thank you all for this experiment that is becoming an experience.

I received my Conference Kit in the mail the first week of this month, and am already preparing for the 2010 General Service Conference April 18-24, 2010 in Rye New York. The theme of the Conference this year is "Practicing A.A.'s Principles – The Pathway to Unity." I was assigned to an incoming Panel 60 Delegate as her buddy, and I have already communicated with her via email.

As the Chairperson of the International Conventions / Regional Forums, I have communicated with the Committee via email encouraging participation and inviting any proposed agenda items prior to the January 15, 2010 deadline.

I have been attending the planning meetings for PRAASA 2011, which will be held here on Oahu the first week of March 2011. Work is well underway on that Committee, which I am sure you will hear more about later this weekend.

January 2010 Board Weekend

Later this week I fly to the mainland in route to Rye, New York to attend the General Service Board Weekend. I have received the schedule for the weekend, and look forward to the once in a lifetime experience. I will arrive in New York late Wednesday night, and have Thursday to rest and get used to the time change. I am looking forward to taking the train into the city to meet Develyn, our previous Puna DCM. The Board Weekend runs from Friday, January 29 through Monday, February 1.

While at the Board weekend I will meet with the Committee co-secretaries for the International Conventions / Regional Forums Committee, of which I am the Chairperson, and get to attend the Trustee Committee meeting as well. Monday morning I will attend the General Service Board meeting. I will present you all with a report back on my experience at both the February Committee meeting and the Inform the Delegate Assembly. An issue came up about the expense of room nights for the Hawaii Delegate, as they have a policy that if a Delegate arrives prior to Thursday and departs after Monday, the Delegate is responsible for the room cost. I sent an email to the CFO, Don M., our Pacific Regional Trustee Madeleine, and the GSO Manager, Phyllis, regarding these concerns. Here is an excerpt: After much thought, consideration and prayer, I feel it is my responsibility and duty to bring to your attention the special needs to be considered regarding Delegate travel from Hawaii to New York. Given the distance and five to six hour time difference, the trips are more strenuous than for most other Delegates. I am concerned about the precedent that this sets for future Delegates from Hawaii. According to our literature, financial standing should never be a consideration when making ourselves available for service in AA. Neither should age or physical strength. If a member is elected as Delegate who is on a fixed income, for whom the expense of extra hotel nights would cause financial hardship, or whose health is not so completely robust that leaving New York immediately following the Conference or a Board Weekend would pose a physical hardship, then that

person may not be able to fulfill the responsibilities attached to the Delegate position. In conclusion, I ask that you consider including two additional hotel nights for the Area 17 Delegate travel expenses when flying to and from New York is scheduled. I did not receive a direct reply, however some time after that the Conference Coordinator emailed me confirming that I would be arriving Wednesday night. More shall be revealed.

PRAASA 2010

What is PRAASA?. PRAASA is the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. The Assembly meets once a year at different locations within the Pacific Region. The Pacific Region consists of 15 Areas in Alaska, Hawaii, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona.

The PRAASA Preamble: “The Purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, 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 A.A. The Assembly and the PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity, and Service legacies of A.A.”

The PRAASA agenda usually parallels largely with the Agenda items to be discussed on the General Service Conference in New York and is an excellent opportunity to be more informed on a personal, group, district, and Area level about A.A. and to learn about how other Areas do things, conduct business, and find solutions to some of our common challenges.

PRAASA 2010 will be held March 5 – 7, 2010 at the Radisson Hotel at LAX in Los Angeles, CA.

I have a signup sheet this weekend for people who are pre-registered. I will need this information to put forth names to the PRAASA committee people as possible presenters, readers, round table facilitators and timekeepers. As you all know, Hawaii Area will be hosting PRAASA in 2011.

Inform the Delegate for 2010

I am looking forward with enthusiasm to the Inform the Delegate Assembly in Kona during the last weekend in March 2010. Our Alternate Delegate and I have already got together once to go over the preliminary agenda items for the 2010 GSC, and will be meeting the week the final agenda is sent out to finalize the agenda items prior to the February Committee Meeting. We will be doing panel presentations again, and districts will be pulled from the hat for their assignments. I have previously given out several items which I asked for input on, please see your DCM for more info on that if you don't have a clue about what I am talking about.

International Convention 2010

Celebrating 75 years of Alcoholics Anonymous, the 2010 International Convention, “A Vision for You” will be held in San Antonio, Texas July 1-4, 2010. We currently have over 26,000 people registered for the event. Sales of the souvenir, soft cover edition of “AA Comes of Age” is flourishing, with over half of the registrants purchasing the optional item.

As I mentioned earlier in the year, I am serving as the Coordinator for the Pacific Region's Hospitality Suite. We are selecting Coordinator's from each Area in the Region, who will then schedule the service position time slots. I am pleased to introduce Hawaii Area's Coordinator Kunane. Please talk to him directly if you have an interest in serving in the Pacific Region's Hospitality Suite.

News from AA US /Canada

The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. held its quarterly meeting the last weekend of October, 2009. Here are the highlights: During the General Sharing Session entitled “Addressing Spirituality in A.A. – Do Our Practices Match Our Principles? Are We Exclusive? Are We Inclusive?” One GSO staff member shared that based on her experience in terms of spirituality in Alcoholics Anonymous, our practices are sometimes exclusive when compared to our principles. When she first heard our stories, she felt she had found a place she belonged, and found hope. But at the end of the meeting everyone held hands and recited the Lord's Prayer, she felt despair and loneliness because; although the prayer itself was “a perfectly lovely prayer” she associated it with church. After thoughtful consideration by the GSB, the “Hope” video was moved forward as the board did not feel this rose to the level of a Concept V Minority Appeal as detailed in our Twelve Concepts. This video, along with the “Young Peoples Videos” will be premiered here tomorrow morning for your viewing pleasure. The AAWS Board approved the nomination of Joseph D. of Kingston, Ontario to be a non-trustee director on the A.A.W.S. board and Roberta L., currently serving non-trustee director, to be their nominee for General Service Trustee on their board. Michelle M. was appointed Archives Director effective November 1, 2009. New staff member on Corrections,

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Jim M., began work on September 1 and Mary S.C., started as a new staff member on CPC on October 5, 2009. Valerie O., who was on the International assignment, was promoted to the position of Publications Director. Welcome to these changes and additions to our GSO family.

Publications

Through September, 2009, 1,852,873 books were distributed, up 14.9% from the same period in 2008. Total AA. purchases through September, 2009 were 1,379,096 units, while non-A.A.s accounted for 473,777 units, or 25.6% of the total purchases

Financial

For the first nine months of 2009, ending 9/30/2009 49.68% of groups in Hawaii contributed to G.S.O., compared to this same time period in 2008, in which 50.00% of groups in Hawaii contributed.

Contributions through September 2009 were \$4,371,000, \$303,000 less than budgeted and \$277,400 less than the first nine months of 2008.

AA Grapevine

Year to date, circulation of the Grapevine averaged 103,300 (106,099 in print and 1,143 in audio), an increase of 3.3% over budget. Circulation of La Vina was 9,775, a decrease of 717. The Grapevine distributed A.A. stories in 87,283 books, CDs and other items. . The Grapevine financial results through September 2009 reported a loss of \$95,500. La Vina realized a net loss of \$36,780. On a very positive note, Frances Brisbane, Class A trustee, has agreed to serve on the AA Grapevine Board. Her service is greatly appreciated. The Grapevine has a new version of the Grapevine representative Handbook, of which I have a sample if anyone wants to take a look at it.

General Service Conference

The following suggested changes to the agenda for the 2010 GSC have been preliminarily approved:

- The GSC will start earlier on Sunday, April 18, 2010. Registration and the opening session will start before lunch.
- The trip to GSO/Grapevine offices will be alternated for every other year.
- The Remote Communities Meeting will be on Saturday afternoon.

These changes most likely as the result of being in session well after 12 am this past two years.

Treatment Facilities/Special Needs

A progress report was given regarding the story submissions for the proposed Special Needs pamphlet and after suggestions were made, an updated progress report will be made at the next quarterly meeting. I am pleased to announce that Hawaii Area had one submission for the pamphlet from Maui which I happily forwarded on to the TF/SN Staff assignment.

CPC

There is a revised information service piece for drug court professionals that was approved and will be included in the workbook. The agenda topic of “full faces in videos” was forwarded to the trustees’ committee on Public Information.

Corrections

The Trustees Committee on Corrections is seeking applications for an Appointed Committee Member to work on the subcommittee for the revision to the pamphlet, “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell.” Hawaii Area was able to submit forth one resume, that of Vernon G., our immediate past Delegate. I will let you all know once someone has been selected.

At the 2009 Conference, the Corrections Committee, on which I am a member, had the task of reviewing the Corrections Kit and Workbook, and offer suggestions on how it could be improved. I had suggested that maybe we include the Conference Approved booklet “A.A. In Prison – Inmate to Inmate”, which is a short booklet containing stories about members who had been introduced to A.A. in prison and have maintained sobriety. As many of you know, my story is in the latest edition of this booklet, and I had to check out my motives prior to making this suggestion. I asked myself if I was making this suggestion because my story was in the booklet, or was I making it in the spirit of helpfulness and service? I concluded the latter, and after discussing this topic in depth, the Conference Committee decided to put this forth as an Additional Consideration. To refresh your memory, an Additional Consideration is basically a strong suggestion to the Trustees’ Committee to take a look at something; and take action if it a good idea and prudent to implement.

In the November 2009 Quarterly Report from GSO it was reported that the Trustees Corrections Committee agreed to add a copy of A.A. In Prison – Inmate to Inmate to the Corrections Kit. I would like to share with you guys that when I read that sitting at my dining room table, tears came to my eyes. I felt such a connection to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, and was simply amazed and in awe of the Conference process and the Group Conscience of A.A.

Literature

The committee reviewed the report and suggestions from the Publications Department on the pamphlet, “The AA Member – Medications and other Drugs” and asked for a new introduction and a final draft be brought to the next quarterly meeting. They agreed to forward new changes and suggestions to the subcommittee on the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” and have a final draft from that subcommittee presented for review at the next quarterly meeting. The committee agreed to forward to the Conference Committee on Literature the request from an area to change a sentence in the pamphlet, “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A”. The committee agreed to forward the suggestion that the Conference Committee on Literature consider a revision of the pamphlet “AA and the Armed Services” that would include new stories reflecting recent experience and a review of the title to reflect past and active duty.

