

**Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting Minutes
Diamond Head District - February 20, 2010**

Saturday, October 20, 2010

Meeting Opened @ 9:00 am with the Serenity Prayer

Host DCM announcements: - Adina asks Tom to make housekeeping announcements; he has done most of the work. Adina: Diamond Head is hosting an event in the park for standing committees after the meeting, did not get much participation from committees as we were hoping.

Area Officer Reports

Secretary: Miranda: verbatim: I want to thank everyone for getting me your reports. Please take a few minutes to review October 2009 Committee Meeting minutes as I entertain a motion to accept or amend the minutes. *Ermina: my CEC report is not included.* Motion to accept made by: Colin, seconded by Sean, none opposed. Minutes approved. All present except Standing Committee Chairs Juddee/CPC and Cheryl/Mynah Bird.

Registrar: Sue: Red folder is circulating, please sign in, DCMs please check which GSRs are attending area assemblies, please keep up on getting me new GSR information so I can update with GSO.

Alt Delegate: Linda: Mahalo to the Diamond Head District for hosting this committee meeting. Since the January assembly, Colin, our Alternate Chair and I attended the Annual Convention Steering Committee on February 6. Everybody is really excited about our plans for the 2010 Annual State Convention to be held at Hilton Hawaiian Village on Oahu. We hope you all attend and have a great time. I also attended Oahu Intergroup Meeting on February 10. Oahu Central Office is currently accepting applications for a new office manager, and plans to establish a roving book bank are being ironed out. I have also been working with Elizabeth on plans for the March 26-27 Inform-the-Delegate Assembly. Working closely with the Area Delegate has been an enlightening experience for me, and I am looking forward to trying out a different format for the assembly next month. In love & service, Linda McD. Alternate Delegate Area 17, Panel 59, altdelegate@area17aa.org

Alt Chair: Colin: No report submitted, thanks the host district, grateful to be of service.

Treasurer: Coleen: No report submitted. Brought corrected version (of expenditures) of the Treasurers report that was presented last month. There were 12 or so checks that I placed in 2009 but actually belonged in 2010 (expenditures).

9:15 – 9:45 Delegate: Elizabeth: I would like to begin my report this morning by sharing with you a portion from Concept One “The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship”.

Perhaps many of us are still vague about the “group conscience” of Alcoholics Anonymous, about what it really is. Throughout the entire world today we are witnessing the breakdown of “group conscience”. It has always been the hope of democratic nations that their citizens would always be enlightened enough, moral enough, and responsible enough to manage their own affairs through chosen representatives. But in many self-governing countries we are now seeing the inroads of ignorance, apathy, and power-seeking upon democratic systems. Their spiritual resources of right purpose and collective intelligence are waning. Consequently many a land has become so helpless that the only answer is dictatorship.

Happily for us, there seems to be little prospect of such a calamity in A.A. The life of each individual and of each group is built around our Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. We very well know that the penalty for extensive disobedience to these principles is death for the individual and dissolution for the group. An even greater force for A.A.’s unity is the compelling love that we have for our fellow members and for the principles upon which our lives today are founded.

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Therefore we believe that we see in our Fellowship a spiritualized society characterized by enough enlightenment, enough responsibility and enough love of man and God to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions. We are confident that we can rely upon Tradition Two, our group conscience and its trusted servants. Hence it is with a sense of great security that we old-timers have now fully vested in A.A.'s General Service Conference the authority for giving shape - through the labors of its chosen Delegates, Trustees and service workers - to the destiny that we trust God in His wisdom is holding in store for all of us.

This is, in part, why we are here today. We have the final responsibility and the ultimate authority.

2010 Hawaii Area Inform the Delegate Process - This year we will be adding group discussions to our process, much like the roundtable format we used in our Inventory Assembly.

So here is what we are going to do this year:

- Each Standing Committee Chair and Area Officer has been assigned to co-chair an agenda item group
- Today we will pull a DCM from the hat to serve as co-chair for each of the agenda item groups
- The co-chairs will receive the background on their agenda item
- The co-chairs are asked to read, review their background, seek input, ask questions about, and research between now and the Inform the Delegate Assembly, which is in West Hawaii District March 27-28, 2010. It may be helpful for the co-chairs to come up with a summary of the background.
- At the Inform the Delegate Assembly, we will have numbers 1-12 for the GSRs, which will represent the group number they are assigned to for the Assembly.
- We will break up into groups, with the co-chairs facilitating discussion within their committee. Each group is asked to have a recorder, who will take down notes as **bulleted points**.
- After the groups meet, we will have open mic time for report backs from each Committee and open discussion from the floor.
- DCM co-chairs: please go back to your district and let them know which group you have been chosen for, and that you need their help by taking the agenda item back to their groups for discussion. Although as GSRs are randomly assigned to a group, please let them know they may end up on another group at the Assembly.
- In addition, we will have 3 Panel Presentations at the Assembly:
 - 1) Discuss the Agenda Selection Process
 - 2) Practicing these Principles in All our Service Affairs
 - 3) Unity through Inventory
- The Delegate and Alt Delegate will serve as floaters at the Assembly, each of us having all the background printed out for reference and assistance if needed.

I am so excited about this process, and look forward to a very productive and informative Assembly. As always, if you have questions or need additional resources, please email or call me at any time.

