

**Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting
Saturday May 19, 2012
Hosted by Tri Island District 13**

9:00 AM

Call to Order, Serenity Prayer. AA birthdays: Suzanne 10. Past Delegates: Vernon G. and Scott C. Host DCM announcements

Readings -

Reading of Area's Fiduciary Responsibilities and Duties from Hawaii Area 17 S&G:

7.1 - Juddee. Priority of Spending - Miranda. Concept 5 - Hugh.

9:15 AM

Area Officers' Reports

Secretary, Coleen - motion to approve by Linda, seconded by Clifford, approved.

Treasurer, Sheri - motion to approve by Chris, seconded by Kathy, approved.

**TREASURER'S LETTER
HAWAII AREA 17
May 15, 2012**

Aloha Panel 61 trusted servants,

As of May 15, 2012 Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$ 7,172.98
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$ 1,250.00
Reserve for International Convention	\$ <u>700.00</u>
Total cash in bank	\$ 14,122.98

As of May 15, 2012:

Total Contributions and Income	\$ 12,099.97
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,064.58
Net Revenues	-\$ 5,964.61

Reflected in the Treasurer's Report, you will see that the Hawaii Annual Convention contributed a check in the amount of \$4,142.07 to Hawaii Area. This generous contribution brightened our financial picture for 2012. Later on today, the Finance Committee will be presenting the 2013 Proposed Budget for all to take back to their districts and home groups. We would like to encourage questions and input about the Budget. We would also like to encourage all the DCMs here today, to meet with one of the Finance Committee members and schedule one of us to present the proposed budget. We should have all the islands covered.

Officers and standing committee chairs, if you haven't done so, please book your flights for the Budget assembly in Puna early. Feel free to call or e-mail me and we can book the flight together using the Area debit card, if you are unable to purchase early on your own. In love and service, Sheri B, Area Treasurer, Panel 61

Registrar, Adina - I input everybody's information from last assembly. Any questions, please see me.

Alternate Delegate, Ken K.- Attending all steering committee meetings and working on S and G ad hoc committee. Reminders those here on ac hoc, we'll meet at lunch. I have copies of GSR handbooks and S and G for you new GSRs.

Alternate Chair, Bob H. - No report due to events in my family, so I'm out of the loop. If you have any questions, see Cheryl.

Chair, Cheryl - I found out all that Bob does, didn't know all the ins and outs of his job.

Aloha. My name is Cheryl and I am an alcoholic. I am honored to serve as your Area Chair and so very grateful for my sobriety. Since we last met in April, I have attended District and Intergroup business meetings in West Hawaii.

I also had the opportunity to speak with a couple of DCMs about how to help new GSRs be prepared for their first assembly. Ideas -

- Let GSRs know they will be attending a standing committee roundtable and help them find out from Registrar which committee they will serve at the Assemblies.
- Provide them with a copy of the GSR Handbook and Area 17 Structures and Guidelines as well as making sure they have copies of agendas, reports, minutes, etc that will be discussed at the Assembly.

As a reminder, please check the Area website frequently in the few days just before the next committee meeting or assembly. Many of the reports from the officers as well as the agenda and copies of previous minutes will be available on the website. It is the responsibility of everyone who can to bring their own copies - either digitally or the old fashioned way, on paper. We will be providing limited copies at all of our events in an effort to keep our costs down. We realize that not everyone has a computer or access to a printer and the copies we bring are for those people. It is our duty as trusted servants to insure Area service is available to everyone, and inclusive, but we are also responsible for being prudent with our 7th tradition funds. So, bottom line, if you have a computer or have access to one and a printer, please bring copies (paper or digital) of all the items we will be discussing.

Mahalo for letting me be of service. My life is so much richer as a result.

Adina: Clarification regarding committee GSR's are assigned to out of a hat, HP decides. All 11 committees - a district could get info if each GSR in the district does to a different committee, intended there would be an even number of people in committee meetings. Job is to come to assemblies, gather information, and take that info back to district so the district has info on what the SC is doing. Be a conduit for information, so people in your district know what's happening on that committee not necessarily on the committee. Hope DCMs know their GSR's are supposed to attend different standing committees to gather info.

Cheryl - Use website to access information and reports. Bring reports on your computer, or by bringing your written copy. We'll provide a few copies in an effort to keep costs to a minimum, and for those who don't have access to a computer or printer.

9:30 AM

Delegate Report, Linda - I also attend a lot of intergroup meetings. Thank Ken for filling in for her due to physical challenges.

