

**Hawaii Area 17 ~ Budget Assembly Minutes
August 14 and 15, 2010 ~ East Hawaii District, Maui**

Saturday, August 14, 2010

Meeting Opened @ 9:05 am with the Serenity Prayer

Host DCM announcements: Sean: Housekeeping items.

Reading: Area Assembly Preamble: Ken (reads from the S&G)

Reading: Budget Assembly (GSR Handbook): Chadwick

Area Chair Ken introduces Area Officers

Introduction of new GSRs (11 total)

9:25: **Registrar: Sue:** Answers the question; who can vote, who is eligible?

9:30 **2011 Draft Proposed Budget- Coleen:** Aloha Hawaii Area 17 A.A. members, A.A. in Hawaii has always been connected to A.A.'s office in New York. When Hawaii was still a territory, someone in Honolulu contacted the headquarters and asked for information on Alcoholics Anonymous. He also sent along a contribution to help defray the cost of postage. He wanted to know how to get sober. Soon after, someone in Hilo, someone in Kalaupapa, and someone in Wailuku wanted help with their alcoholism. Thus alcoholics in Hawaii began to acquire, and to pass on the experience, strength, and hope of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Attached is a draft budget for 2011. The procedure we've chosen to estimate our expenses has evolved through the experience of past panels. Those currently serving as officers and committee chairs were consulted regarding the amounts they thought the next panel members would need. It is our best guess at what we think it will cost to fully fund the Panel 61, Hawaii Area 17 trusted servants.

What do we need a service structure for? The quick answer can be found on page S20 of our Service Manual. The thorough answer however, is in the entire A.A. Service Manual, and the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines. A.A. is ours. We need a way to hear God as expressed through our group conscience, a way to correct ourselves, to improve, and to grow.

Doesn't it cost too much? The Final Conference Report for 2009, printed by the General Service Office after the 59th General Service Conference, estimates that Hawaii has 314 registered A.A. groups, and 5,097 A.A. members. Our estimated budget for 2011 is \$35,307.00. Rounding out the numbers (5,100 divided into \$35,500), the 2011 cost per member is \$6.96.

Yes, participation in A.A. does cost us time and money. This year, Alcoholics Anonymous is celebrating 75 years of continuous sobriety and service. The decision to continue to take responsibility and pass it on is always in our hands. As Dr. Bob said, "Let's not louse this thing up."

Further explanation for the 2011 Draft Budget:

Page 1: Delegate Expenses Report back to districts – increase due to rising cost of airfare and baggage fees.

Assemblies and Meeting

Airfare – increase due to an additional committee (Website), and to baggage fees. Also, this estimate will need to be re estimated once we know where the Panel 61 officers and committee chairs live.

Printing/Secretary – Estimate based on current cost.

Printing/Treasurer – this item has been moved to "Finance Committee/Treasurer"(along with Treasurer office supplies on page 3, and Treasurer postage on page 4),

Registration for assemblies and committee meetings – Web committee added to estimate.

Page 2: Corrections –An increase in opportunities to take the message into OCCC and MCCC resulted in an increased estimate to continue to purchase Big Books and 12 X 12s.

Hawaii Annual Convention Steering committee meetings – This amount for airfare will be adjusted based on where the Alternate Delegate and Alternate Chair live, and based on estimated cost of flights.

Page 3: Mynah Bird – Increase to allow for expenses other than printing.

Website Committee – Increase to allow next Website chair the option to pay for 2 years of website fees.

Page 4: PRAASA – Delegate (PRAASA 2011 will be held in Honolulu, the first weekend in March)

Airfare will be adjusted based on where the Delegate lives.

International Convention - cost increase expected.

Regional Forum – Optional one will be held in 2011.

PRAASA – Area Chair

Airfare will be adjusted based on where the Area Chair lives.

Page 5: Trustee visit – this amount may be adjusted based on the cost of airfare and hotel.

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Discussion: Question regarding stated 5,097 members in Hawaii Area and estimated budget, regarding an estimated contribution of \$6.96 per person per year. Coleen: That estimate is from GSO, we don't count members, this is based on what we tell them, \$6.96 per member in HI, we would be able to cover all expenses - self supporting. Question regarding increase to International Convention (p.4). Coleen: We save each year so we don't have a huge bill at the end, we set aside \$1,250. Now we are over budget due to an increase in air & hotel costs, we spent \$563.99 over \$1250 budget. Question regarding last line (p.5), are we over or under, if number is in brackets it usually means it's over. Coleen: We are \$9,935 under budget. Question regarding expenditures in Archives. Coleen/Heidi: Archives history being stored at Ted's (previous Area Archivist) house for 17 years. We now have a storage facility we pay for. (For full reports and full draft budget, please contact your DCM, Area Treasurer or download reports from the website www.area17aa.org)

Sue: 76 registered voting members, *motion to accept:* Bob, Sean: seconds, none opposed, 75 on 3rd count, motion to approve the 2011 Budget passes.

Area Officers Reports

Recording Secretary: Miranda: summary: Aloha everyone, glad to be here, good to see you all. If you did not bring your copy of the INFORM THE DELEGATE March Assembly minutes please come pick up a copy. Hopefully some of you have had a chance to review the minutes before you got here, it's only 38 pages...I'll give you a few minutes to review before I entertain a motion to accept the minutes. *Treasurer: (referring to Treasurer March report submitted) Corrections to minutes, delete -\$861.10, -\$35.00 confirms cash on hand \$24,698.61. Chris: District #5 incorrect in minutes, should be District #2. Chappy: West Hawaii Intergroup Chair Bob submitted report, was not included in minutes. Motion to accept: Bob seconded: Clifford seconds, motion to accept minutes as amended passes.*

Alt. Delegate: Linda: verbatim: Mahalo to the Hilo District for hosting this assembly. It's good to be here and to see all of you again. Are there any new GSRs? I will meet with you during the second half of our lunch break so I can acquaint you with service materials and other information and answer questions you may have regarding your service position. (The location is TBD.) You may want to attach yourselves to a more seasoned GSR during this assembly to receive extra guidance.

Since I last saw you I have continued to attend the monthly Oahu Intergroup Meetings and provide a report to that body regarding the current events going on in Area 17. I have also attended the monthly Hawaii Annual Convention Steering Committee Meetings along with our Alternate Chair. Registrations are down a little from last year, but we are confident that more and more people will want to attend this annual celebration of sobriety at the new venue, Hilton Hawaiian Village, on November 4-7. I urge each of you to support this statewide event.

