

**Hawaii Area 17 Election Assembly ~ Puna District 1**  
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Saturday, November 20, 2010

Meeting Opened @ 9:15 am with the Serenity Prayer

Host DCM announcements: Denise: Housekeeping items: bathrooms, parking, smoking, home stay, transportation, places available to smoke, refreshments.

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Reading - Ken: 11<sup>th</sup> Step Prayer, Intro of officers.

Colin (acting Registrar Sue - not present Saturday): Reminds everyone to sign in, and pick up a voting slip.

**Area Officer Reports:**

**Secretary: Miranda:** verbatim: Miranda, alcoholic, privileged to serve as your Area Secretary. We will take a few minutes to review the minutes from the August 14-15, 2010 Budget Assembly. Please review the minutes, if you would like to make a correction, please come to the mic. As you are reviewing please let me point out two amendments, #1. on page one Treasurer Report, 4th paragraph, starting with "Doesn't it cost too much?" Our estimated budget for 2011", "\$35,307", please change to \$35,507. #2. Amend the header from East Hawaii District Maui to East Hawaii District - delete Maui. No other corrections made, motion to accept August 2010 minutes as amended made by: Erin, Tommy seconds, all in favor, none opposed.

**Treasurer: Coleen:** verbatim: Aloha Hawaii Area 17 A.A. members, Thanks to the contributions of many people and groups, we have been able to take care of Area 17, and participate in A.A.'s general service structure. Please let your groups know that their support makes Area 17 12<sup>th</sup> step work possible. As of November 11, 2010 Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$14,296.97
Prudent Reserve	\$5,000.00
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$750.00
<u>Reserve for International Convention</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Total cash in bank</b>	<b>\$20,046.97</b>

As of November 11, 2010:

Total Contributions and Income	\$20,079.62
Total Expenditures	<u>\$32,072.58</u>
Net Revenues	- \$11,992.96

Before we had steps, traditions, concepts or a name for ourselves, we had the beginnings of A.A. Legacy of Service. In 1934, Ebby called Bill W. hearing how serious Bill's drinking was, Ebby spent 10 cents for a subway ride to go and visit him. Bill W. writes, "Right then and there, Ebby established the principle that A.A. in action calls for the sacrifice of much time and a little money." Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, p. 141.

More than 75 years later, we all continue to invest time and money in Alcoholics Anonymous, in gratitude because someone helped us, and in hope that we can stay sober and help others who want help.

Last August, Panel 59 of Hawaii Area 17 A.A. approved the area budget for 2011. Tomorrow, we will elect officers to serve us on Panel 61. Please let A.A. groups and members know that Area 17 A.A. can only function if the financial support is provided. We are still not as financially solvent as we need to be to fully fund all that has been planned for the remainder of 2010, and the start of 2011. Many groups are not able to provide the support that they could in the past. So, please ask A.A. members to help. If we each contribute \$8.08 a year directly to Area 17 A.A., we will have the funds we need to do the work. Coleen A., Area Treasurer, Panel 59 [treasurer@areal7aa.org](mailto:treasurer@areal7aa.org). Motion to accept made by: Paul, Kawika seconds, all in favor, none opposed.

**Alternate Delegate:** Linda: Mahalo to the Puna District for hosting this assembly. 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 review our voting procedures for tomorrow's elections. You may want to attach yourselves to a more seasoned GSR during this assembly to receive extra guidance, especially if this is your first assembly as a voting member.

Since our last Area Assembly, I have continued to serve on the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee and was in service during the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Convention November 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at Hilton Hawaii Village. Over all, the event was a success and exceeded expectations for number of attendees. I also continue to represent area at the monthly Oahu Intergroup meetings providing reports on area business proceedings. In addition, in response to a request by our Delegate, I entered into a special database all the information from over 200 Grapevine Surveys. Thank you to all members who participated by

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filling out the survey.

I do not have the words to express my love for Area 17 and for A.A. as a whole. My service to you during Panel 59 has been both a pleasure and a challenge that has resulted in the expansion of my spiritual development and well-being. I know that as long as I continue to abide by the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous, I can't go wrong. Bernard Smith, former chairman of the General Service Board, warned about excesses like the assumption of a "proprietary right to serve," about how essential it is to subordinate any of our individual desires to the greater good and to unity, and about the need for selflessness. He spoke of the need for taking action with care and deliberation. As we proceed with the business of A.A. this weekend, please remember that principles, not personalities, guide our actions. It has been a great honor to serve you. In love & service, Linda McD., Alternate Delegate Area 17, Panel 59, [altdelegate@area17aa.org](mailto:altdelegate@area17aa.org)

**Alternate Chair: Colin:** verbatim: Election Assembly, Puna District 12. Aloha everyone, Colin here and I have the privilege of serving as your Alternate Area Chair and I really want to thank all of you for showing up. I want to thank Denise and the Puna district for hosting this weekend, since we last met I have continued to attend the Convention Steering Committee and here the event was a success. You will hear more about that from Patti the Steering Comm. Chair in her report. I have the privilege of serving as Vernon's Co-chair for PRAASA program and we have a big job ahead of us but are excited about the opportunity. Service in general is what keeps us sober, yet there isn't anything quite like General Service! What a wonderful experience the last 2 years have been and I have grown so much as I am sure so have you all. Thank you for allowing me to participate, Colin H.

**Chair: Ken:** verbatim: It's been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Hawaii Area 17 Chair, sending my gratitude to you for your patience and tolerance in this service position, it's been a challenge, a lot of humility and growth to serve in this position yet I couldn't do it without all of you especially all the officers here who helped me and carried me throughout this term, thanks all the area officers, standing committee chairs, DCMs. Recognize the Past Delegates, Vernon G., and Scott C. At this time we will recognize anniversaries as of the August Assembly until today, please line up at the mic.

**Registrar: Sue:** (Miranda reads for Sue) verbatim: Greetings! I regret I cannot be there today, and mahalo to Colin for manning the Registrar's desk, and to the trusted servant who is giving this report in my stead! I am in custody of Hawaiian Airlines as you hear this, and will see you all tonight or tomorrow morning. I wish I could be there today. As some of you may be from Panel 59, and some of you may be newly elected, i.e., from Panel 61, I wanted to mention a few things in my report for new assembly attendees, as well as a refresher for us all.

If this is the last assembly of your term, and the new GSR or DCM will be attending in January, please give us the name of the new GSR or DCM by adding it to the Registrar sign-in sheet. Also be sure to have them complete a Group or District change form, available at the Registrar's desk today, or by download from the website. If you will be continuing as the GSR or DCM, no action is necessary.

Please note that if both the outgoing and incoming GSR and DCM are here today, only one of you can vote, so one of you should sign in the sign-in space on the Registrar's sheet, and that person should take a colored (blue or pink) slip. You decide who votes.

Another issue that has arisen is that not all the groups are listed in the directory. The criteria for listing in the directory is that we have a contact person for the group, a mailing address for that person, they have agreed to be listed in the directory by checking "yes" on the change form, and the meeting has a current meeting time and meeting place. If it's not listed, then one or more of those criteria are not met, and you can check with the registrar to find out what and why.

Finally, I have really enjoyed being Registrar, and it has truly been my pleasure and to my betterment to serve Area 17 this panel. Mahalo and A hui hou! Sue B.

**Delegate's Report: Elizabeth:** verbatim: Aloha all, and welcome to the Election Assembly!

This weekend we will be electing our Panel 61 Area Officers through the spiritual process we have for selecting our incoming leaders known as Third Legacy. This past 2 years has been quite a journey, and I want to thank you all for the spiritual lessons I have been given as the result of trusting God, cleaning house and helping others. It has been a joy serving with such an incredible bunch of AAs as you. As I move into the role as a past delegate, I would hope that you folks will utilize me as a resource in any way needed. The A.A. Service Manual, on page S46 says "*AA has in past delegates a wealth of experience, which is sometimes used and sometimes not. The AA practice of rotation prevents delegates from succeeding themselves or from returning later as delegates, but a role for past delegate is gradually emerging that involves them in area activities and gives the area the benefit of their experience with worldwide AA, but leaves area committees and new delegates free to run their own show.*" As we conduct our business today and elect our leaders tomorrow, let us go forward in the spirit of mutual trust, unity and love for Alcoholics Anonymous. In the August 1957 AAGV, Paul B. then Delegate from Oregon answered the question; How can we become an informed "group conscience"?