PRAASA 2010 - Will be held March 5-7, 2010 in Los Angeles, CA. We usually try to get together as an Area on Friday night for dinner. There is a break in the program from 6:15 to 8:00, so we will try to scout out a place nearby for dinner and make reservations beforehand. If you would be attending PRAASA and would like to come to dinner, let's meet in the lobby immediately following the afternoon session. My cell phone number is on the contact sheet, please bring it with you. If you have been invited to do a presentation, be a reader or lead a roundtable please let me know.

International Convention 2010 – The only thing I would like to add to what I reported in my Board Weekend Report is that a previous Conference Advisory Action asks Areas and Districts and other planning committees that no local event be planned for the same week as the International Convention. Also, if you receive a letter inviting you to share at a meeting or be in service in any other way at the International, please let me know.

I want to again tell you all how honored and privileged I am to serve Alcoholics Anonymous and especially Hawaii Area 17. Thank you.

9:45 – 10:00 Topics Assignments for the “Inform the Delegate” Assembly

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10:00 – 10:30 Pick assignments from the hat

Group #	Conference Committee	Agenda Item or Topic	Chair	Co-Chair
Panel 1	Workshop Topic	Review and discuss the GSC Agenda Selection process	Patrick	Ken
Panel 2	Panel & Discussion Topics #1	Practicing These Principles in All Our "Service" Affairs: a) What is the difference between General Service and Service in General? B) Love and Tolerance is our Code c) Setting an Example - Attraction to Service	Miranda	Nora
Panel 3	Panel & Discussion Topics #2	Unity Though Inventory: a) Our Common Welfare Should Come First b) This We Own to AA's Future c) What happens after Inventory?	Sue	Adina
Group 1	Corrections - Items B, C, D, E	Read the Progress Report re: signing sponsorship agreements or other legally binding documents and answer the following questions: Do we think the suggested edits to "Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities"; "AA in Correctional Facilities" and "A Message to Correctional Professionals" would be helpful?	Lena	DeLori
Group 2	Finance - Item B	"Self Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix": should the pie chart be removed & replaced with the text; should we add Grapevine information; should we add 7th Tradition stories to this pamphlet?	Colleen	Paul
Group 3	Literature Item E	Should the pamphlet "AA and the Armed Services" be updated with new stories?	Hugh	Curtis
Group 4	Literature Item F	Should the booklet "Living Sober" be reviewed for possible update?	Aike	Denise
Group 5	Literature Item G	Should the GSO Publications editorial responsibilities be defined?	Ermina	Clifford
Group 6	Policy & Admissions Item D	Read and discuss the report by the General Service Board about the General Service Conference taking it's own inventory	Colin	Scotty
Group 7	Policy & Admissions Item E	Read and discuss the report regarding the development of a procedure for submissions of Concept 5 minority appeal to the General Service Conference	Cheryl	Sean
Group 8	Public Information Item E	Should the pamphlet "A.A. at a Glance" be updated as suggested?	Mel	Chris
Group 9	Public Information Item F	Should we develop a policy on the practice of showing full faces of actors portraying AA members in Conference - approved visual media?	Juddee	Sheri
Group 10	Public Information Item G	Should a future General Service Conference have the theme of "Anonymity in a Digital Age"?	Bob	Jim
Group 11	Report & Charter Item C	In the Final Conference Report, should we place <i>Additional Committee Considerations, Recommendations That Did Not Result in Advisory Actions</i> and <i>Floor Actions That Did Not Result in Advisory Actions</i> following the <i>Advisory Actions</i> ?	Shoshanna	Clyde
Group 12	Treatment Item B	Should "Treatment Facilities" be changed to "Treatment" in the Conference Committee and related A.A. literature?	Erin	Kalei

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Ken: Had an opportunity to visit a good friend and trusted servant to Area who was hospitalized and later brought to hospice, he is Archie our past CEC Chair. I just got word that he passed on this morning, Ken asks for a moment of silence to wish him a safe journey. Moment of silence observed.

Break

10:50 DCM Reports

District #12 Puna: Denise: verbatim: Aloha, my name is Denise, I am an alcoholic my home group is Rule 62. It has been awesome serving as DCM 12 for Puna District thus far. We will be looking into holding more service meetings this year. District meetings are crammed for time and the service meeting is an out of breath for ideas and brainstorm. Standing Committee work is beginning to happen. We began downloading workbooks and guidelines. We currently are in need for CPC, CEC and Treatment Chairs. We have new GSR's getting into service and we are looking forward to 3 of the assemblies being here on the Big Island. There has been about 10 GSR's in attendance. What an awesome sight. This is a way for those groups that don't have enough money to send their GSR's to off island assemblies a chance to experience it first hand. Our Rover's meeting is doing well and taking the message to those that aren't able to physically make it to a meeting. They are awesome. Also another new meeting that started up in Puna is a Big Book study call Saturday Night Live. A question came up in District for how user friendly the website is, specifically for navigating the time duration of assemblies. Everyone likes the website stating it is good for those that aren't so computer friendly. In love and service, Denise DCM Puna District 12