In addition, I have been asked by our Delegate to compile the information from the Grapevine Survey. As of 8/8, I have received 75 surveys. The deadline for submitting the survey is the end of October. You will hear more about this topic from our Grapevine Chair, Hugh. Finally, as you can see our Delegate is not with us this weekend. Her mother is critically ill, so Elizabeth is with her. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. In love & service, Linda McD., Alternate Delegate Area 17, Panel 59. altdelegate@area17aa.org

Alt. Chair: Colin: verbatim: Aloha everyone, Colin here. I would like to thank Sean and the rest of the Hilo District for hosting our Assembly. I am really glad to see all of you here this weekend. So much of our service position is simply showing up. We are in store for a great weekend; I want to extend my appreciation to Coleen, our Area 17 Treasurer and the Finance Committee for helping get the 2011 Budget together for presentation and approval. I continue to serve the Hawaii State Convention Steering Committee and am excited about the Convention in November. I have been working with our past Delegate Vernon on the Program for PRAASA 2011, I surely hope all can attend this event and there are many opportunities to be of service. I wish everyone a great weekend and thank you for allowing me to participate. Colin, Alt. Area Chair

Area Chair: Ken: Thanks host committee. I am responsible for what happened at the June Committee Meeting in Kihei, I apologize to all of you, makes amends to the Convention Committee, Area Officers and Hawaii Area (re:convention proposal).

We need a Public Information Committee Chair is open, all those that are interested, please submit your name if interested, Area Officers will review and decide what to do. We will participate in the Upcoming Honolulu Community College Health Fair (PI). Reads position description from the Structure & Guidelines.

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Treasurer: Coleen: verbatim:

Aloha Hawaii Area 17 A.A. members,
As of July 31, 2010 Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$14,437.80
Prudent Reserve	\$5,000.00
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$750.00
<u>Reserve for International Convention</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total cash in bank	\$19,437.80

As of July 31, 2010:

Total Contributions and Income	\$13,022.60
Total Expenditures	<u>\$25,150.54</u>
Net Revenues	- \$12,127.94

In our A.A. Service Manual, part of Concept XI discusses the Finance and Budgetary Committee (pages 49-50). Published in 1962, it is always surprising how the information is still relevant and applicable. It can serve as a guide for Hawaii Area 17 as well as for A.A. as a whole. It starts by saying, "The main responsibility of this body is to see that we do not become money-crippled or go broke. This is the place where money and spirituality *do* have to mix, and in just the right proportion." The committee function is to see that we are always solvent in good times and bad. As Hawaii Area 17 looks at our contributions and expenditures, we all see that past contributions are carrying us as much as current contributions. The money that was contributed in good times is helping us pay our expenditures in these challenging financial times. As we end our Panel 59 service commitments, we need to be mindful that groups are contributing less than they did a year ago.

So, how do we stay solvent? On page 50, Bill W. suggests GSO develop plans for increasing revenues, and scrutinize every new and considerable expenditure by asking, "Is this necessary or desirable now? Can we afford it, all considered?" We are admonished to neither hoard or be reckless. He ends by saying, "The safe course will usually lie midway between reckless budget-slashing and imprudent spending." Coleen A., Area Treasurer, Panel 59 treasurer@areal7aa.org (Sec. notes; for full Treasurer report, please ask your DCM and or email our Treasurer or go to the Hawaii Area website to download) Motion to accept: Kawika, Bill seconds, none opposed.

Delegate Elizabeth: verbatim: (read by Alt. Delegate Linda McD. Elizabeth not present): I am saddened to not be here with you all this weekend, however my Mother (with whom I now have a relationship with thanks to the 12 steps) is severely ill, and I needed to be there for her. This is the first Assembly I have missed since my very first one in September 2000! That was a Budget Assembly as well, and I remember sitting there thinking "what are they talking about?" I would like to remind us all that everything we do here is to support Tradition Five, our Primary Purpose.

60th General Service Conference I have completed 11 report backs this year so far, with no more to complete. It was incredible to attend The Crossing on Molokai and give a report back there. I had planned to give a full report back this weekend, but due to time constraints and not the fact that I am absent I would ask you to email me for a copy, or you can always download it at www.aa.org.

Pacific Regional Forum

I will be attending the Forum August 26-28, 2010 in Torrence, CA. This is a free event, registration is available online at www.aa.org. I am presenting on the topic "Sponsorship", which is included in this issue of the Mynah Bird.

Public Information reported that the annual Anonymity Letter to the Media went out via email and postal mail. In March, Warren S. on the **International** desk and Jo-Anne L., trustee-at-large Canada, attended the 34th Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous in Central America held in Guatemala City, Guatemala where they met with General Service Board members from Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama. Warren also attended the 20th Anniversary Celebration of A.A. in Belarus in May in the capitol city of Minsk along with members from Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, and Ukraine where he participated in workshops on A.A.'s 7th and 11th Traditions.

PRAASA 2011

Hawaii Area 17 is hosting PRAASA 2011, and planning is well underway. Come join us March 4-6, 2011 at the Ala Moana Hotel. This is a service event you will not want to miss! The last time PRAASA was in Hawaii was in Kona

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in 1999 and the last time on Oahu was in 1989. 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.” We formally invite you all to attend! We are looking forward to a high level of participation, aiming for a goal of 100% attendance from all the GSRs, DCMs, Stand-ing Committee Chairs and Area Officers here in Hawaii Area 17. Please, please, please take this back to your groups. This is an opportunity for many to attend their first PRAASA, and right in our backyard! The hotel has been relocated to the Ala Moana from the Sheraton, and we will enjoy room rates starting at \$109.00. Please make your reservations early, by either calling (800) 446-8990 or through the link found on the PRAASA website. When making your reservation use the group name “PRAASA” to receive the group rates. Please keep an eye on www.praasa.org for information, which we will be updating throughout the year. If you click on the link “registration notification” you will receive periodic emails updating the fellowship about the Committee’s progress. We will need about 300 members from around the Area to get in service, so please make yourself available.

AAGV Survey

We are continuing to collect completed surveys. I will let our Grapevine Chair, Hugh, talk more about this.

International Convention 2010 I was grateful to attend the 2010 International Convention, celebrating 75 years of Alcoholics Anonymous. This event, with the theme “A Vision for You” was held in San Antonio, Texas over the 4th of July weekend. Along side 53,000 other members and friends of AA, I participated in workshops, fellowship and of course the Big Meetings in the Alamo dome. Hawaii had many members in attendance, with a fair amount of participation. Thank you to those whom were in service in our Pacific Region Hospitality Suite, workshops and marathon meet-ings. Prior to the start of the Convention, I attended the Delegates Reunion which is an annual gathering of past Delegates. I was very busy coordinating the Pacific Region Hospitality Suite, meeting up with friends, old and new from across the US and Canada service structure. On Saturday afternoon, after a particularly busy day, I received a phone call that I had received a pardon from Gov. Linda Lingle! What an amazing example of the miracle of the program and steps of Alcoholics Anonymous to receive such an honor, and truly a gift to receive the news while celebrating AA’s 75th year.

