

Hawaii Area 17 Inventory Assembly

January 21-22, 2012

Hosted by: East Hawaii District 7

Saturday January 21, 2012

Call to Order: at 9:05 AM

- Serenity Prayer, host DCM announcements, welcome Past delegates Dick M. (Panel 39) Scottie (Panel 49), introduce new assembly members, birthdays.
- Update Archives, Cheryl N., Chair - A group has been working on the archives. 98 boxes (down from 144 boxes) Working on decreasing archives, so if we decide to keep them, we'll be able to go to a smaller space. Could go to space 60% of what we are spending. Only women working on archives, men can help as well. We can use help with shredding papers. Consensus of what to do with archives. If consensus is to get rid, we need a plan for what to do. Ideas to think about: send back to island they came from, digitize, shred, etc.
- Agenda: reviewed. Our day is longer today so we can have a shorter day tomorrow (to take advantage of better airfares).

GSR, DCM, Standing Committee Chairs, Intergroup, Area Officers Roundtables - followed by reports:

Intergroups, Mathea - Four of the five Area 17 Intergroups were represented, Jessica from Oahu, Billy from Hilo, Chappy from Kona, and Mathea from Kauai. The discussion was brisk. Our subjects were:

1. Schedules: paper, downloaded, charge for each schedule, how distributed. Most charge 10 cents for each schedule, relied on downloading for most needs, and print also 3,000 schedules per year.
2. Newsletter: Oahu no, other three yes and it was available online.
3. Phone Service: Oahu 9AM-9PM (non alcoholics of phone service 9PM-9AM); other three had 24/7 coverage by alcoholic members in recovery.
4. Physical Office: all but Kauai have one.
5. Website: all four Intergroups have websites that are actively managed.
6. Budget: Oahu low on money last year. Kona budget \$23,000 with \$4,500 reserve. Hilo not known. Kauai \$2,000 with 10% reserve.
7. Support events with money: all support 2-4 events/year.
8. Literature: all four have literature bought in bulk from GSO and sold individual pieces at GSO individual prices, which is more than bulk and important income source.
9. Intergroup Meetings: each was once a month.

Thanks for this format so we could exchange ideas.

DCMs, Tommy- DCM Roundtable Wrap up Report

At our DCM roundtable we decided to start by talking about how our districts are doing. Jesse the alt DCM for tri-island mentioned about the May Committee Meeting - that it would be closer to fly in to Kapalua instead of Kahalui, she also mention about their communications with Molokai and Lanai.

Tommy asked for suggestions about a traditions workshop for his district. Diane, DCM for Leeward district told about their service mixer which had door prizes, games and a panels on service in the homegroup, district, area and intergroup.

Eric from Central North Shore told us that he is ready for the February committee meeting and gave contact information.

Bart from Waianae is looking for a location for hosting the committee meeting.

Ken, DCM Puna gave suggestions and told u how his workshop went in Puna. He also gave us the set location and date for the Budget Assembly they will be hosting Aug. 18 & 19.

There was more shared, great information just not written down.

Standing Committee, Chairs, Chris- each SCC talked about what they had been doing.

GSR group 2, Chris- Facilitated by Dick. GSR Roundtable #2

Tele-Service:

Bob has been doing tele-service for 3 or 4 years. Gotten only 2 calls in that time. Due to a particular good website. Bob does it on Saturday. Tele-service is an Intergroup function.

Ches said that he worked on tele-service because of resentment from no help on Ohau.

12th step calls are hard to contact. Need more phone numbers to be able to communicate.

Dick: two separate things. Out of 600 calls only 30 may be needing 12 step. Others are informational. Check website or local intergroup. Go back to your groups and find out what's happening with intergroups, as to service and 12th step list.

Communication:

Margaret: Sponsees call their sponsors. No responses from emails and left messages. What should she do next? Chairs are not getting back to committee members. Solution needs to be: meet some of the committee chairs. Puna group is starting to get some help from Kona. Face to face to approach persons.

Steve from Diamond Head: Two way is a must, can improve, by finding out what is expected of us. Agenda was confusing to access.

Website is listed in GSR Handbook and Agenda is posted there.

Dick says to stay involved.

Marissa: DCM explained Areas duties. Varied people on different islands and different committee. Get the information out and respond quickly! Responsible, for returns.

Ches: said to replace people that do not show.

Dick: said Volunteers need to be responsible and responsive.

Neighbor islands hosting has helped. Used to be only on Oahu. On 18th there is a committee to address these issues.

Tradition 6

Ches: brought up Alano Club problems, and tradition issues. Cannot be addressed on Area Level. DCM and Intergroups have addressed issue.

JD: each group is autonomous, we must trust that things will eventually sort themselves out. God is the ultimate answer.

Steve: Really appreciates this being brought to attention. And inform his home group and enjoy the opportunity to bring this up. The message will be delivered. Will bring up at next home group meeting.

JD talked of the importance of contributing and being registered.

Patty: Arizona Alano clubs have community fund raisers. Alanoclubs are an outside issue.

Kevi: These issues will eventually work themselves out. Autonomy is paramount. You will read BB and 12 x 12. Good thing we are all sober. Principles before personalities.

Polani: Alano clubs are a great help to the alcoholics. Great place to get sober.

Loyal: Lest money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose. We do not discipline each other. No penalties.

GSR group 1, Linda-

1. How to get a volunteer to work at intergroup for free in a paying job: Presented at intergroup meetings, withhold funds, or fill out application. .
2. How to get participation in activities: GSR lead by example with enthusiasm, relay you experience to anyone interested, get sponsees to attend, pick them up. Love your service and show it, encourage all members to attend assemblies in their neighborhood.
3. How to get members that are active to become GSRs: Railroadng does not work. Nominate at group meeting. Describe the job completely and explain its importance to the life of AA as a whole and to the lives of members. Home group voted for money, save for assemblies, helping hands tickets. Home group needs to vote their group conscience to fund GSR. Read the pamphlet "GSR May Be the Most Important Job in AA." DCM - go to home groups and stress the joy of general service. Recite Responsibility Pledge often.
4. How to report back to group: no long reports at group meetings, during your share, short excerpts during AA announcements.
5. Ho to get GSR to PRAASA - save for it, send GSR every two years. New GSR, fundraisers. PRAASA opens the world and makes us better servants.

Officers, Coleen - We discussed : 1. The pros and cons of pairing a committee meeting with assembly. 2. Layout of the room, so that the focus is on the person at the microphone and everyone can hear. 3. The need to let those not in service know what Area 17 service does, and how they can work with the area and/or committees, if they want to participate.

Break at 10:20

Readings - Alcoholics Anonymous pp. 63 - 64 and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Step 10, p. 8

Hawaii Area 17 Area Inventory - Individuals answer question about Area 17 on their own (written).

Individual Service Inventory-Individuals answer inventory questions concerning their own service work on their own (written).

Lunch (Finance Committee Meeting)

Inventory-Area -The assembly broke into 9 groups and discussed their answers to the Hawaii Area 17 Inventory questions.

Break at 2:15 PM

Inventory - Area, cont'd.

Inventory Report Back -

Each of the 9 inventory groups presented summaries at the mike. Notes from these groups were submitted. These will be reviewed by the Area Chair. The Chair will summarize the 9 inventories and email this summary to the assembly. Based on this summary, The Chair will also present possible action item at the committee meeting in February.

At the microphone -

+ Archives is such a mess, far from being ready to be digitalized. Help out for an hour or a day. Also, newcomers at assemblies go brain dead. Have past Delegate have mini orientation for them at the beginning of the meeting, make assembly more inclusive.

+ Archives - we don't know what the other 92 areas are doing about their archives. Others have gone through this. Delegate or Chair ask at PRAASA to see what they do, have done.