Public Information

The committee agreed to forward to the 2010 Conference Committee on Public Information the following text for inclusion in the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” under Facts About Anonymity: “A.A. members generally think it unwise to break the anonymity of a Member even after his or her death, but in each situation, the final decision must rest with the family. A.A. members, though, are in agreement that the anonymity of still-living A.A. members should be respected in obituaries or in any type of printed remembrance or death notice.” There was a report that all permissions had been received from three out of four segments of the first volume of AA Videos for Young People. One outstanding permission is being negotiated. The Committee also agreed not to remove the A.A. PSAs from YouTube at this time. This report is in the current Mynah Bird, and on our website at www.area17aa.org. Thank you all so much for my life filled with love, light and laughter and for the honor and privilege to serve you all and AA as a whole. Elizabeth M. Hawaii Area 17 / Panel 59 Delegate

10:30 break (new GSR Orientation with Alt Delegate)

10:45 Standing Committee Reports

Shoshanah: Archives: verbatim: Mahalo to Waianae District for hosting this Assembly. It’s been a quiet quarter for me, mostly healing. However, just before my surgery, I was able to attend the Hawaii Annual State Convention (another sober virgin experience). I had the privilege of setting up the Archives Display under the wing of our retiring Archivist, Ted K. Mahalo to Erin and her crew that were able to transport the entire display (slightly reduced to fit into Ted’s smaller car) from the parking lot and smoothly through the secret passageways of the convention hall. The Archives will be moving to the new storage facility on January 23rd with the support of many of our Waianae members. Mahalo to Heidi for all the work she’s managed to do before, during, and, of course, in the future. Mahalo to Bob for maintaining our web page and having the Archives information readily available. In love and service, Shoshanah B

Aike: Hospitals: verbatim: Aloha, I’m still reaching out to individuals and groups to adopt a facility in your respective neighborhoods. Most of the groups should be represented on this poster board, but if your group or loner twelve step carrier is not on the poster board, please let me know and I’ll add them. I continue to contact various hospitals about passing out literature at their facilities, and have discovered that some refuse based on a general policy against soliciting of any kind. On the other hand, Queens and Castle are more receptive, they allow counselors to distribute the literature themselves. I’ve made four hospital visits and 1 hospice visit. I’m looking for other creative ways to carry our message of hope to those who still suffer. Presently working with the VA to help soldiers who are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and using alcohol and drugs as a result of their condition. I’d like to thank our delegate for sending me the new CD, Alcoholics Anonymous. I’m using it as a vehicle for introducing our program to fellow sufferers, and will be presenting it to the Psych Unit at Tripler Army Medical center in February. I’m very excited about it, and hope to do more presentations at other hospitals. Thank you all here today for your service and commitment, Aike G.

Juddee: C.P.C.: verbatim: What is Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) and why do we do this work in our communities? When a professional in one of our communities encounters someone with a drinking problem, wants to help and just doesn’t know what action to take, we can provide them with the tools they need to respond appropriately. CPC is the bridge to the professional communities here in Hawaii. Through our CPC work we can discover new areas where AA can assist professionals in our communities to carry the message of hope to those who still suffer. 2009 started

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off with a new Standing Committee Roundtable process at our Orientation Assembly. Each new GSR was assigned to be part of an ongoing Standing Committee Roundtable that would meet at each Assembly for Panel 59. Their task was to carry information back to their Districts. The GSR's assigned to CPC that have attended the three assembly roundtables this year have been active participants at the assemblies. They have gotten to know each other a bit more at the roundtables, which is really good for their networking in the community. I am sure more will be revealed in 2010.

We began our time together by going over the A.A. Guidelines for "Cooperation With the Professional Community," along with several pieces of literature specifically designed as the tools for CPC work in our communities. We also did an exercise so each GSR could talk about their work environment and exactly who makes up the "professionals" in their specific profession or job. Lots of light bulb moments for all who participated. What came out of our first roundtable was the focus for CPC work for Panel 59. "**Frontline Professional Presentations**" geared toward the frontline staff, they are more often than not the first contact with people in professional environments. We have been in discussions with an Assisted Living Center, District Court, Probation and the Bar Association. I am hopeful that in early 2010 we will be given the opportunity to move forward with this project. We were able to give some technical assistance to the new director of Rosalani Assisted Living Center on Maui.

DUI panels on Maui needed an intervention of sorts. One of the panel chairs realized it was best to step down as a result of problems with his use of marijuana. DUI panels on Maui have continued without a snag thanks to Karen who stepped up to fill in with Matt, both from Kihei District. We have had several new first time panel members, which is really great! Matt continues to chair the panel in the second half of each month. I am in discussions with AA's who may be willing to serve as the chair for panel at the beginning of each month. Outreach to the DUI programs on each island is on our to do list for 2010.

Queen's hospital's family treatment unit has been primed and is ready for a possible in staff. We have been taking a meeting into the residents for nearly two years and the staff is now open to a staff presentation in the next few months. We will be talking with our contact to make the arrangements. Ken, our Area chair, attended a Micronesians Community Network event. He has continued to talk with the Micronesians Community Network and there is the possibility in the future of having a DUI panel in the Chuukese language. Also a list of AA meetings that would be more culturally specific for this population is in the works. Mel, our new PI Area chair, will now be the contact for the Micronesian Community Network, welcome aboard Mel!

The last few months seem to be slow and challenging for CPC committee work however, a new outreach idea is simmering to the top in these interesting and challenging economic times. Many businesses have contracts that require in service training sessions for their employees. Due to budget cuts in many agencies, there are little or zero funds to provide the required continuing education sessions. AA offers CPC information panels or speakers at no cost to the business community. This has the potential to be a great introduction for us into the professional community. It can be a win, win for everyone. I will be in touch with the CPC District Chairs to brainstorm this idea and get their input. I will keep you updated as we move forward. The first year of Panel 59 has been one of gathering information, networking and creating new avenues to work with the professional community. I am happy to report that we now have at least one CPC District chair on each island. I am grateful for this opportunity to be of service as Area 17 CPC Chair and look forward to continuing our journey together in 2010. With the Spirit of Gratitude & Service, Juddee K.

Hugh: Grapevina/LaVina: verbatim: Thank you Waianae District for putting together this Assembly Meeting. I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year, I look forward to serving with all of you In 2010: I just recently received the new and improved GRAPEVINE REPRESENTATIVE HANDBOOK in the mail. List in detail the basics and purpose for the Grapevine. I have used information from this handbook and from the AA Grapevine website to re-iterate what the GRAPEVINE is. The GRAPEVINE has more to offer than your daily jokes – have been passing out what the GRAPEVINE is and what the GRAPEVINE offers to Alcoholics Anonymous and the Professional Community. I am interested in possibly holding a GRAPEVINE fair, if your district is interested please get in touch with me.

The Representative Handbook assisted in getting out this information, along with suggestions from the Grapenut which can be located on the AAGRAPEVINE.ORG website. Just recently I received an email from a Windward GSR listing what she has been doing to get the information out about the Grapevine throughout the WINDWARD side. Thank you for your service. January's issue of the Grapevine is the Moment of Truth – Various articles that describe a critical moment in the lives of AA members; the moment when they first knew, deep in their souls, that they were alcoholic, that they had an irreversible mortal illness. Like to see your home group meeting place in the GRAPEVINE – send digital images to gveditorial@aagrapevine.org. Digital files must be attached as high resolution jpgs (300 dpi). Remember to include your name, address, group name and location of the meeting. Each year Grapevine holds a competition for photographs to be featured in our Wall Calendar. GRAPEVINE.ORG would love to see your most striking photographs that reflect the joy of living, serenity and other sobriety themes. Entries must be received by March 1, 2010. Please check out the Grapevine

Display for more detailed information. I have on hand with me at this Assembly some of the Grapevine Literature, to include Grapevine 2010 Calendars and 2010 Pocket Planner. Please stop by the Grapevine Display or see me this weekend for the Literature I have for sale. I also have the set of CD's for Emotional Sobriety and Attitude Adjustment. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Hugh Grapevine Committee Chair Hawaii Area 17

Ermina: C.E.C.: verbatim: Thank You Clyde and the Waianae District for hosting this assembly. In December, attended Puna Seniors Day Awareness, made some new connections there. Over Christmas visited Veterans Assisted Living, Hilo Medical Center and Extended Care Facility, as well as Hale Anuenue. Received large print pamphlets to take to ADRC , GSR's in attendance of this assembly and other places that seniors frequent. I am anxious to talk to them about how posting tasks on the Area website. Making information available to all those working on CEC projects. Puna also has a group called Rovers which is a great resource that takes meetings to hospital and those that are homebound, or have not come to a meeting in awhile. A reminder to those GSR's that have been assigned to CEC, please share this information with those in your District that are doing CEC work and direct them to the website for task updates. Tasks for January to April 2010 Continue to gather names of those willing to take a meeting to Shut ins, do 12 step calls, or transport an elder to a meeting and get that information to your Intergroup. Get schedules and pamphlets to meal sites, and places where seniors frequent. In Love and Service, Ermina C.

Patti: Outgoing Steering Committee Chair: verbatim: Aloha All, Our 48th Annual Hawaii Convention has been a success with a final count of 1124 registrants. We were able to pay all of our bills and are ready to begin working on this year's convention. Our convention chair for the 49th Annual Hawaii Convention is Zeke J and his theme is 'This to Shall Pass'. He is working on choosing his main speakers and getting his registration printed so it's ready for bulk mail, and hand carried to the International Women's Conference in Orlando, Florida, in February, PRAASA in March, and the International Convention in July. Zeke J. will be here tomorrow to attend the Round Table discussion. He is looking for an entertainment chair and for anyone else that may want to be in service. Remember that we are moving the convention to a new site this year. We are finally going back to a hotel; I have signed the contract with the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The dates of the convention will be from November 4-7, 2010. Our convention Webmaster, Hugh C. is working on making our website attractive with events occurring at Hilton Hawaiian Village and nearby activities. Anyone with ideas is welcome to share it with our Alt. Area Chair, Alt. Area Delegate, Zeke J., Kalei M., or myself. Our current Steering Committee Chair is Kalei M who wasn't able to attend this assembly due to working on a neighbor island. We have been announcing for members in the community to submit their resume for the Treasure's position. The Steering Committee will be going over the resumes and interviews will begin on our next Steering Committee meeting scheduled for February 6, 2010. Resume's can be submitted to hconv-secretary@hawaii.rr.com; Heidi will contact all applicants to set up the time for interviews. Mahalo for allowing me to be in service, Patti Ludlow Past Steering Committee Chair

Bob: Webmaster: verbatim: Statistics Overview. Here's an overview of visits to our site since the last assembly in August, 2009.



Website Guidelines

The biggest news is that the Web Committee has implemented the new Website Content Policy. It can be found on the back of this document (see below) or online on the "About" page of our website at: http://www.area17aa.org/area17/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/200910_web_guidelines.pdf

Information about the Website Committee's work during 2009 was submitted on time to the Area Secretary and can be found at: http://www.area17aa.org/area17/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/2009_web_summary.doc

Thank you for letting me be of service, it is an honor and a pleasure. Bob H.