I wish you all a spiritual and principle filled weekend as you conduct the business of Hawaii Area 17 AA. This report can be found in full on our website at www.aa17aa.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. I am because we are. Elizabeth M. Hawaii Area 17 / Panel 59 Delegate

Registrar: Sue: verbatim: This position is always exciting! We had another new group in our area register during this assembly – welcome Hauoli ‘Ohana, Miloli’i in Captain Cook, HI! We also signed up 9 new GSRs. I love meeting new people, and helping The DCM from them see how rewarding general service can be. On Saturday there were 76 registered voters, and on Sunday there were 68 registered voters present. Our delegate was absent due to a family emergency. The PI chair was absent, as the position is vacant. The DCM from Tri-Island is not here, as the position is vacant. The DCM from Leeward, District 3 was absent. Kaua’i, O’ahu, and Maui Intergroup Chairs were absent. Thank you for letting me be of service. Respectively submitted, Area 17 Panel 59 Registrar Sue B.

PRAASA committee members: Indicates the current issue of the Mynah Bird has the wrong location - it is not Los Angeles, PRAASA 2011 is being held in Honolulu.

11:15 am Lunch: Announcements: New GSRs meet with Alt. Delegate during lunch for Orientation, Finance Committee is open to anyone who has questions during their working lunch. Standing Committee skit tomorrow.

Reconvene at 12:15 (Ken announces changes to the agenda)

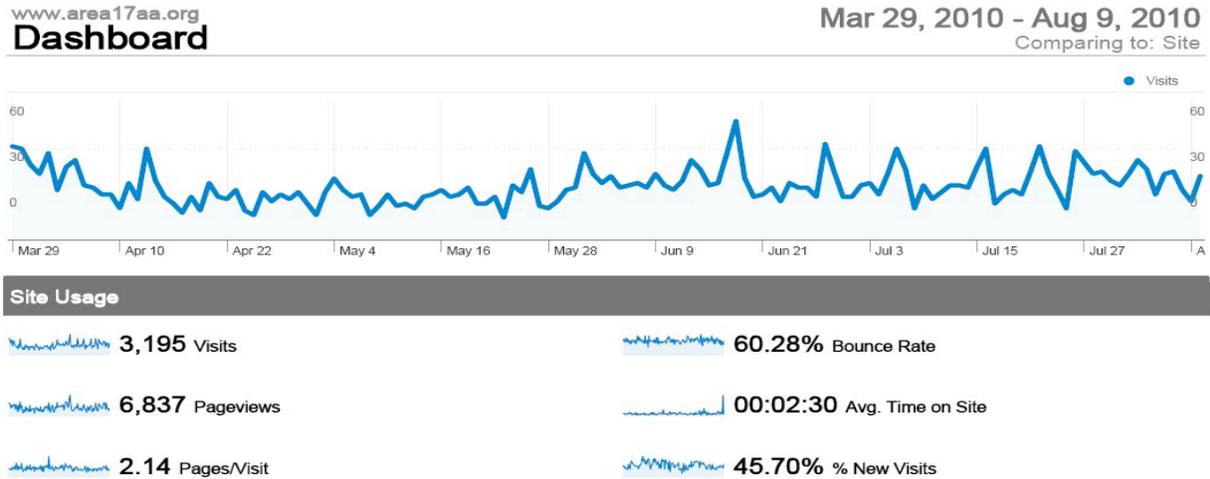
Member line up at the mic to acknowledge sobriety anniversaries within the last 5 months

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Standing Committee Reports

Website: Bob: verbatim: 2010 August Budget Assembly – Web Report

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27 = Committee Page

Report:

1. Website has been up and running with no major changes or problems. BAU
2. Requested an increase in the web committee budget to cover extra costs in purchasing web hosting and privacy for two years instead of one so that Panel 61 can cover entire period and realize savings.
3. Participated in Standing Committee educational event on Maui – seemed successful and is in line with our goal of using 2010 for education. Will be participating again at the CNS committee meeting.

Summary:

It's been a honor and a pleasure to serve Area 17 as your webmaster prior to and during this panel. Thank you for letting me serve. Bob H.

Grapevine: Hugh: Thank you East Hawaii District 7 for putting on this assembly. Currently the GRAPEVINE is in the red, and has been for some time.

- Need help from the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous to get the word out about what the GRAPEVINE is: So what can we say about the GRAPEVINE?
- The GRAPEVINE is a meeting in print, otherwise known as THE International journal of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Written, edited, illustrated and read by AA members and others interested in the AA program of recovery.

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- The GRAPEVINE is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another. Do we take a GRAPEVINE with us on 12 step calls, or hold GRAPEVINE meetings.
- The GRAPEVINE has its own literature and CD's for sale at www.aagrapevine.org -- such as Emotional Sobriety, The Home Group, Thank you for Sharing, A vision for you, A rabbit walks into the bar, Voices of long term sobriety, In your own words, the best of bill, language of the heart and many more.

Please go to www.area17aa.org and click on the link AA Grapevine Survey and complete this survey, this survey is to help determine the future of the Grapevine Magazine.

Currently the state of Hawaii has a total of 458 subscriptions. United States is 78,397. LA'VINA subscription count for Hawaii is a total of 9. United States is 6027. The Grapevine is offering 2 one-year gift subscriptions for \$40.00, and LA'VINA bi-monthly is offering 2 one year gift subscriptions for \$22.00. The GRAPEVINE currently has a call for articles on the STEPS and TRADITIONS. Over the next few months GRAPEVINE will be seeking articles on the STEPS and TRADITIONS from the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. October GRAPEVINE Theme is Anonymity

December GRAPEVINE Theme is My first time doing _____ sober. Personal stories, stories about emotional sobriety, sponsorship or service are always welcome. Please see www.aagrapevine.org for deadlines and guidelines. Email submissions to gveditorial@aagrapevine.org (submit work within the body of your email or attach a document in word or simple text) or mail to the Grapevine, 475 Riverside Drive New York, NY 10115. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Hugh F. Hawaii Area 17 AA Grapevine Committee Chair

CPC: Juddee: verbatim: Mahalo to East Hawaii District for hosting our Budget Assembly this weekend here in Hilo! 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.*

DUI panels on Maui continue to have one panel per month. Mahalo, to Matt from Kihei, who continues arranging the panel each month. The Program Director we have worked with for several years retired the end of May. She has been an advocate of AA for many years. We have had a great relationship with the DUI program here on Maui because of her leadership. Prior to her departure, she arranged for me to meet with the new Director in the next few weeks. A meeting with the new director and her assistant has been set for September 8th. We are having conversations regarding the development of a DUI class for younger offenders in the near future. We would provide a panel made up of Young People from AA for each class. For now it will be business as usual with the DUI program. Diane L. chair for District #3 (Leeward-Oahu) presented a CPC panel @ Schofield Barracks Health Clinic on May 13 for the Warrior Transition Battalion.

The panel was well attended and the presentation went well. Diane has developed an evaluation sheet for Panel Presentations. I will be asking her for a disc with all the materials she has developed for CPC this panel. Hopefully they will be helpful as we move forward with our CPC work. The information will also be available for other standing committees to use as perhaps a model for their work as well.