- + Adhering to tradition and concepts almost entirely. Our Hawaiian air code gives Hawaii Area 17 credit to areas flights. Seems like an affiliation.
- + Observation, seems we spend lots of time in round tables, talking about things, hearing report. But we don't seem to do a whole lot of business. Don't feel like I've gotten help from group as a whole from learning about our concepts and how they apply to business we conduct here. Service sponsor suggested, but more emphasis in training us on concepts. i.e. Workshop discussion, one concept per assembly.
- + Assembly goes someplace else, we have more participation for those on that island. Because of that more contacts, more info from area to this island because area rotates from one district to another. This is an opportunity to inform. Before deciding to Skype, anyone can come to an assembly so they get informed. The voice of AA in Hawaii is here, and if we don't share that we are remiss.
- + Rumors about lots of things. When you hear something that sounds like information, maybe doesn't smell right, check with someone who knows. You might have received misinformation.
- + Member who didn't sign up to assembly, first attended here. Archives have been very important. It's a major task, important that we keep the legacy of that going. Newcomers and repeaters won't get a chance to know it if it's all digitized. Important to show and share it with everyone.
- + Get at least a little information on all meetings on all islands, rather than a lot of info from a few meetings.
- + Archives -Like to see area make a decision, to have one, and how much to spend on it.
- + Everything is at my feet, it's up to me to pick it up. I learn, I make mistakes. I get something when I come here, and it's the work that I need to take back. It's been a journey, not easy. I was afraid but you guys gave me the opportunity to work on me.
- + Listening to conversation, inventory taking. My experience - I am responsible. You're not, I am when anyone, anywhere reaches out. I've done studies, tradition, big book, concepts. Take responsibility of informing those I sponsor.
- + On back table there are registration forms for 19th annual Aloha Round Up. All are welcome. All.

Cheryl - We'll take your input and come back to you with action items. We'll email out to area17all@area17aa.org. It is disseminated to DCMs with the idea that they pass it on to the GSRs. If you wanted to be contacted as well, contact Hugh, Website chair.

DCM, Intergroup Reports (3 minutes)

13 Tri Island, Jesse, Alt DCM - " The Crossing" to Molokai was a success. Going to Lanai next time. Committee Meeting- cannot make it due to funds. Want to make it to the next assembly. Need help with finances.

#4 Windward, Suzanne - Aloha Area 17, we did it! We got through our first year of panel 61 with flying colors. I'd like to list all of our accomplishments so that you may see how our commitment to service has played out.

In January of 2011, our Registrar, Adina, gave us the Group Registry update. Within 3 months, we contacted and or visited the 30 groups that comprise Windward District #4. We completed updating all group information for the Group Registry.

Also in January, we received our Agenda Item "D." It was presented in April at the Inform the Delegate Assembly.

In March the district's DCM and Alt DCM attended PRAASA in Honolulu. They attended all Area 17 Assemblies as well.

In the summer, District #4 invited our Delegate, Linda McD. to present her report back from the GSC in New York. We also had a visit from our Alt Chair, Bob H., who presented Area 17s Proposed Budget for 2012.

In September, we hosted the Area 17 Budget Assembly in Kaneohe.

In October we attended the Woman's Health Fair at Waimanalo Health Center. We provided an information booth.

In November, Scott C., a past Delegate presented a "District Inventory."

In December, Windward District hosted a Holiday Alcahthon that covered both Christmas and the New Year. It was held at the Waimanalo Health Center.

Let it be noted that while all of these events were occurring, a number of interested members of the district, developed a set of guidelines for Windward District #4. We also planned caravans to meetings once a month. In loving service

Regarding hospitals in District #4, TYG has 2 members who take meetings into Castle Medical Center and Hawaii State Hospital. As also (as a district) take pamphlets into Castle Medical Center.

#9 Central North Shore, Eric - District 9 continues to meet each month. Some of our District officer positions remain vacant. Next month we will be hosting the February Committee Meeting. Fliers and more information will be available Monday on the Area Web Site. Please register online or by email. I can be reached at the Area phone number with questions or offline registration.

Kauai Intergroup, Mathea (Traveling Intergroup Chair) - Kauai has 66 weekly meetings among 35 groups, 27 of which are registered with GSO. Intergroup meets once a month on Saturday in the Lihue Neighborhood Center from 9:30am to 10:30 am. All service positions of Chair, Alt Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Literature Chair, Telephone Chair and Traveling Intergroup Chair are filled. About 15 people attend each month. We have a monthly newsletter, "Garden Island Sobriety", closely followed by Island members as it has events, treasury reports, new meetings, birthdays and a discussion of the step of the month. Parties and events are supported by Intergroup on a case-by-case basis. Recent supported events are Halloween Party, Thanksgiving all day event, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day events, and a "Last Supper" party on New Year's Eve. Our treasury has \$1500 excluding a \$200 reserve. Our new website, <www.kauaiaa.org>, is a joy to all on the island. The site has our meeting schedule, events, flyers, links to new AA's literature and much more plus beautiful flower pictures, one for each day of the week by which meetings for that day are located. All is well in Kauai Intergroup.

#2 Honolulu Jack, DCM - Honolulu District in Nov.' 11 held a special election for DCM and Alt. DCM. Thank you Linda and Ken for your help. Our new DCM is Jack G. from the Grapevine Group and our Alt is Linday from Kane`Ali`i. District 2 held New Year Alcahthon and although a bit abbreviated, it went over well. Black Experience put on a great potluck to start the year. Thank you Allen and Kevin for your advice. It helped very much.

Some events upcoming:

Black Experience - Black Awareness Dance Feb. 25th.

Grapevine Group - will celebrate 30 years Feb 22nd. 6:30-9:00 PM with dinner and meeting open to all. No cost.

We are all looking forward to see what the new year brings. Thank you Alfred and the E. HI District for a wonderful assembly. Being in service. P.S. Thank you Jim D. We currently have no activities now but will work on it.

#12 Puna, Ken, DCM - Aloha from the Puna District!

Thanks to the East Hawaii District for hosting, and all the people in service today.

Because of the drastically reduced cost of airfare from Puna to Hilo, we have nine GSR's or their alternates here today. Welcome to Meilani, Lei, Bernie, Kavi, Morissa, Linda, Margaret, Cynthia, and Paul.

Also, I would like to introduce Tom, who is our newly elected District Archives Chair. Tom has a passion for archives, and is a great addition to our district.

Mark your calendars, we are confirmed! Puna is hosting the Budget Assembly on August 18th-19th. The location will be the Pahoa Neighborhood Facility. Linda R. has stepped up to be the event chair, so it will be an assembly not to miss!

At today's meeting I was asked to help rejuvenate the annual "East Beats West" (I mean "Meets" west) get together. As it was discussed in our DCM Roundtable, members want less workshops and more picnics. I will discuss this at our next district meeting, and I am sure we will do our part. I plan on doing mine and play softball for the East Hawaii team. That way, West Hawaii can have a chance at winning!

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service!

#3 Leeward, Dianne DCM - My name is Diane and I'm an alcoholic. I serve as the DCM for the Leeward District 3 on Oahu. I am pleased to report that we now have seven active GSRs on our Committee. Two of our GSRs are here today - Mike I. from Mustard Seed, and Robert from Head Start.

Our District hosted a "Service Mixer" on December 4th. It was a dessert potluck, with a Get-Acquainted game, a 5-member panel on service-related topics (which included or Delegate, Linda, and our Alternate Chair, Bob) and an open mic time for folks to share their service experiences. Prizes were awarded for participation, and 16 door prizes were given away. There were 34 individuals in attendance from 17 home groups. All in all, it was a great event.

In October, November and December, District Committee members participated in 7 caravans to group who do not have GSRs, and we are looking forward to an Inventory Picnic at the end of March.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

#7 Hilo, Alfred DCM - We spent the past month focusing on this assembly for you guys. Thank you Puna and West Hawaii for helping out.

#8 West Hawaii, Tommy, DCM - Aloha everyone. Thanks again district 7 for hosting this inventory assembly. West Hawaii district 8 is doing fine, not all our standing committees are filled but working on it, I decided to kick it up a notch and personally visit and help each individual chair, as I heard in my district and DCM roundtable just announcing you need volunteers doesn't work as well as approaching certain individuals and asking for help.

Our district meetings are well attended between 15 and the most was 30 at attendance. Our February meeting, which is on 17th will be our inventory meeting. So West Hawaii GSRS next month is a very important meeting.