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1. By being objective in our thinking.
2. By exercising our rights as AAs and participating in group affairs.
3. By insisting on the principle of rotation of members of our steering committees and delegates in our inter-group, State and National activities.
4. By reading our publications and group directories.
5. By truly, in all our AA activities, placing *principles before personalities*.

**PRAASA 2011:**

As everyone knows by now, Hawaii Area is hosting PRAASA 2011 on the island of Oahu at the Ala Moana Hotel March 4-6, 2011. I invite all of you to attend, and we still need volunteers to be in service during the weekend. Please visit [www.praasa.org](http://www.praasa.org) for more details. Additionally, I would like to remind you that we do have a group discount arrangement with Hawaiian Airlines.

**Current AA News:**

We have been requested to gather suggestions for the Theme, Presentations and Workshop Topics for the 62nd Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference in 2012. I sent out an email in back in August, and so far have received one reply. I will be collecting these until 12/1/2010, and these can be emailed in to me.

Thank you for all who took the time to complete a Grapevine Survey. We collected a over 200 responses, which have been forwarded on to the data compilation team. The results will be forwarded to the AAGV Board, and the Conference Committee on Grapevine. There were a total of 8,021 surveys from 60+ Areas. It is an amazing amount of direct feedback from the fellowship.

Speaking of the AAGV, we have a new Executive Editor/Publisher of the GV: Ami B. As I previously reported, Robin B. would be moving on as soon as a replacement was found.

There is a current opening for a Non Trustee Appointed Member for the Trustees' Committee on Literature. Please reference my email of October 10, 2010 if you or anyone you know would like to submit your resume. The deadline is 12/15/10. I am happy to report that our immediate past Delegate, Vernon has submitted his resume.

There is a small inventory of the 2010 International Convention Souvenir book "Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age" available for \$7.00 from GSO. Additionally, the new Young People's video "Animation" will be available for purchase the first week of December.

Beginning with the January/February 2011 issue, the LaVina will be published with 68 pages perfect binding following the recommendations made at the 60<sup>th</sup> GSC.

Since September 2000, when I attend my very first Area Assembly I have been absolutely in love with General Service. I have grown up in service and sobriety in Assemblies and Area Committee meetings with you all. There is nothing that I won't do for Alcoholics Anonymous. As a direct result of the Steps, Traditions and Concepts I have come from a life of darkness and despair to one of filled with love, light and laughter. I truly thank you.  
Of Love & Service Always, Elizabeth M., Delegate Hawaii Area 17/Panel 59

**Break**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE AFFILIATION BETWEEN THE AREA 17 COMMITTEE AND THE ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION** (Area Officers recuse themselves, Past Delegate Vernon Chairs the discussion) Linda McD. reads the proposal (complete proposal available at [www.area17aa.org](http://www.area17aa.org) or from your DCM, GSR or other trusted servants)  
This proposal is to bring to an end Area's required participation in the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee and to likewise end the required participation by the Steering Committee Chair on the Area 17 Committee. Linda McD. makes the motion, Ermina seconds.

**Discussion: Chadwick:** *clarification, what group made the proposal?* **Linda:** *This proposal was brought forth by the unanimous consensus of the Area Officers.* **David:** *GSR for Upcountry Sunrise, my group is very much in favor of this*

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proposal. **Patty:** the convention should stay in Area, I've worked with the convention for 14 years, this is a State convention, not an Oahu convention. Reads from A.A. Guidelines on conventions: "In some cases, the convention may be the responsibility of the General Service committee from the Area. In others, the Convention Committee may be organized separately. Either method works well if it corresponds to the wishes of the A.A. groups in the Area". **Heidi:** With working on the convention I see how the officers are needed, they protect the traditions, they are also part of the quorum, an impartial vote is needed. If we can Skype the Alt Chair in maybe we should pay for them to come to the convention so their hard work can be rewarded. **GSR for AA By the Bay:** group feels strongly that is desirable and appropriate considering the diversity across the state, I've been instructed to vote no on any proposal that would diminish the opportunity and obligation of Area 17 to influence major decisions regarding the the state convention. **Adina:** This is a State convention, this is an Oahu convention, considering it is held on Oahu, the people that participate are from Oahu, the people that, most participants are from Oahu. We don't have area officers sit on Maui Fest or Big Island Bash, maybe we should consider it. Area spends quite a bit of money on airfare to send officers to Oahu to participate in the steering meetings as well as spend money to the committee chair to go to area meetings. We have never been provided a report from Area Officers from this panel who attend, what they did, what did they talk about, what was the outcome? There is no report from the convention chair as to what contribution the area officers make, do what is there what happens at these meetings, there is no accountability, I would like to see that changed, every other position that we have to pay for people to go to we get a report. **Kevin:** across the country most Areas participate in Area Conventions, we are a small State, no need to change, it has come up about 3 times in 25 years. **Noe:** line by line report on the convention is available. **Billy:** my understanding is this proposal is severing everything, by Area being a part of the convention I feel a part of. **GSR: Happy Joyous and Free:** my group asked me to vote for separation of area and convention, area and the convention should support each other spiritually, but does not want to fund the convention. **Nora:** my district was a little confused, felt uninformed, did not see what the reasoning with bringing this to the table, they have the background but felt they needed more information. **Colin:** first of all, I did not propose this at the Area Officers roundtable, it was brought up by another member. **Bill W.** was a great advocate for loving discussion, the discussion is really important, what is healthy is it is informing area. we have heard that this comes up a number of times. I have had the privilege of sitting on the convention, this isn't about that - not mandatory that area sit on the convention. I have been involved in many conventions, I sat on Maui Fest for 6 years and broke through the ranks to become convention chair. I understand that people think we are there to safeguard the traditions, I personally feel there are plenty of people involved in the convention that have many years of sobriety and experience. **Jim:** reads first sentence Concept 11, then in the S&G, convention guidelines approved in Aug 2004. It is suggested that we review these every 5 years, that would have been in 2009, beginning of this panel, I would like to thank the officers for bringing this opportunity to review at this time however I would hate to see us throw the baby out with the bathwater until we have an opportunity to review these guidelines and make some decisions on how best to go forward. **Miles:** our group feels do not separate will not harm anything, AA is still going to run, area is still going to do their jobs, no big deal. **Donna:** our group split 50/50, asked me to just vote my conscience, the expense of travel vs supporting the traditions, I see no compelling reason that I can see because we can control the expense by finding reduced rate tickets. **Patrick:** my personal opinion, we use a 10th of our budget for airfare, we do not need to babysit or micromanage the convention, I trust they want to carry the message of AA and it's principles and they have the ability to do that, we don't need to make sure they do that, we have trust their process as trusted servants. I think the convention is very expensive, we can better utilize that money to better help the alcoholic who is still suffering from alcoholism. **Paul:** my district did not decide as a body what our opinion was going to be like, my personal opinion, I think more study of this motion needs to take place, I urge we vote no on changes. **Erica:** my group was mixed, no consensus, we wanted more information, I think it is a good thing to consider, I would like to know if there is something that would be good for the convention, in terms of money if we did separate, does that allow them to have money because they are a part of AA structure as it is now, I like the idea of having the convention on different islands, I like the idea of Skyping, if we can take out the money piece we might have a different relationship. **Aike:** what is the purpose ; to share our experience in a broad way. I have been on the committee for 16 years, I know how difficult is to bring it to another island. The Area is responsible, what if they wanted to have a mexican convention, Area would have a vote in that, or a gay convention, Area would have a vote on that, if something happens like that you folks would have a say in that **Elizabeth:** points of information from a personal point of view. In my home group, I put money in that basket, that money goes to Intergroup, GSO, Area, District, PRAASA and GSR fund. We do not split for a convention type of event, I have always paid my own way, every single convention. At the bottom of the convention fliers it explains "Why do we have to pay?" It says the conventions are not supported by group contributions. In our Area, the money I put in the basket supports the convention. **Alejandro:** my group opposes the separation of Area, mostly because we like the unity it creates, what will happen if we separate the convention from Area, will it cripple the convention? What are the consequences of the separation? **Sean:** talking about Oahu representing the State for the Hawaii State convention, why not change the name to Oahu Convention and not Hawaii, here on the Big Island we are part of the state of Hawaii and want to keep it that way. **Lena:** When we talk about the convention, it is very uncomfortable, I've been with the convention for 20 years, I was past Chair in 2001. I want to share an incident that happened in my year, and why I