CPC participated in the "Peanuts Service Skip" @ Service Workshop on Maui, Sunday June 19th. It was great fun, educational and well attended. Our outreach idea to businesses who have contracts that require "In Service Trainings" for their staff has moved forward at a slow pace due to many agencies being involved in contract renewal season the last two months of the fiscal year, which ended June 30. A few businesses are interested in having CPC panel's as part of their new contracts for 2010-2011. More will be revealed on this project. This may be a project where the groundwork is done during this panel and the actual project takes off with the next panel. Please feel free to contact me anytime with an email at cpc@area17aa.org I continue to be grateful to be of service as Area 17 CPC Chair. With the Spirit of Gratitude & Service, Juddee K.

Area 17 Archivist: Heidi: verbatim: Aloha, My name is Heidi and I'm an alcoholic. I serve the Area as the Archivist. I haven't seen many of you for a while however I was blessed to have been able to attend PRAASA and the International Convention in San Antonio. While at International, I spent a lot of time at the archives display. I was blessed to be able to meet Michelle and Noella from New York as well as spend time with my service sponsor and meet many archivists and archives chairs from around the country. I learned a great deal while I was there, and was surprised to find out that most have not and are not planning to digitize their archives. I learned about the collectors and found out that they really have other motives (money) which are not in the best interest of AA as a whole.

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I also got to meet and network with one of the best conservators of our material who comes from the Western Washington, Area 72. In June, we presented a display at Founder's Day and look forward to the Annual Hawaii Convention and PRAASA 2011. I have had some personal issues this year that have taken up much of my time, however I think we are getting to the other side of them and I will be able to participate more in the archives. If you would like to be of service or have a question, please feel free to contact me at archivist@area17aa.org. In love and service, Heidi G. Area 17, Archivist

Corrections: Lena: verbatim: We have all meetings in prisons on Oahu covered. We do need more people to relieve them so if you are interested please email at corrections@area17aa.org or check the corrections committee page at www.area17aa.org. I have not been giving reports from other islands, I know that Kauai has no contact, from Hawaii Island Frances has just informed me that he will volunteer to be the contact.

Archives: Shoshanna: verbatim: Mahalo to District 7 for hosting this assembly. It's always a joy to gather with some of the finest alcoholics I know. On June 20th, following the June committee meeting, the standing committee chairs participated in a service workshop on Maui. We adapted a recovery skit play entitled "you're an alcoholic, Charlie Brown" to include our standing committees. It was a fun way to "act" silly and carry the message of service in Alcoholics Anonymous. We have been asked by Sheri, DCM 9, to repeat the performance following the October committee meeting hosted by District 9, Central North Shore on O'ahu – to be confirmed.

Mahalo to Nora and Maria for creating an Archives board for that event. Now Maui has a board that can be displayed at future assemblies. The Big Island board you see today is a Puna creation courtesy of Tim. Check out the displays. He hopes that our Big Island members will bring and contribute their home group or intergroup "collectibles". Paul K, DCM 8, has been working to complete the Kona Board and that gives the Big Island a total of three displays future Big Island assemblies and events. Kaua'i has been using their boards for island AA events. O'ahu has the original "what an archivist wants" board which is housed in the Archives Storage Facility in Kapolei (see Heidi G, non-rotating Archivist for more info). Heidi also has the large display panels which we have used for the State Convention. That's the around the islands update. Maybe we can create one for Tri-Island in the future. Please come visit the table, ask questions, check out the displays, pick up a home group or long-timer questionnaire. Be a part of archives and the future of AA by remembering the past. Mahalo for allowing me to be of service. Shoshanah B., Panel 59 – archives chair

Steering Committee: Patti: Aloha Everyone, Thank you East Hawaii for hosting this assembly. As for our 49th Annual Hawaii Convention, things are beginning to take shape. We have 263 registrants with another 20 to add to the list. We have 404 out of the necessary 427 room block nights reserved. This means we will need to sell 23 room nights to meet our quota. Keep in mind that this is only the middle of August and that we have at least 1&1/2 months to go. I believe we are in good shape with our room block. We have until October 14, 2010 to ask for more rooms if needed. Each room sold is an added bonus for the convention.

As agreed with HHV, they will lower F&B minimum from \$40,000 to \$35,000 due to meeting the room blocks. With tax and gratuity we will need approximately \$46,000.

Per our Convention Chairperson; he's asking that everyone take back to their island that this is our AA State Convention; please register – add at least 1 meal to each registration which would put us over the minimum of what we need to make the quota. All service positions have been filled. But, we still need a lot of volunteers to help out.

One new service position has been added. Scot C from AA and Carolyn A from AI-Anon will be gathering past Delegates from both bodies to bridge together and serve members who attend the convention with some goodies (pastries, little kisses, etc) as a way for members to get to know who/what their service entailed. Possible answer questions that members would like to ask on a more personal basis. I have copies of A.A. Guidelines 'Conferences, Conventions and Roundups' for each of you to take back to your home group as reading material. If anyone needs more registration forms you can go on line to 49th Annual Hawaii Convention and print copies or register on line. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Patti L – Steering Committee Chair

Hospitals: Aike: Aloha Assembly, as of the latest report from me not much happening. Still serving facilities in Honolulu district. Was requested by Honolulu District to do a presentation for their GSRs, went very well with many interests. Went over how a home group could have a hospital rep. And could have the opportunity to adopt a facility. Also there were interests in sponsoring 12 step work via a call list so that when Intergroup gets a call from members in a hospital, names of volunteers would be available and ready to serve. Sorry or good to say did not get any hits from Central Office as far as some one calling for a visit or a closed in meeting. Happy to report that Puna District has a new hospital rep and I look forward to assisting their district in anyway possible. If there are any districts or groups that I can be of service with in the hospital area please feel free to let me know. In love and service, Aike G.

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CEC: Ermina: verbatim: Thanks Sean and East Hawaii for this Great Space. I attended Committee, bringing the CEC Workbook. Committee decided it was not ready. I added the suggestions given at Committee, then sent out e-mails with the Workbook attachment for all to review. This will be presented at the next Committee and hopefully approved at the November Elections Assembly.

While everybody was getting ready for International, I received a great e-mail from Carole Area 5 regarding CEC. So I called her and we talked for quite some time. She had wondered what had happened to the workbook online. I explained a little and let her know the new workbook is on it's way. She wanted a peek, and I let her know that after Area 17 approval. Carole expressed that all areas look to Hawaii regarding CEC, which confirmed to me that unanimity is a must in the approval of the new workbook.

I gave Carole my permission to give all those involved with CEC my personal information. Since I've met Carole S. Area 5 she has me linked with Patricia- Solano County or Bay Area, Lee Arizona, Chris Sarea 5 So. California, Reggie Area 72 W. Washington, Michael M- Area 9 Mid So. California, and heard from Betsy B who is now Area 12 Wilmington, Delaware, past CEC Chair for Area 17.