We are planning a tradition workshop in the month of March. I should have event information and a flyer within the next few weeks.

Our West Hawaii webmaster has provided our district with a web page on our website which is westhawaii.org. We hope to upload our agendas, minutes, and district functions. We gratefully thank our West Hawaii intergroup for making this possible and for the great unity between district and intergroup.

We have 8 GSRS in attendance today, and 2 alternate GSRS learning general service, Thank you all for your service.

West Hawaii Intergroup, Chappy - Aloha, I'm Chappy & I am a real alcoholic. It has been a very busy time here in West Hawaii AA. Here are the events since the Sept. assembly on Oahu: The West Hawaii AA By-Laws were updated and amended, it was a long drawn out process and when it was finally done, the Rebellion Dogs group Representative offered a motion that blended the proposals by KKAA & Aloha Mana that was accepted by the other Group Reps, taken back to the groups and eventually approved in the October Intergroup Business Meeting. The Annual Aloha Mana Round-up was held at Spencer Beach Park and it was another huge success. The Intergroup Steering Committee had decided, that during the tight financial situation, to forgo attending off island Area events until further notice. There was a Halloween Party fundraiser put on by the Alano Club. Aloha Mana Thanksgiving Feast was held on Thanksgiving Day and was a big success for everyone involved. We would like to thank everyone who put forth a great effort to make this a success. Gratitude month was held once again in West Hawaii AA meeting and most of the groups chose at their business meeting to pass a second basket specifically for support of Intergroup. After everything was submitted it was one of the most successful Gratitude months in recent years. Daily Reprieve held its annual Christmas party fundraiser in support of West Hawaii Intergroup and it was even more successful this year and great fundraiser. There were over three hundred people there and everyone had a wonderful time of fellowship with each other. We would like to thank Daily Reprieve and all the groups that participate in the Christmas Party for their hard work. West Hawaii Intergroup has scheduled an Upcoming Valentines event to take place Feb 11, 2012 at Kahalu'u Beach Park from 5:30PM to 10:00PM. St. Patrick's Day March 17 is Saturday, Intergroup will be discussing a possible event. Moved the business meeting to Pottery Terrace suite 415 on a dry run in November 2011, and the groups approved our continuation at this site on a regular basis at the December 2011 business meeting. The groups now want to discuss a possible move of day and time of our meeting to secure a larger meeting room. The first discussion will be at our January 2012 meeting.

#10 Waikiki, Alan DCM - 3 GSR's are attending today, 8-10 people attend district meetings. We also have a new GSR, not in attendance. Have a lot of meetings on the beach, when APEC was here, we held the meetings anyone, nothing happened/no disruptions. Had a 24 hour Thanksgiving Alkathon, It was a success. Since the convention, attendance has been up. Feb 4th we're having a - "3 Legacies Workshop."

#11 Kihei, Karen, DCM - Thank you to East Hawaii District for hosting this assembly. One of the benefits that I have gotten from being involved in General Service is the opportunity to visit other districts and to meet AA members from different areas.

The main goal for the second year of Panel 61 for Kihei District is to increase participation both by individuals and groups. We are planning an event, which was very successful a few years ago - Dinner Theater. The plan is to serve a dinner and then follow up dinner with skits informing about and encouraging participation in General Service. In 2008 when Kihei District held this event, the event was very successful and we hope to repeat!

Three groups from Kihei sponsored the holiday Alkathons - Thanksgiving was Happy Hour, Christmas was Kihei Morning Serenity, and Friday Night Young Peoples sponsored a all-night camp-out for New Years.

A new meeting, Seniors in Sobriety, has been started at Hale Mahaolu Ehiku - a senior housing complex in Kihei.

As always, we are always looking for committee chairs and are currently looking for a new District Secretary.

West Oahu Intergroup, Jessica, chair - moving our Aloha Kakou! My name is Jessica, I am an alcoholic and my homegroup is Hangloose in Kaneohe, Oahu. It is my honor and privilege to serve as 2012 Oahu Intergroup Chair. My goal is to build unity with Area, build more awareness of Service at all levels, and incorporate more activities from Intergroup.

Speaking of Activities, Intergroup will be hosting the following events.

- January 28, 2012 @ noon Founder's Day Committee Meeting at Central Office (Varsity).
- February 1, 2012 @ 5:00 PM Intergroup Campout Committee Meeting at Central Office (Varsity).
- February 25, 2012 @ 8:00 AM Central Office Move (Two groups: Varsity & Palama Settlement). Phone lines will transfer over on February 28, 2012. New location will save us about \$300/month with about 300 square feet more space. It also gives us an opportunity for more office hours, however, the office will continue the same office hours of 9 AM - 6 PM and 9AM-9PM and a immediate loading zone for book distribution.
- March 10, 2012 @ 5:45 PM Intergroup No Booze Pupu Cruise (Kewalo Basin)
- Intergroup Business Meetings will be held at Palama Settlement Dining Room on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

#6 Kauai, Moise DCM - Aloha. I'm an alcoholic, my name is Moise. In October I went to HICYPAA on Oahu to make a bid, HICYPAA is on September 28-30 on the North Shore, info will be on Kauaiaa.org Kauai website" and have flyers on the info table.

Since the last time we've met, District 6 was busy for the holidays:

1. Thank Athon we were entertained with Comedy, Live music and of course lots of meetings and food.
2. This year Christmas Alcathon was held at Kapa`a NC where as in the past, it was held at Lydgate.
3. New Year Alcathon hosted by South Shore Oasis.

Since last time we've met new GSRs have registered and attended District meetings, reports of people stepping up to be of service. Also group hosting vents in their area. At district we are also still filling in service positions.

#17 Waianae, Bart DCM - We've got a core group of 4 or 5 GSRs that attend the monthly district meetings. Currently the Grapevine Standing Committee Member is the only Standing Committee Member position we have filled; all others are vacant. We held Alkathons for Christmas and New Year; the 7th Tradition covered all associated costs. Concerning the request from Jim D for information about AA activities in the hospitals in our district, we don't have anyone serving in a capacity to work with these institutions, and to my knowledge no efforts are being taken.

#1 Diamond Head, Kevin DCM- Diamond Head is doing well. I visited all 35 groups last year. We are hosting the Inform The Delegate Assembly in April and everyone is invited. Thank you Rochelle, CEC Chair, for putting together our Christmas Alcathon in the Honolulu. (It was held in 3 locations in a 24-hour period).

Host DCM Announcements, adjourn with Declaration of Unity-

HICYPAA - need bids from communities

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Sunday January 22, 2012

Breakfast and Registration

Call to Order at 9:00 AM, Serenity Prayer, Host DCM announcements

Reading - As Bill Sees It - Unity of AA, p. 125, p.220.

Area Officers Reports - (5 Minutes)

Recording Secretary, Coleen A. - Motion to approve by Tommy, seconded by Kathy.

Thank you, if you have not already done so, please email the reports you present at this assembly to me. Please do so by the end of this week (Saturday, January 28th). Minutes will be posted in the Inform the Delegate Assembly section of the Area 17 website.

Treasurer, Sheri B. - Motion to approve by Linda, seconded by Jack.

TREASURER'S REPORT
HAWAII AREA 17
September 15, 2011

Aloha Panel 61 trusted servants,

As of September 15, 2011 Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$ 10,887.99
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$ 1,000.00
Reserve for International Convention	\$ <u>350.00</u>
Total cash in bank	\$ 17,237.99

As of September 15, 2011:

Total Contributions and Income	\$ 19,087.02
Total Expenditures	\$ 23,620.68
Net Revenues	-\$ 4,533.66

As you can see from the report, Area 17 did receive the memorial contribution we had discussed at prior assemblies. Although this contribution is certainly appreciated and can be utilized, it appears the groups of Hawaii Area have also been generous with their splits. Whether it is a check for \$4.68 or \$461.00, each time monies are received, the spirituality of the 7th tradition is reinforced and it is a beautiful process. On the handout table, there are area contribution envelopes for all to take back to their home groups. Please feel free to take these and more will be available tomorrow.