District #8 West Hawaii: Paul: verbatim: Since my last report in January,2010, three new meetings have begun in District 8. Our Intergroup held a Valentine's Party which closed with a candle light meeting of AA. It was a huge success. The Kona Alano Club was rented for the evening. Our District has formalized it's calendar and we have our first caravan of the year on Monday, February 22nd, to Monday Night Miracles in Honokaa. We will have people driving from Waikoloa and Kailua-Kona. PRASSA is on our minds and in the air...latest count of attendees is 9... and I am still counting. Tommy G, GSR of Daily Reprieve, and his Inform The Delegate Assembly Committee Co-Chairs will have a Meeting on March 3rd, at 1:30PM, at Hale Halawai. It is coming together nicely and "choke" food too. Carol McK, our archivist is working with Shoshanna to display a time line and archives from the Island of Hawaii. Registration flyers are available here today and will be on the Area17 web site shortly. I am met with Daniel D, our CPI and Jerry our H&I Chair to discuss how we are going to cover delivery of information throughout our District. Daniel has us organized. Our Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee remains unfilled. I had a nice chat with Stan who developed the CECC workbook. He is getting the feeling that we are dragging this approval of the workbook much to long...I will attempt to assist him to get this project completed. Archie (Remigio A.), the CEC Standing Committee Chair from Panel 57, is not doing well and is in the care of Hospice in Ewa Beach. For anyone wishing to visit or send cards and /or reminiscences or photos, the address is: St Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii, Maurice J. Sullivan Family 91-2127 Fort Weaver Road, Ewa Beach, HI 96706-1993 Patient: Remigio A. (Archie) God bless our trusted servant Archie and God bless us all. This Sunday, the 21st. We will have a Memorial Celebration for Ray F. at Kahalu'u Beach Park Pavilion at 2PM. Ray had a clean shit on when he passed. He got sober in Kailua-Kona at St Michael's. Ray left us with 25 years of sobriety at KKAA. Aloha, Ray. We are ready for Elizabeth to suit up and show up for Founders Day, Saturday June 12th at Hapuna Beach Park. And that is all for now...more will be revealed. Now it is time to think of Unity first so that we call all step up our service commitments for 2010. Paul K. dcm8@area17aa.org

District #17 Waianae: Clyde: verbatim: I am an alcoholic named Clyde. Thanks Adina and your district for sponsoring this event. Thank you to all for making the Inventory Assembly a success. Thanks to district 17 for pulling together to help make this event a success. The district is alive and well with 8 GSRs that continue to support their groups and district. No events are scheduled for this month. Thank you allowing me to serve. In love and service, Clyde

District #6 Kauai: Jim: verbatim: The February, 2010 committee meeting for District 6, Area 17 was a robust meeting with eleven GSR's attending. This meant that over half of Kauai's meetings were participating in the service structure of our fellowship. What a great material expression of the faith that this fellowship works! In addition, the group reports reflected action and more action carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic: a Superbowl party,

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Valentine's brunch, Cinco de Mayo celebration, moonlight hikes, the meeting in the water, and two new "nooner" meetings in Koloa. Also, there will be at least three Kauaians attending PRAASA in two weeks. Our standing committee reports reflected still further efforts as we now have an archives board for display at local events, groups taking responsibility for literature racks, consideration being made for an order of back issue Grapevines, meetings being held in the jail and several members active in the recovery community. Unfortunately, all this good news was overshadowed by a couple of untoward discussions. *It is amazing how quickly we forget one simple fact we all have in common: namely, that none of us got here because someone else drank too much!* It's so easy for us to want to fix the other fellow! Fortunately for me (and all of District 6), those who came before me left an agenda in which we begin each meeting with a review of the Tradition and Concept of the month, so next month we can begin the meeting by reviewing the simple fact that "The only requirement is a desire to stop drinking," and perhaps that will help us to again place "Principles before personalities" as we prepare for the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Thank you so much for this opportunity to grow!

District #1 Diamond Head: Adina: verbatim: It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the Diamondhead Districts DCM. Since we last met a few noteworthy items have occurred: District Business: Diamondhead district is hosting this event, thank you all for participating. As requested by several of the Standing committee chairs Diamond Head district is hosting Entertainment in the Park this afternoon. To help educate folks about the some of the standing committees and help support Hawaii Area. Unfortunately we are still in need of an Alternate Chair. Our district is meeting at the DCM's residence until May, as she is attending school, and instead of having someone else run the District meeting the district voted to move the day to the First Monday of each month. We are working on a budget and have asked the groups to provide input regarding the surplus. Reminding them that our primary purpose is to support the groups with in Diamond Head District.

At our last District meeting several issues were raised by the GSR regarding their participation in the various standing committees. As well as concern regarding the lack of action taken thus far into the panel. They have requested that if the Standing Committee Chair would like support it is their responsibility to contact the District Representative all of their information is available on my report. I will provide a copy to each Standing Committee Chair, to insure that their contact information is provided to the correct source.