In October I will be attending a Senior Fair in Puna. The will be opening a new senior center at the old fire station by the Pahoehoe Pool. I took a couple of people to Extended Care Unit of Hilo Medical Center to visit with a couple of people that are there. I would also like to recognize "The Rovers" for all the 12 step work they do reaching the "shut ins." CEC TASK FOR AUGUST TO NOVEMBER: Plan to attend a Senior Event/Meal Site set up a display with pamphlets. E-mail me: cec@area17aa.org tell me about what CEC has been doing in your District Group and Area to be included in my year end report. In Love and Service, Ermina C., Area 17 CEC Chair

Treatment: Erin: verbatim: My name is Erin and I am an alcoholic. I serve as your area treatment facilities chair, the purpose of this committee is to coordinate the service work of individual AA members to alcoholic's treatment facilities, sets up means of bridging the gap from treatment to AA and works to clarify what AA can and cannot do, within the traditions, to help alcoholics in treatment. We are still trudging right along. I continue to stock pamphlets in many facilities with the help of other AA members. My biggest challenge is still the tripler meeting. We now have a rack with pamphlets up, and are working on getting Ala-non pamphlets for them at their request, because as a military facility they deal with the whole family. We are also looking into getting big books and 12X12 for the members. This meeting is still in need of support, we need speakers and people with time that will come and support as everyone at this meeting is a new comer that has never been to meetings before. I have also been working on a letter to send out to the treatment centers in the state. I have a rough draft and will be working on editing this letter in hopes to get it sent out before the end of my term. I also look forward to continuing the work that we (the standing committee chairs) have been doing, as we continue to get the word out about area service and what it is that we do. We have plans in the works to do another workshop in the north shore after the Oct. committee meeting. As always we are still in needs of people that are willing to be on the bridging the gap contact list, if you are interested in taking a newcomer to their first meeting then please let me know so that I can keep this list updated. Thank you, In love and service, Erin R. Hawaii area Treatment Chair

Mynah Bird- Cheryl: verbatim: Mahalo to all who for your submissions to this issue of the Mynah Bird. There are some very moving accounts of experiences at the International Convention. How many of you know what the Mynah Bird is? (pretty much everyone) How many have read it - past the word search puzzle on the front page? (Most.) How many have taken a copy or two to your home group? (Quite a bit fewer.) Here are the topics for the next issue: Predators in AA - Your first AA meeting ever - Your first AA meeting in Hawaii - ICYPAA reports from those attending. And remember, you can submit your articles anonymously. Cheryl N., Mynah Bird Chair. Area 17, Panel 59

1:30 DCM Reports

Honolulu District #2: Chris: verbatim: The Honolulu District currently has 9 active groups. We are represented today by Black Experience and Kane Ali'i. I am currently without an ALternate DCM, we are still looking for one. We held the Delegates Report Back, along with Waikiki and Diamond Head Districts, it was a success! Thank you, to all that helped out in that event. Black Experience held their annual birthday dance. It was their 27th anniversary. This event was also a great success. The Honolulu District will be hosting in January Orientation Assembly. I am still waiting for confirmation on the location of our assembly. I will keep the Area updated. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. In love and service, Chris N.

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Central North Shore District #9: Sheri: verbatim: Thanks to East Hawaii District for hosting this Budget Assembly. Our last District 9 meeting was held July 15th. We discussed the Budget, and voted to host a Service Assembly the day after the October 9th Committee Meeting, if the Committee Chairs are still willing. The October 9th Committee Meeting will be held at Wahiawa United Methodist Church and we hope to have the service workshop the following day. Bob has posted the flyer and registration is available online. Since my last report, our "Meet and Greet" went to the following locations: 07-13-2010-Mililani Tuesday Night/8-3-2010 - Waimea Nooners. For September, we are planning to attend *Sunday Night Promises* again on September 12th. Both groups were awesome and hopefully we will get some GSRs from one or both of these meetings. The Tuesday night meeting had a large amount of young men and boys attending from *Bobby Benson Treatment Center* the night we attended. Our district election meeting will be held October 21st and we will be distributing flyers next month announcing it. Elise, our alternate DCM, has prepared the final draft of our Structures and Guidelines and our goal is to have them packaged and distributed by the end of the year. In Service, Sheri B-DCM # 9

Waikiki District #10: Patrick: District 10 (the Waikiki district) is continuing to have excellent participation at our monthly district meeting. Our last two meetings have averaged 13 people with 10 groups having GSR or ALT GSR representation. Now, getting all of these GSR's to the actually assembly to represent the conscious of their groups is another matter entirely. We still have no alternate DCM. I certainly could have used one 2 months ago when I just plainly and simply forgot that there was a district meeting. Fortunately our treasurer is a seasoned vet and chaired the meeting.

The biggest event that happened in our district with in the last 3 months was the Delegate report back. Thank you to the Honolulu and Diamond Head districts for combining forces and putting together such a wonderful event. Adina I still owe you \$150 for the food. Don't let me forget. We had over 100 people present while Elizabeth was sharing her experience in New York. She gave a beautiful tear filled report. I was so pleased at the amount of participation and out reach from the members with in our district. It seemed to be the talk of Waikiki in the weeks leading up to it.

Waikiki has a new meeting called Island Magic that meets every Monday at Ala Moana beach park from 3:00 to 4:00PM. The meeting is coming along great with 20 to 30 members weekly. They already have participation in our District by having a GSR.

After 13 years at St. Mark's Church on Kapahulu Ave Bad Brains has moved to Waikiki Baptist Church. They still meet every Wednesday from 7pm to 8:30pm. They are also officially back in the Waikiki District. The Kapahulu location technically had them in the Diamond Head district. Happy Hour is holding their annual Labor Day picnic. It will be held in Kapiolani Park at the archery range. Come see me for details. Thank you again for letting me be of service to A.A. Patrick

No Ka Oi District 5: Clifford: verbatim: Thank you East Hawaii District for hosting this Assembly. I'd like thank Coleen for attending our District Meeting this past Tuesday to brief us on the Area Budget. She was very informed and answered all of the questions posed. Our district officer elections being held at our October District meeting. Our Treatment Chair, Larry G. had to step down due to personal reasons. Guy A. has stepped up and will serve the balance of the year. We continue to struggle filling our District Committee Chairs. Finally, I would like to thank the Area Officers and Committee Chairs who participated in the Service Workshop on Maui after the June Committee meeting. It was fun and informative. In Service, Clifford S. DCM5

Kihei District 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 Maria (KMS), Bill (Happy Hour) and Erik (FNYP).