The Finance Committee has been busy presenting the budget at district meetings throughout the islands and will be meeting at lunch both days this weekend. We have much to discuss and will be looking at the Priority of Spending and ways to decrease our expenditures and increase 7th tradition contributions. Please feel free to approach any member of the Finance Committee with any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Daily Reflections—July 30th

....he has struck something better than gold....

He may not see at once that he has barely scratched a limitless lode which will pay dividends only if he mines it for the rest of his life and insists on giving away the entire product.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS p.129

My part of the Seventh Tradition means so much more than just giving money to pay for the coffee. It means being accepted for myself by belonging to a group. For the first time I can be responsible, because I have a choice. I can learn the principles of working out problems in my daily life by getting involved in the "business" of A.A. By being self-supporting, I can give back to A.A. what A.A. gave to me! Giving back to A.A. not only ensures my own sobriety, but allows me to buy insurance that A.A. will be here for my grandchildren.

In love and service, Sheri B, Area Treasurer, Panel 61

Registrar, Adina M.- All group changes were updated as of Thursday. New GSR's should receive their packets in two weeks. The updated contact list will be sent out.

Alternate Delegate, Ken K.- I'm on steering committee for the convention. Congratulates Zeke, new convention steering committee chair. I'm also part of ad hoc committee that is reviewing our Structures and Guidelines. I attended alcathons, and am helping out at hospital meetings. Thank you.

Alternate Chair, Bob H. -

Aloha and thank you for letting serve as your Area 17 Alternate Chair. I've been busy since we last gathered with the ongoing work of our Area, the Annual Hawaii Convention, and our Oahu Intergroup.

Annual Hawaii Convention:

As a member of the Annual Hawaii Convention I was on duty during the convention. It was the first time I'd been in this position and I was a bit nervous as things got rolling. During the convention itself my main job was to be present and visible. Everyone in service

knew their jobs well so thing went very smoothly. I spent most of my time thanking our volunteers for doing such a good job, asking if there was anything they needed, and mostly just being available. I attended the follow up meetings and lots of good information on how things could be improved though as a group we all agreed that this one of the best recent conventions as far as operations went.

Then it was back to business and meeting regularly with the rest of the steering committee. Kunane fulfilled his term as chair of the steering committee and our new chair of the steering committee (not the convention itself) is Zack. I want to thank Kunane for a job well done and welcome Zack - I know he'll do a great job as chair.

Of particular interest to Area 17 are the decisions we've made over the course of the last year and reaffirmed recently:

1. The Area will no longer be required to spend money to send the Alt Delegate and Alt Chair to attend Steering Committee meetings. Currently as both Ken and I are on Oahu no money is being spent, but if one of us were to step down and be replaced by a non-Oahu servant the cost would be to the convention and not to Area.
2. In addition the convention will be taking care of housing during the convention should it be necessary to bring an Area servant from another island to Oahu.
3. Finally it appears, though figures won't be available till the next assembly, that the Convention will be able to make a contribution to Area this year. This would be from funds in excess of those necessary to fully fund the prudent reserve. In short, the convention is very solvent at this time.
4. Work on Appendix C continues.

Oahu Intergroup

I continue to serve on the Oahu Intergroup and am very involved in the committee to reexamine their by-laws. We have not issued a recommendation yet, but our work is scheduled to be completed in April and is current on track.

Rich, Oahu Intergroup Chair, stepped down recently for personal reasons and I'd like to extend a big Mahalo to him for all his hard work. In his place the Vice Chair, Jessica, has moved taken over the position and currently a search is on for a new Vice Chair.

Summary

I'm looking forward to serving our Area in 2012. I won't be attending PRAASA this year as I have for the past 5 years (the last as a member of the host committee here in Honolulu). I highly recommend it though so if anyone is thinking about; ask me any questions you like. I know I'm going to miss being there and hope to get back to it in 2013.

Thank you so much for letting me serve.

Chair, Cheryl N. -

Aloha everyone. I'm Cheryl, an alcoholic, and honored to be serving as your Area Chair. Wow, it seems like time has flown since our September Budget Assembly. Since then, I have:

- Compiled the Year End Summaries from Area Officers, Standing Committee chairs and DCMs. It's up on the website for all to review and I have made copies for DCMs, Standing Committee chairs and the Area Officers. Mahalo to those who have submitted their reports. One of the reasons I wanted to do this was so we would have an easy answer to those who asks "What does Area do?"
- Attended District and Intergroup meetings in West Hawaii.
- Worked with various DCMs and Standing Committee chairs on issues that have come up.
- Worked on the Archives and continued to look for people willing to serve on an Archives ad hoc committee. So far, no one has stepped forward. It's time for Plan B. Our alternate delegate will be heading up the committee so now's the time to step forward if you're interested.

I am going to go a little past my three minutes allotted because I've been hearing concern about 'Hawaiian Miles for Area.' When I heard this from a number of people I called one of my service resources - a past delegate. She reminded me that Area needs to be prudent with our funds. GSO puts on the International Convention every 5 years. A few years ago, San Diego was one of a number of cities that had submitted a bid to GSO to host the convention. Each city's Visitor Board presented their package to the committee - just like they do to all the other potential conventions. Not just to AA because we are AA but that is how they attract the conventions. San Diego won the bid because they provided buses. GSO participates in a similar plan with airlines that serve the hosting city. So, GSO, being prudent with its use of 7th Tradition funds, takes advantage of this routinely.

The Hawaiian Miles program is something they offer to anyone who uses them regularly, not just to AA. They call it their "Preferred Affiliate" program but those are their words. We are not affiliating with them but we are taking advantage of this opportunity to be prudent with our 7th Tradition funds.

Mahalo.

Delegate, Linda McD. -

(RE Hawaiian miles - Hawaiian Air doesn't know who we are, we are anonymous.

Also, we moved the tables to the side of the to be more accessible. We sat where you are. Rech out, if you don't understand something, reach out).

Happy New Year to each of you. Welcome especially to any new GSRs and other assembly members. The groups comprising A.A. today hold what co-founder Bill W. called the ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world service. The entire structure of A.A. starts with a single group; and the way each group conducts its affairs has a ripple effect on A.A. everywhere. The direction of the group is essentially determined at its business meeting... It is essential that the members be given all the facts relevant to the subject at hand in a neutral tone. According to our Concepts, we avoid undue concentration of money or personal influence in any of our service groups or activities. That's one of the beauties of rotation. Even GSO staff members rotate desks every two years. It is important that we hold each other accountable while trusting those servants selected to serve us.

G.S.O. and A.A.W.S. have been busy at work, as always. Some of the international service events include the 9th Asia-Oceania Zonal Service Meeting in India, the 17th Zonal Meeting of the Americas (REDELA) in San Salvador, El Salvador, and the 16th European Service Meeting in Frankfurt, Germany. During REDELA, a request was made by the delegates of Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia that the Big Book be translated into Quecha, the ancient language of the Inca, spoken today by about 8 million people. The request was forwarded to the International Desk to be sent to the A.A.W.S. Publications Department.

The A.A.W.S. board meets monthly to hear progress reports on ongoing projects, to consider new requests received by groups, and to tend to other pending business. The following are some highlights from the last three months.