Standing Committee volunteers are as follows: Grapevine: Vacant. Archives: Delia GSR for Reach for the Stars. Corrections: Barbara G. the Diamondhead 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 and Grapevine and Treatment for Diamondhead District. *(Sec. note: these minutes do not include contact information for District Standing Committee Chairs, minutes posted to the website is anonymity protected - see minutes that were mailed 3/6/10 for contact info)* All groups appear to be doing well. The Caravan is coming together and we will continue to reach out to meetings in our district, to provide information and assistance if needed. Mahalo, Adina M. DCM Diamondhead District, email: dcm1@area17aa.org

Adina: addendum to report: last district meeting issues were raised regarding GSRS assigned to Standing Committees, the concern is that they are not being contacted by Standing Committee Chairs to do any work, they don't know what they are supposed to be doing. We are well into the second year, am disappointed in the work Standing Committees are doing, Area pays a lot of money to bring committees together and it was requested by the Standing Committees to do something after our meetings at the last assembly. We pulled that off (scheduled event) but now we do not have the participation. It becomes a huge burden on the DCMs to get information disseminated. It's important that we get the message to the still suffering alcoholic and we do that through Standing Committee work...and I am disappointed that contact information for district chairs has been out for over a year and they have not been contacted once by their Standing Committee chairs to do anything. Very little participation at today's event, not even a representative, I'm a little embarrassed, really sad about it. –

Comments: CEC Chair: people need to learn how to read or go to area website, my information is on CEC page, I have not received an email from anyone. Please pass that on. Sue: everyone is a little shy to put too much on the GSRS, minimum requirement was to participate at the Assembly – not necessarily do the work. Adina: to clarify; every report I have made since last year has contact information-it's in all my reports, and I have stated that all these people are interested in being of service. They want to be of service and they are not contacted.

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District #5 No Ka Oi: Clifford: verbatim: We will have our District Inventory at our next District Meeting on March 9. All Maui PRAASA Report back will be held on March 20th. Tentative location is in Kihei. We are planning an all island workshop on June 20th, the day after the Area Committee meeting here. We would like to know how many Area Committee Chairs and Area Officers would be willing to stay another day make a presentation of their duties and responsibilities. James is the new GSR for Sober and Crazy. Clifford S. DCM No Ka Oi District 5

District #7 East Hawaii: 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. It's nice to see all of my friends here today. We've had one district meeting since the Inventory Assembly. Most of the meeting consisted of discussing the questions that were on the Area inventory. We went through the entire inventory. I gave answers from the assembly and the district gave their input on each question. After discussing the inventory, our district was in consensus that in the future, the questions for the inventory should be brought to the groups first for them to do their group consciences. We agreed that the groups should be doing the inventory on the Area, before we convene for the inventory assembly. Some members were both angry and shocked that this is not current method of the inventory. It is our hope that we can learn from this past assembly and change it for the future panels. Thank you for being a part of my glorious life journey of sobriety! Aloha!!

District #9 Central North Shore: Sheri: verbatim: Thanks to Diamond Head District for hosting this Committee Meeting. Our last District 9 meeting was held February 18th. We discussed the Unity Day/Delegate Report Back on June 6, 2010 and hosting the Committee Meeting on October 9th. We have a tentative location for the Committee Meeting, but will wait to announce at the next Committee Meeting. Since my last report, our "Meet and Greet" went to the following locations: *01-20-10-Primary Purpose Group-Haleiwa Cottage*. *02-08-10-Imua Waimea*. We had no one step up to the GSR plate from those groups, but we did announce our monthly District #9 meeting and enjoyed excellent meetings. Our March meeting will be the *Out and About* group on Friday, March 12th. We have contacted Lena from Corrections and hope to attend the Corrections Education Class in March. Dennis, the GSR from 10 @ 10, and I are planning to attend and we are hopeful other members from our district will join us. As far as service positions, Michelle, our new GSR from *Mililani Women's Steps and Traditions*, has agreed to head our district CPC committee. Elise, our alternate DCM, is working on a budget for the remainder of the year and our district *Structures and Guidelines* are ready for a vote. I will be attending my very first PRAASA in March. I am truly excited and looking forward to the experience. Thanks for letting me serve. Sheri B-DCM # 9

District #11 Kihei: 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. We have recently had a few resignations, and a few additions. Sadly, our PI chair has moved to Oahu and therefore resigned. Our Archives chair has also resigned due to a large commitment with Intergroup and not feeling as though he has done anything. Our corrections chair brought up the topic of resigning at our recent meeting, but was strongly encouraged to keep at it – that she has been doing a great job. We do have a new G.S.R., Jack M., from the Maui Sunset meeting and an inquiry from someone who may potentially volunteer to be our Treatment chair. Our district has voted to put on a Sponsorship workshop this year and to put on our bi-annual Dinner Theater that has been the tradition of our last 2 panels. We currently are discussing how to assist the tri-island district, specifically Lana'i and Moloka'i. One suggestion was to take on the committee responsibilities of the Crossing (a quarterly weekend camping event on those islands). We voted to purchase two 50 packs of grapevines – for the men's and women's sides of the Maui County Correctional Center. In an effort to increase committee participation, we voted to adopt an idea that came to me in a dream . . . Much like the sign-up sheets for the pot-luck alkathons, we are going to develop a sign-up sheet with simple, descript committee tasks that can be passed around at meetings for people to sign up on. (i.e. a member can sign up to check a BB out of the library or drop a grapevine off at a doctor's office.) I would love to hear from each committee on a handful of tasks they see as priorities or goals. I am looking forward to reporting back to you on the effectiveness of this list. It sure worked well in the dream ;) In Love and Service, Nora T. DCM 11, Area 17, Panel 59

District #10 Waikiki: Patrick: verbatim: The last 3 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. This past month was our most attended meeting during my tenure as DCM. We had 17 people in attendance. One of our new GSR's for "Came to believe" (Patty) even had a sponsie in tow. Most of the meetings in our district still have good attendance and the district is still doing well financially.