The main highlight in my district, since my report at the Area Committee Meeting, was our July 31st workshop. This was our first workshop of the panel, and the topic was Sponsorship (a topic voted on by our groups). We opened the event with a skit, which was then followed by 5 panelists speaking on: Sponsorship for the Newcomer, Sponsorship for the Oldtimer, Service Sponsorship, Sponsorship Outside-the-Box, and Becoming a Sponsor. Following a ten-minute break, we then had an Ask-it-Basket for 30 minutes of Q&A for the panelists, and then we served lunch. There were over sixty people in attendance and all attendees had name tags with a colored sticker notating if they were "available for sponsorship," "not currently available," or "seeking a sponsor." While I had great fun acting in the skit, the most fulfilling part of the event was when several people came up to me throughout the following week and stated that they found a sponsor or sponsee when at the workshop. Our district is also discussing a recent request from a new member for literature translated into Tongan,

The main topic that I am here to report is one that brings be hope and sadness at the same time. . . which is that I believe this is going to be my last Area 17 Assembly. Due to a number of significant life changes, I am going to be

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moving back to my hometown of New York City. I am not exactly certain of my departure date exactly, but it is looking as though it could be as soon as October. This coming week at district we are going to be voting on what the best course of action is to take, as our Alternate DCM is coincidentally moving to the mainland on November 1st. I will certainly keep everyone informed of our decision, and I am more than willing to assist as DCM to the best of my ability, until the end of the panel. In Love and Service, Nora, DCM 11, Area 17, Panel 59

Puna District 12: Denise: verbatim: Aloha, My name is Denise and I am an alcoholic my home group is Rule 62. It's a privilege and honor to serve as DCM 12 for Puna District. Thank you to Sean and East Hawaii district for host our Budget Assembly. I would like to report that our district is alive and well.

We have decided to create a service board for our Puna District on archives and our district archives Tim has been doing a swell job at it. We have focused much on our collective energy trying to encourage all meetings with in our district to have representation at the district meetings and to attend assemblies. One of the discussions we have been having is in regards to getting standing committee work done. We currently only have 5 positions filled, Public Information, Hospitals, Corrections, Archives, and Grapevine. Currently this is being discussed at the group level. We are still in need of more vacant standing committee positions available. We have 8 active GSRs attending our district meeting out of the 8 we have 7 present Faith GSR from Wahine O Puna, Ken Monday Night Promises, Erika Nooney Tunes, Corrine Rule 62, Tim 4th Dimension, Linda, Bounce Back, and Mike Fat City. As most of you know we lost a dear friend of ours Tony R. who served as our District Treasurer. I have been privileged and honored to have learned so much from him and had the opportunity to have him be a part of my sobriety. We now have a new treasurer Noel.

At present our District as been planning the upcoming Elections Assembly that will be happening in our Districts. Many of our members are already starting all the footwork and we look forward to seeing you all again in November. Again it is an honor and a privilege to serve AA as a whole. In Love and Service, Denise DCM Puna District 12

Windward District 4: Alt. DCM: Susanne: verbatim: Aloha kakou, Sorry I could not be at the assembly this weekend. I had a previous commitment with my other service position outside of AA. The Alternate DCM, Suzanne Z. will be standing in for me. Hopefully she will be receiving this report via e-mail. Mahalo Suzanne for stepping up to the plate. Things have been going good for our district at present time. Most of our service positions are filled we continue to average about 10-15 people coming to our district meeting. We are moving forward with our annual holiday alkathons and Isaac H. has again offered to chair the alkathons. We had Sheri from North Shore #9 distinct come and give presentation of upcoming budget to the GSR's to take back to their groups. It appeared all really appreciated her explanation of budget and how things were made clear to understand.

We have also had Elizabeth M. come and give her report back from New York GSO. Due to change of the meeting date, we had a small turnout. All went well anyway. Thanks again Elizabeth for coming and adjusting your schedule accordingly.

Our treasury is in decent shape and our Treasurer is doing an awesome job. Simple and to the point. Thanks Jerry!!! It looks like we getting a few more groups involved thru contributions.

We had a group within the district that had lost their meeting place in Kaneohe. They are now relocated in Kailua, but near the boundary line of Kaneohe and Kailua. Close enough I would say....That's about the jest of things here and if I forgot something, Suzanne will bring it to your attention. Wish I could be in two places at the same time, cuz I miss not being there for this assembly. I wish well for all of you and the fellowship of AA and Hawaii area.

Yours in service and love, Curtis H. (DCM #4/Windward District)

Kauai District 6: Jim: verbatim: I'm Jim and I'm an alcoholic. I'm also privileged to serve our fellowship as a 59th panel District Committee Member from the Garden Isle of Kauai, District 6 and privileged to tell you all that Alcoholics Anonymous is doing very well on our island.

We have about 60 meetings a week and attendance is rising in most of our older, more stable meetings. Both the District Committee and our Intergroup are solvent and groups are fulfilling their seventh tradition commitments to the various service entities. Literature sales have been positive, including the recent acquisition of a Big Book in Tagalog, although Grapevine subscriptions are down. A glance at the new Minah Bird illustrates a healthy new relationship between that publication and our own Garden Island Sobriety.

And speaking of new, healthy relationships, our Intergroup leadership has recently completed a transition which is yielding a new level of co-operation within our fellowship. This has helped us leap into a myriad of projects throughout the island, including Full Moon hikes once a month; a booth at the Kauai Farm Fair at the end of the month; a Service Workshop next weekend; an open, district-wide meeting to elect Panel 61 officers in October; participation in the Mayor;s Drug Awareness Program in September; our annual Thanksgiving Thank-a-thon; and a

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Christmas Alka-thon. I truly sense a new fervor on our island for carrying the message to those who still suffer and as was mentioned in the AMA's response to receiving the 300-millionth Big Book, I believe we are really diligently "scratching the surface" on Kauai. But we can only do this together and therefore I thank each of you for giving me this opportunity to be a part of it! Jim D., DCM District 6

West Hawaii District 8: Paul: verbatim: A large group from West Hawaii AAs attended the 75th International Convention. They shared their experiences at our July District 8 meeting. Way to go gang...mahalo for sharing the Aloha! Our Unity Day, scheduled for the September 4th, may have to be re-scheduled because of site availability. This will be discussed at the Area Assembly amongst the GSRs and East Hawaii and Puna Districts.

Vince M., our Grape Vine Chair continues to distribute the Grape Vine Survey to the Groups. I have thought about having the Groups fill them out while having their meeting. It is my opinion that this is one of the most important topics in AA. The survey will be tallied in November. More will be revealed. And yes, finance continues to be a part of our everyday AA lives. We discussed the separation of the Hawaii State Convention Committee and the Hawaii Area Assembly. I suggested that it was a good idea based on the information I heard after the Area Committee Meeting in June. Our GSRs are prepared to vote their Groups conscience.

The work book for the Communication with the Elderly Community was discussed. West Hawaii is in support of it's approval. It is long over due. Other Areas have used it to develop their own. Thank you Stan and Marion. And I thank all of you who shared your input to make this a active document for Hawaii Area 17.

This DCM is responding to the District's Inventory by preparing suggested materials to be included in a folder for All Officers, Committee Chairs, and GSRs. This folder will hold the District's Suggested Guidelines, GSR Handbook, and descriptions for all of the District's positions. Hopefully it will be presented at the September 17th District Meeting.