- ❑ The Treatment Committee appointed a subcommittee to review the script of the video "Hope: Alcoholic Anonymous" taking into consideration concerns expressed by the 2011 Conference Committee. After discussion on the report submitted by the subcommittee at the October board meeting, the committee agreed that the concerns expressed by the 61st Conference Committee did not warrant the cost to remake the video or remove any single line of dialogue. In addition, the committee reviewed an area suggestion on a possible piece to carry to A.A. message into treatment settings for those who have mental illness. The Publications Department will prepare a draft of the material to bring to the January 29 meeting of Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities.
- ❑
- ❑ The Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) put out a request for male A.A. members on the "outside" to correspond with male members in correctional facilities to share their experience, strength and hope. To participate in this service, contact the Corrections Desk (corrections@aa.org) or write to Corrections Desk, G.S.O., P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10163. You can also call (212) 870-3400.
- ❑ The Literature committee continues the valuable work on literature that focuses on spirituality. The current process is to review and prioritize the 201 stories submitted. Progress has also been underway on the revision of the pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Services" with the intent of including new stories, stories previously published by the Grapevine magazine, and a few stories from the current pamphlet. Revision of *Living Sober* is going forward as well. A new request was made by an area to add the Twelve Concepts for World Services to the current edition of *the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. Different variations in this regard are also being discussed. I would look for this to be included in the 2012 Conference Agenda. A Navajo translation of "How It Works" will be sent to the Publications Department Director for authentication and to ensure that the translation maintains the spirit of Alcoholics Anonymous. All translations go through this necessary process.
- ❑ A.A. Regional Directories: work is planned for the 2012 Directories. In order to be included, a group must provide a name and phone number for the contact person. The deadline for the new Directories is May 11.
- ❑ 2011 Membership Survey: last year, three groups in Hawaii were chosen at random to participate in the triennial survey. The more than 10,000 surveys completed are currently being tabulated. The 2011 Membership Survey pamphlet should be on hand for approval at the 62nd General Service Conference.
- ❑ The board received a Copyright and Reprint Report, presenting an overview of policies, practices, and information. Included in the report is an inventory of the status of copyrights on major A.A.W.S. works. The report will be a valuable tool in the review of intellectual property issues.
- ❑ A new proposal was submitted for posting *Daily Reflections* on G.S.O.'s A.A. Website, with an optional e-mail delivery service. The recommendation was approved with the following conditions:
 1. The subscription service is one-way communication.

2. There is an unsubscribe function.
 3. Anonymity for the A.A. member who subscribes to the daily e-mail as it relates to the sender's e-mail address.
- ❑ eBooks: the Fourth Edition of the Big Book and the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* are now available in eBook format for certain Apple devices – iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad. In order to download the books, you must first go to the Apple App store and get the AA eReader app for free. You can then purchase the books through the A.A.W.S. Online Store for \$6 each. The eBook project is ongoing with plans underway to offer the books to Android users and which books to make available. The priority in planning has been to maintain control of the sale of eBooks by A.A.W.S. and to ensure to protection and integrity of the A.A. message. For more information, go to aa.org and click on "e-Books."
 - ❑ Website: aa.org was launched nearly 16 years ago. Since then the Website has expanded to embrace evolving technology. You can now read the Big Book and the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* online, make contributions online, and subscribe electronically for newsletters. Currently, the board is considering revision to the Website policy to delete reference to the prohibition of online sales, such as described above.
 - ❑ Grapevine:
 - ❑ *The Language of the Heart* in English is now available at the aagrapevine.org Store, which will take you to the respective vendor for purchase. The eBook is in iBooks, NOOK Books and Kindle formats. The Spanish version will soon be ready. Cost is \$9.99.
 - ❑ AA special price of \$42 for two gift subscriptions of the Grapevine print magazine is good until 1/31/12.
 - ❑ The board acknowledged with gratitude the purchase of over 600 online subscriptions by ICYPAA to some of its attendees at their 2011 conference.
 - ❑ I am happy to report to you that the Grapevine board is conscientiously seeking ways of reducing costs, one of which is cost sharing with A.A.W.S. where it does not affect the independence of each entity.
 - ❑ Please remind your group GvRs that they can register with the Grapevine online.
 - ❑ One of the features on aagrapevine.org is I-Say, where you can participate in the I-Poll questions and be heard by other A.A.s.
 - ❑ Grapevine can help with the complimentary information and materials to support your local convention and events. Go to aagrapevine.org "Resources/GVR" tab and then click on "Tools and Resources" for downloadable handouts.
 - ❑ A.A. Grapevine, Inc. is currently seeking a senior editor in its NY office. The senior editor is responsible for developing editorial content of the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., and for overseeing the publication of the Grapevine and La Vina magazines and Grapevine or La Vina items both in print and digital, and for leading a creative, committed team. In addition, the senior editor participates in the General Service Conference and various A.A. events. The position reports to the Executive Editor/Publisher. Requirements: Five years of equivalent editorial and management experience; demonstrated writing and editing skill; B.A. or equivalent; and a working knowledge of the Steps and Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous; six years of continuous sobriety. Proficiency in Spanish is a plus. Interested members may forward their resumes and cover letter by March 30, 2012 to: resumes@aagrapevine.org.

At the 62 General Service Conference, each year, a workshop topic is chosen in which all conference members participate. We break up into small groups that meet in separate conference rooms to discuss the topics. This year the workshop topic will be "Safety in A.A.: Our Common Welfare." The workshop topic relates to Tradition One, which states, "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a greater whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows closely afterward." Three questions have been posed, which are intended to facilitate a full and fruitful discussion:

1. How can we make our Home Group a welcoming and accessible place?
2. How can sponsorship aid keeping our meetings safe?
3. In keeping with Traditions, how would/does my group address matters that may arise, such as:
 - a. Conduct that disrupts the meeting
 - b. Illegal activity
 - c. Inappropriate behavior towards vulnerable new members (e.g. "13 Stepping")
 - d. Emergencies, such as injury, accident, fire, etc.

I am hoping that we can have our own workshop on these topics at our April Inform-the-Delegate Assembly.

Announcements:

- ❑ Final forum reports for the "Additional" Pacific Region Forum held last August in Woodland Hills, California is posted on the aa.org Website. To access the material search for "Pacific Region Forums." Forums are an amazing way to meet other members of our Region and staff from G.S.O. in an informal setting.
- ❑ The 2012 Pacific Region Forum will be September 14-16 at the Westmark Hotel Fairbanks in Fairbanks, Alaska.
- ❑ Reminder: Do not call GSO regarding registration or housing for the 2015 International Convention. The information is not available. Registration forms will be sent to all A.A. groups on the G.S.O. mailing list in September 2014. Information will also be posted on the aa.org Website as it becomes available.
- ❑ PRAASA 2012: March 2-4 in Bellevue, Washington. You can still register online at praasa.org. Hotel rooms at the host hotel are in short supply before Friday night. However, overflow rooms are being offered. I am circulating a signup sheet for those planning on attending this year. The committee is looking for readers, timers, moderators, and presenters. If you have questions, please see me some time today, as I will be submitting the list this coming week.

Financial Data for G.S.O. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc.: I have attached a summary report for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. Please note that the figures have not been audited. The Reserve Fund Investment for as of September 30 had a balance of \$14,473,825, which represents approximately 11.3 months of combined operating expenses.

Thank you for your kind attention. Submitted with love and service,

Linda McD., Delegate Area 17, Panel 61, delegate@area17aa.org

Timeline:

Jan. 28th-29th Board meets to set agenda

By Feb. 15th I will get the final agenda

Feb. 18th - I will hand out topics to each district, and probably standing committee chairs, and may be the officers. I could have only two days to extract interesting fascinating topics from our GSC. In the past people say they don't have enough time. You got to use the time you get because that is all you have. In the past GSC report you will find lots of hints as to what the GSC is about.

DCMS -It's not too early to schedule your report back, I will be going to districts to report on what we discussed. Some groups thought I was going to come around to each group. It's OK. It's not possible to get to each group, but if your GSR is not able to come to report back I can come to your group. The shortest report back I can make is 45 minutes. Districts often combine reports, especially on Oahu.

Q/A

- + When can we order books, pamphlets from GSO and have it mailed to our houses? Soon, I think by summer.
- + Timeline - that's the tail wagging the dog. Doesn't it start with the groups? When are we going to inform that we start and dictate to them? There has to be some sort of timeline to avoid anarchy. I've announced last year, anybody can submit a topic to GSO for topics/conference. Need to be in to GSO by Jan 15th of each year. IF there is something that doesn't get on the agenda that this body feels strongly about, I can take the floor action.
- + Last year there was a proposal to change that timeline, to make the Oct board meeting as cut off, to set the agenda. We'd have October to April to research. It was defeated.
- + We moved out assemblies, so we'd have our final conference report. They are handed out at that event. Given to DCMs to distribute to GSRs.
- + This is not an isolated process taken out of context. These are everything on the agenda from individual, group, area somewhere. The process. The literature on spirituality started with a group on Maui. It's gone through the process, we've asked for stories, they are being read, chosen. The literature committee will review the priority stories. It's all part of the process. The information flows two ways, and that's my job.
- + Is there a form we have to fill for the topics? Linda will get the final agenda, and the background info. Linda distributes to DCMs, DCMs distribute to their GSRs
- + How do I get it on the agenda? i.e. Change the Chapter to the Wives in the Big Book.