Website Content Policy

The Hawaii Area web site (www.area17aa.org) is a public information tool of the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous (Area 17). This web site is neither endorsed nor approved by AA World Services, Inc. and is solely the property and the responsibility of Hawaii Area 17. Any other web sites linked to or from this site are not the responsibility of Hawaii Area 17 and links do not imply endorsement or approval of the contents of those sites. Our current content policy is as follows:

1. The spirit of A.A. principles and traditions will be followed at all times. This means that at a minimum:
 - 1.1. Anonymity will be preserved and protected. The full names of individuals, individual phone numbers, postal and email addresses, and identifiable images will not be displayed on the website (Traditions 11 & 12).
 - 1.2. There will be no endorsement or affiliation with non-A.A. entities (Tradition 6).
 - 1.3. Autonomy will be respected. Each district or standing committee will decide for themselves what information they do or do not want on the website, provided such contents falls within our policy, as well as the extent of their participation in the area website (Tradition 4).
2. The website will state its purpose and focus on A.A. within Hawaii Area 17, making clear there is no attempt to speak for A.A. as a whole.
3. Copyrights shall be respected. Registered trademarks, when used, should be acknowledged as such.
4. Anonymous email addresses will be available for Area trusted servants, District Committee Members, Standing Committee Chairs and others as needed.
 - 4.1. Email addresses will use the Area's domain name to maintain the anonymity of trusted servants (e.g., delegate@area17aa.org, treasurer@area17aa.org, and secretary@area17aa.org).
 - 4.2. All replies to visitors' email will be made using anonymous email addresses.
3. Temporary email anonymous addresses for the use of those working on special area events may be created as needed.
5. The following types of information are approved for display on the website:
 - 5.1. Ongoing Area and District level business meeting information including calendar listings, minutes, and general information.
 - 5.2. Contact information for Area and District servants.
 - 5.3. Area and District newsletters when they conform to website policy (e.g. no personal phone numbers, postal or email addresses).
 - 5.4. Links to A.A.W.S., Grapevine, PRAASA, the Annual Hawaii Convention, and Hawaii Intergroup websites. All such links will include notification that the user is leaving the Hawaii Area 17 website and that Hawaii Area 17 is not responsible for the content of the linked site.
 - 5.5. Special Hawaii Area 17 events either at the Area or District level.
6. The following types of information are not approved for display on the website:
 - 6.1. Personal addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses
 - 6.2. Group level events.
 - 6.3. Meeting schedules.
 - 6.4. Links to events that are not sponsored by Hawaii Area 17 or a District therein and not expressly allowed in section five (5).
7. While the content policies of this website will evolve over time, it will endeavor to follow the model and advice of GSO as described in the GSO Guidelines: Internet (MG-18).

Mel: P.I.: verbatim: Aloha Everyone, My name is Mel and I'm an alcoholic. I am very honored and privileged to serve as your public information chair for Area 17. Since taking over as public information chair I have tried to make it a point to do as much public information as possible. In September we did a health fair on the island of Oahu at the Honolulu Community College. Attendance was good and a lot of people stopped by our booth but like a vampire is allergic to garlic, so is college students with AA. A lot of them would stop by and say im finally old enough to drink and you folks want me

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to stop. The main point that we urge when we do public information is that Public Information is here to inform. That is all Public Information does is inform people what Alcoholics Anonymous does and what we don't do. Some of the ways we do this is by health fair, providing the big book for our public libraries, and doing presentations at schools. I would like to thank the island of Kauai who is doing a lot of public information on their island. This past year they set up a booth at their county fair. Which all they did was inform people that AA is there, what they do and what they don't do, at no time did they diagnose anybody as being alcoholic. Much mahalo also to the Waikiki District 10 who has been actively doing public information in their area. Thank You, Waikiki District 10. I have ordered a load of big books in hopes to soon provide AA big books for circulation at every public library in the State of Hawaii. The problem with that is if the big book aren't checked out the libraries they take it out of circulation. So if you live in an area where there is big books for circulation and you see it sitting on the shelf, check it out for a day or two. I have the list of all the libraries that don't have big books, and is starting the process of getting big books to these libraries. On the island of Oahu literature racks were provided for four different locations. The men and women HIS shelter, Hawaii paroling authority on the island of Oahu, and the youth outreach center in Waikiki were also provided with racks. In addition to that I have engagement with a few schools on the island of Oahu for presentations of AA. Also we have a few health fairs that I've committed to on the island of Oahu. It is easy for me to do public information work on Oahu due to the fact that I live on Oahu. I could use help on the other islands and have been in contact with people from other islands, thank you to those who have stepped up from other island. My name is Mel and I'm an alcoholic. Thank You, for letting me be in service.

Erin: Treatment: verbatim: As we start a new year I need to recommit myself to another year of service and get back to work. Just before the holidays I received a call from the big Island wanting help because the guy's treatment center had closed and the women's center was under new owners and management and changing a lot of their rules. Now no one is willing to help sponsor or drive the women to meetings because they are required to attend a family counseling before they can do this. I was able to send some lit. and plan to work some more to make sure that we let them know what it is that AA does and does not do. I also got a letter forwarded to me from central office from a women in wccc who is in treatment there and is about to get out and is asking for help with a sponsor or someone to write to and ask questions about recovery. I was going to write back, but after thinking about this and talking with my sponsor I decided that I was not willing to give out my home address to a woman that I don't know. I was hoping to speak with the corrections chair about the correspondence program. I now have a working list of treatment centers in the state. I still need help keeping this updated so if you know of meetings that are happening at a treatment center in your area please let me know. Also if you are interested in taking lit or a meeting into a treatment center please let me know. I am planning to send letters out to treatment center sometime soon to let them know what we do and how we can help them, if they would like lit. Meetings or other services for their treatment center. I can be reached at treatment@area17aa.org if you have any questions or would like to be of service. On I personal note I am grateful to be able to attend PRAASA and the international convention. Thank you for letting me service, Hawaii area treatment chair Erin R.

Cheryl: Mynah Bird: verbatim: The newest Mynah Bird is out. I am distributing copies through the DCMs to ensure everyone gets one, and it is also up on the website. Mahalo to Bob. We will have another copy coming out for the February committee meeting on February 20, so the deadline is February 14. Remember, this is your newsletter. I welcome any and all of the following: Reflections on your experience in service in 2009. Your first AA meeting, Area Assembly, service position. Quotes for "Heard in a Meeting," & "Rule 62" Group and District events. Mahalo for the opportunity to be in service. Cheryl N. Mynah Bird chair, Area 17, Panel 59

Heidi: Non rotating Archivist: verbatim: Aloha and Happy New Year, I'm Heidi and an alcoholic and I serve as the Non-rotating Archivist for Area 17. Thanks Clyde & my district, Waianae for hosting this assembly. Not much has gone on since we last met however I do have some good news to share. I did find a storage place that will meet our needs wonderfully, and will fit our budget. We will be moving the archives from Ted K's house to the Kapolei storage facility next Saturday the 23rd. I do have a large truck (supplied by the facility) and a few pickups but could use some manpower to help with the move. If you are willing and able, please get with me this weekend. This is a slow time for me at work so I will be spending this next few months starting to sort and organize in our new location. I want to take advantage of the free meeting room and start a monthly or every other month archives meeting for those wanting to be involved in learning about archives, the displays, and setting up for our various functions. I will be attending PRAASA and look forward to meeting the archives chairs and archivists in our region and getting some ideas for next year. In love and service, Heidi G.

Lena: Corrections: Not present, no report submitted

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Elizabeth: regarding P.6 in the Mynah Bird, anonymity break, full name should be change to Bob P. changes to Mynah Bird on website revised immediately. DCMS, book dates for Delegate Report Back as soon as possible.

Area Assemblies and Committee Meeting Dates for 2010: Alt Chair dates confirmed except for Central North Shore. Feb 20 DCM Adina ok, DCM Paul March 27-28 Inform the Delegate Assembly in Kona, June 19 Committee Meeting in Kihei, Maui DCM Nora, East Hawaii, DCM Sean August 14-15 Budget Assembly, DCM Sheri Central North Shore Committee Meeting October date to be announced, Election Assembly DCM Denise, Nov 20-21st. All confirmed. (*Area Officers, DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs attend Committee Meetings & Assemblies*) (*GSRs attend Area assemblies*)

Ken asks all who celebrated birthdays between August – January to come to the mic

11:30 **Standing Committee Work Sessions**

12:30 Lunch

Ken: We will break into 9 groups, asks officers, Vernon and Scott to help facilitate groups

1:30 **Inventory Group Assignments/Discuss Inventory Questions with the group** (open with the Third Step Prayer)

2:30 Break

2:45 **Inventory continues**

Ken: Take a blank inventory sheet, you can fill out he questions anonymously, we will review the questions and your comments

4: 00 Host DCM announcements

Close with Unity Prayer

Sunday January 17, 2010

9:05 Call To Order, Open with the Serenity Prayer, Host DCM Announcement

Chair: Ken: Welcome announcements

9:15 Inventory Summaries (verbatim)