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I reported at the last assembly that two meetings in our District stated they do need help and support. Those Meetings are "As Bill Sees it" which meets Friday nights at 8:00 PM Directly across St. Augustine's Church at Ohua St. by the picnic benches at edge of Kuhio Beach Sand. The other is "Kukui Hele Po" Which meets by Queen's Surf Beach, just after Concession Stand/Public Restroom every night at 9:30. Since then Kukui Hele Po has strengthened the service at the meetings through a number of business meetings and attaining a new GSR. As Bill Sees it's GSR is now going to be receiving help from another member of our district to try and get a speaker exchange started in hopes that it will increase attendance at their meeting. Our district officially approved this years budget at our last meeting. I must say that I came under our PRASSA budget by \$100 exactly. I will be sharing a room with a member of my home group (Bad Brains), which should hopefully trim another \$100 of the budget as well.

Speaking of PRAASA, I am very excited to attend this year. I am looking forward to the camaraderie us A.A. service junkies all seem to share. I feel connected to A.A. in a very special way when I attend PRAASA. I hope to carry that connection back to my district this year and to pass on my excitement and enthusiasm for service with in Alcoholics Anonymous. Oh, and did I forget to mention that I also can't wait for PRASSA to come to Hawaii next year!!! I hope that we can all help Keith H. our PRASSA chair in any way that we can. I have prepped my district PLENTY for our next "Inform the Delegate" assembly. All of my GSR's have been tasked with bringing back to their home groups the conference themes and workshop topics. I hope they will have plenty to share about at the next assembly. They had better after my 10 minute talk about how important it is that we utilize our "upside down triangle" power structure. Which, if you don't remember I wrote a whole report about it at last years inform the delegate assembly. That is all I have to report for this committee meeting. Thank you very much for letting me be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous! Patrick A.

District #2 Honolulu: Chris: verbatim: Hi, I'm Chris, DCM for Honolulu district #2. The Honolulu district is doing well. We have 12 groups in our district, of which 9 are active. Our treasurer has made an updated projected budget for 2010. Our contributions to district have been low. I believe this is due to our prior problems within the district. There are a few activities happening, The Downtown Lunch Group is sponsoring "A weekend walk through the Big Book" on February 27 - 28 at Unity Church. The aloha Round Up is also happening February 26 - 28 at McCoy Pavillion. We are planning on putting on a workshop this year. Topic to be announced. We have recently lost a GSR fo Aloha Friday. No replacement yet. Thank you for letting me serve once again this year. In love and service, Chris N. DCM Honolulu district #2

District #4 Windward: Susanne Z: verbatim: Aloha to Area 17, Our attendance at District #4 is good, with 12 plus individuals. Our Committee Chairs have little to report, with the exception of Kaaawa Step Study group. They are bringing a meeting into a retirement housing facility. To keep within the traditions and concepts of A.A., this group does contribute money to defray the cost of utilities. We are self supporting in all ways. One difficult issue that we have been aggravated and perplexed by, has been the inefficiency of our Treasurer. During the last quarter of 2009, the district body discussed the problem. We understand that A.A. does not execute punitive actions. We felt that we could not fire her! So, it was decided to request the treasurer's resignation. She declined. Suffice to say, as of our first meeting of 2010, the issue was still unresolved to the extent of the body's satisfaction. There was discontent within the body, veiled with fear and worry for the well being of the District and Area. Curtis brought the issue back to the table for a discussion. A motion was presented to replace the District #4 treasurer. We voted. Minority spoke, no change of vote. So passed. Easy. We're happy to report that we have a new Treasurer. Jerry D. of TYG has stood for the position, and we feel relieved. He'll hold the position through this year of 2010. Thank you God! We start early in the year organizing the Christmas and New Year Alcothon. This year being no different. We will be considering workshop topics, and will more than likely host one. Maybe it's time for a District Inventory?! I'm looking forward to our committee meetings and assemblies this year. Curtis will be attending PRAASA again, I'm looking forward to reading his interesting and stimulating report back! Our next DCM meeting is on Feb. 25th at Saint Christopher's Church, Kailua, Oahu. See you there! Thanks for the service opportunity. Aloha, Susanne Z. Alt. DCM #4 Area #17