+ Individual takes concern to group. If group has unanimity, GSR takes it to District. IF district has substantial unanimity, the DCM can bring the item to the area. If the area has substantial unanimity, the area can submit it to GSO.

Break at 10:20AM

Standing Committee Work Sessions, followed by S C Reports (3 minutes)

-Treatment, Hugh - Thank you East Hawaii District 7 for putting together the Inventory Assembly.

First off I would like to send a big Mahalo "THANK YOU" to Adina for providing me with extensive information, background, contact information for Treatment Facilities, Men's and Women's Clean and Sober Houses, Homeless Resources, and Adult Mental Health Resources. Thank you!!!! This information has answered a lot of my questions and is a useful tool.

We have been keeping busy giving out literature out to the Treatment Facilities, Clean and Sober houses, homeless shelters, and Adult Mental Health. I have had a lot of assistance in completing this task from those whom take meetings into the treatment facilities and the staff. Literature is being sent out or delivered to the facilities at least Three times a month.

One question that I get a lot is the signing of court papers in meetings. I have stressed that I have no control over the signing of court papers at any specific meeting. I will not go to Treatment Center Facility and request the staff to tell the clients to stop taking court papers to specific meetings.

Each group has their own group conscience and needs to discuss this topic at your home group meeting. Each group is autonomous in their matters.

Bridging the Gap is an important tool that I have seen and been involved in since I step into this service commitment. The only calls or emails that we have received, our those of Military members in Treatment Facilities on the mainland. Specifically California. I would like to think Joe G. from the CENTRAL NORTH SHORE District 17 for stepping up and reaching out his hand to bridge the gap to these members.

I look forward to working with DCM's, Area Officers, GSR's and Committee Members this panel. If you are involved in Treatment in your District please stop by and talk with me this weekend. Thank you

Corrections, Lena - Aloha all. We are doing fairly well. Most meetings are being held. We can use some help as reliever. If you know of anyone who's interested, please contact me through web site or see me after. Whoever wants to come must not be on someone else's list and cannot be on parole or probations. You will also have to give up your S S. Please come help us bring the message into prisons. Mahalo. P.S. If anyone wants me to come and talk, please call me, I'd be more than happy to.

PI, Chris - Aloha All! Mahalo to East Hawaii District 7 for hosting this Assembly.

On October 14 of last year the East Hawaii P I Chair attended the UHH College of Pharmacy Health Fair where he staffed a table with our literature, including pamphlets and meeting schedules, and information about Alcoholics Anonymous. We also received a thank you letter from UHH.

I received an e-mail from the PI Chair stating that he had to step down (at least temporarily) from his post as District PI Chair, as at the moment he is too ill to perform his duties.

The PI contact on Oahu who stated that he is continuing to fill the racks in the Leeward district at the Aeia, Salt Lake, and Pearl City Libraries, and is available for speaking engagements to inform the public about Alcoholics Anonymous.

A member from Puna contacted the Pahoa, Mt. View, Keaau and Hilo head librarian and was given permission to display our meeting schedules as well as the hand-out; Information on Alcoholics Anonymous. She will be continuing to follow up with more schedules as they become available.

Also, members in Waikaloa and Kona really rocking as they are providing schedules from the resorts and hotels from Kawaihae to Keauhou good job everyone!!

I was able to participate at the Hawaii State Convention by providing information at a table with other Standing Committee Members from Hawaii. I also did a taped presentation on PI along with the CEC, Grapevine, CPC and Hospital area Chairs.

I am still looking for people who are willing to speak to the public or staff tables when we are asked all Islands and especially on Maui and Kauai. An informative pamphlet is Speaking at Non AA meetings available for instructions on how to carry the message to schools and other institutions.

More shall be revealed in the coming months. In Love and Service,

Mynah Bird, Kathy - There was no publication of the Mynah Bird for this assembly, due to lack of articles submitted. Only one article (Hospitals) was submitted before the deadline, and one after the deadline. It was decided with the area chair, that we should not publish so little content.

After the inventory taken at my groups business meeting, I realized that the majority of members do not even know the Mynah Bird exists. If we continue to publish, I will need help from all the DCMs and GSRs to educate about our area service.

There was a special Holiday edition published for the web only in early December. Due to conversion to the PFD format, there were major layout errors on the two pages.

I have asked the area chair to put consideration of future publications of the Mynah Bird on the assembly's agenda for a group conscience. We have an excellent area website; many islands now have websites and newsletters. It seems to me that there is a lot of duplication. The approximate expense savings would be \$2000. per year to Area. (Travel to committee meetings and assemblies, and printing costs of 160 copies per issue). To print for next committee meetings, deadline Feb 10,2012. In loving service.

Website, Hugh - Here is a summary of the discussions from the Website round table.

1. Review and reorganize the layout of the website, especially the front page, to make things easier to find.
2. Continue work on the Online Change Form for the Area Registrar allowing groups and districts to have an online tool to continue changes to the registrar.
3. Plans to implement videoconferencing are currently on hold, while we seek solutions to some of the technical issues and the issues around anonymity.

Grapevine, Clifford - Hi, my name is Clifford and I am honored to serve as Hawaii Area 17 Grapevine Committee Chair. Thank you East Hawaii for hosting this Assembly.

It is different starting out mid panel. Most of you have been serving for more than a year while I'm the new guy just getting his feet wet.

I have started by putting together a Grapevine display which I brought to this Assembly. Please help yourself to the brochures and cards and take them to your groups. But please, the books are for display only but if you really need one come talk to me.

I've done three events to date. Our Maui Intergroup sponsored Gratitude Night, the Hawaii State Convention, and our Christmas Alkathon. It was great to see people stop by to browse and ask questions. I was unable to answer most of the questions which tells me I got a lot to learn.

The highlight so far for me was to be a part of a panel of Area Committee Chairs at the Hawaii State Convention sharing our hopes and plans to help carry our message.

Please call or email or text even with questions and or suggestions on our Grapevine. My phone and email is on our Area contact list.

I look forward to serving our fellowship in 2012. In love and service.

-Cooperation with the Elder Community, Rochelle - Aloha,

The following CEC related activity has occurred since our Budget Assembly Meeting in September 2011:

- CEC poster board display at 2011 Convention at the Hilton Hawaiian;
- Part of panel presentation of Hawaii Area Committees at Convention.
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Announcements – 2012 SIS International Conference to be held in Yuma, Arizona, March 14-17, a mere two weeks after PRAASA. Icebreaker speaker is Carol G. from Kailua-Kona.

Goals – Continue to outreach to nurses in particular in care home settings.

Mahalo for the opportunity to be in service,

Hospitals, Jim - I'm Jim and I'm an alcoholic. Thank you district 7 for your hospitality.

First of all, we only spent a little more than 34 dollars on hospital work this past year. Since Hugh is out of money for Treatment work, this may change for the current year because Hugh and I have talked about working together. We may eventually suggest that these two committees be permanently joined to better carry out this work and bring us more in line with the recent General Service Conference decision to use the term "treatment settings" which encompasses both types of facilities.

This morning's Hospital Committee meeting was a wonderful experience for me. I love getting together with you guys and thank you for the corrections to the hospitals list we came up with.

That list was posted on the wall over there and it shows (somewhat) the hospitals in the different Districts in our area. It was put together as a display for the convention and it has many mistakes, but it is a beginning.

I've given DCM's a list of what I thought were hospitals in their districts and asked that they reference the work being done in these facilities so we all can have a better handle on how we're carrying the message into these facilities.