T – Group 1

1. The purpose of Area is to get the message to the alcoholic; send delegate to NY; take info between GSO and HG; overall S&G preamble states that the purpose of Area is SERVICE. Our group believes we are fulfilling the purpose of Area by our GSR's participating; we present the groups opinions; we maintain participation within the standing committees; knowledge is gained at Area level about different committees and its participation around the state.
2. Our group believes that "groups" -not all- do know what Area is and what it does as long as that HG has a GSR. There seems to be only about 60% participation and we are informing our groups yet they don't seem to be listening, understanding or interested. Also, because of the lack of participation with the HG and GSR's, members don't learn about what's going on at Area level of service. So, we believe most HG's do know, yet its only if they are participating.
3. Standing committees are fulfilling their purposes by sharing information with each report they give at Assemblies and Committee meetings. They also provide tools and resources for members for example the website is more accessible which is a standing committee, the mynah bird shares members information and keeps us updated locally, plus the breakout groups of the standing committees at assemblies are very informative and we learn more about that particular service position or committee. Committees could be more effective if they push harder to have a rep from each district pertaining to committees. Our group had a suggestion to choose our own committee at area, yet facilitator shared experience against that suggestion. Group feels more participation and more outreach would make committee attractive. Area is the opportunity for SCC to share committee info. Suggestion for rotation of standing committee break outs during assembly, example committee breakouts from 1997 (15 minutes in each group then rotate).
4. Our group feels that area utilizes an informed group conscience in its decision making, that in fact that is one of the strong points of area-discuss, discuss, vote-process is amazing.
5. Topics we would like to see discussed at Area: advertising on buses, newspaper clippings, cross talk, burning desires, anonymity on the website, children at meetings, unanimity, number of service positions, sobriety requirements for service positions, alcoholics that smoke pot-how do you share, introduction of addict in AA meeting, multiple HG, sponsorship, 7th tradition spending. You can ask area about discussions that are of interest by you or your HG.
6. Our group believes that the minority opinion is heard. The role of the minority opinion at area is to make sure everyone has an informed group conscience, to sway someone from majority, they can change minds, it gives us a second look at a topic of discussion. Overall it is used as a check & balance and can be a very powerful process.
7. Our groups first comment was "progress not perfection." We also believe that it depends if we are informed or adhering to the T&C. Sometimes we use the T&C to get our opinions heard, which is unwisely using them. However, after discussion we believe the T&C are being adhered to and we are informed. You can read the concepts illustrated which is a very helpful resource and tool for understanding.
8. How well is information shared? ~ Assemblies ~ group one feels information shared is okay because its available online and in hard print (S&G 2.8). regarding the agenda if GSR's don't have access it because their not looking. WE DONT KNOW. ~Meeting Time~ The information shared is great since we are given the list of upcoming dates and locations for a year. ~Upcoming Area Business~ YES our group believes the info is mostly shared however there are times when we need to do footwork and use resources. Technology allows our info to be shared. Compared to other areas regarding services Hawaii does an excellent job except inform the delegate needs earlier and thorough discussion of GSC topics. ~GSC~ CD is given topic info and we put onto agenda.**how come HG cant get information earlier that scheduled?
9. We believe the budget process works like this past budget assembly was awesome.
10. Our group believes the website is effective in fulfilling its purpose, it is very efficient, it allows us to share info and keep the lines of communication open and available.
11. Group one likes area the way it is. we would not like area to meet less than 4 times per year because we need input and feedback amongst members.
12. a) Our group would like to know the % of budget used for travel for area, so that we may inform our HG that not all contributions are given to area and used for travel expenses. b) How much info should be taken from district back to HG?-group suggested make an informed decision on how to share info and summarize all discussions. DCM usually summarizes too. c) Re: the delegates report back/mynah bird-GSR could make email list to send info electronically to HG members.

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- d) Make copies of highlights from district meeting/assembly to hand out at HG so they feel informed. GSR do your job!!!
- e) If area participants could talk more about service position and journey, the attraction would be there.

Corrine - Group 9

- #1 To elect a delegate to take our voice to the General Service Conference. Area Assembly is the voice of the democratic structure Group 9 agrees that we are fulfilling the purpose. We could further fulfill or purpose on the feedback through the website. The primary purpose of Hawaii Area Assembly is service as defined in our structures and guidelines.
- #2 the ones that do know are involved. Some group members are uninformed w/what area level does. You can always inform members at home group level. If we had more participation we could inform group members more. New members can be informed what a home group member is and what the responsibilities are and that each home group member has a voice and the GSR will take the groups voice to Area.
- #3 there is a lack of volunteers so it is difficult for Standing Committees to do these jobs. Need to educate what Standing Committees are and what they do to the groups.
- #4 Not all the time. Sometimes the groups business meetings are before district or the ball gets dropped. Need more education with the topics of discussions and need to get it with more time before the deadlines.
- #5 Relationships with the courts and the treatment centers. Airfare budget is there anyway we can spend less money by getting us together. Leadership training between GSRs and DCMS. Cost of registration for Area Assemblies.
- #6 Yes, it is heard and it still works
- #7 Yes, Groups can discuss the Concepts, the Delegate is the keeper of the Traditions.
- #8 Assemblies and Committee Meeting agendas need to be 30 days as stated. Bullet point questions: Assembly/Committee Meeting agendas: Bad. Meeting time/place: Good. Upcoming Area Business: Weak. General Service Conference information: Good.
- #9 Yes
- #10 Yes but people aren't using it. Some people get confused as to where the information is on the website.
- #11 Fine the way it is. Some home groups think we meet way too much because of airfare.
- #12 Yes, it was useful, the size was good, everyone got to talk and discuss.

Paul - Group 7

The purpose of the Area Assembly is to establish a forum for Districts to discuss the opinions as directed to them by the groups within each District. This assembly allows for discussion, dissemination, and consensus through the voting process to move forward information to GSO through the Delegate and return. This process allows all AAs within Area 17 to voice their opinions. Our Group 7 felt that the Area Assemblies fulfill this purpose well by allowing GSRs' to fully participate.

It was felt by all that the Groups know the purpose of the Area Assembly and how it functions.

Group 7 felt that the Standing Committees were doing their jobs and that with GSRs being assigned at random, this was helping to stimulate awareness.

It was unanimous in Group 8 that the Area utilizes and informed group conscience in its decision making process. It was also said by a group member that within the Area, Trusted Servants are given latitude to perform their duties to complete their tasks on time and within budget.

Discussing the Concepts of Service to better understand the structure of AA General Service Organization.

Group 7 felt that the minority opinion is always heard in Area 17 Assemblies. This minority opinion has helped to inform the membership that the three legacies of Unity, Service, and Recovery must be addressed without concern for time to discuss all topics brought before the Area Assembly.

Again, it was a unanimous feeling that the Traditions and Concepts are to be adhered to in the Assembly.

Agendas need to be out at least two weeks before the Assembly/Committee meetings so that discussion can take place at the Group level within the Districts. Meeting time/date/place has been well communicated. The Delegate appears to get the information from GSO to the Districts in a timely manner. The GSC information gets to us verbally as well as in report form. The Delegate is doing an excellent job in carrying the message. Since the Area chose not to discuss each line item in the budget and appoint a Finance Committee, the budget is no longer a problem for the Treasurer. Each committee member is available to discuss financial concerns for the fellowship within the Area. The process appears to be working well and no longer consumes the entire Area Budget Assembly time.

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The Website is effective and the Web Master is prompt in serving the needs of the Area Assembly s requests.

It was felt by some in Group 7 that the Area did not meet enough, that Committees should meet more often to fully carry the message.

The Web Site use could be broadened to include GSRs, District Officers, and Committee Members. The Mynah Bird could be sent to all AAs in Hawaii...

Tommy - Group 5

ques 1: what is the purpose of area? are we fulfilling that purpose? collective conscience of the districts, to carry the message to alcoholic that still suffers, and gathering point for all groups to gather information and communicate.

ques. 2: Do the groups know what area is and what it does? lots of groups don't know, not really interested. group members know, spirit of notation will educate the new comers. the people who are in service knows and others don't. As GSR's we should educate.

ques. 3: Are the standing Committees fulfilling their purpose? In what ways can the Committees be more effective? Some what. But let people choose the committee they want to help. depends on the chairs and their ambition. clarify GSR's role in assignment of committee to group.

ques. 4: Do you feel the area utilize an informed group conscience in its decision making? Yes. Through process of communication it does work. people at area are informed and should pass it to groups.

ques. 5: What topics would you like to see the area discuss? importance's of home groups, service to district and education to service to area. single purpose help the suffering alcoholic or tradition three.

ques. 6: Is the minority opinion heard? What is the role of the minority opinion at the area? Yes. Especially on area level. to get informed opinion, minority opinion teaches humility and informed.

ques. 7: Are we informed and adhering to the traditions and concepts? On the area level the conscience holds us close to the tradition and concepts

ques. 8: How well is information shared: ~Assembly/Committee meeting agendas: It is good post on website, Yes, its available. ~Meeting time/place: An for seen circumstances, Draw meeting earlier in the year. ~ Upcoming area business: Shared well and told and informed ahead. ~ General service conference information: Delegate does the job and she's passionate.

ques. 9: Does the budget process work? Yes. finances commitee always working.

ques. 10: Is the website effective in fulfilling its purpose? Yes. all you need to know about area is on that website. very clear and precise.

ques. 11: Does area meet too much? Not enough? Ok the way it is? Just fine the way it is. The travel challenges are hard on some groups.

ques. 12: Do you have additional comments or feed back to provide for the area inventory process? Get inventory questions online prior to assembly. Our group chair was Linda she was the best.

Jerry - Group 4

1. Purpose of Area

- a. Support the Delegate – from an area perspective
- b. Link to GSO
- c. Provide input from a geographic, demographic, cultural perspective

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- d. Makes the delegate available to groups in the area and serves as a conduit for information flow
 - e. Fulfilling it's purpose?
 - f. Yes and no..... It seems that GSRs are not providing requested feedback to the delegate and the area. This seems to be an issue with GSR participation, and turnover. It was thought that this is probably more of a district/group issue.
2. Do groups know area?
- a. No – in general. Newcomers don't care and GSRs do not seem to be promoting the area and its functions adequately. There seems to be an assumption that elders will do so.
 - b. If someone has not served as a GSR they are probably unexposed
 - c. Some may know but not promote the area and its opportunities/responsibilities
 - d. GSRs seem to have other group duties and do not focus on the area component
 - e. Political correctness seems to be more common – resulting in a softer approach to sponsees, service, and participation in higher levels of service
 - f. Service seems more be more of an afterthought than an integral part of recovery
3. Standing Committees Fulfilling Purpose?
- a. Current info seems to be lacking regarding standing committees. Info is not rolled over from one committee chair to the next
 - b. Committee members have not been contacted by the committee chairs to participate.
 - c. There are issues with GSR turnover and their connection to committees.
 - d. Chairs turn over and people are not contacted – and then committee members don't know what to do.
 - e. There is sporadic attendance and participation from GSRs.
 - f. Some committees are effective – some seem not to be.
 - g. There seems gray area where committee responsibilities overlap. We might consider merging or joining some committees to allow them to pool resources to be more effective.
 - h. Some chairs do not seem to understand their position.
4. Does area utilize informed group conscience?
- a. GSRs don't seem to understand that they are making decisions based on an area perspective
 - b. Area does use information effectively – when it is provided.
 - c. Area provides a good format but GSR participation is inconsistent.
 - d. GSRs do have geographic issues with participation in Hawaii
5. Like to see Area discuss?

