

## *Hawaii Area 17 2011 Budget Assembly – September 2011*

### *Alternate Chair's Report*

Aloha and thank you for letting me serve as your Area 17 Alternate Chair. Our main business at this assembly is to discuss and approve an appropriate budget for the coming year, 2012. To that end I will begin my report with events related to the budget process.

#### *Budget Committee:*

As a member of the finance committee I attended three district meetings on Oahu to present the budget more fully than could be done at our May committee meeting and to answer questions from the GSRS and members in attendance. Those districts were Waikiki, Windward, and Diamond Head. I would like to thank each of the DCMS and GSRS for allowing me to attend your meeting and providing the opportunity for a thorough discussion of the issues involved.

I would ask everyone to remember that the purpose of the budget is to make sure we have a plan in place to spend income wisely in the service of our mission. We are in no way obligating ourselves to spend money we do not have in hand. The budget exists to serve our mission and not vice versa.

#### *Annual Hawaii Convention:*

Another of my duties as Alternate Chair is to sit as a member of the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee. This has been a challenging assignment because, besides the Alternate Delegate who also sits on the committee, the members are long time dedicated servants of the convention who know far more about operations than I could hope to in such a brief time. It has been gratifying to see their dedication to insuring that the convention carries the message of hope that is Alcoholics Anonymous.

Better relations with the Hawaii Area as a whole, that is, our entire island Fellowship, continues to be a major part of the work we are involved in at this time. One of our biggest projects continues to be working on how best to involve service from members across the islands up to and including neighbor island chairs.

I hope to see all of you at this year's Convention, the 50<sup>th</sup>, "The Wisdom to Know the Difference," November 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Don't forget to register before October 17<sup>th</sup> for the discounted registration fee.

#### *Oahu Intergroup:*

I attend the Oahu Intergroup meetings as part of my duties and I am happy to report that the current intergroup panel has been actively working to increase the sense of community on the island of Oahu. This includes not only planning events to bring together A.A's from across the island but also to include our good friends in the AI-Anon Family Groups.

I have just been selected to be part of an ad hoc committee of Oahu Intergroup members to review the Intergroup By-Laws especially as they relate to the duties of the Central Office Manager. I want to assure everyone that this is not a reflection on the performance of the current central office manager but rather an attempt to update and clarify these documents, removing any questions or irregularities that arise. Much as we in Area 17 are reviewing our own Structures and Guidelines, so too is the Oahu Intergroup.

*Other Business:*

I was also honored and blessed to be able to assist in bringing a new A.A. meeting to the Next Step (H5) homeless shelter on the island of Oahu. Let's be clear about this, my work consisted mostly of making a few phone calls. One of the directors of the facility had called the Oahu Central Office and I took the call. My intention was to forward things to our treatment chair but due to scheduling conflicts it was easier for me to go forward at the time. A few phone calls later I'd found a willing party and I put them in touch with the shelter. My only other role as to attend the first two meetings and, as I expected, the meeting seems both needed and wanted. I am gratified to have played a small role in carrying the message.

Aloha. Yours in service,

Bob H.

Area 17 Panel 61 Alternate Chair