District #3 Leeward: De'Lori: not present, no report submitted

District #13 Tri-Island: not active

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Treasurer Presentation: regarding the handout letter you have, this is the GSO letter (one side of letter) sent to all Area Treasurers regarding request for \$1200 to help cover the cost of the conference, I sent that on the 17th, they also let us know that actual cost is \$5000. The finance committee discussed this, we had a line item for additional support (\$300) but due to the economy, it was reduced to zero. At the end of the year, our revenues were \$5683 more than we spent last year. We are able to spend additional monies, we will send \$500, it's a token amount, we can't send \$5000. If we are able to send more, if funds are there we can send more. Sites: Trusted Servants responsibilities, Right of Decision, Concept 1, Concept 2, Concept 3, Tradition 2, nothing clearly defined in service manual, must go with our conscience. This is not a proposal, we are not changing the budget. The finance committee would like to send the money by March 1st but want to let you know, make sure there is nothing divisive or upsetting about this. *Sean: I appreciate being informed, if this happens every year, why not just put it in the budget. Ermina: I move we send the check out. Elizabeth: Point of order; we do not make motions at Committee Meetings, this is not a full voting body, she is just getting a consensus. Nora: never apposed to sending GSO money, is this a quick fix? Let's find a longer term project solution so that groups can self support GSO. Paul: How Spirituality and money mix in the basket, we have done a frugal job scrutinizing line items. We have given the power to our Treasurer, it is a wonderful thing, maybe next panel can increase funds. Coleen: We will consider this as a line item for next years budget. Elizabeth: Some areas send that full amount, other areas cannot afford the \$1200, an awesome gesture to honor the 7th Tradition. Some Areas have a monthly budget that is the same as our annual budget. Aike: our group sends Area money, it is an Area decision to do what they will with it, trust, support our Delegate. Adina: How did you come up with that number? Shouldn't we be closer to self-supporting? Coleen: This is the amount the finance committee agreed on, I am getting the consensus that it's okay. Please let your groups know.*

Lunch @ 12:00 - 1:00

1:00 – 1:45 Standing Committee Reports

CEC: Ermina: verbatim: I attended the first Annual 13 Grandmothers Pacific. In attendance were 13 grandmother's from the South Pacific and 13 Grandmothers from the US and Canada. The first 13 Grandmothers met in 2004 and traveled throughout US /Canada. What a great endeavor to find solutions and not talk so much about the problems. They were very pleased with the work we do here in Hawaii through AA. We had a break out session and I sat in on the Drugs/No Drugs session. We shared our manao and talked about the bridges we need to rebuild between our youth and our Elders. That many of our loss of seniors to drinking and other forms of mind and mood alterations, is the changes in traditional family ties. In conclusion we plan on meeting again in a year to discuss more solutions. I shared my information with them and also 12 stepped a Grandmother who was struggling with her drinking. What a wonderful experience and I look forward to meeting with them again. I will be attending the 3rd annual East Hawaii Round Up and there I will bring the story board and pamphlets. Hope to see you there, and there are registration forms on the table. The next Assembly I will be bringing the proposal for the acceptance of the Draft CEC workbook. Thank You for the opportunity to Serve Ermina C

Corrections: Lena: verbatim: Book giving to Puna District, womens prison on Maui, today will give to Mai mens. We have had 6 women go to the training, two in, now going in. Four still waiting to be approved. We need some men to get in service, if you are interested, see me. Mahalo, Lena

Archives: Shoshanah: verbatim: mahalo to Diamond District for hosting this assembly. We were inspired at the Inventory Assembly to create a "what an archivist wants" board as well as a District specific board for each island (ideally – each district). I brought the "masters" home to Kaua'i and an small archives committee duplicated the archivist board (substituting a 1983 kaua'i meeting schedule and other local info). We also created a second tri-fold board with our digitized timeline entitled "A.A. on Kaua'i Our Home Groups 1960-2008" with a short "how it came to be" statement. On the other corner, we have a plastic sleeve which holds meeting schedules. This board will be presented to our DCM at the next District meeting in March to be used at community and A.A. events. The hope is that we can make one on Maui before the next committee meeting and one on Kona before the next Assembly. I have scanned all the documents and have the lettering in the computer. If we can create boards for the other two Big Island District Assemblies, that would be a bonus. At least, we would no longer have to carry the boards from island to island/assembly to assembly. Each district can create their own individual boards to meet their

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needs. The response on our island has been great. The members are interested in the boards and have been sharing about their own group histories. Mahalo for allowing me to be of service. We have the traveling archives from GSO reserved for PRAASA 2011.

Treatment: Erin: verbatim:

My name is Erin, I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to serve as your Area Treatment chair. At the last assembly I was asked if we could put a rack and pamphlets in Hina Mauka, and I just so happened that I had a rack at home for just such an occasion. I was told before that there was a rack up there but that it was missing. Or that people were stealing thing and we are not sure what was going on. So we were able to put the rack up and Sue has been monitoring it weekly, and the pamphlets are gone, but the rack is still there. I was asked by the Diamond Head district to participate in a workshop tonight after this meeting. I look forward to going and trying to let people know what we do and trying to get them involved in service. I also look forward to going to PRAASA in two weeks to meet with other Treatment Chairs and to share experience and to see what I can bring back. In love and service, Erin R. Treatment Chair

Grapevine: Hugh: Thank you Diamond Head District for putting together this Committee Meeting. The new and approved GRAPEVINE REPRESENTATIVE HANDBOOK can now be located on the AAGrapevine.org website. There is still time for people to submit their photographs to the GRAPEVINE.ORG website for 2011 Calendar. Deadline date is March 1st 2010. Please see me for details on how to submit your work. Grapevine had to raise subscription prices last year to cover rising fixed costs. We don't like to do this, of course, because we know it makes it difficult for some readers to continue their subscriptions, especially in these tough economic times. So we are asking for your help. Please let the groups and individual members in your Area know that it is more important than ever to give a gift Grapevine or La Vina subscription to a newcomer, or someone in their group who may be struggling – or to a VA hospital, recovery house, or correctional facility.