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- a. Standing committee merges and joining of forces for overlapping areas
 - b. Having a “New” GSR roundtable at the beginning of every assembly – to increase bonding and prep for area work
 - c. Buddy System for GSRs
 - d. Fewer Reports – more open mic. Get to the purpose of the Assembly faster and give more time to do the work that needs to be done. Maybe move the reports later.
 - e. More round tables – to help us share ideas and do our jobs better
 - f. Better time utilization at assemblies (see above)
 - g. It was voiced that what is shared at roundtables and in committee is not reflected or acted upon in subsequent assemblies.
6. Is minority Opinion Heard?
- a. Yes – Better than before. Tends to be respectful and demonstrate tolerance and patience.
 - b. Ensures God consciousness and emphasizes points that might have gone unheard initially
7. Adhering to Traditions and Concepts?
- a. Some are, some aren’t
 - b. There seems to be a learning curve for GSRs
 - c. It would be good if past delegates could speak and share knowledge
 - d. It would be beneficial if practical application and identification of Traditions and Concepts were identified when they play out in Assembly – such as – pointing out when a Tradition or Concept is used (especially if not previously identified) to solve an issue or address a circumstance. Sometimes we do it by habit and it would be beneficial for all of us – especially the newcomer to see AA principles in action.
8. How well is information shared?
- a. It seems to be shared well – but is not always passed to area (by the GSRs) to be shared.
9. Does the Budget Process work?
- a. It works much better now
 - b. We would like to see a mechanism to make recommendations to the finance committee – or to better identify mechanisms that may already exist.
10. Website Effective
- a. Yes
11. Does Area meet too much?
- a. OK – but August to January is a long time between assemblies. Consider a Nov assembly – perhaps a traditions or concepts workshop assembly or such.

12. Additional comments

- a. Just that we would like to see evidence of input such as this put into use or practice – or evidence that it is at least considered.

Ermina - Group 2

1. What is the purpose of Area? To support the Delegate, facilitate 12 step work, keeping the Delegate informed of information to be carried back to GSO. Are we fulfilling that purpose? Yes Much of the information at all levels of service is repetitious and takes a while to understand. We lead by example and serve as a conduit of information to familiarize those that are not familiar with Service Structure of all parts of AA.
2. Do the Groups know what Area is and what it does? Yes/No. Need more information and that begin with me? Representation leads to knowledge and knowledge leads to understanding, sharing our experience of our service work.
3. Are the Standing Committees fulfilling their purpose? They are doing the best they can do. In what ways can the Committees be more effective? More communication/education. The implementation of GSR's being assigned a committee has been a plus for the committee work.
4. Do you feel the Area utilizes an informed group conscious? Yes
5. Topics:
 - a.) Court Papers
 - b.) More than just being sober
 - c.) How to pass it on
 - d.) Are we affiliated with Courts?
 - e.) More roundtables less reports done earlier
 - f.) My Group
 - g.) Anonymity in small communities
 - h.) Reaching out to remote communities
 - i.) IT starts with me
 - j.) Standardized reports from Standing Committees-short
 - k.) Concepts
 - l.) Traditions
 - m.) How Concepts, Traditions and Steps work together
 - n.) People with cell phones during Meetings
 - o.) Discuss the shusher as a service position
 - p.) Too many rules too complicated
 - q.) Service sponsor
6. Is the minority opinion heard? Yes
What is the role of the minority opinion at the Area? Everyone has a voice! Every voice is heard.
- 7.) Are we informed and adhering to the Traditions and Concepts? Yes. Yet we are falling short educating area on Concepts
- 8.) How well is information shared: a.) Assembly/Committee Meeting Agenda—timing is off on the Agendas not enough time to get the information back to the groups give at least 30 days in advance
 - b.) Meeting time and place---excellent
 - c.) Upcoming area business—again agenda information timing is off need to know at least 30 days in advance
 - d.) General Service Conference Information—current Delegate doing an awesome job
- 9.) Does the budget process work? Excellent
- 10.) Is the website effective in fulfilling its purpose? Yes, webmaster is awesome and is only as good as the information given him.
- 11.) Does Area meet too much? No. Not enough? Plenty. Okay the way it is? Yes
- 12.) Do you have additional comments or feedback to provide the Area Inventory process? Agenda and other information need to be to the DCM sooner for the groups. Some of our greatest assets could be our downfall as far as the internet goes.

There should also be a disclaimer added to web page that explains that the information posted does not mean you are excused from attending District, Area, or Intergroup meetings.

Carrie Group 8

Thank you to our facilitator Miranda.

1. What is the purpose of Area? Funneling of information to and from groups & district through the delegate to and from GSO. COMMUNICATION highway that supports the upside down pyramid. Good for our spiritual growth and motivation, keeps us plugged in to AA. Area helps to facilitate AA as a whole. It is 12th step work. We are a

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resource for each other. We are trusted servants of the group and are responsible to bring information back to the group. We should report back and inspire others in our Groups / District to be of service. We take care of the “business end” of AA. It is an honor and privilege to be in Area service. Are we fulfilling that purpose? Yes, sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. Consider accountability. Progress, not perfection. We do the best we can with what we have.

2. Do the Groups know what Area is and what it does? In general – no. Can be frustrating. Many Groups don’t understand the function of Area and their need for financial support. Many groups have established a “tradition of service” – our duty to educate groups so they don’t see Area events (Assembly, PRAASA, etc) as waste of time in money. Share info at home group meetings so they understand where they money goes / what it does. Many members think it is jus to buy coffee. Reach beyond small group who attend the home group meeting. Example: Give them real life examples of the work Area / GSO does – read list of all language literature translations.
3. Are the SC fulfilling their purpose? In what ways cant the Committees be more effective? We were impressed with the quality and quantity of poster boards at this Assembly – good job committee chairs. As a whole, doing an excellent job. Can be a challenge due to geographics of the Islands. Like how the committees were assigned from different Islands. Committees bring us together to discuss solutions. Many GSRs don’t know groups should have the same standing committees. Can be difficult to get GSRs to take on more responsibility. Harder to implement at the group level, focus on making small strides. GSRs are to carry the information, not necessarily do the work – engage others to do the work. Committees are the business of it. Give us knowledge, how are we good servants and carry the message?
4. Do you feel the Area utilizes the informed group conscience in its decision making? Good job of making information available and accessible. We should know our traditions and be informed. GSR responsibility to communicate the group. Feel we have ample opportunity for discussion, questions, open mic, etc.
5. What topics would you like to see the Area discuss?
 - a. Getting more home group meeting involvement (utilize the Group pamphlet)
 - b. Increase service at group, district and area level
 - c. Summary of Assembly talking points for GSRs to take to group / DCM to districts – emailed and posted on website
 - d. How to simplify / consolidate committee structures? Do committees overlap?
 - e. How to simplify / consolidate literature – TOO much information, obsolete, repetitive?
 - f. How to have a cooperative relationship with Intergroup (the activities of AA)
 - g. Geographical rotation of Area Assemblies
 - h. Service sponsorship
 - i. Educate members about General service
 - j. How materials / committees relate to primary purpose & concepts
6. Is the minority opinion heard? What is the role of the minority opinion at the Area?

Yes. Opens our minds to ways of considering issues differently. Schedule assemblies one per Island each year so all opinions can be represented – both GSRs and group members. Sometimes just a chance for people to express themselves or be heard. Gives us the opportunity f or humility – let others be “right”.
7. Are we informed and adhering to the Traditions and Concepts?

Getting back to basics. Key word is “informed”. While we are all familiar with the Traditions, we are not all as familiar with or comfortable with application of the Concepts. Can be found in Structures and Guidelines. Discuss Concepts during first year Assemblies for new GSRs.
8. How well is information shares:
 - a. Website is helpful – goal is 30 days prior. Overall doing a good job.
 - b. Should always have an emergency phone contact available during assemblies. Maybe use GPS coordinates on map for people using electronic devices.

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- c. Distributed based on email contact and DCM. Relies on good flow of information out to groups.
 - d. PRAASA really helps to understand the topics – good way to get the “whole” picture. Appreciate our Delegates hard work and communication. Glad to hear GSO is doing an inventory.
9. Does the Budget process work?
Do we understand the process? Finance committees made up of DCMs (thanks for meeting during your lunch at Assemblies). Is it arbitrary? Dollars moved forward that weren't spent - are committees not spending money or not doing the work? Like that it is not set in stone. Able to shift funds not being used to other committees if needed. Educate that Area had money budgeted to support committees at District / Group level.
10. Is the website effective in fulfilling its purpose?
YES. Add emergency contact phone number during assemblies. Streamline navigation. Make page / link for GSR. Most relevant information easily accessible from home page links.
11. Does area meet too much? Not enough? Or okay as is? OKAY as is!
12. Additional comments? Possible partnering new GRS with a sponsor during their first assembly (similar to GSC buddy).

Jona - Group 6

- #1: It is to bring info to inform and report to the groups. This is how our voice gets heard we are doing our best and showing up is key. Yes with: participation/caring consciousness/area is a link in the chain between GSO and the groups /passion, love/voting 3rd legacy voting/Preamble read. Pg s1 in service manual, referred to Concept 12.
- #2: parts of the group know experience is our best teacher. Individual concern, area experience results in long term sobriety. Yes; never too old, never too young. We do our best, we are still learning. Announcements, it is very important to portray area well. Share the blessings of service. Are we an example of promotion to service.
- #3: Impressed. Purpose is fulfilled w/service and action. There's always room for growth. Evolution fantastic job being done, out island disconnected. P2: Workshops help, unification on interisland. Smooth sailing in meetings is attractive, conscious participation, terrible-no action, more committee meeting more work shops with standing committee chairs interisland. Require sponsee participation, accountability and follow through. We have geographical challenges, standing committee chairs are appointed not elected. We have a lack of bodies in some islands.
- #4: Yes. Areas doing well. Individuals must research and reach out in order to be successful. Lacking is on an individual level. No prerequisite to participate including wealth, computer skills, etc. We have to continue to make info available to everyone.
- #5: being clean and sober with emphasis on clean when in service. Anonymity on internet, anonymity in every service position rather than individuals. Corrections in appendixes to Structures and Guidelines, Appendixes #E attachments doesn't seem to be relevant to current practice.
- #6: Yes. Roll is to speak their opinion in hopes to sway majority opinion. Effective, Concept 5, increase actual spirit of democracy.
- #7: Yes, we are generally growing, simple group reading of service manual with emphasis on simple will help. Get service sponsor. No punitive action/no firing position holders. Pamphlet AA Group Where It All Begins.
- #8: Internet helps tremendously, we have made great progress individual passion helps, always room for growth
- #9: Yes.
- #10: Absolutely, remember not all are computer users. Let's continue to inform the group on a non computer level.
- #11: DCM is vital and the link between all assembly and committee meetings to the homegroup. OK.
- #12: True source of unity, passion stimulates service

Bill Group 3

1. What is the purpose of Area? Are we fulfilling that purpose?
- a. Bridge between Homegroups and New York. Support the Groups.
Support Standing Committees.
Maintain Unity.
Support the Delegate.
Gather Group Conscience.
Share Information

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- b. Overall, Yes, we are fulfilling our purpose.
Outer Islands seem to be suffering.
Do our groups need to pick up the slack?
Do we have a lack in understanding?
2. Do the Groups know what Area is and what it does?
Generally – Yes. But do they care?
Are we as service people taking time out to share with group members our experience?
We educate one member at a time.
3. Are the Standing Committees fulfilling their purpose? In what ways can the Committees be more effective?
 - a. Yes. As well as expected.
 - b. Are we getting literature to all institutions?
Do we as members take the time to share with professionals?
4. Do you feel the Area utilizes an informed group conscience in it's decision making?
Yes.
5. What topics would you like to see the Area discuss?
Demonstration of participation at Area? Spirituality
Assigned Standing Committees
Benefits of Area participation
6. Is the minority opinion heard? What is the role of the minority opinion at the Area?
 - a. Yes, everyone has a chance to be heard.
 - b. The value of being able to change your vote.
We might hear an idea we haven't thought of.
7. Are we informed and adhering to the Traditions and Concepts?
Yes, it begins at Homegroups, then to the District, then Area.
8. How well is information shared?
Somewhat.
Those that don't have a computer should be supplied with hard copies of material.
The Delegate report back is quite valuable.
9. Does the Budget process work?
Skipped due to time constraints.
10. Is the Website effective in fulfilling its purpose?
Yes. Those with access have found it helpful.
Many people still don't have internet access.
By show of hands, _ of those with internet access go to the Area website.
By the time we could tell the Area Webmaster that it might be a good idea to put the positions expected in attendance at the various gatherings on the website, he (Bob) had already made the modification.
11. Does Area meet too much? Not enough? OK the way it is?
Skipped due to time constraints.
12. Do you have additional comments or feedback to provide for the Area inventory process?
The responsiveness of the Area Webmaster was awesome.

