

**Proposed 2013 Budget
HAWAII AREA 17
May 19, 2012**

Aloha Panel 61 trusted servants,

Attached is the 2013 Proposed Budget for Hawaii Area 17 that will be submitted for approval at the August Budget Assembly, hosted by Puna district 12, on the weekend of August 18, 2012.

While presenting the budget last year, the Finance Committee received several requests to show the percentage increase or decrease from the previous year's budget. These percentages have been included to the right of the 2013 budget figures and show the percentage difference from 2012 to 2013. The 2013 budget reflects the difference in the amount of money saved by the downsizing of the storage of Area 17 archives. There is an optional assembly and committee meeting slated for 2013, and the registration fees amount is included in the budget. It is customary that Area 17 invites our Trustee to visit for the Orientation Assembly in January. The 2013 budget includes this cost. Increasing airfare costs are a fact for us, but we will continue to search for specials and to book early to help offset these fare costs.

We, as the Finance Committee, would like your input on this Budget. This is the *proposed* budget. Until it is voted on and accepted, it will be available to be changed. We hope to attend meetings in all districts in Area 17, presenting the budget and having copies available for GSRs to take back to their home groups. We would like to encourage DCMs, GSRs, individual members of home groups, and any other member of our fellowship to ask questions, and provide their input and insight. When we vote on the Budget at the Assembly, it will be to vote for approval, as it is presented, so we would like to address any concerns and make any changes before the Assembly.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve Area 17.

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"The paradox of A.A. is that financial independence and the support of our Fellowship by alcoholics and alcoholics alone not only enhances A.A.'s importance to each of us, but stimulates our engagement in our own recovery.....A.A. is 'our thing,' from our group's treasury to the balance sheets at the General Service Office."

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