Carrying the message, 12 months ending December 31, 2009:

102,281 average monthly Grapevine circulation
1,322 average monthly audio/Grapevine circulation
2,718 average monthly Digital Archive circulation
9,663 average bimonthly circulation of La Vina
77,095 Total books distributed
10,748 Total CDs
31,641 Total other items

To make it easier to start a subscription to the Grapevine, we have added the following term and price: 7 issues for \$17. Of course, you can still get 1 full year (12 issues) for \$27, 2 years (24 issues) for \$51. And 3 years (36 issues) for \$75.00. This new term and offer is a great starter gift. I have on hand with me some of the Grapevine Literature, to include Grapevine 2010 Calendars and 2010 Pocket Planner. Please stop by and see me for more information.

La Vina March/April issue is dedicated to those alcoholics in recovery who due to physical or health problems, are unable to attend meetings. The July/August La Vina issue will be dedicated to the International Convention.

Coming in March to Grapevine: Two new CD SETS – THE HOME GROUP and HEARTBEAT of AA in English and Spanish – Price is \$10 dollars for each CD. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Hugh Grapevine Committee Chair Hawaii Area 17

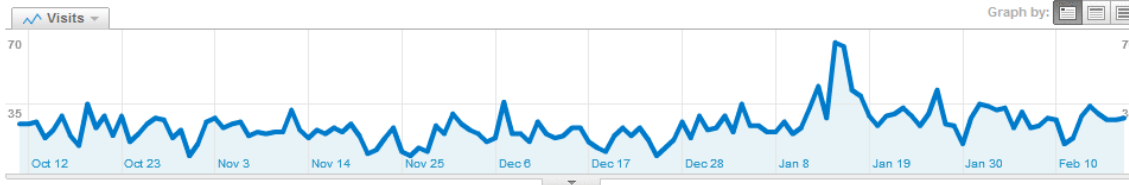
Non-rotating Archivist: Heidi: verbatim: My name is Heidi and I am an alcoholic. I serve the Hawaii Area as the Non-Rotating Archivist. Thanks Adina and Diamond Head District for hosting this event. We moved the archives from Ted's house to the new storage facility. The move itself was very smooth and took about 2 hours from the time we arrived at Ted's until we left the new facility. Thanks to all who helped with the move. I was concerned about the size of the space, however with the ceiling height, everything fit in and once we get organized we will have a great workspace as well as a place to display archives. I paid for the year in full at the recommendation of the Finance Committee and we were able to come in about \$800 under budget. The other good news is the storage facility was kind enough to bypass the rule for using their electrician and allowed us to use our own, who is one of us and donated the labor and most of the materials. I have an archives helper, John H. from The Point who will be working with me indefinitely on this project. He has committed to Founder's Day, the Annual Hawaii Convention and PRAASA 11. We have started sorting and organizing and expect this to be a long process but we are excited to begin the process. Thanks to Shoshanah who has been working to get archives organized on the neighbor islands and has been preparing materials that can be used and left in their respective districts. Heidi G. Non-Rotating Archivist

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Website: Bob: verbatim:

Dashboard

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Since our committee meeting the website has had 1,439 unique visitors viewing 2.35 pages per visit. As the graph above shows, visits peaked around the time Inventory Assembly.

News:

1. The content guidelines discussed at the October 2009 committee meeting were presented to the fellowship at the 2010 Inventory Assembly and have been implemented.
2. As determined by the Web Committee at the 2010 Inventory Assembly the focus for this year will be "Education." By this we mean educating our community that the web site exists, what can be found there, and for those of us in area service, how we can best utilize the site in our service positions. The first "event" will be held 2/20, after this meeting, at the Diamond Head District's event in the park. This theme was independently echoed by member of the assembly who requested more education about the site during the inventory process.
3. A suggestion from the assembly was to create cards with website information that could be used as a tool to inform members about the website. This has been done and cards will be distributed at this committee meeting. Please let us know what you think.
4. I was asked by our delegate to provide information on any research the committee had done on teleconferencing/web conferencing. I prepared an eight page documenting our research and recommendations. Because it contains references to existing businesses it will not be posted online and is available only by request.

Thank you for letting me be of service. Bob H.

Convention: Kalei: verbatim: Kalei grateful recovering alcoholic. Black Experience is my loving home group. I'm honored to serve as the 2010 Convention Steering Committee Chair. On our Steering Committee we have **Chair:** Zeke, **Outgoing Chair:** Patti, **Past Chair:** Kunane, From Area, Colin and Linda, **Ala-non Chair:** Carol, **Secretary:** Heidi, **Treasurer:** Debbie. Our **Webmaster:** Hugh. Our website is www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com. You can link to who you want on the Steering Committee. Our 1st Convention meeting was held on February 17th @ Kamakapili Church. We meet every 3rd Wednesday of each month at Kamakapili Church from 6 pm – 7 pm. There are still some open service positions. They can go to our website or contact Zeke. Flyers have already been printed, Ala-non requested only 1 meal 10am brunch. Steering Committee voted on Saturday. Our next Steering Committee is scheduled for April 3rd. In love and service, Kalei M.