Area Chair: Ken: acknowledging sobriety anniversaries from January – April, asks all those to stand and say their sobriety dates.

10:10 **Keith: PRAASA Chair: summary:** Sheraton Waikiki first weekend in March, met as a committee 3 times now, shipping buttons, we'll have some here for us to share with groups and will give them the opportunity to ask you questions about PRAASA.. Have a very experienced committee, our home group sends a GSR to PRAASA every other year, we'll send our GSR next year, they will stay at the hotel, we really encourage you to stay at the hotel, if we fill the rooms, we don't have to pay for the meetings rooms. (Contact your DCM if you would like Keith's email address or phone number)

10:30 Reconvene, please register with Sue we will be voting on the proposal after the break
Registrar: 75 voting members

Proposal: Colin reads proposal: We, the Hawaii Area 17 Panel 59 Area Officers would like to make a motion to add the following line to the Alternate Delegate's duties in the Structures and Guidelines: "Maintain and update Structures and Guidelines". The Structures and Guidelines currently read as follows:

2.7. Alternate Delegate's Duties

The alternate delegate should:

A. Perform the delegate's duties in their absence.

B. Maintain and update the G.S.R. Orientation Handbook.

(C-G not noted in these minutes)

Our proposed addition:

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B. Maintain and update Structures and Guidelines

(C-G are noted in these minutes-to view proposal in full, check the website or ask your DCM for a copy)

Paul, seconds the motion

Discussion: *Jim: makes a motion to amend proposal that the responsibility be given to the alt chair. Guidelines should be the responsibility of the area chair. Vernon clarifies that there are two motions on the floor, we have to discuss the first motion. It is up to the person making the initial motion to accept it. Nora: this should fall under the officers directly responsible like the secretary or alt chair. Sean: needs to be an area officer not the alt delegate, better for area chair, alt delegate can focus more on their responsibilities. Kevin: this is more of a technical amendment, maybe best to combine it or drop it down. Erin: clarification: changes will be as voted or as they see fit? Colin: clarification, we don't just change document, any changes are approved by the body. Bridgette: who's job is it? Someone needed to do it, traditionally the alternate delegate did it. When things are changed, someone has to do it but it was never made official, clarification needs to be made as to who does the job. Adina: Alt delegate is the one who does the GSR orientation, they are the first officer contact a new GSR works with, they help the GSRs become a better GSR, makes sense they do it. Elise: why does the panel feel it is more appropriate to have the alt delegate be the person what's the thinking behind it. Steve: opposes it because of the verbiage, we want a better worded proposal. Linda: added responsibility is not a burden, refers to page 8, 9.1 says policy or procedure, proposal must be put in writing to the area chair, prudent that the person makes grammatical or punctuation. Bob: Delegate is the keeper of Traditions for Area, we want someone involved to look over the S&G. Tommy: Items A-G are these in order of importance? Answer: no.*

Colin: Amends Proposal to read: Maintain and update the GSR Orientation Handbook and Structure and Guidelines.

73 votes, 66 in favor, 7 opposed. Discussion: Will there be version drafts? Every time it is amended, it is assigned a new number, right now we are at 59.2 (indicates Panel 59) Jona: GSR –since the Alt Delegate orientated me, she has hands on information, makes sense that alt delegate do it. Colin calls the question, Ken reads procedures from S&G, we will vote to vote, need a second - Kawika seconds. Count down to determine voting members, 73 voting members, substantial unanimity is 54. Motion is read again, 66 in favor of the motion, 7 opposed. Minority opinion: Jim: responsibility should fall on the alt chair, would like to see the alt chair help us work on the conference agenda. Sean: do think this is an area responsibility not an alternate delegate, who is accountable? Erin: If we allow grammatical changes it can change the intent. Sue: Just because we've been doing it one way it doesn't mean we should do it, the fact that we are formalizing it gives us a chance to look at it again, I heard something that swayed me, so I am changing my mind, have to vote my conscience, Nora: Alt Delegate responsibilities should be parallel to what Delegate does, Area should be handled by Area, that's what we voted on unanimously.

Alejandro: makes a motion to reconsider, Noelle seconds, Ken reads procedures from S&G. Vote to reconsider this motion. Simple majority vote, 13 voted to revoke, motion stands.

Chair recognizes Past Delegates that are present, Vernon, Scotty, Keith.

Delegate Presentation: Two videos: "Hope" and "Young Peoples Videos" (refer to Delegate Report in these minutes "News from AA US /Canada" for more information on these videos.

1:30: DCM, Standing Committee, Intergroup, Archivist reports

DCM Reports

East Hawaii: DCM #7:Sean: verbatim: Hello everyone, my name is Sean and I'm a grateful, recovered alcoholic. I'm serving as the DCM for District #7 East Hawaii. I want to thank the Waianae district for hosting this important assembly. Our district is continuing to experience apathy in service. We still have 5 committees that are vacant. We average about 5 people for each district meeting. The dedicated 5 are keeping this district alive and will continue to do this as necessary. We are grateful to announce that we have a new P.I. chair. His name is Jerry and brings a wealth of experience with him. Our district does not have much else to report at this time. We are looking forward to hosting the Budget Assembly in August. We look forward to seeing all you in Hilo in August. Thank you for allowing me to be in service! Sean M.

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No Ka Oi: DCM #5: Clifford: verbatim: Thank you Waianae District for hosting this Assembly. I would like to introduce members of our district who are in attendance. Noel – GSR Upcountry Sunrise Kawika – Wailuku Group Mike D. – High in the Sky. As we do our Area inventory, I must also do one as the DCM for our district. I hope to gain some knowledge and feedback at this assembly. I have one immediate goal for 2010 and that's to fill our Standing Committee Chairs. We have been without a PI, Grapevine, Corrections, Archives, and CPC chairs. Our other Committees are doing well. Literature is being distributed to numerous clinics and hospitals on Maui. Our Treatment chair has not missed a beat at the Aloha House meeting every Thursday night. CEC will be approaching groups to solicit sponsors to transport the elder AA's to meetings. The Hana Caravan is not a caravan anymore. We are having difficulties with centralizing transportation for a caravan. But we do continue to attend the Hana Meeting the last Sunday of every month. Members are being asked to form a caravan among themselves and head out to Hana. We will plan more campouts when the weather warms. In Service, Clifford S. DCM5

Central North Shore: DCM #9: Sheri: verbatim: Thanks to Waianae District for hosting this Assembly. Our last District 9 meeting was held December 17th and we will have another one this Thursday. Our Traditions Workshop held Saturday, December 5th, 2009 was an amazing success, even though we ran out of pizza and had to order more. I would especially like to thank Ken, Linda, Hugh and Heidi for attending and participating. It was so wonderful to have attendees outside our district. At our last district meeting we discussed the Workshop and all those in attendance agreed it was a special day, and there was even talk of having a Concepts workshop or putting on the Traditions play next year. (We promise not to run out of food again!) We held the Workshop at Wahiawa United Methodist Church, in a larger room than we normally meet, and we hope to secure that room for the Committee Meeting we are hosting in October. Since my last report, our "Meet and Greet" went to the following locations: 11-10-09-Sunset Beach BB Study. We were unable to attend a meeting in December, but plan to go to the following group this coming Wednesday: 01-20-09-Primary Purpose Group-Haleiwa Cottage.

To be honest, I have been slacking off in my DCM duties after the Traditions Workshop. I know there is so much to do and I need to work on my time management skills. We especially have an interest in attending the Corrections Education Class. Lena called in November to set it up with me, and I was leaving for the Mainland the day the class was scheduled. Thanks, Lena, for your hard work!

I will be attending my very first PRAASA in March. I am truly excited and looking forward to the experience. Who knows? Maybe they will have Workshops on Service Position Time Management or How to order food for large groups of people. Thanks for letting me serve. Sheri B-DCM # 9

Kihei: DCM #11: Nora: verbatim: Hi, my name is Nora and I'm an alcoholic. I am DCM for District 11, Kihei Maui. My home group is Friday Night Young People. Today in attendance we have Erik, Maria, Bill. I am grateful for our strong GSRs who are staying devoted to service. I hope we can all hold on to our enthusiasm and gratitude. A few groups in our district have recently changed GSRs, many are still without GSRs and one group voted to no longer have one. I trust that this is part of the normal ebb and flow of Alcoholics Anonymous, much like what I witness with sponsees. I am very grateful for the GSRs, committee chairs and officers that we do have. One thing our district is currently working on is a version of the Structures and Guidelines. We are nick-naming it "Service for Dummies." Our hope is that it will not only provide all the specific group conscious decisions of our district and details on how meetings are run, but it will also aide new GSRs in understanding their role in district, and hopefully gaining a better understanding of General Service as a whole. Our finance committee created the budget for 2010. It is currently in the hands of the groups and we will have our official vote on it next week at district. I am excited to see what the New Year has in store for District 11 and Area. Mahalo, for letting me be of service. Nora DCM 11, Area 17, Panel 59

Honolulu: DCM # 2 Chris: summary: Grateful to be in service to the Honolulu District once again, elections held Nov 9, we have all or positions filled. We had an opportunity to put on a New Year's Alkathon, thanks to Bridgette K for chairing that event, we hold district meetings on Monday once a month, participation with the groups is good, GSRs participating in meetings and events. A few fellowship events happening in our district in the next few months; Black Experience holding a MLK Day picnic Jan 18 at Kapiolani Park, also putting on a dance in honor of black history month. Thank you for letting me be of service, Chris N, DCM 2

Waikiki: DCM #10 Patrick: verbatim: The last six months has been "business as usual" for the Waikiki District. Our District meeting still has strong attendance with an average of 13 attendees per month Most of the meetings in our district still have good attendance and the district is still ding well financially. Two meetings in our District have stated that they do need help and support. Thos meetings are " As Bill Sees It" which meets Friday nights at 8:00 pm directly across from

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St. Augustine's Church at Ohua St. by the picnic benches at the end of Kuhio Beach Sand. The other is "Kukui Hele Po" which meets by Queen's Surf Beach, just after Concession Stand/Public Restrooms every night at 9:30. I have been to Kukui Hele Po also had a possible GSR Representative attending the last District meeting. Waikiki District hosted the Thanksgiving Alcolthon at the Unity Church on Monzorot Ave. We had no problems at this year and were very grateful for all who were in service especially Jeff W. (the former Waikiki DCM) for stepping up and acting as chair for the Alcolthon. After the Alcolthon was over the head of the church came out to thank us for being there and to tell us he loves AA. and is happy to help us in anyway that he can. Bruce (GSR for "As Bill Sees It") has been working on the possibility of a speaker exchange. His idea is to have members from different home groups commit to speaking at other home groups throughout the month. This idea came as a result of "As Bill Sees It" need for a wider variety of speakers at their meetings. The idea however hasn't taken off and Bruce may need some help with the project. If anyone has done something like this before I would like to hear your experience.