It has been gratifying to visit Groups' outside of the greater kailua-Kona Area. Since my last report , I have been to Kohala Discussion, Hawi; Puako Discussion Group, Puako; Hau'oli Ohana o Miloli'i, Miloli'i and Daily Reprieve, Kealakekua. AA is alive and well in West Hawaii District 8. Mahalo for your Unity and of course your service and personal recovery. Remember, we do recover upon receiving a spiritual experience after working the steps. We are never cured...science has not found a one...yet. West hawaii District now has 37 Groups and 90 meetings a week. Aloha, Paul K. dcm8@area17aa.org

East Hawaii District 7: Sean: verbatim: Aloha All, We are so excited to be hosting the Budget Assembly next weekend and look forward to seeing all of you there. Registrations are beginning to come in at a faster clip this week. We know that some of you are planning to come but have yet to send in your registration form or plan to register in person on Saturday. If you, or someone you know, needs transportation or Homestay, we beg of you to reply to this email with your info so we can plan accordingly. We want to make sure that everyone has a ride and place to stay before you arrive. Have a great weekend. p.s. It hasn't been raining much here in Hilo lately so don't bring it with you please :). Always grateful, Sean M.

Waianae District 17: Clyde verbatim: not present: Aloha, I am an Alcoholic and my name is Clyde .I currently serve as the DCM for District 17 Waianae. I apologize for not being here this weekend. Personal Issues prevent me from being with you. I want to that thank Heidi G for stepping to the Plate to be there to represent our District. Thank you Heidi One of the topics that concerned us was the new procedure that Central office is using to handle the 12 step calls and this was the result:

Inter-group Representatives met with District representatives to discuss the change in procedures for after hour's phone calls to Central Office. Physicians Exchange has been hired on a month to month basis at \$85.00/mo. They will only have the contact numbers of current after hour's phone operators. This will first answer questions about ONLY late night and early morning meeting on the schedule they are given. All other meeting inquiries will be referred back to Central Office during business hours. If the caller is in need of 12 step help, they will contact the phone operators and give them the name/alias and phone number of the person calling for help. The 12 Step Call List is not being used at this time and will not be used unless the volunteers are verified and notified.

The following Groups were Represented and these are there reports. There are 2 new groups Third Tradition in Waianae a closed meeting and Hana Paa in Ewa Beach General Service Representative (GSR) Reports: Makakilo Hill Climbers – Bart (GSR): Meets 8:00pm – 9:00 pm Tuesdays. Sobriety 101 – Laurie: Service positions are filled with a different Secretary each evening. The Point – Greg P. (GSR): Attendance stands at 50+ people per week. The group determined to stop donations to Intergroup until the questions regarding the call center changes could be addressed. Waianae Coast Women – Joanne (GSR.): Home Group is going great, everyone is in service. They are having great speakers. We Home Group – Laurie: Neil will be running both meetings for Pat. The Third Tradition Group – Bridgette (GSR): Meeting is listed in the schedule, they have coins, popcorn and coffee. Meets Tuesdays

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from 7:00pm – 8:00pm and is a Closed meeting Hana Pa'a – Russell (GSR): Meets Monday – Friday 4:30pm – 5:30pm with 10-15 home group members Potluck and beach meeting the 1st Saturday of every month at 6:00pm at Ewa Beach at end of Ft. Weaver on the This is my report and thanks for letting me serve. In love and service Clyde

Diamond Head District 1: Adina: no report submitted

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

Tri- Island District 13: Not active

Chappy: West Hawaii Intergroup: verbatim: The Intergroup Steering Committee has welcomed two new officers in recent months to round out a full committee. Chris C. has been voted into and has taken control of the Recording Secretary duties. Chappy C. has taken over the position of Vice Chair and is working closely with Bob D. who has now assumed the position of Chair. We still have Marianne F. as Treasurer, Ken S. as Activities Chair, and Geoff W. as the TeleService Coordinator. The West Hawaii Intergroup Office just recently completed a make-over of the schedule of meetings for the area and they are now available at the Intergroup Office. It took several people and a couple of weeks to make sure that we have a current accounting of all the meetings on the Westside of the Big Island. The West Hawaii Intergroup Office is currently open 5 days a week: Monday's 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Tuesday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Thursday 2:00 PM to 6 PM, and Saturday 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The target of the Steering Committee is to expand the hours of operation to Mondays through Saturday from 10:00 PM to 6:00 PM. We are currently seeking volunteers to help cover these hours. The Intergroup Office has also taken on a new look as the books and literature that are for sale in the office have been moved to the front room's bookshelves and in literature racks on the table, making it more accessible to the general public. The Intergroup Office is continuing to strive and provide the best service possible for the West Hawaii AA Community. The Intergroup office has books in many languages and even a copy of the Big Book in Braille. There are plans being discussed to rearrange the office to make the front lobby are more user friendly and eventually a place where people can come together and talk story while shopping for the AA literature needs. The needs of the AA Community will continue to grow as the meetings in the area increase. The objective of the Intergroup Office is to grow as the A.A. community's needs grow. The Steering Committee has the full faith and confidence in Bob's leadership and knowledge as he leads intergroup in the future. Mahalo, Chappy, Vice-Chair

PRAASA Announcements: What PRAASA is, why, who, registration info, will need participation and volunteers. March 4 - 6, 2011, Honolulu, Hawaii. Hotel info at Ala Moana Hotel, use group name "PRAASA" when making your reservations. Registration on line at www.praasa.org/2011/

2:30 Roundtables

4:00 break

4:15 Standing Committee Roundtable Wrap Up: Shoshanna:

1. Recovery Skit – will do skit tomorrow. Erin will print up additional scripts. Agreed to do skit again on October 10th following the District 9 committee meeting – theme: "in the spirit of rotation". Invite Delegate/Past Delegates to open with "service 101" and Area Officers to describe their positions in addition to each standing committee member. Sheri, DCM 9, asked if we could share "our most moving moment" in our position in this panel.

2. Mynah Bird – ask body for a show of hands: "how many have computer access?"; "how many have a printer?"; "how many GSR's share their copies with their home group, especially to those members who do not have computer access". Also discussed the differences between a permanent home group location versus a public place/beach park for displaying or leaving a copy available.

3. Relationship between the HI State Convention and Area – suggested body read the GSO AA guidelines for conference, conventions, and round-ups which are available on the table (or from GSO).

GSR Wrap Up: Kawika: 45 GSRs, 6 Questions/Topics and answers

1. How do we get more people involved in service? *Talk it up, good points, spiritual experience that happens, enthusiasm, sell service, inspiration, personalization - approach others walk hand in hand with new one, nudge, encourage members, volunteer sponsees, stay positive, caravan, long timers could keep up the momentum.*
2. Spirit of rotation what is the impact? *Group conscience, step down from position, group inventory, getting well informed with AA literature, topic for discussion on service, announce service positions becoming available*

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3. Increasing 7th Tradition donation. *Put put, cannot, cannot, \$1 for me, \$1 for you, include into formats-quote from Pamphlet Where Money and Spirituality Mix, increase funds, decrease spending, talk it up with others through experience, it's okay to go without, pass basket after speaker speaks, spirit of cooperation, appreciation, unity, service, and recovery, \$1 for each responsibility member, leading by example and attraction.*
4. What happens at the Election Assembly. *Voting for Area Officers Spiritual process, 3rd Legacy in action.*
5. How to attract the still suffering alcoholic. *Caravan to rescue drunks with BBQ, ask for volunteers to supply mtg schedules at different venues, example; hospitals, jails, treatment centers, participation at public events, outing ourselves out there.*
6. Suggested 2 year requirement for GSR. *A lot of responsibilities, personal passion, working knowledge of Traditions, as GSR able and capable to carry on the responsibilities.*
7. How to get people interested in your group to discuss agenda topics. *Serve food, service fair; initiating finding clever ways to attract*

DCM Roundtable Wrap Up- Sean: summary: predator issues discussed, (someone asks what issues?) A known problem in East Hawaii district but it happens everywhere, we have to raise awareness, be vigilant, talk about so that it is not taboo. We talked about who will fill the DCM positions in the next panel. Our group of DCMs are close, we've bonded, what Area positions will we stand for? Our sharing in roundtables brought tears, laughter and miracles.

Ken: There was discussion and consensus with the Area Officers that to inform you that at the October Committee Meeting we will properly inform the fellowship that there will be a proposal regarding the Convention.

4:25 Sharing from members who attended International Convention in San Antonio

Ken: reminders to those interested in the open position for Public Information Chair to please submit your name.

5:00 Adjourned with Responsibility Declaration

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Host DCM Announcements: Sean; housekeeping, transportation, etc.

GSR Preamble: Read by Linda McD.

East Hawaii I.G. Chair: Chris: East HI Intergroup: Monthly East Hawaii Intergroup meetings are being attended by a small but enthusiastic group of Intergroup Reps. We just recently elected a corresponding secretary and she has contact info for 90% of the 40 groups listed in our schedule, WOW. Jahnava has also recently started a report that goes out to our email list called Intergroup Scoop. The goal of the Scoop is to help our members learn what Intergroup is for and about, hopefully generating enough curiosity for folks to want to come and join us. We will be voting in our new by-laws next month, a long time coming and just enough time for our elections.

Tele-Service has more hours covered than not. We have reduced our answering service calls though we are still chicken to let go completely. The non-AA answering service works real hard at being of service by getting the patched through to an AA member for follow through. Our office is sort of staffed regularly 4 mornings a week. We have a great selection of AA books and literature for sale there. Our 7th Tradition is down a little but when we average it out year to date we are in the black about \$12.00 per month. Not great but in the black! Our office lease is up this winter and we may be moving our office to Keaau to be more centrally located between the Puna and the East Hawaii District represented by East Hawaii Intergroup. If you need meeting info please see one of our Puna or Hilo DCMs or GSRs or call our hotline at 991-6133 or check out website there is a link on the Area 17 website. Welcome to Hilo and thanks for letting me be of service.

9:15 - 10:30 Standing Committee Work Sessions

11:15 – 12:15 Lunch

12:15 Jim D. (District 6 DCM): Presentation of the Final Conference Report as a Resource of Information.

12:30 PRAASA Webmaster “Robert”: PRAASA website info and presentation. Registration, hotel info, what is available on line www.praasa.org/2011

12:45 Open Mic: Patty: All groups get together - ask if they want to participate as a group at the Convention need an Outreach Chair. Get a bid committee if you want the Convention to go to another island - need representation. **Noe:** amends **Cheryl:** Concerned about the convention proposal at the June Committee meeting, the information is out there already. We need transparency, concern that we will wait to talk about it in October - need more time? Let's vote to discuss. **Kawika:** HYCCPAA, ICYPAA, MYCYPAA! Information on upcoming events.

Kathy: Mahalo to Coleen, made me think about Kauai homestays **Tommy:** 50% splits - fundraiser for Inter Group **Patrick:** Who will be the next GSR? Share experience. **Aike:** Money and Spirituality does mix - thinking about joining hospitals and institution committees, will talk about it next meeting **Denise:** Puna airfare fluctuates book early - arrange homestays **Patty:** (new GSR) sharing \$ suggestions - found good airfare on-line websites (Sec note: naming such websites/businesses in minutes implies endorsement) **Libette:** Veggie food, mahalos, cannot always get that. Carl: Coleen: Splits Clifford: Nora ?

Alternate Delegate: KEY POINTS TO SHARE WITH YOUR GROUPS FROM THE 2010 BUDGET ASSEMBLY

- The 2011 Proposed Budget passed unanimously!
- Need to support standing committee 12th Step efforts
- Corrections needs representation on Kauai & the Big Island
- CEC workbook will be voted on this panel
- Topics for the next Mynah Bird:
 - o Your first AA meeting
 - o Your first AA meeting in Hawaii
 - o ICYPAA reports from those attending
 - o Learn about the standing committees and what you can do to help each one carry the message to still suffering alcoholics
- Fill out two surveys: Grapevine Survey (do we still want it) and the E-Tech Survey available on line at your Area Website. Return your completed surveys to your DCM to deliver to the October 9 Committee Meeting. More may be revealed on this.
- Support your Annual Hawaii Convention to be held November 4-7 @ the Hilton Hawaiian Village (www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com)

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- Pacific Region Alcoholic Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) will be in Honolulu March 4-6 @ the Ala Moana Hotel. Hundreds of volunteers will be needed. For more information on the event go to www.praasa.org.
- Go to your Hawaii Area Website for the latest area news, information, and events
- Your Hawaii Area funds are running dangerously low! Let your spirituality and your money mix when the 7th Tradition comes around to you.
- A Proposal regarding a reorganization of the relationship between the Hawaii Area and the Annual Hawaii Convention will be considered at the October 9 Committee Meeting for a possible vote at the November Election Assembly. The Proposal is posted on your Area Website.
- Our next assembly will be the Election Assembly, November 20-21 in the Puna District
 - o Reserve your flight (use Hilo Airport) as soon as possible to save on airfare.
 - o Register for the assembly as soon as you can so the Puna District has adequate funds.
 - o Think about what position you would like to fill in Panel 61!

2:15 Adjourn – Declaration of Unity

2010 ASSEMBLY AND COMMITTEE DATES AND LOCATIONS:

January 16-17	Inventory Assembly	Waianae District (Oahu)
February 20	Committee Meeting	Diamond Head District (Oahu)
March 27-28	Inform the Delegate Assembly	West Hawaii Big Island (Kona Airport)
June 19	Committee Meeting	Kihei District (Maui) (Kahului Airport)
August 14-15	Budget Assembly	East Hawaii District, Big Island (Hilo Airport)
October 9	Committee Meeting	Central North Shore District (Oahu)
November 20-21	Election Assembly	Puna District, Big Island (Hilo Airport)