Hospitals: Aike: verbatim: Aloha Committee members, it is such an honor and privilege to be part of this wonderful and life saving organization, and to have the opportunity to be of service at this level And for that I am truly grateful to you all, and to my higher power for the life that has been restored to us all. Some of the ways that I have tried to carry our message out there like the "home group adopt a hospital" program has not been so well received. Also there are hospitals out there that cannot display literature due to policies prohibiting affiliation with any one organization. However, there are some that do, so those are the ones I continue to service.

I continue to seek ways to carry our message to hospitals; I am still working on new ways. As reported the last time, I was to do a presentation with Eddie G. at Tripler Hospital in their psych ward; unfortunately that have not got back to me yet. I have kind of been in the doldrums and have lost some wind in my sails, I know it is by my own making and I will have to work harder at it to regain the gust that I long for so I ask you all for your patience and tolerance as I continue to look for ways to improve. Much aloha to you in love and service, Aike G.

(CPC & Mynah Bird Chair not present, reports read by Secretary. PI Chair left mid day, report read by Secretary)

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CPC: Juddee: verbatim: Aloha Everyone! I am unable to attend today due to work commitments here on Maui. I look forward to seeing you at the March Assembly on the Kona side of the Big Island. CPC outreach in 2010 seems to be off to a slow but steady start for now. Work continues on the projects I talked about at the January Assembly last month. Please have people in your Districts that are interested in CPC contact me at cpc@area17aa.org. Those of you attending PRAASA, I ask that you bring back any CPC information that looks interesting for Area 17. See you real soon! Mahalo, for allowing me to be of service. With the Spirit of Gratitude & Service, Juddee K. CPC Chair

Mynah Bird: Cheryl: verbatim: Aloha everyone. Sorry to miss this committee meeting but I am on the mainland for the Olympics. I'll be watching, not competing. We have a new Mynah Bird on the website and copies here for you to take back to your Districts. Mahalo mucho to all who sent in contributions. The next Mynah Bird will be the special PRAASA issue. So for all of you who attend PRAASA, why not jot down a paragraph or two on your way back home and send it off to me? The deadline is Sunday, March 21. I welcome any and all submissions, ideas and suggestions. Thanks for letting me serve. Cheryl N. Mynah Bird Chair.

PI: Mel: verbatim: Aloha everyone my name is Mel and I am an alcoholic, and very proud to serve as your Area 17 public information chair. Public information is alive and well. Part of my goal was to put a big book in every public library in the State of Hawaii. Part of the problem with this after opening up dialogue with public libraries in the State of Hawaii was that if a book is not checked out at the library the library would take it off of circulation. I announced this at the Jan. inventory meeting and the word got back and a lot of our fellowship has checked out the book just so it is showing up circulation. Part of public-information duties is to inform people of what AA does and what AA doesn't do, and we also share our experience strength and hope with groups. Public information recently did a talk at Iolani High School on 2/1/2010 to a group of 150 seniors who are set to graduate in June of 2010. We had two speakers one who was 19 with 8 mos of sobriety and one who is older but got sober at the age of 19. Public information in Area 17 is committed to a bunch of health fairs and speaking engagements on the island of Oahu. I have no engagements currently on neighbor islands. I thank you for allowing me to serve.

1:50 – 2:00 Webmaster Educational presentation

Ken: registration fliers are not available here, DCMs please print and pass them on to your GSRs

2:00 – 2:30 2011 Assembly and Committee meeting assignments “Pull from the Hat”

January Orientation Assembly – Honolulu District

February Committee Meeting – Waikiki District

April Inform the Delegate – Kauai District

June Committee Meeting – No Ka Oi District (changed to May - see Ken's remarks below)

August Budget Assembly – Windward District

October Committee Meeting (optional) Leeward District

November Assembly (optional) East Hawaii

2:30 – 2:45 Web education: webmaster

2:45 – 3:00 Break

Announcements: Coleen: We have a line item for reimbursement for GSRs that are unable to attend an Assembly. We will help, please contact me for information or requests, first come, first serve basis.

Ken: make a change for June Committee Meeting, we will do that in May so the Delegate can give a report back at the committee meeting and give ample time for the Budget process, so that the proposal can be reviewed by the districts and groups. Clifford, please pass that on to incoming DCM. Asks for Intergroup Chairs for reports – none in attendance

3:00 – 4:00 Standing Committee/DCM/Intergroup/Area Officer Roundtables

Adjourn @ 4:00 pm with the Declaration of Unity

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Where	Assembly	Where	Who attends
January 16-17	Inventory Assembly	Waianae District Oahu	GSRs, DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, Intergroup
February 20	Committee Meeting	Diamond Head District Oahu	DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, Intergroup
March 27, 28	Inform the Delegate	West Hawaii, Big Island (Kona Airport)	GSRs, DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, Intergroup
June 19	Committee Meeting	Kihei, Maui (Kahului Airport)	DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, Intergroup
August 23-24	Budget Assembly	East Hawaii (Hilo Airport)	GSRs, DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, Intergroup
October 18	Committee Meeting	Central North Shore Oahu	DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, Intergroup
November 2-3	Election Assembly	Puna District (Hilo Airport)	GSRs, DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, Intergroup