Saturday Night Live had a wonderful holiday Potluck Even on Dec 5th. It was well attended and they had an AMAZING Speaker for the event (Diamond Head district DCM Adina). Saturday Night Live GSR also had to step down and they now have a new GSR to fill the place. Daily Reflections has a new GSR representing their group today. Patty, we are glad you are here. I will expect a full report on this assembly at the next District meeting...I'm just kidding. Just take in what you can and enjoy the food. This next year my focus with the Waikiki District is going to include a educating the GSR's about the 12 concepts of world service, trying to get more participation with the standing committee and to have GSR representation with all the meetings in our district. I look forward to up coming PRAASA this March in L.A. and I look forward to the rest of my term as the DCM in Waikiki District.

Diamond Head: DCM #1: Adina: verbatim: Aloha All, It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the Diamond Head District DCM. Since we last met a few noteworthy items have occurred: District Business: Diamondhead district has agreed to host the February Committee meeting on February 20th, 2009 at the Oahu Veterans center. Please see flyer for more information. Unfortunately we are still in need of an Alternate Delegate. Our income is consistent and we have regular participation from about 10 home groups with in the district. We have been actively working on Caravanning to the meeting in our District and have visited six thus far, providing them with information on the district and other pertinent group support. Out of these efforts 2 new groups are contributing financially and 2 others are receiving our District meeting minutes and agenda, in an effort to remain informed. Diamond Head District also hosted the Christmas Alk-A-Thon and was a huge success.

Standing Committee volunteers are as follows: (Secretary note: contact DCM for email address and phone numbers of district committee chairs) Archives: Delia GSR for Reach for the Stars. Corrections: Barbara G. the Diamond Head Secretary. Website: Kevin W. the GSR for A Spiritual Awakening. CPC: Valerie C. GSR for Sunday Morning Sobriety. Convention Steering Committee: Libette GSR for Uppity Women. Hospitals Committee: Kevin G. GSR for Sick and Twisted. Mynah Bird: K.C. S., GSR for Spirit of Freedom. We still need to fill positions for Cooperation with the Elder community, Public Information, Treatment Facilities and Grapevine for Diamondhead District.

District #1 Group update: Aina Hina Women's Group has no GSR but contributes to the district financially. A Spiritual Awakening; everything is wonderful. HOW Big Book has no GSR but contributes to the district financially. Lingle A While: Group small but still very active. Living sober meeting is wonderful and has very good speakers; unfortunately they do not currently have a GSR but regularly contribute to the district financially. Makahiki Lanai has no GSR but contributes to the district financially. Palolo Discussion. Doing well. Pioneer Group: Just held elections and is doing very well. They have birthday cake at the end of the month. Reach for the Stars is doing well and has agreed to hold a business meeting each month the Monday following the Diamond Head District Business Meeting. Serenity Group has no GSR but contributes to the district financially. Sick & Twisted. All good. Spirit of Freedom. Doing well the group is actively growing, group regularly does activities. Spiritual Beginnings. Group does not currently have a GSR. Group is struggling as one of its key service positions to be filled. Step Sisters has a new GSR Joanna and has been contributing to the district financially. The group is thriving and has been active in District service commitments. Sunday Morning Sobriety: All service positions have been filled and the group has about 40 people each week. Tuesday Night Garage Meeting: No GSR but is regularly participating financially and is provided with District information via email. Unity Step Study Step Sisters has a new GSR Joanna and has been contributing to the district financially. The group is thriving and has been active in District service commitments. Uppity Women meeting going great attendance fluctuates and has been able to contribute financially to the District. We Care has no GSR but contributes to the district financially.

All groups appear to be doing well. We are working on defining our roles for the upcoming Committee Meeting and hope to get it up on the website soon for on line registration. Thank you so very much for this opportunity to be of service. Mahalo, Adina M. DCM Diamond Head District

Puna: DCM# 12: Denise: verbatim: My name is Denise. I am an alcoholic, Rule 62 is my home group. We have been busy in Puna since we last met and our fellowship is expanding. Our district meetings have been meeting on the first Saturday of each month at Ola'a Community Center and we are happy to report that we have 2 new meetings in our District and more GSR's are getting involved. Committees that started that meeting Emotional Sobriety use Grapevine book. There has been a lot to learn and I continue to learn more about this service position. Today we have 2 GSRs present from Puna. Linda from Bounce Back and Corinne from Rule 62, thank you all. We have some upcoming elections happening. Puna District will be the host the annual Election Assembly this year. It will be at the Community Center in Maku'u this year on November 20th and 21st. The times will be from 7-5pm Saturday and 8-5 pm on Sunday. The groups at Pu'ula Church will be hosting the Saturday night dinner. It will be an action packed day. Thank you for love and service, Denise DCM 12 Puna District. Side note: I will be attending my 1st PRAASA this year, I am very excited about this.

Kauai DCM #6: Jim: verbatim: The first District 6 meeting of this new year was truly a spiritual experience for me. I am awestruck that a drunk like me is allowed to serve as the District Committee Member for such a fine group of alcoholics! The first District meeting I ever attended was five people, I believe. That was during Panel 55. Our January meeting was attended by 15 AA's, one of whom was a DCM from District 91, Saskatchewan. (His district had gone dark and he was recently elected to oversee its revitalization.) No one left early and we were there doing the business of this amazing fellowship for one hour and fifty minutes. What a treat to be in the company of such a dedicated group of AA-ers! Because of a suggestion made at the last Committee meeting in October, we have changed our agenda to have group reports come first and they reflected a flurry of activity on Kauai, some plans for future workshops and an overall upbeat message. As you will hear throughout this weekend, AA on Kauai is doing very well as is illustrated by the increased treasuries of many of our meetings, an increase in PI work (most notably an increase from 11 to 35 literature racks on the island) and more participation in community events. We are beginning to plan for Elizabeth's report-back at a Memorial Day event and our next meeting will feature a discussion about how best to structure and publicize that event. We have also developed a budget for the coming year and there is some talk about a workshop on AA leadership as a means of preparing for the October election of panel 61's executive committee. We are aware that there are plenty of areas in which we need improvement, including better communication and increased participation from every corner, but we are making great headway in carrying the message to those who suffer from this disease on our island. Our situation is clearly described on page 19 of Alcoholics Anonymous: "'If we keep on the way we are going there is little doubt that much good will result, but the surface of the problem would hardly be scratched.'" I sincerely hope my words reflect the enthusiasm I feel for our future endeavors. Again, thank all of you for this marvelous opportunity! Jim D

West Hawaii: DCM #8: Paul: verbatim: Aloha and Happy New Year. Since my last report in October, many positive changes have taken place in District 8. Tommy G, GSR of Daily Reprieve, and his Inform The Delegate Assembly Committee Co-Chairs are preparing an aloha welcome at Hale Halawai in downtown Kailua-Kona. Registration flyers are available here today and will be on the Area17 web site shortly. I am delighted that Daniel D has taken on the position of Public Information Committee Chair. He has informed us that an eager committee awaits to assist him. Mahalo Daniel! Our Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee remains unfilled. We have new meetings and new meeting places! Our last District meeting, held December 18th, was moved to the Kona Alano Club due to use of our normal meeting room by our host agency. There was a very good turn out of GSRs and Committee Members. There have been several new Groups established in the District. Our List has been up dated. Donna G, our Secretary, Mahalo for all the work that you do for West Hawaii AA. Mahalo, Jim Mc Manus! Jim is our able Treasurer and his proposed budget for 2010 was approved. The requests for input from GSO were discussed and GSRs were asked to inform the Delegate. A number of new GSRs were present and packets for them will be forth coming. Tommy G and Cheryl N presented an up date of the planning for the Area Assembly at Hale Halawai. Our Calendar for 2010 is still in the works. Founders Day will be held at Hapuna Beach State Park Saturday, June 12th. Unity day is undecided. Our election of Panel 61 trusted servants will be held October 17th. Our January District meeting will be held on Friday the 22nd do to our Area Assembly being held on the 16-17th. A Caravan will be headed to Honoka'as Monday Night Miracles meeting, February 22nd...A 6PM potluck followed by the 7PM meeting. Since Our last Area Assembly, another East-West Softball game was held in Waimea. Ask East Hawaii who won? District Unity Day will be held on Saturday November 7th, at the Old Airport. Sponsorship was the topic with the "Intergroup Players" providing a skit. Yes, food...too. The Third Annual Aloha Mana Roundup was held. It was a serene and fun event with a lot of expressive fellowship. The floating meetings were quite popular. We had a number of off Islanders celebrating with us. The speakers delivered their messages with good cheer. Our Area Chair, Ken, was the Saturday night speaker. Thank you Ken! Mahalo Aloha Mana, Tammy and Sheryl too! Aloha Mana's Thanksgiving Day Luau was delicious. The fellowship was very generous with the silent auction. It brought in \$1,000.00 for West Hawaii's Intergroup Office. Over two hundred were fed. Mahalo and Aloha to all who participated in making this Annual event wonderful. Mamma Kai, Mahalo! We are attempting to have all GSRs and Committee Chairs send in their Monthly reports so that they can sent out with the Agenda for the up coming District Meetings. This way we will be able to get the word out

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quickly and create discussion. Respectfully submitted, Paul K. dcm8@area17aa.org for meeting schedules: www.westhawaiiiaa.org

Leeward: DCM #3: DeLori: summary: not much going on in Leeward district, still trying to get people on fire for service however this weekend we had 4 GSRs, present, two are new. We have one standing committee filled CPC, other than that we did vote in a new budget for 2010, next district meeting we will talk about putting on another event, we have a new meeting place, location is on the website.