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*am against this motion. In 2001 we were so into putting on this convention, then it came , a convention that was slammed, we were not taking care of business, not paying our taxes, Area made us aware of this, they came and helped put us back in track, that's why we should stay in area, we do have alot of people with experience, but we lose our way, we are alcoholics. The convention is alot of work, we are thinking of how we are going to make this big, we are not thinking of how we are going to pay our taxes, this is a big party, I am against this motion. **Linda McD.:** addressing Alejandro's questions regarding consequences. It is not the intention of the motion to have any consequences as far as spiritual support or getting word out that there is a convention. The convention is not a part of the General Service structure and we are General Service. **Bill:** at Maui Fest I had to pay to attend, it was confusing when someone told me that Maui Fest was not AA, I could not go to meetings without paying. Meetings should not be something we have to pay for. If you are not registered with Maui Fest, then I could not attend meetings. I was under the impression that this was not the case with the Hawaii State Convention, I could walk in off the street and go to a meeting. So now I have to pay for the convention out of my 7th tradition money and I have to pay for registration?*

**Vernon:** Proceed to vote, reviews the voting process, substantial unanimity is 2/3rds votes counted on votes cast. Linda rereads the motion.

1st vote 83 were registered to vote. 43 in favor, 40 opposed, motion does not pass.

**Minority opinion those in favor of the motion. Tommy:** *People that voted against this is mostly financial reasons, this convention is not backed by GSO, this convention is not part of the service structure, we do not support any outside entity, we are self supporting through our own contributions. **Linda:** It takes hundreds of people to put on this event yet it is not a service event and it is not a part of General Service. **Nora:** having the right of decision, the only argument I heard in favor in keeping it as is meaning against this proposal is that we are guardians for the traditions and we need guardians to tell them when to pay their taxes area and I feel that the responsibility of that body to do that. **Ches:** they charge \$85 for this convention, there are other conventions on other islands, we don't pay for somebody to go over there to help run their conventions, I don't feel it's my responsibility to pay for someone to help run their convention paying from the 7th tradition basket, my main purpose is to help another alcoholic. **Ermina:** I learned from this Panel it is not personal, we have past officers, past delegates that can serve immediately if you ask them, we don't have to be a watch dog for this body, they do a bang up job, I been to the last two. In reconsidering the point 7th tradition pays for committee person to come here and get there, practicing the principles of A.A. **Adina:** There are no area officers at the convention, not as a speaker, not as a host for a specific topic, they do not utilize the body at all at the convention, it is a party, I have no problem with that, but there is no reason for this body to sit on their steering committee for that reason, no free meetings for the suffering alcoholic. A couple of years ago when we heard the convention was not spending money wisely, at a committee meeting I asked for a report from the chair and she almost ripped my head off, and I never got an answer from the chair my district had a concern and wanted answers and information on how they were spending the money. My point is that every other chair here is required to provide a report until my district is satisfied and that does not happen, so I am not against the convention, I am against housing and hosting and paying for 3 people to be in and on that committee. Why don't we do that for other islands, if this is a State convention why isn't it held on other islands regardless of cost?*

Vernon asks for other comments, asks if anyone wants to change their vote. We vote again, Point of order, we will vote to revoke, a motion to reconsider, we will vote again otherwise the motion stands as is. This will be a simple majority. 53 to vote again, 29 opposed. Linda reads motion again.

49 in favor, 36 against, 2/3 majority is 57, motion fails. 85 people voted, first vote was 83. More people voted than are registered. Vernon: *the two people who voted still does not make a difference in this count, the motion still would not pass. The body recounts voting members with a voting ticket for each person, 85 tickets, confirmed. Proposal does not pass.*

Lunch @12:00-1:00

**Web Education:** Anonymity

**DCM, GSR, Standing Committee, Intergroup, Officer Roundtables** Topic for discussion – Princeville group proposal on committee webcast

**Roundtable WrapUp**

**Scott's Roundtable: GSRs: Donna:** Clarified for Area Committee Meetings only - no voting issues - possible confusion if many people on PCs - why not use teleconference instead - concerns about hacking, hearing everyone - need a trial then evaluate.

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**Standing Committee Roundtable: Ermina:** Concerns about logistics. 1.) Agree we should try it for the option committee meeting. 2.) Great for committee for Inform the Delegate 3.) Proposal need to be refined, more certification.

**Intergroup Roundtable: Kawika:** *Advantages;* savings to outer island commute, saves money to at Area, districts. Having more people attending video vs in person, maintaining unity, saves time, have the option to do video conferencing. Webmaster form a subcommittee to investigate and research video conferencing. More input from other area using video conferencing.

*Disadvantages;* Cost of air flight \$1200 + for each attendee two year term. How much money would be saved? Anonymity, face to face contact lack of. Be careful that we not be taken backwards. In favor of augmenting interaction: video conferencing only be considered with committee meetings and not Area Assemblies. Nine districts from Oahu monopoly by weight on one island. Not having a roundtable discussion on this matter we would have not gotten these ideas.

**DCM Roundtable: Heidi:**

- There was a concern regarding ownership of equipment and what happens if it breaks
- Great, all we need is a web cam and wi-fi
- What happens during the roundtables
- A member has experienced Skype for meetings and sometimes calls are dropped. How would it work in a remote location? What about anonymity and security on the Internet?
- Could we try it for the 4<sup>th</sup> committee meeting?
- We lose the one on one and spiritual aspect of the meeting.
- Another member with personal experience said it worked in a remote location and there was no technology issues.
- If we say yes, go do it now, it might get done on the next panel.
- This proposal was brought forth by a group and failed at the district level.
- This will most likely be done but let's let the new panel decide for themselves.
- On the computer, do we lose the feeling of being in the group?
- Skype might be a good backup or substitute if someone cannot make the meeting but face to face is always the best choice.

**Vernon's Roundtable: GSRs Michele:** 1.) What about anonymity? How do you protect the anonymity of those on the video? 2.) Will signal strength hold up? What about technical capabilities? 3.) Will a requirement for area service then be that member owns and knows how to operate a computer? That members have internet capabilities?

**Area Officers Roundtable: Coleen:** Have a trial connection (not a committee meeting) to see what it would be like to connect, just try it out.

Break

**DCM Reports**

**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. Today in attendance from our district, we have Karen (our treasurer), Erik (GSR FNYP), Bill (GSR Happy Hr), and Maria (GSR KMS).

I am proud to announce that we had our elections on October 19th. Our Panel 61 representatives are: Karen N (DCM), Erik T (alt DCM), Maria (CEC Chair), Stephanie S (CPC Chair), Kevin (Corrections Chair), and Keith K (PI Chair). Two women who have just moved to Maui have expressed interest in being our secretary (Jackie S) and treasurer (Kate W) and they will hopefully be officially voted in at our December meeting.

As a district, we have been discussing the various Area proposals, we passed our 2011 budget, and have been preparing for the end of the panel. The main topic of discussion has been our proposal to translate some literature into Tongan. This is a proposal that was brought on by a man who attended our Happy Hour meeting with a Tongan translator and requested some literature. I have been in touch with the NY GSO office and the Australian GSO and we are currently waiting for our Area's approval to keep moving forward.

It is hard for me to fathom that this is our last Panel 59 Assembly. I have immensely enjoyed this panel and presume that I will experience a great sadness when I realize that I am no longer a part of Area 17 Service. As I am not sure how much

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longer I will be in Hawaii, I am not standing for a position in this election. I want to thank each and every one of you for the wonderful gifts you have brought into my life. I will never forget my experience as DCM of District 11 in Area 17. Mahalo for allowing me to serve. Nora P. DCM 11, Area 17

**District #5 No Ka Oi: Cliff:** verbatim: Thank you Puna District for hosting this Assembly. We have filled two District positions. Our new DCM is Ed J. who is our panel 59 Alt DCM and Noel S. as the new alt DCM who currently serves as the GSR for The Upcountry Sunrise Group. There are also a few people interested in District Committee Chair positions for Panel 61. It looks like No Ka Oi District will be getting off to a good start next year. I was asked by the Tri-Isle District 13 to let this body know they are and will be active for Panel 61. Matt is their DCM and he will be attending the Orientation Assembly in January.

This has been a very tough year for me personally but without the opportunity to serve Hawaii Area 17 as No Ka Oi District's DCM it would have been tougher. Thank you all for your love and support. I have grown so much these past two years. I have made great friends. Now I can say it has been a pleasure serving and helping to carry our message. You all will be missed but not forgotten. See you at PRAASA 2011. In Love and Service, Clifford S.

**District #17 Waianae: Clyde:** (Heidi read report for Clyde who is not present): verbatim: Aloha, I'm an alcoholic and my name is Clyde. I currently serve as the DCM for District 17 in the greater Waianae area. I want to thank my God, the area, the district, and my home group for the opportunity to be of service on Panel 59. There has been a rumor that our district 17 was going dark. That is not the case. On November 3rd we held our district elections and am proud to report that all the service positions have been filled. We also debated the proposal to sever the connection between the Area and the Hawaii State Convention. Our district is in opposition to this proposal we want to see the relationship to continue as is. Congratulations to Barton from Makakilo Hill Climbers group for standing for the DCM position.

I would like to thank Heidi and Laurie for filling in for me these last few events. Mahalo. I will continue to make myself available to the district in a supporting role as the past DCM. My service to AA will be carried out at my home group where I can be more supportive to the needs of the group in this way. I thank God and AA for my sobriety. Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 17 and district 17 these past two years. A hui hou (until we meet again). In love and service, Clyde

**District #1 Diamond Head: Adina:** verbatim: It has been a pleasure serving the Diamond Head District for the past two years. I could not have done this without the continued support of the GSR's and District Officers. It truly was a group effort. Thank you so very much for your support. Adina M., Diamond Head District DCM #1  
Below are the names of the meetings in the Diamond Head District.

1. A Spiritual Awakening a Literature/Discussion Format which meets daily at 6:30 am is thriving. They have been asked to relocate for a few months while their site is remolded they are located at Wesley United Methodist Church in Kahala. Also host a potluck and speaker meeting at Kahala Beach Park on the last Saturday of each month January-October. Has supported the district with contributions, service and had an active GSR the entire panel.
2. Aina Haina Women's, Discussion which meets on Friday mornings from 10:30 -11:30 am at Holy Nativity Church (behind Chuck E. Cheese in Aina Haina Shopping Ctr) in Aina Haina. Has supported the district w/contributions.
3. Discovery Group, Big Book Study which meets Mondays from 7:30-9:00 pm at Calvary by the Sea Church in Aina Haina.
4. Garage Meeting, Daily Reflections/Discussion meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 at Weinberg Hale in Moiliili. Has supported the district with contributions, and received updates via email.
5. H.O.W. Big Book, Big Book Study which meets on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 at Unity Church up Montserrat from Honolulu Zoo in Waikiki.
6. Koko Head Group, Big Book/Speaker Discussion which meets on Saturday evenings at 7:30 at Kilohana United Methodist Church in Niu Valley.
7. Kokua Group, Step Study which meets on Wednesdays from 7:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church (makai side of gym) in Niu Valley.
8. Lingle Awhile, Speaker which meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 at St. Mary's Church in (just east of McCully) in Punahou. Has supported the district with contributions, and received updates via email.

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9. Living Sober, Discussion which meets on Saturday evenings at Holy Nativity Church (behind Chuck E. Cheese in Aina Haina Shopping Center) in Aina Hina. Has supported the district with contributions. Makahiki Lanai, Discussion which meets on Thursday evenings from 8:00 pm at Waikeola Church, on the lanai in Kahala.
10. Palolo Discussion, Speaker/Discussion which meets on Friday evenings from 8:00 to 9:15 pm at Liholiho Elementary School in Kaimuki. Has supported the district with contributions, service and had an active GSR the entire panel.
11. Pioneer Group, Speaker/Discussion meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm at Central Union Church, (in Choir room, two buildings Diamond Head of the Main Sanctuary) in Punahou. Has supported the district with contributions, service and had an active GSR the entire panel.
12. New Beginnings Women's Meeting, which meets on Tuesday evening from 7:00 at Holy Trinity Church, second floor in Niu Valley. Reach for the Stars, Speaker/Discussion which meets on Mondays from 8:00-9:00 at Kilohana United Methodist Church in Niu Valley.
13. Serenity Group, Discussion which meets on Fridays at 8:00 pm at Wesley United Methodist Church in Kahala.
14. Sick and Twisted, Young People's Meeting which meets Monday evenings from 6:30 pm at Unity Church up Montserrat from Honolulu Zoo in Waikiki. Has supported the district with contributions, service and had an active GSR the entire panel.
15. Spiritual Beginnings, Discussion which meets on Wednesday's from 7:30 pm at Wesley United Methodist Church in Kahala.
16. Spirit of Freedom, Speaker / Discussion which meets Sunday evenings from 7:30 pm at the 7th Day Adventist Church in Manoa. Has supported the district with contributions, service and had an active GSR the entire panel.
17. Step Sisters, Women's Steps and Traditions which meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 pm at Unity Church in Waikiki. Also has a dinner on the last Tuesday of the month to celebrate birthdays. Has supported the district with contributions, service and had an active GSR the entire panel.
18. Sunday by the Sea, Topic / Discussion which meets at Calvary by the Sea Church in Kahala at 5:00 pm.
19. Sunday Morning Sobriety, Topic/Discussion which meets at 10:00 am at the Moiliili Community Center (behind Down to Earth) in Moiliili. Has supported the district with contributions, service and had an active GSR the entire panel.
20. Trudger's Group, Speaker/Discussion which meets on Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm at Kilohana United Methodist Church in Niu Valley.
21. Uppity Women, Women's Stag which meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:45 to 7:00 pm at the Church of the Crossroads, Ross-Davis Room in Moiliili. Has cake the last Tuesday of the Month and a social dinner on the First Tuesday of each month. Has supported the district with contributions, service and had an active GSR the entire panel.
22. We Care Group, Speaker/Discussion which meets on Friday evenings at 8:00 pm at Calvary By The Sea Church Aina Haina.

Adina M., Diamond Head District DCM #1

**District # 9 Central North Shore: Sheri:** verbatim: Thanks to District 12 for hosting this elections assembly. We had our district election meeting on October 21, 2010. We had thirteen members show up, which is really large for our district. The new officers are as follows: DCM: Eric L, Alt DCM: Brian, Secretary: Colette. No one stood for treasurer, so we will continue making the announcement and our current treasurer agreed to serve until someone else steps up to the position. November 18th was the our last district meeting and we discussed all three proposals for consideration at this Assembly. On October 10th, we had our service workshop. Attendance was sparse, but it was still a wonderful workshop. Thanks to the standing committees and area officers who participated! Since my last report, our "Meet and Greet" went to the following location: 11-13-2010-Living Sober.



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This was a wonderful new meeting in Haleiwa, which is Saturday Morning at 6:30 AM. They even serve pancakes! We plan on attending Imua Waimea in December. As my term as DCM winds down, I wish to express my gratitude to all who have helped me grow as a member of AA during this panel, including the GSRs of my district, my alternate DCM, Elise, my fellow DCMs, the Standing Committee chairs, our Area Officers, our past delegates, and my beloved service sponsor. All have inspired me by showing their dedication and responsibility to service. Thank you! In Service, Sheri B

**District #12 Puna: Denise:** verbatim: Aloha my name is Denise I am an alcoholic my homegroup is Rule 62. Our last district meeting was held and we elected a new DCM, Ken C and alternate Freddy. We do not have a recording secretary thus far but will get that position filled soon. I would like to acknowledge our GSRs Linda-Bounce Back, Christine-Jungle Bunch, Aricka-Nooney Tunes, Tim-4th Dimension, Corrine-Rule 62, Ken-Monday Night Promises. The past two years has been a time of growth in my character both personal and in my public service. My service has been a privilege and honor it is with deep humility that I express my gratitude to this program called Alcoholics Anonymous. Love and Service, Denise DCM 12 Puna District

**District #2 Honolulu: Chris:** verbatim: Aloha all, I am Chris and I am an alcoholic, and the black Experience is my home group. The Honolulu district held their elections on November 1, 2010. There was no turn out at all for any of the positions for the next panel. We voted to try again at our December district meeting. If no one stands I will serve as the DCM for the next panel.

Six of our nine active groups attended the meeting. Today we have 3 of our GSR s attending, Moki from the Black Experience, Randy from Beratania Discussion, and Jaquie from The Downtown Lunch Group.

The Honolulu district will be hosting the New Year s Alkathon, more to be announced as the time get s closer.

The Honolulu district will be hosting the January Orientation assembly, which will be happening on January 15 and 16, 2011. It will be held at the Holy Trinity Church in Aina Haina. Fliers will be available this weekend. If anyone needs any information feel free to contact me. Thank you for letting me serve. In Love and Service, Chris N. DCM2. Honolulu District

**District #10 Waikiki: Patrick:** verbatim: Aloha my A.A. family! First I want to start of by saying a big thank you for letting me serve you for the last two years as DCM. My heart and life has been changed in countless way through this experience. Thank you for showing me that AA is bigger than my immediate surroundings. Thank you for teaching me that I am apart of the hand of A.A and inspiring me to reach this hand out to anyone anywhere that may be suffering from alcoholism. Thank you for teaching me how to have a little more humility in my life. Thank you for showing me how to be objective. Thank you for showing me love, patience and tolerance. Thank you for teaching me how to be a leader without being a total egotistical ass. Thank you for showing me how to be responsible and to show up even when I don't want to. Thank you for loving me and letting me love you back. But most importantly, thank you for the 10 pounds I gained because of all of the assembly food I have eaten.

The district is doing just fine as it has been through out my tenure. I am convinced that over the next two years the Waikiki district will continue to be in good hands. We had our elections last month and we magically filled all of our key positions. Here is the list of the new trusted servants: Alan Y. (DCM), Jerry from 12 coconuts (alt DCM), Kevin D. (Treasurer), Barbara G. (Secretary). The Waikiki district will also be hosting the Thanksgiving Alcothon at Unity Church from 6pm thanksgiving eve to 5pm thanksgiving night. The chair for that is Laurie and her number is (Sec. note: Ph. # deleted for purpose of anonymity, contact Patrick for number). December 4th Saturday night live will be having their annual potluck at Liho Liho elementary. I do not have all of the details so someone track down their GSR (JD) and get the details from him.

That is all the news that I have for you today. Again I just want to thank you all and to let you know that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. Aloha Patrick A.

**District #8 West Hawaii: Paul:** verbatim: I want to apologize to the West Hawaii District 8 and Panel 61 Officers of the West Hawaii Intergroup. I attempted to force my will on your election. I now know that a loving God through Group Conscience will prevail in the revision of the Intergroup's By-Laws to include the Spirit of Rotation. I am willing to participate in this process.

I attended the Area Committee Meeting on Oahu, Hosted by District. We discussed the up and coming Area Panel 61 Election Assembly to be held in Puna on our Island, Saturday-Sunday, November 20-21st. Please review the the Area Assembly Agenda before coming. The items on the Agenda are : Approval of the Communications with the Elderly Workbook; Vote on a proposal to separate Area and Convention; and Election of Panel 61 Officers. Our District 8 Intergroup will hold the election for Panel 61 Officers on Thursday, November 18th , 5:30PM, at the Intergroup Office. Please plan to attend this meeting.

It is with a heavy heart that I bring to your attention, my belief, that Intergroup may be holding an election that goes against the Third Legacy and the "Spirit of Rotation. I encourage all member of District 8 to attend this election. I am emotionally

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involved in this election. I do know that group conscience always prevails. Yes, I may be wrong and promptly make my amends.

Our Unity Day, held Saturday, October 16th was a huge success. Thank you Marshall for arranging the use of the park, Rhia and Cathy for being the Co- Chairs, Kevin for cooking, and all who participated. We had 75 plus in attendance. Alanon participated with an introduction of their Organization. The new Panel of Officers for the District were introduced: Tommy G DCM, Carrie R Alternate DCM, Tami G Secretary, and Steve J Treasurer. Mahalo for standing! November is Gratitude Month in AA. The 49th Convention was a success too! I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and invite you to my home groups Thanksgiving Luau. It will be held at Kahaluu Beach Park Pavilion, Kailua-Kona, from noon until PAU, Thursday 25th. It is a potluck and after the luau a meeting will be held before the silent auction. I have the Handbook ready to present to the District for approval. This book holds information for GSRs to easily reference AA GSO, Area, PRAASA, and District. It will be presented at the December meeting. God is good, just a reminder..On Monday, October 4th, KKAA re-opened their meetings at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Lako Street, Kailua-Kona. It will meet at 7:00PM M-T-Th-F, and 6:30PM Saturday Evenings. Aloha, Paul K. [dcm8@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm8@area17aa.org)

**District #6 Kauai: Jim:** verbatim: I'm Jim and I'm an alcoholic. First of all, thank you Denise and everyone here in Puna for your hospitality. It has been my privilege to serve as DCM for the Garden Island of Kauai for Panel 59 and I want to again thank all of you for making this experience such a tremendously spiritual process. On Kauai there has been growth as well. Twenty-one groups were represented at the election of the District officers for Panel 61 and it was reported to me that 18 votes were cast in the Intergroup election. Clearly we are experiencing a growing interest in service to the fellowship on our island. We are also embarking on some very interesting projects on Kauai, planning a meeting with hospital social workers and the development of a team available to transport those in need from the emergency room at Wilcox Hospital to Mahelona for detox. Our Garden Island Sobriety continues to be published monthly and is distributed widely via the Internet as well as through groups and friends on the island. Several new meetings have cropped up and are enjoying significant participation. We are especially pleased to see a new group at Salt Pond on our Western shore and a new meeting in a Lihue housing project both flourishing.

There was a strong showing from the Unconquered Isle at the State Convention, too, with members whose sobriety ranged from a few months to almost twenty years. (And a few of them danced!) While we are here in Puna, the monthly AA bowlers are knocking down pins at Lihue Lanes and Monday night we will be following our DCM-elect on a Moonlight Hike above Wailua Homesteads. I am really proud of our fellowship in action and am looking forward to helping host this coming April's Inform the Delegate Assembly. Again, thank each and every one of you for contributing to my life.

**District #7 East Hawaii: Sean:** (not present): **Francis:** verbatim: I am a real alcoholic my name is Francis. Friday Night Special is my home group. I am representing the East Hawaii District #7. Sean has another commitment. We (Chadwick, David, Sean, Bernie, Francis, Alfred, Cookie and Mark) had our meeting on Tuesday November 16th at the Wailoa State Park. Elections were held. DCM open, Alt DCM Bernie, Treasurer open, Secretary open. Committee Chairs Corrections Francis. Francis for Sean.

**District #3 Leeward: DeLori:** verbatim: My name is DeLori and I'm an alcoholic. Serving as DCM 3 Leeward Oahu. Mahalo to the Puna District for hosting the assembly. It's been a rollercoaster of a ride serving as DCM, we have shared many struggles this past year and fulfilling my commitment of service has brought out the best and the worse in me. Still we continue to trudge and look for better ways to serve the Leeward District. We held elections last month, and I'm proud to past the commitment to Diane L. Incoming DCM for the Leeward District.

The end of my term is bitter sweet, as this level of service has taught me many levels of surrender, commitment and honesty. I am blessed to serve at the area level, thank you panel 59 for inspiring me to stick it out and continue to depend on Power Greater than Myself. In Gratitude and Service: DeLori M., DCM3 Leeward Oahu

**District #4 Windward: Curtis:** verbatim: verbatim: Aloha Area 17 officers and members, Hopefully this report will get to you in timely manner. I am unable to attend today's meeting, but plan on being there for tomorrow's meeting. My family had a loss this week and has had an emotional effect on us all. To begin with our district held elections in October meeting and we elected new DCM (Suzanne Z.), new ADCM(Linda R.), new Sectary(Eric V.) and new Treasurer (Jerry D.) We had quite the turnout for elections of about 20 people. Our new officers are ready to go at the next assembly in January 2011. We also had some new in coming GSR's attending the meeting. Our annual holiday walkathons are on track and again we will be hosting at the Waimanalo Health Center. Isaac H. will be the chair for both events. Looking forward to another successful year with this event. All of our time slots are filled and we will be sending the webmaster a copy of flyer to be posted on website. Other than that, we haven't much to report on. Our contributions appear to be down a bit, but we are still able to maintain our prudent reserve We anticipate to be able to send representation to assemblies and upcoming PRAASA for both years.

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We will also plan on hosting the Budget Assembly in August 2011. We are already in the process of procuring a site. On a personal note, I would like to thank my ADCM (Suzanne Z.) for watching my back these last two years. I know she will do a great job this next term. I would also like to thank the other officers of Windward District, for the support and kokua they have shown for myself and the distinct fellowship of AA. Most of all, I would like to thank the Area Officers and members for allowing to hang out with you these last two years. You got me back in the fold of area service, no matter how short I might have fallen, or what might have been accomplished. Case in point, just trying to understand how to participate via internet. Folks, this has really scared the bejesus out of me. As with so many other things in life, you have helped deal with my insecurities and fears thru the venue of service. For that I am truly grateful and abundantly blessed with you in my life. Mahalo and aloha, and I wish for you all, a joyous and wonderful holiday season. Yours in service, Curtis H.

**Standing Committee Reports**

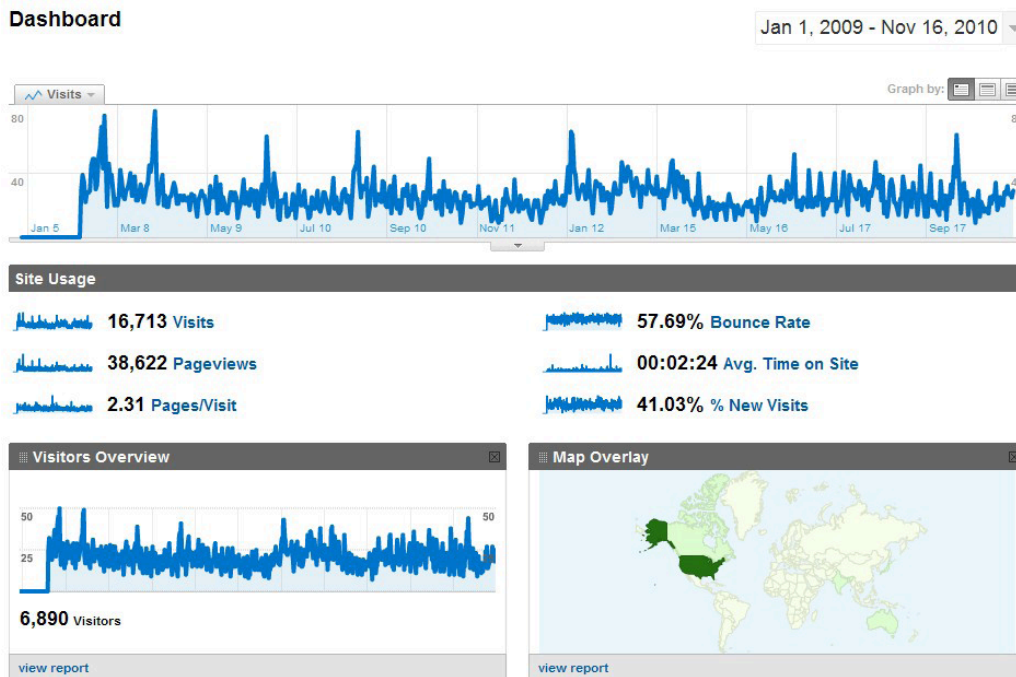
**Archives: Shoshana:** verbatim: Aloha kakou, Mahalo to Denise and the Puna District 12 for hosting this assembly. This is an exciting time as we prepare for the next Panel and look forward to hosting PRAASA 2011. It always amazes me how quickly the 2 years go by and how much personal growth occurs.

As a member of the standing committee chairs, we became a team of thesbians which may be our finest group contribution to Area 17 this year. We you enjoyed our final performance. No matter what position I have served the past 6 years in Area 11 service, I have especially enjoyed and treasured the relationships that have developed ... because I was willing: willing to suit up and show up; do my best (not necessarily perfect); be honest; keep an open mind and heart; not be afraid to be wrong; to do the next right indicated thing; be a friend.

The Archives standing committee has been working on our developing the web page, assisting the new Archivist, and supporting home groups and Districts to obtain group histories and prepare District and Archives Tri-fold boards to display at assemblies and community events. Mahalo to Tim, Puna District Archives chair, who brought his display board. Mahalo to Maria from Maui and Paul, DCM 8, who also have archives display boards. Now we have a "what an archivist wants" board on every island so the next Panel's Archives Chair will have one available for each Assembly. Please continue to gather your group histories and submit them to Heidi G, non-rotating Archivist.

I also want to give a special thanks to my service sponsor, Mathea A, who has served with me this year as District 6 Archives Chair and helped to create Kauai's display boards. She has supported me in service and I couldn't not have done it without her. Mahalo nui loa Mathea! I hope to see you all at the Archives Display at PRAASA 2011. Mahalo for allowing me to be of service. Shoshanah B.

**Website: Bob:** verbatim:



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In the past two years we have had almost 17,000 visits to our website from almost 7,000 unique visitors averaging over 2 pages per visit.

*Report*

Since our last Assembly our committee goal of working to educate the Hawaii Fellowship about our website, the work of the committee, and General Service has been furthered through continued participation in the Standing Committee Service Skit. In addition I was asked by the District 8 (West Hawaii) to facilitate a workshop on AA Websites.

This was held on October 23, 2010 in Kona and was, in my opinion, a great success. We were joined electronically by our delegate Elizabeth M. who gave the opening remarks and then had a lively discussion on AA websites, website policy, and anonymity in the digital age, and more.

*Summary*

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as the chair of the Website Standing Committee during Panel 59. I would like to thank the entire body for giving me this opportunity. I would also like to extend my special thanks to the members of the committee who worked so hard to further our mission of serving the Hawaii Fellowship and carrying the message of hope. My work will continue through the end of the year in transitioning website management to the Panel 61 Webmaster Chair whom I trust will find this job as just rewarding. Thank you for my life. [Bob H – 11/17/2010]

**Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC): Juddee:** verbatim:Mahalo to the Puna District for hosting our Election Assembly this weekend.

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 only one panel per month. I met with the new Driver Education Assistants, Jacki and Kimberly on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We had a great meeting and we were able to clarify the structure and purpose of AA panels for the DUI program.

As a result of our meeting I developed a set of guidelines for AA's who participate in panel presentations. I assisted them in coordinating a pilot DUI class for Young Offenders, 15-21 years old, on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Mahalo to Shayla, Jackie and Bryon for their participation in the panel, also a big mahalo to Erik T. who really worked with me to create a panel that was diverse in both length of sobriety and age. This class was specifically designed for younger offenders convicted of DUI, Drunk in Public or Open Container. The feedback from both instructors was great. They mentioned that before the AA panel, the class participants were very quiet and after the panel they continued to talk story and share personal experiences. We all agreed the class was a success and look forward to having a second class in the near future. They were also very interested in setting up a meeting with the current judges, probation officers and other court staff. Jacki managed to set up a bench bar "Brown Bag" presentation that has been set up for December 15<sup>th</sup> @ noon with Probation Officers, County Clerks and the Assessment Team. A meeting with the judges is in the planning stages as well and will hopefully take place before the end of this panel, if not, I will make myself available to be part of the meeting whenever it is scheduled.

Also in September I attended the DUI class as a guest and was asked to be a panel member. It was a great experience and was happy to be a participant in carrying the message. My meeting with Matt after the class was cancelled due to him having surgery. My hope is to reschedule a meeting with him ASAP before the end of this Panel.

Our outreach project to businesses with contracts that require "In Service Trainings" for their staff has had a bit more action in the last week or so. At this point in time, this will be a project where the groundwork has been done during this Panel and the actual project may take off with the next Panel if there is an interest to continue moving forward.

Diane from the Leeward District has developed sample CPC packets for presentations. We have the materials on CD for use in the future. Mahalo Diane for all your work on this project.

Mahalo nui loa, for the gifts and challenges of serving Area 17 Panel 59 as your CPC chair. Our work of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers continues as we move forward with Panel 61! Many blessings to each of you as you guide the way from darkness into the sunlight of the spirit. With the Spirit of Gratitude & Service, Juddee K.

**Treatment: Erin:** verbatim: My name is Erin and I am an alcoholic, I serve as the Hawaii area treatment chair. It was almost 2 years ago that I stood here at the first assembly telling you that I did not know what I was doing, I had never been to treatment and that this was not the position for me and I wanted to run the other way. Today of course because it's time to rotate I finally know what it is that I should be doing. I have grown a lot as I worked with other people, treatment centers and learned more about the traditions and myself over the last two years. I would like to thank everyone that helped with treatment work and the area office for allowing me this opportunity. I would also like to thank the other standing committee chair it has been a privilege to serve with all of you as we had fun putting on workshops let members know what it is we do.

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If anyone is interested in Treatment work please feel free to talk with me over this weekend. On a personal note, it was a long hard decision, but as I continue on this journey of life and sobriety I will be graduating from college but moving on to an intensive nursing program. And as I still try to balance the family, meetings, and service. As I left for this weekend my daughter told me that she needs me and I should not do anymore travel weekend. So the finally decision is that I am sad to say I will not be standing for any positions at the area level for panel 61. I will still be around in service with PRAASA and I will be back in the future. I wish all of you well in whatever you do. I would like to thank each and every one of you for being a part of my sobriety. In love and service, Erin R. Hawaii Area Treatment Chair

**Grapevine: Hugh:** verbatim: Thank you to Puna District 12 for putting together the Elections Assembly. WE continue to get the message out about the AA's meeting in print, the Grapevine at meetings and AA events I attend, and isn't the willingness to grow the essence of a spiritual awakening? In the annual issue of classic Grapevine stories, we celebrate spiritual growth with selections from the new book, "Spiritual Awakenings II." Speaking of new books from the Grapevine, you can order Spiritual Awakenings II off the Grapevine website, or come and see me this weekend, I have two copies available for sell, also I have 2011 Grapevine Pocket Planners, The best of Bill, AA Around the world, various CD's and more books are available for sell at the assembly.

October's issue of the Grapevine had several articles on protecting our anonymity. When using social networking websites how do you maintain your anonymity. AAGRAPEVINE.ORG website received a total of 1543 responses here are the results: 934 voted for I do not mention AA at all online. (60.53%)

176 voted for I might discuss AA or sobriety, but I never reveal I am a member. (11.41%)

88 voted for I use separate accounts so that I can maintain anonymity while talking about AA. (5.7%)

345 voted for I do not care if I break my anonymity (22.36%)

Thank you to all in service this past two years, I initially put my name in the hat for the Grapevine Committee Chair to learn more about the Grapevine, I have had a subscription to the Grapevine Magazine for over 12 years, and really did not know too much about the magazine... In the past two years I had to be uncomfortable to get comfortable. There is more to the Grapevine than just a meeting in print...the Grapevine saved my sobriety in times when I could not get to a meeting or taking it on a 12 step call.... Or having a meeting, one of many high points in the past two years was a phone call I received while working in Japan of all places. I was away from Hawaii for a month for the job. The phone call came from the Editor of the Grapevine in New York requesting to know if I was going to attend the HICYPAA in Kauai. To be honest my plan was not to go, however YES came out of my mouth. Janet sent me GRAPEVINE materials from New York, in which I was honored to take with me to Kauai..... Best was yet to come, my HP say it fit that Friday night I would be rocketed into the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension all by simply suiting up and showing up, I was able to share my experience strength and hope with others that evening, and that WALL I had put up came crashing down that night.

Thank you to all the Committee Chairs, Area Officers, DCMs and GSR's and the fellowship of A.A. For helping me stay sober one day at a time. I look forward to where ever the path leads us. Thank you, Hugh F.

**Non-rotating Archivist: Heidi:** verbatim: Aloha Everyone, I'm Heidi, an alcoholic, and the Point is my homegroup. I serve as your Non-rotating Area Archivist. Thank you to Denise and the Puna District for hosting this assembly.

Since we last met, I have not had a lot of time to work on archives as this is my busy time of year for my work with the convention. We are however continuing to make progress in sorting out the archives storage area in order to begin this task of sorting our archives. Thanks to my husband Greg, Fred S. and John H. for their hard work on a Sunday a few months ago to build a loft inside our storage area. This permitted us to move some things up there that we will use less frequently and are more or less just storing and free up some room to work.

Last assembly I met with the DCM's at the request of the chair and asked them what they wanted to see from archives. Some of the suggestions were:

- AA histories and Ted K.'s Power Point Presentation on the web (they are there in the Archives section)
- A "Top 10 List" of neat things we have in our archives
- A can for donations at meetings or assemblies for archives
- A "wish list" of equipment we would like to have such as computer, monitor, printer etc. in case members wished to donate them.

Since then I did have a member on Oahu ask if I could use a brand new printer that he didn't need that came free with a new computer. We now have a new printer and some older things I have donated. I am always looking for people who have a passion for archives to sit down and talk story with. I was blessed to meet Dianne B., from Maui at the convention who is doing some great things over there. I am looking forward to the elections and am hoping to be able to work with the new Archives Chair to put on an awesome display for the upcoming PRAASA in March. Next year is also the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Convention and the chair, Tayshea (aka "T") is looking to incorporate some of the last 50 years of AA in Hawaii into the

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convention so we will do what we can to assist her with that. I think my big ah-ha moment this year was realizing that the work of an archivist is never “done” but always a work in progress. There will always be new things happening, new things to sort and new history to preserve in the making. I am grateful to be a small part of this great whole. In love and service, Heidi G.

**Corrections:** Lena: verbatim: Mahalo to Puna District for hosting and to Ben and Lehua for having me in their home. Kauai is reorganizing and will have a report at a later date. Hawaii Island has a meeting for women on Tuesdays and Thursday 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm, no report from Maui. Oahu needs more help in-going into the meeting. Call Lena if you are interested. (Sec. note; for anonymity purposes the phone number will be noted in email when minutes are distributed, DCMs - be sure to pass that number on to your GSRs)

**Convention: Patty:** verbatim: Aloha All, Thank you Puna District for hosting this last Assembly of the year. What a difference it made having our State Convention back at a Hotel. It truly was a success with a lot of positive comments from many of the guests.

We budgeted for 900 guests, but our end count was 1154; some of the guests said that when they heard it was going to be at the hotel they decided to come. All of the bills were paid without having to use the credit on file. We sold more than the amount of rooms 570 needed to make our quota, however we weren't able to use those that paid the Kamaaina rate toward our free room nights. With that in account, we ended up selling 433 room nights and received 8 comp units. This kept us under budget for the hotel rooms by \$1336.55.

Our Food & Beverage minimum cost was lowered from \$40,000 to \$37,500, however we sold a little over \$50,000 in meals. The Treasurer is still working on completing her report for this year and the final 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention report will be given next year.

We had our wrap up meeting this past Wednesday evening with pizza, soda, and cookies. Many of the committee members showed up to give their reports. Many were grateful to have serviced the convention. Hilton Hawaiian Village welcomes us back next year. We will be hosting the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in the Tapa Tower and have requested that all our guest who registers at the hotel stay in that Tower. The rates will be the same, \$165 per night and \$8 for self-parking; no in/out passes. Parking overnight will be \$10 if you are a registered guest; 1 parking per room.

I want to introduce our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Convention Chair; Tayshea A. who likes to be called ‘T’. If anyone would like to be in service at the convention; please seek her or any of the steering committee members out this weekend.

I would like to thank the Steering Committee for another year of work well done I believe we have communicated with each other more this year via emailing or phone contacts. This is my last Area Assembly as the Steering Committee Chair and I thank you Hawaii for allowing me to be in service. Patti L.

**Mynah Bird: Cheryl:** verbatim: Aloha all. I'm honored to be serving as your Mynah bird chair. The new issue is available here and on the website. Mahalo to everyone who sent in contributions. We had lots of people participating this time. There will be one more issue this year - a digital issue - and the deadline is December 12. So, you have one last chance to write that article you've been meaning to write for the Mynah Bird. Or to send in your year-end report, schedule of alkathons, etc.

The year-end report for the Mynah Bird is on the back table and also in the Mynah Bird. Thank you all for your support throughout this panel. It has been a spiritual experience that I will never forget.

Cheryl N., Mynah Bird Chair, Area 17, Panel 59

**C.E.C.: Ermina:** report not submitted

**Hospitals: Aike:** report not submitted

**PI (Public Information):** Position not filled:

### **Intergroup Reports**

**Kauai: Mathea:** verbatim: The Island of Kauai has 60 meetings each week. Our first AA meeting in the island was in 1960. The Kauai Intergroup meets the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 am at the Lihue Neighborhood Center. We do not have a physical Intergroup office. Our attendance at Intergroup has been around 20 for each meeting. Kauai Intergroup covers the entire island as does District 6. The Intergroup publishes the meeting schedules, is responsible for our 24/7 virtual phone answering service, supports our Garden Island Sobriety monthly newsletter and hosts the yearly AA Thanksgiving celebration.

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Our Intergroup also supports or partially supports other AA events on a case by case evaluation. Our treasury level is \$500 to \$1000. All is well in Kauai. Love and service, Mathea A.

**East Hawaii: Chris:** verbatim: By-Laws were posted in September. Central Office is open 7 days a week with more mornings and 2 afternoons so that is good. Tele-service is going strong - there is still gaps but again we are a work in progress. Elections will be held next month and your newly incoming Chair will hopefully be at the next Orientation Assembly. Thanks for letting me of service and to spiritually teach me about commitment to service growing as well as have a working knowledge of the traditions and concepts and I hope to meet you again as we trudge the road of happy destiny. In love and service, Chris

**West Hawaii: Bob:** verbatim: Aloha my name is Bob and I too am a alcoholic, Strictly Solutions is my home group, it is a mens meeting we meet on Tuesday night @5 pm, if you are ever in Kona please come and visit us!

It is both a pleasure and honor to be here. I am the current West Hawaii Inter Group Chair. I would like to thank the Puna district #12 for hosting this event. It's been a busy time for West Hawaii. We have just completed our Intergroup elections with all but two service positions filled (activities chair and teleservice) Those positions will soon have appointments. The election process presented challenges and also learning opportunities for all involved. There were agreements and disagreements but we were able to move forward through them.

Rachel P. is our office manager and is simply amazing. She is getting the office up to speed and runs a tight ship. It is a pleasure to have her. The office is open Monday through Friday 10-6 and is staffed with volunteers. The office fully stocked with books and literature, and meeting schedules are always available.

My steering committee is here with me today and I could not do this work without them and would like to acknowledge them. Currently we are working on completion of the Intergroup sign at the office. #2 revamping the website which should be fully functional soon. #3 the coconut wireless is temporarily suspended but will resume soon. We sponsored a web training seminar with the help of Bob H focusing on anonymity guideline in this digital age we live in. Upcoming we will be reviewing and possibly amending current bylaws which should be interesting. November is Gratitude month in West Hawaii and I am truly grateful to be here. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Bob D. West Hawaii Intergroup Chair

**PRAASA: Elizabeth: summary:** Co Chair for PRAASA 2011, the theme is "We Are Responsible for A.A., For A.A.'s Future Let It Begin With Us". We currently have 84 registered, 65 banquets, 368 room nights, if you at the host hotel Ala Moana, please reserve your room early, use the link through the website at PRAASA.org, or mention PRAASA when you make the room reservation. There is a cap on banquets only 590 for Saturday night dinner so register early if you want to attend the banquet. We are excited about it, right now we meet monthly, we will start meeting every two weeks, then three times as it gets closer, it is in the first week of March. I remember our Delegate Jeanette F. from Panel 51 said that PRAASA is the college education for General Service, I have never missed one since then. Please announce the information to your groups.

Adjourn with the Responsibility Statement

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**Sunday November 21, 2010**

9:30 Call to order, Serenity Prayer, Host DCM Announcements

**Reading:** Elections Assembly from Structures and Guidelines

**Facilitator:** Delegate: Elizabeth M. (and Past Delegates Vernon, Scott)

**Registrar:** 90 registered voters

Delegate	1st vote	2nd vote	3rd vote	4th vote	From the Hat	Alternate Delegate	1st vote	2nd vote	2/3 Majority
Bob	3	0				Bob	7	0	
Cheryl	11	9				Hugh	3	0	
Hugh	5	2				Cheryl	14	13	
Colin	12	8				Colin	11	7	
Coleen	4	3				Coleen	4	2	
Ken	18	27	43	41		Ken	45	68	<b>Elected</b>
Linda	15	23	47	49	<b>Elected</b>	Sue	3	2	
Sue	1	0							
Kevin	2	0							
Jim	6	2							
Francis	13	15							
<b># of Votes Cast</b>	90	89	90	90		<b># of Votes Cast</b>	87	<b>92</b>	

\***Election for Alt. Chair:** Motion to go to a 5th Ballot made by Miranda, Linda McD. seconds, simple majority opposed, goes to the hat.

Chair	1st vote	2nd vote	3rd vote	4th vote	From the Hat	*Alternate Chair	1st vote	2nd vote	3rd vote	4th vote	From the Hat
Bob	8	1				Bob	17	18	33	33	<b>Elected</b>
Cheryl	17	24	40	42	<b>Elected</b>	Hugh	13	13			
Hugh	9	5				Sue	4	1			
Sue	5	1				Coleen	26	36	48	50	
Colin	28	41	49	48		Jim	10	8			
Coleen	12	13				Ermina	7	5			
Ermina	7	3				Paul	4	2			
Paul	4	1									
<b># of Votes Cast</b>	90	89	89	90		<b># of Votes Cast</b>	81	83	81	83	



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**\*Election for Registrar:** 2/3 majority = 51. Mathea motions for a 5th ballot, Sue seconds, simple majority opposed - goes to the hat.

<b>Treasurer</b>	1st vote	2nd vote	<b>2/3 Majority</b>	<b>*Registrar</b>	1st vote	2nd vote	3rd vote	4th vote	<b>From the Hat</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	1st vote	2nd vote	<b>2/3 Majority</b>
Sheri	50	59	<b>Elected</b>	Hugh	7	5				Ermina	12	7	
Sue	14	14		Ches	12	10				Noelle	6	4	
Paul	3	5		Adina	19	17	30	29	<b>Elected</b>	Sue	11	10	
Kathy	10	1		Coleen	19	33	46	48		Coleen	32	44	<b>Elected</b>
				Paul	1	0				Miles	4	0	
				Kathy	4	1							
				Jim	6	3							
				Ermina	11	8							
<b># of Votes Cast</b>	77	79		<b># of Votes Cast</b>	79	77	76	77		<b># of Votes Cast</b>	65	65	

Break

Area Officers assemble on stage, Chair introduces incoming Area Officers for Panel 61 and asks them to join others on stage.

Another break is announced before we go into GSR, DCM, Standing Committee, Intergroup, and Area Officer Roundtables. Topic for Discussion "What Could I have Done Better?"

By this time volunteers have already started to disassemble the tables and fold chairs, most of the body have left the Assembly. Chair chooses to not have the Roundtables and adjourns .

Mahalo and Aloha Panel 59!

Close with the Responsibility Declaration.