We know there are changes being made in medical care delivery. It's been reported that doctors must now put attendance at meetings on a patient's chart if that person is to attend a meeting. In order to stay abreast of these changes and help better shape our responses, we need to insure we are getting information from those who are participating in this area. That is the way we are organized and if we should change how we carry the message, all of us must be aware of it. It is through our reports to one another where this process occurs.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Cooperation with Professional Community, Susan - (will mail it to me) Mathea has Produce video, less than 20 minutes, to approach the community. She has also comprised a letter and package for mailing list on Kauai, for medical community. Thank you for suggestions.

Convention, Zeke - I AM NOW SERVING AS THIS YEAR'S STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR THE ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION

- ❖ LAST YEARS CONVENTION WAS A SUCCCESS.
- ❖ WE CURRENTLY MEET THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT TRINITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
- ❖ WE HAVE ONE OPEN POSITION. THE SECRATRY POSITION IS OPEN AS OF TODAY WE HAVE ONLY HAD ONE RESUME SUBMITTED. PLEASE HAVE RESUMES SUBMITTED BY FEBURARY 4TH OR BRING IT TO THAT MEETING IF YOU ARE INTRESTED IN STANDING FOR THAT POSITION.
- ❖ WE SOULD HAVE THE FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT OUT BY MARCH. WE WILL HAVE ENOUGH MONEY SO WE CAN FULFILL 5.14 OF APPENDIX C. BASICLY WE WILL REDUCE THE TICKET PRICE OR DIVIDE THE MONEY EQUALLY AMONG THE AREA Assembly AND ALL ISLAND INTER-GROUPS.
- ❖ THE STEERING COMMITTEE HAS ALSO VOTED TO PAY THE COST OF AIRFARE FOR AREA OFFICERS THAT COME TO OUR MONTHY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING.
- ❖ WE ARE JUST ABOUT DONE WORKING ON THE GUIDELINES FOR A POSSIBLE OFF ISLAND CHAIR FOR THE CONVENTION.

CONVENTION NEWS

- ❖ KATHY J IS OUR CHAIR THIS YEAR AND THE THEME IS **FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE**. THERE ARE STILL SERVICE POSITIONS OPEN PLEASE CONTACT HER 861-4526
- ❖ THE DATES FOR THIS YEARS CONVENTION ARE/ NOVEMBER 1 - 4TH AT THE HILTON HAWAIIAN, TAPA BALLROOM SAME AS LAST YEAR.
- ❖ WE ARE STILL WORKING ON HAVING FOOD IN THE HOSPITALITY
- ❖ WE ARE WORKING ON THE CLIMATE CONTROL AS MANY HAVE COMLAINED ABOUT
- ❖ MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE ON THE 3RD WENSDAY OF EVERY MONTH STARTING ON FEBUARY 15 AT 6PM KAUMAKAPILI CHURCH

Archives, Adinah - Archives standing committee met at the Area Inventory Assembly

In attendance: Adina M registrar@area17aa.org, Linda delegate@area17aa.org, Cheryl N. chair@area17aa.org, Corrina G, Joe W, Tom D, Linda B, Mark P

Past minutes: None. Linda McD. provided an update on the progress of the temporary Ad Hoc Committee. Unfortunately, Heidi G. had to step down as the Non-rotating archivist in September 2011 and Linda along with several other volunteers have visited the storage unit in Kapolei on several occasions to assess the problem and develop a possible plan of action. Initially, there were approximately 144 boxes and with a lot of hard work they were able to reduce them down to approximately 98. However, much more work needs to be done. Several boxes have the same information base on who supplied the material.

All members of the committee agreed it is important to preserve the physical documents, some important memorabilia and to discard the duplicated information and digitized the balance in hopes the whole body will have access to the Area 17 Archives in the future. However, a plan for Area access is secondary to reducing the cost of the current storage facility and thus reducing the amount of stuff in the storage unit.

It was suggested we develop a plan of action to present a comprehensive plan to the body for review. We determined the primary action was to reduce the duplication of non essential materials. Together we determined some realistic goals to meet a flexible timeline.

1. Reduce the non essential material by 30 boxes every 4 months:
 - o Committee and other volunteers to meet at the storage facility in Kapolei on Sunday's from 2-5
 - Volunteers need either to be knowledgeable about AA or be supervised by other members of AA who have knowledge of what is important. So, valuable information is not lost.
 - A set of the GSO guidelines are available at the storage unit for review by all volunteers.
 - Get rid of trash, unnecessary office supplies and donate desks, storage cabinets and selves.
 - Bart Waianae DCM agreed to help with these items.
 - Extra Grapevines to Budget Assembly and give to the Grapevine chair for disbursement.
 - Have the Oahu Central Office Manager review the boxes of Intergroup material, to determine their value and what should be kept.
 - Dick has agreed to assist with this portion of the project.
2. By Inform the Delegate Assembly provide a proposal to reduce the size of the storage unit as the amount of material has been reduced.
3. By Budget Assembly discuss the possibly of digitizing the balance of material remaining.
4. By the Election Assembly request funds for the digitizing.
 - o Linda to meet with a professional digitizer in January and visit the facility and discuss a plan of action for future digitizing.
 - o Hope to place all digitized information on flash drives

Adina will document our meeting and email it to the participants and other interested people. Those who are interested we will meet at the storage facility Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 2-5. Mahalo,

Q/A

It's stored in Kapolei.

Grapevines - Bring to ITD and disseminate there.

Minutes from past panels - we don't know how far back, but we'll know by next assembly

We discussed digitizing it before - what progress so far? Ted K. did a great job, kept it all in an air conditioned room. Everyone gave us all their stuff, Ted kept it all, but in no organized manner. We inherited a bunch of boxes, Heidi G. was non rotating, we had more than 144 boxes then. Nobody stepped up to replaced her. Linda has been paring it down. Before we digitize it, to save money, time and energy, we are organizing it. Don't send anything in now, hopefully we'll have a checklist of what we like.

Cheryl - RE yesterdays inventories.

She'll go through all of those, helps to hear it more than once. Make a summary and send it out on the mailing list.

Comment about setting up videoconferencing -we have tried to do that, made some progress. Officers have been meeting on a monthly basis (7 of us). This came up last panel and a proposal. At orientation we talked about three proposals carried over, and nobody picked that up. It was a suggestion, not a proposal. And we don't have the technological capabilities. If you have a plan, let us know.

Lunch at 12:15 - Finance Committee Meeting

Proposal – That Area 17 end existing involvement with the Annual Hawaii State Convention - District 7, East Hawaii DCM, Alfred N. (presented by Francis)

Motion made by Alfred, seconded by Bill. – (This proposal did not pass: Yes= 6, No= 67). Procedure as followed:

Discussion:

- Against the motion - this is the third time I've seen this come up. Association between area and convention is productive.
- Do use AA guidelines that explain how to put on a conference. Reasoning is, if one is wrong the whole this should be thrown out. Prepaid attendance - if it is wrong, the assemblies are wrong too.
- Is there a problem with money being contributed to area?
- The cooperation between the two is breaking the traditions.
- Group decided to accept that steering committee pay for the chair. We want to keep it as it is, but I was listening about groups and contributions back to AA. I would like to decline contributions back to AA because we don't need that money. Be inclusive, adding to convention by allowing home groups to hold alcathons at the convention.
- Cheryl read out of the S and G 5.15 re money back to area
- Home group felt relationship is beneficial, oppose this proposal
- First, propriety of contribution from convention back to area - international convention took the extra money and it went to GSO. Second - most states have conventions which are affiliated with area or district structure. It's in the general service material how to conduct conventions. District believes it to be beneficial, since the 60s.
- Been part of committee for a while. It's always been a beneficial relationship. We come to area, serve area, sit at round tables, look for GSRs to share information, and take info back to home groups. I've always felt the connection. Having alt del and alt chair bring their experience to the table, beneficial to convention. Never been a separate body. Not the perfect communication effort, but we do it the best we can so area is well informed, and we keep trying.
- Point out in GSO guidelines, most convention make a profit. what's to be done? Part held for next convention. Then committee may use balance to support local service or general service.
- Last year the district was for it. But, first issue it wasn't inclusive, second area wasn't included. But I was invited to share, the topic was about area service. The panel has changed to include the area. This has changed my opinion, and I have changed my mind.
- Under our literature the committee isn't an AA group, it's a sub structure of area. They don't use the AA name. Don't call it the AA convention, but our literature is there.
- At first didn't know what was going on with AA or the money, as a newcomer. Only requirement, desire to stop drinking. The answer in tradition 3, experience taught us to not take away opportunity for new person to attend. Newcomers with no money, we're sinking to his death. No matter how good the cause is, in the long term it messes our structure and true message. It's against our traditions, wasting time on this. Convention is set up enough to keep itself going, doesn't need AA help. AA doesn't need its' help, though it's nice.
- We're part of a bigger whole. People come from the mainland because this is Hawaii. Someone needs to think about those folks too.
- My group conscience, they expressed it's been going on for some time. If it's just money, they were for the separation because don't believe area should pay for alt chair and alt del to go to the meetings. But yesterday after round table discussion, re outside contributions, I'm questioning the money. They are changing, and the convention is paying for alt chair and alt delegate to attend meetings because I am a trusted servant, and I have new information that can change my groups vote on it, my vote will be to keep it together.
- The budget, it doesn't matter how big it is. It's us being responsible as alcoholics. Good the convention has a budget. Tradition 7 re prepaid entrance. A lot of functions are prepaid, I've been to function where I had no money and they said come in, or someone has a scholarship and has paid for it. We are self supporting. It's our state convention. Steering committee serves, staying in traditions - checks and balances. Convention is changing and adapting. That's positive.
- Against proposal, cant site chapter and verse except personally the convention has been very inclusive, especially in the last year to make it an all Hawaii convention and not just an Oahu convention. The steering committee has made great strides in fixing some of the objections as to the way the finances were handled. Don't see need to change things.
- Groups' objections have all been met by the changes that the convention has addressed at the assembly. So I get to bring that back to my group and have them reconsider. My recommendation is that we don't change.
- Kalani, motion to table the motion and bring this back to our home groups. I didn't know about convention paying for alternate until today. Want to bring it back to home group and then vote for it.

When someone requests to table a motion, we need to vote. All discussion stops.

Seconded by Mark

Vote to table the motion

1st
Yes 23
No 53

We'll continue

Call the question by Kathy, Seconded by Linda.

Vote to vote

Yes 70

No 5

Voting members in attendance 77

Voting members present at this time 77

That Area 17 end existing involvement with the Annual Hawaii State Convention

1st vote

Yes 6

No 67

Minority Opinion:

-Not against the convention, against it being under the structure of the area. And basically because convention money cannot be put back into AA area. The structure needs to be changed. It is taking money from outside, it's paid money. Convention money shouldn't be put into area. This issue will be continued into the next area assembly.

- 6th tradition read. In my opinion, we're endorsing and lending the AA name to an outside enterprise. IT's a good thing, but literature from Bill says lets don't sacrifice the good for the best. Is this convention doing what we want? And things go back the way they were? Where are the checks and balances? All we have is pulling back the AA name. What is AA getting from the convention that we need it. What does the convention get from AA that it needs. This controversy will continue.

No one changed their vote, the motion failed.

Report on Structures and Guidelines Review - Ken K., Alt. Delegate - This committee met at the September 24-25, 2011 Budget Assembly and the following items were discussed:

1. Change the title of the Structure and Guidelines to Hawaii Area 17 Service Manual.
2. Section 7.5, D. Priority Of Spending: Rather than define "The priority of spending is as follows:", give the Finance Committee some leeway to determine priorities.
3. Section 2.10, F and Section 7.3 refer to the Prudent Reserve. Section 2.10, F refers to "a Prudent Reserve as specified by the budget" while 7.3 states that the Prudent Reserve is \$5,000. These two Sections should be consistent.
4. Section 2.10 Treasurer's Duties. Add "J. Maintain tax-exempt status". Tax-exempt status is defined
In section 7.6)

Additionally, we recommend that the Area Chair assign a committee to be responsible for any updated changes to the Structure and Guidelines, as approved proposals occur, to insure that the Assembly members are well informed. This committee would also need to be informed of any updated information under the Corrections and Convention Committees for inclusion in the Structure and Guidelines. This committee would give a written report of all updated information at Assemblies and Committee meetings.

Corrections, Lena - We are currently going through it and will have an update at the next assembly.

Convention, Zeke - Also working of S and G. Everything you heard about convention paying for alt. also looking and changing term limits. It's a constant work in progress to change the S and G. Most recommendation come from people attending convention, what they would like to see is different. Your voice is heard. If you have other recommendation, contact Zeke. Will have an update by the next assembly.

Local Forums - held for next assembly

Ask it Basket:

What are Area's main responsibilities. Refer to Area S and G, can get it on website. Service materials) you can print out a copy of the S and G. Linda read page I Preamble of the Hawaii Area Structures and Guidelines.

If a group does not have a GSR, their group has no voice in AA as a whole.

Can we have the entire GSC agenda in addition to those topics selected for discussion, helpful for PRAASA? Yes. There are usually 100 things on the agenda, a lot are not topics for discussion, and have to do with reviewing draft publications. The committee gets

those items. You have to pay for the printing. At the February committee meeting I have CDs available for DCMs for the background material.

Before assemblies start, have someone better organized in terms of agenda and business items? Please come talk with Cheryl, she organized the agenda. Talk with her so she better understand what she is asking.

Could we have a survey of what other areas do about their archives activities and budgets? You can have what you want. No sure how to go about getting that info to you. And if the body wants that info, I can get it to on at the next assembly.

At the Microphone

-comment on delegate report re workshop topic safety in AA. Something we need to talk about more. In my homegroup a member who was unstable broke into another members house, shot and kill the person, and himself. Our group pulled together, and we're stronger today, and it made some men rethink how they treat women. It made some women rethink how they treat some men. We need to think of how we protect each other.

-scary when you come for recovery, traveling and staying with people you don't know. Dangerous and scary, so I stay somewhere else

- RE committee meeting at the tri island. Flying to Kapalua - not a cheap flight from Hawaiian Air. But Island air \$77. Now. Do research and look for the least expensive flight as possible. Committee starts at 9AM, book accordingly. Flyer to come.

- thank volunteers to help clean up archives. Heard treasurer's report, it's great and thank them for more help. If we can get archives down to 50% and get storage at $\frac{1}{2}$ the price, we would have been prudent.

- how to save money; Videoconferencing. Stop talking about it and do it. We need to save some money. Like to see it done before this panel is done

- can we meet in handicapped accessible location? We need to try to do that. Sometimes we're hampered by location. We need to look at and will in the future.

-Registrar- thank for returning everything.

-Money -We did fabulous last year given this economy, and contributions a so way down and expense are up. Didn't mean to be sarcastic about if you want something you have to pay for it. If we want the services, we have to pay for the services. The spiritual value of our dollar. Sometimes not decreasing expense, sometimes increasing contribution.

-Money, past Delegate a few years ago. I put \$2 in. one for me for me, and \$1 for the suffering alcoholic. PRAASA, I put \$3 in, one for each for the three legacies. Person at home group shared, no matter what's going on I put \$5 in my home groups basket.

- My groups aren't always able to make splits, so I now give the same amount that I would put in the basket, but send contributions to GSO, Area, Intergroup, and my District so I know I'm supporting the service structure.

What to take back to your groups/Districts, Cheryl:

- Took Area Inventory
 - o Started with written inventory which was handed in and will be reviewed.
 - o Small group discussion re inventory items. Each group shared their discussions with the Assembly.
 - o Responses will be reviewed and action items identified and brought back to Assembly.
- Proposal "To End the Formal Association between AA Area 17 and Annual Hawaii State Convention" was defeated.
- Area 17 is looking for an Archives Standing Committee chair/Permanent Archivist. Those interested, please contact Cheryl N., Area chair @ chair@area17aa.org.
- All dates for 2012 Assemblies and committee meetings have been confirmed. Dates are available on front page of our Area website - www.area17aa.org.

Linda motion to adjourn, seconded by Will.

Please be reminded that all reports need to be submitted in writing for the secretary. Please note items you wish recorded verbatim in minutes. In addition, you can email your report to secretary at secretary@hawaii-aa.org