Waianae DCM #17: Clyde: verbatim: Aloha, I'm an alcoholic my name is Clyde, proud to serve as DCM for District 17. The holidays have come and gone happy new year to all. Thank you to the GSRs of the district, Jeff, Leah, Marie and Greg P. for showing up to support the district/assembly. In November our delegate Elizabeth came to our district meeting to explain the different questions and proposals requested of us to share with our groups. We held Alkathons this holiday season. Due to financial issues the district did not financially support this event. The home groups set aside a separate container to collect funds to support this event. The Alkahons were a success. Other than that thank you everyone for the love and support you have shown me and the GSRs this past year. Mahalo to Waianae District committee for a great assembly. You have gone above and bey9nd the call of duty. Mahalo for the opportunity to serve. Clyde

Windward DCM #4: Curtis: verbatim: Aloha fellow members of Alcoholics Anonymous, Area 17, Panel 59, Our district has survived the first year of my term as DCM. Will wonders never cease? It has been an eye opening experience for me in this position, and i must admit, I am glad to be back around the service structure at this level. We just completed our annual Holiday Alkathons and all went very well. It still amazes me that things can go so very well without me being in charge of the show. I would like to take this time to personally thank all the GSR's that have been so supportive this past year. Especially the one that show up for the Area Assemblies and committee meetings. You are the backbone of this fellowship within our district. It has been a real pleasure to have had the support of a strong Alt. DCM. Thank you Suzanne! Our district as a whole has surpassed my expectations of what can be done when we work together as one. The standing committee chairs that have followed thru with commitments, attendance at our district meetings, which average about 10-15 people, and enduring our ongoing dilemma in regard to our Treasurer's position. I am grateful for the input that I receive from fellow DCMs, past Delegates, and just plain good old friends. Thank you all!!! Well I hope to do a better job this next year and as goes, it will be time to rotate out just when I am getting the idea of how to do this job(smile). There is not much to report on but will be planning on going to PRAASA this year. Hope to get registered next week. Again thanks for letting me be of service to you, and allowing me to hang out with folks. Yours, In service, Curtis H. DCM #4.
PS--I came this weekend with thoughts of stepping down from my position. Not feeling as I have a decent job with this position. After a lengthy discussion with a fellow DCM, I knew that wasn't the right thing to do. Mahalo Adina!!!

Tri-Island DCM#13: District is not active

East Hawaii Intergroup Chair: Chris: verbatim: I brought some Puna and East Hawaii Meeting schedules that were located on the information table. Last month we discussed having our voting for the Intergroup to coincide with the Area Elections. Someone added on that all the Officers stay until our elections will be held in December/2010. Someone then made a motion to that effect and it passed. At this time all Officer positions are filled and now East Hawaii Intergroup will hold their elections in the even years and the term will begin in the odd years. Our Thanksgiving Thank-A-Thon and Christmas and New Years Alkathons went on as planned with members staying on around the clock to keep the doors open for 24 hours in case the suffering alcoholic wanted a meeting. We are gearing up for our next event which will be a Unity/Fun/Service Day that will occur sometime in April. Then in June our Founders Day Celebration. At our Intergroup Meeting on 1/14/10 there were 20-25 people in attendance with 6 or 7 Intergroup Reps. An agenda item in new business consisted of a discussion about moving Central Office from downtown Hilo to the more centrally located Keaau in Puna where there is an office space is available. The rent is a bit higher, but there is ample parking that is limited to only two hour intervals in Hilo. As it looks now we have coverage Tuesday through Friday mornings, but hopefully this will engender more volunteers to staff the phone and keep Central open each day of the week. We have a lease for a few more months, so I will be telephoning the property manager and find out the possibility of ending it sooner. More shall be revealed on that front. Last but not least, our webmaster Wendy has developed an awesome Web Site. She is very cognizant of making sure the AA Guidelines for the Internet are adhered to, as well as consulting with Intergroup on what to post and what is appropriate in regards to content. That it be AA related events and the like. Please check us out @ www.hawaiiiaa.org or link up to us on the Area 17 website. Thanks for letting me be of service, Chris, East Hawaii Intergroup Chair

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Oahu Intergroup Chair: Steve K.: verbatim: Aloha all, Happy New Year, thank you Waianae District for all your service at this Assembly. Oahu Intergroup and Central Office has just crawled out of dire financial difficulties where our prudent reserve, which was at one month's operating cost, has now reached the level where we want to be, at three months operating cost. Our activities fund has now been replenished and our total net worth stands at about \$19,000.00.. This would not have been possible if it were not for the home groups on the island of Oahu caring for AA as a whole, as well as our future. Our sincerest and heartfelt thank you goes out to every home group who has helped us navigate through a most difficult time. The most important and most saddening thing to report at this time is that our Central Office Manager, Al W. has officially resigned his position. Al W. has served us well for 17 years as manager and know there is no adequate way for us to repay his service. We wish Al all the best. So this means that the Oahu Intergroup Steering Committee will begin the process of selecting a new Central Office Manager and we will begin accepting applications and or/resumes. Information can be found on our website oahucentraloffice.com. Thank you very much for allowing me to serve you. Steve K. Steering Committee Chair, Oahu Intergroup/Central Office

Chair: Ken: recognizes Ted K. Past Area 17 Archives

Zeke: Convention Chair: Excited about everything that is happening, Saturday night is Prom Night, dress up as nice as you can, Friday Night is local style dinner, we need an Entertainment Chair, Saturday morning we'll have a sunrise meeting. Please contact me for more information.

Elizabeth: What to bring back to your groups:

1. The Hawaii Area Archives are moving to the new Storage Facility on 1/23/10.
2. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) has at least one CPC Chair on each island.
3. The AA Grapevine is accepting digital pictures of your homegroup via email. Please contact the Area GV Chair: Hugh F. for more info.
4. Please explore our website: www.area17aa.org to learn about it's many resources and information available.
5. PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) 2010 will be in Los Angeles, CA March 5-7, 2010.
6. The Annual Hawaii Convention is accepting resumes for Treasurer. Contact Alt Delegate Linda M. or Alt Chair Colin H.
7. If you live near a public library, please check out a copy of the Big Book. They keep books in circulation only if they are being checked out.
8. Submit your stories for inclusion in the Mynah Bird to mynahbird@area17aa.org, or call the MB Chair Cheryl for alternate means of delivery.
9. Hawaii Area will be hosting PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) in 2011. March 4-6, 2011 on Oahu.
10. We passed a motion to add to the duties of the Alt. Delegate in the Structure & Guidelines "maintain and update the Structures & Guidelines" (*points out practical examples of practicing Concepts and Traditions at Assemblies; today when someone called the question and made a motion to reconsider – we practiced a Concept, reads Concept 3 - Right of Decision. All those that voted or abstained, we practiced that Concept, if you changed your vote from how your group wanted you to vote that is the Right of Decision. In Concept 4 – Right of Participation, we voted on that proposal, we participate.... Right of appeal also known as the Minority Opinion – we did hear the minority opinion today, when some of us changed our vote, we practiced Concept 5- the Right of Appeal. Concept XII Warranty IV we reach all important decisions by discussion, votes and whenever possible by substantial unanimity, we practiced that today. Also, there was a situation in a local district, in their newsletter they asked to donate to the Food Bank, although a worthy cause it was not appropriate in an A.A. newsletter, it was in violation in Tradition Six. Although it was done in good spirit, it was in violation of our Tradition. Those are just some practical examples to take with you, we practice them but don't always know it, I will continue to share this information with you at Assemblies as they come up*)
11. Our Delegate will be attending the General Service Board Weekend January 29 – February 1, 2010.
12. International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous "A Vision for You" celebrating 75 years of Alcoholics Anonymous will be July 1-4, 2010 in San Antonio, TX. You can register online at www.aa.org. There are also printable fliers you can download to mail in registration. All registered contacts of groups were mailed out registrations forms in September, 2009.
13. The revised DVD "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous", and the new DVD "Young Peoples Video" are now available for purchase through GSO, and are in the AA Literature Catalogue. Share your opinion of the DVDs after seeing them at the Assembly.
14. A member from Hawaii Area submitted their story for the proposed "Special Needs" pamphlet.
15. *The theme of the 60th General Service Conference (April 2010) is "Practicing A.A.'s Principles – The Pathway To Unity".
16. Share your Area Inventory experience.

**Elizabeth- clarification on item 15; someone asks for Agenda items for the conference earlier. As early as Sept 2009 I emailed agenda items to Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and DCMs, these are items that we knew that is as early as you can get...If the disconnect is happening, it is happening in the chain of communication. In October I bombarded the DCMs with information, there are a couple of items that you should be looking at now, ask the DCM or ask*

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me. GSO is finalizing the agenda, last year 80 items on the agenda, I get them by Feb 15, Feb 20th we have our Committee Meeting, we disperse information for the Inform the Delegate Assembly in March, all the meetings are earlier this year, we have this conversation every year, this is how it is. I try to get the information out early, we all have to participate, the Final Conference Report has agenda items from the last year, check it out.

Standing Committee, GSR Roundtables, GSRs will break out into 8 groups (Area Officers, Vernon and Scott will facilitate)

Wrap up

Closing statements/Host DCM announcements

4:00 Adjourn with the Responsibility Declaration

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2010 Schedule of Assemblies and Committee Meetings

Mark your calendars

2010 Dates	Assembly Committee Meeting	Host District	Island	Who Attends
January 16-17	Inventory Assembly	Waianae District 17 DCM: Clyde	Oahu	GSRs, DCMs and or Alternates Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers
February 20	Committee Meeting	Diamond Head District 1 DCM: Adina	Oahu	DCMs and or Alternates Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers
March 27-28	Inform the Delegate Assembly	West Hawaii District 8 DCM: Paul	Hawaii (Kona Airport)	GSRs, DCMs and or Alternates Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers
June 19	Committee Meeting	Kihei District 11 DCM: Nora	Maui (Kahului Airport)	DCMs and or Alternates Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers
August 14-15	Budget Assembly	East Hawaii District 7 DCM: Sean	Hawaii (Hilo Airport)	GSRs, DCMs and or Alternates Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers
October Dates TBA	Committee Meeting	Central North Shore District 9 DCM: Sheri	Oahu	DCMs and or Alternates Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers
November 20-21	Elections Assembly	Puna District 12 DCM: Denise	Hawaii (Hilo Airport)	GSRs, DCMs and or Alternates Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers