

## **Hawaii Area 17 2012 Budget Assembly – August 2012**

### **Alternate Chair's Report**

Aloha and thank you once again for letting me service as your Hawaii Area 17 Alternate Chair. As most of you know, I was unable to attend our April Inform the Delegate Assembly because of my mother's ill health and subsequent death. I want to thank all of you for your kind thoughts and prayers during that time. The simple fact that never once during that period did I even think of having a drink proves that Alcoholics Anonymous really works.

### **Finance Committee**

I'd like to thank the DCMS of the Waikiki, Honolulu, and Diamond Head Districts for inviting me to present the proposed 2013 Area 17 budget during the months of June and July. I thoroughly enjoyed participating and really appreciate the dedication and hard work of the GSRS and other servants who work to carry the message at the Group and District levels. Some of your questions were difficult, as they should be, and I think we all came away better informed.

### **Oahu Intergroup**

It's been a sad time at Oahu Intergroup. Jim, our dedicated treasurer, passed away recently. He was a wonderful man, a dedicated servant of AA, and he will be missed. Chuck M. has stepped up and will be covering that position through the end of the year. Next month we will be voting on the updated by-laws as well as the central office manager's job description, both of which I was involved in drafting as part of an ad hoc committee.

### **Annual Hawaii Convention**

The convention draws closer, November 1-4th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, and I'm beginning to get excited. It's going to be better than ever as far as I can tell thanks to the hard work of the dozens of volunteers who work so hard to bring this off every year. Later this weekend the steering committee will be presenting our updated Appendix C of the Area 17 Structures and Guidelines. Essentially this document describes how the Annual Hawaii Convention is governed. It incorporates changes which we think bring us closer than ever to and more in line with the overall goals of Hawaii Area 17.

### **Summary**

It's been a difficult year for me, both with the death of my mother and some continuing health issues I'm currently dealing with, but I have to tell you that working for Hawaii Area 17 is always a highpoint. I look forward to seeing you all again, chatting with you over coffee, learning from you, and working together to carry the message of hope that is Alcoholics Anonymous.

Bob H.

Area 17 Alternate Chair

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