

Hawaii Area 17 – Panel 61

2011 April Inform the Delegate Assembly

Alternate Chair's Report

Aloha and thank you for letting me be of service to Hawaii Area 17.

PRAASA 2011

I've spent most of my time since we last met in January involved in working on PRAASA 2011, held March 4-6 at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu. I served this Area sponsored event as web chair. I also was honored to be a present the topic of "Practicing Our Traditions in a Digital Age" during the panels as well as facilitating the Web Round Table. I'm still involved with closing up loose ends and turned over the praasa.org domain and website to the PRAASA 2012 team last weekend. I'm looking forward to PRAASA 2012, to be held in Bellevue, WA next March and hope to see many of you there.

On a somber note, Don Anderson, who served this Area in many capacities over the years, most recently as our PRAASA treasurer, passed away the Thursday before PRAASA. Many of us attended his memorial "birthday party" after PRAASA had closed on Sunday. He always had kind word for me and he still serves me as role model of the sort of servant I think we all aspire to be.

ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION

Last weekend I attended our April Convention Steering Committee meeting. It was held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel and we were able to take a tour of the Tapa Tower where we will be this year. We are going to be facing some interesting challenges as APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) will be holding meetings just prior to the convention and hotels will be packed.

This year there will room for our Standing Committees to put up displays and hopefully spend some time answering questions about the work they do here in Area 17. In the past we have sometimes had space for this but at the Convention Center we were relegated a room upstairs that was easy to overlook. This year we will be front and center and challenge all of our standing committees to put something together so we can show the kind of service we provide in our Area. I'll be able to tell you more about how much space we'll have later but the plan will put right in the heart of the action. Thanks T!

OAHU INTERGROUP

I continue to attend the Oahu Intergroup meetings and am very impressed with how much they've got planned this year. Besides Founder's Day there's a camp out in the works. In addition the Oahu Intergroup inventory is coming up at the end of this month. I'll let our intergroup representative fill you in on the details of everything but rest assured this is a motivated group!

OTHER ACTIVITIES

I'm pleased to announce that Suzanne Z. and her team from District 4 have already secured a location for the Budget Assembly, now to be held September 24-25 at the He'eia Elementary School on Haiku Road in Kaneohe. The fliers have been approved I hope you all take one and register as soon as possible so that the District 4 team can plan appropriately. With fuel costs rising I'd like to urge everyone to make their travel plans as soon as possible. We're going to have a full agenda and we need everyone here for the full assembly. I encourage you to plan to be here on time and make sure you can stay though the entire day on Sunday.

Over this long break before our next Assembly I will be working on the "Hosting Tips" document and was able to meet and get information on this very topic from other Areas in the Pacific Region at PRAASA. This is just one of the reasons I think all Area Servants should include PRAASA in their plans.

Again, thank you for letting me serve. It is an honor and a privilege.

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