The 62nd General Service Conference was held in Rye, NY at the Hilton Rye Town April 22nd-28th. The theme this year was "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age." I wish I had the words to describe to you that, while the week long schedule is grueling, the work is satisfying and spiritually fulfilling. I think Ward Ewing, Chair of the General Service Board, put it best in his opening report, "*I have always viewed the General Service Conference as a spiritual adventure - at once exciting and a lot of hard work, but also uplifting*

as we seek to reach an informed group conscience for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada." This part of my journey is so amazing to me that anyone who drank like I drank and felt like I felt would have evolved to be a member of the General Service Conference that develops and improves ways of reaching people who are still drinking and feeling that pitiful, incomprehensible demoralization. I believe that we are all here because of the General Service Structure and our trust in the processes of the GSC. I know today that I am sober in Alcoholics Anonymous because someone took the responsibility to reach out with the hand of A.A. We hope that hand will always be there in fulfillment of our responsibility.

I am not going to give you a full report back today. I hope that each of you plan to attend a report back when I come to your district. So far, all districts but two have scheduled dates with me, at least tentatively. (Please see the schedule at the end of this report.) I will touch on some items that were mentioned during open discussions during the Conference. We were asked to remind you that each home group is encouraged to have a Grapevine representative, who ought to register with The Grapevine, Inc. in order to receive helpful materials. However, the current Grapevine Workbook is way out of date. A plan is in place to update the Workbook, but the work has not been funded. And speaking of the Grapevine, I am happy to inform you that The Grapevine, Inc. (not including La Vina) finished 2011 with a net profit of nearly \$23K!

At the last assembly, I informed you that the conference members received an additional agenda item brought by the General Service Board to the Conference regarding the development of a plan to restructure the current Grapevine governance and structure while retaining the Grapevine's independent voice. The purpose of the plan is to increase unity, better reach and connect Grapevine, Inc to the broader Fellowship while addressing financial stability. So the first thing that happened was a motion made during the Delegate only dinner on Saturday night, to send the motion to committee. Following some discussion, the motion sort of died due to the fact that the conference had not officially started, and the Saturday night dinner is considered to be more of a social gathering. Once the motion was heard in the order of business, multiple "friendly" amendments were made and accepted, and over three hours of discussion ensued before the motion was, in the end approved. Please be advised that the purpose of the plan will be to improve the performance of The Grapevine, Inc. and has no hidden agenda to end the Grapevine magazine.

The theme has been chosen for the 63rd GSC: "The General Conference Takes Its Inventory - Our Solution in Action." The 62nd Conference approved the presentation/discussion topics for next year:

Spiritual Principles for World Service:

- a. The Triangle - More Than a Shape
- b. The G.S.C. Inventory - Why Is It Necessary?
- c. Self-Support - What Does It Mean to the Fellowship?
- d. Primary Purpose - Carrying the A.A. Message

There will be fewer presentation/discussion topics in the next three years to allow time for the inventory. The 2013 and 2014 Conferences will each consider 15 inventory questions, leaving 14 items for the 2015 Conference.

Other news from A.A.W.S.:

- International - Member in Iran have formed a small General Service Board and a GSO. They are now working on developing a Conference structure. A member in Cook Island wrote about the Maori Big Book translation: "We are already using the Chapter 5 translated content in our meetings both in town and in the prison. It has been VERY well received by local members." A volunteer with the Peace Corps in Uganda reports that the literature sent by GSO is being used for the prisoners at the Uganda Government Prison-Gulu. And a member from Zimbabwe was elated with the box of literature they received, especially *Daily Reflections*.

- ❑ **Ebooks** - As you know, the first two A.A.W.S. eBooks were launched on a new A.A.W.S. Online Store. They are working to ensure the smooth operation of the system and sales simultaneous with the development of an App for Android and iPad. The IT group and Publications Department are addressing post-launch corrections, adjustments and communications. The next two eBooks planned for release are *Daily Reflections* and *Living Sober*.
- ❑ **Reminder: *Daily Reflections*** is now available on aa.org in all three languages. The page is updated daily. The new page can be reached by clicking on the "Daily Reflections" link on the upper left corner of the home page.
- ❑ **Bar codes:** The Publications Department will be providing bar codes on books in order to help track inventory and process purchases. The Department will also look into adding bar codes to A.A.W.S. pamphlets.
- ❑ **Copyrights:** A sub-committee has completed an inventory list of the status of copyrights on major A.A.W.S. works. One of the purposes of compiling such a list is so that we do let copyright expiration dates go by unnoticed.

Openings at A.A.W.S. and A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

- ❑ Senior Editor for The Grapevine, Inc. - for responsibilities and qualifications, please see Spring 2012 *Box 4-5-9*. Resumes along with a cover letter are due by May 31, 2012 to resumes@aagrapevine.org.
- ❑ Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustee - current trustees, delegates, and directors submit candidates' professional resumes by July 31, 2012. For further information, please see Spring issue of *Box 4-5-9* or inquire at *G.S.O.*
- ❑ A.A.W.S. Non-trustee Directors - Two non-trustee director positions will open following the 2013 *GSC*. Interested A.A. members should submit resumes by July 1, 2012. For qualifications and job requirements, please see Spring issue of *Box 4-5-9* or inquire at *G.S.O.*
- ❑ A.A. Grapevine Non-trustee Directors - Vacancies may become available following the 2013 *GSC*. Resumes should be submitted by May 31, 2012. For qualifications and job requirements, please see Spring issue of *Box 4-5-9* or inquire at *G.S.O.*
- ❑ Class B (alcoholic) Trustees - Three new trustees will be elected at the 2013 *GSC*. Elections will be for the East Central and Southeast Regions and for trustee-at-large/US. Resumes for trustee positions are submitted by delegates and are due by January 1, 2013. A sound A.A. background is a basic qualification for Class B trustees. Ten years of continuous sobriety is desirable but not mandatory. Candidates should be active in both local and area A.A. affairs; and because trustees serve the entire Fellowship, they require the background and the willingness to make decisions on matters of broad policy that affect A.A. as a whole. It is also important that trustee candidates understand the commitment of time required. Trustees are expected to attend three quarterly board weekends, with meetings often scheduled from Thursday afternoon through Monday morning, and the *GSC* which lasts for one week. Often trustees are asked to attend a Regional Forum weekend. In addition, regional trustees are usually asked to serve two years on either the A.A.W.S. or Grapevine Corporate Boards, which meet more frequently than the *GSB*.

DELEGATE REPORT BACK SCHEDULE

(as of May 15, 2012)

May 19, 2012	All Maui districts	Lahaina
June 9, 2012	West Hawaii	Hapuna Beach Park
June 10, 2012	East Hawaii/Puna	Carlsmith Beach Park

June 28, 2012	Windward Oahu District Meeting Location
June 30, 2012	Diamond Head, Honolulu, Waikiki (tentative)
July 14, 2012	Leeward District?
July 29, 2012	Kauai Poipu

As yet unscheduled Central North Shore and Waianae

Estimated 1,400,000 AA members in US. If each contributed \$1.00 all of GSO's projected plans would be funded.

Pamphlet on Spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics (working title) should come out of committee probably next year. Trustees have reviewed the spirituality stories, whittled it down to 23 stories. Reviewed by committee and sent back to trustees for further development. It's not being stopped. Things in AA take a long time.

Q/A

We don't know if any of the stories are from our area.

The next three years, the panels will take inventory, so they have a lot to do. And they will have all the conference business on top of that. (> 100 agenda items and inventory process), so be aware of that.

Ebooks - are not available on nook yet.

GSC support - Minimum requirement increased from \$1,200 to \$1,600. Did it increase our support amount?

The conference works on committee system. The committees meet separately, then we vote on items that the committees have decided we'll vote on. It seems that item went smoothly. Areas that cannot contribute all of the amount can still attend. Some areas are able to contribute more than that amount. We help each other and are interdependent on each other.

What happens with net operating income? I believe it goes in the reserve fund. Our reserve fund = 11.3 months of operating funds.

Sexual predators in AA, was it talked about? Yes.

Also, wasn't there a discussion on safety in meetings? Yes.

The workshop topic was safety in AA, our common welfare. It was broken down into 3 topics. The first was how to make home group welcoming and accessible. Smile, have greeters (men and women). Set up space early. Be ready to assist disabled if necessary. Help newcomers find coffee. Secretary reads housekeeping items. Invite newcomers back. Keep an eye on newcomer, don't let them feel unwanted, or sit in a corner because that's when stuff happens. Don't leave the clean up people alone to do the chores.

Sponsorship can help: discourage profanity, sharing on sexuality, educate spouses and newcomers that this does go on and distinguish between pray and prey. Offer guidance in life skills, (ie appropriate dress) be an example of appropriate conduct. Be aware and speak up if you see inappropriate behavior. Domestic abuse or abuse of any kind is every one's problem, not just the victims.

How would/ does the home group address matter that may arise? i.e. disruptive conduct that may disrupt the meeting such as predation: money, sexual, drugs. Notice, be aware, be mindful, and speak to the person, talk and take a group conscience and have a plan. We cannot police our meetings but if someone is disrupting the meetings, address it. (distractions such as sleeping, texting, kids/pets running around). Illegal activities need to be reported, call the police, 911. It's a meeting of AA and we owe it to each other to keep each other safe. Inappropriate behavior toward newcomers - sponsors can alert newcomers to potentially vulnerable situation, appropriate dress and language.

What do we do about emergencies? Dial 911.

Two thoughts: inaction equals condoning the behavior. I, you see something and ignore it, then you are OK with what is going on. I might be the only example of the Big Book that anyone ever sees. Talk about this stuff, (don't ignore "the elephant in the room"). What is good for the group comes first, personal welfare follows close behind.

Linda serves on the treatment, special needs and disabilities committee. That will be part of her report back. Money - minimum for conference is to help cover delegate expense. The average Delegate expense was \$5,800.00, so the \$1,200.00 that we contributed barely covered Linda's airfare. Other people can drive there, that is why it's averaged.

Facebook page, and is GSO going to buy stock? Subject will be further explored, will talk at her report back.

This year's conference was such an awesome experience. No controversy, no contention, nothing was made personal. That is not to say there weren't some lively discussions. Some committee recommendation took 2 minutes to cover, others took 2 hours. It was amazing, calm, and the support showed to me by other pacific region delegates and delegates in general blew me away. I'm having a hard time getting around, and I had all the help I wanted.

10:16 Standing Committee Reports

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

- We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Budget Assembly August 18-19th. Please register early. There are fliers on the table.
- We are teaming up with East Hawaii District and East Hawaii Intergroup for the Founders Day/Delegates Report Back event on June 10th at Carlsmith Beach Park. My main goal for this event is to make sure our Delegate Linda gets into the ocean for some salt-water therapy.
- The "East Meets West" event, now called "Unity Day", is on August 25th. I was informed that the Puna District is in charge of volleyball. That should be interesting.
- Our service workshop is on hold. There are no GSR's in the district that are willing to help put the event together.
- Finally, as a member of the Area 17 Finance Committee, I am looking forward to presenting the proposed 2013 budget at the next East and West Hawaii District meetings. It is always a pleasure to visit other districts and meet others in service.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Alfred, DCM #7, East HI 7 - We're taking apart all the stuff accumulated in our district and slowly taking inventory of what we got... this includes all the containers of stuff we have coffee pots and what not. Currently waiting on the delegate's reports back on the big island.

I think our district got it figured out what we are gonna do in our part for the Unity Day on August 25th of this year

Our district has some talk about doing a service workshop to help get more people involved in our district.

Suzanne, DCM #4, Windward -

Windward District has developed an ad hoc committee to oversee the organization of the January Orientation Assembly set for 2013.

A location for the assembly in our district has yet to be found.

Workshops that were to be held this year are on hold due to lack of funds.

Our district is suffering financially. We are asking home groups to contribute more monies in the 7th Tradition.

We are still in the process of paying back the cost of PRAASA to our Alt DCM. She fronted the money for her trip to Washington.

We are in conversation regarding the Holiday Alcahons, looking for a location will be the next call of order.

Our Delegate, Linda will be visiting us in June with her report back from GSC.

We continue to caravan, as a district, to meetings in our area.

Aloha.

Bart, DCM #17, Waianae - We have more meetings that aren't registered than meetings I actually visited. We're making an effort to get more home group to participate, we're moving meetings to beach park, the first Wednesday at 6:00PM. If we shift the meeting location, it will get more members to participate. We're thinking about ways to build community that bridges Waianae and Kapolei: ice cream social, cookout. We're interested in your ideas.

Mo, DCM #6, Kauai - We are changing meeting location to windward side due to tables and chairs. It's currently in an office.

GSR/workshops have group conscience on topics, getting members involved in service work.

GSR Reports: actuation of sexual harassment topic of this panel 61- Safety in AA. Date of Linda McD. Area 17 Delegate Report back, the weekend of July 28th 29th. Saturday she'll be sharing her experience @ Oasis group in Koloa then on Sunday in Kapa`a she'll be giving her report.

Finances: doing well, be talking on District 6 budget for next year.

P.I. inventory of pamphlets and racks/ groups adopt racks in their area, District to pay for literature to intergroup.

Corrections: Just had training classes.

Announcements:

Founders Day June 10 @ Lihue Neighborhood Center.

Inform the Delegate July 29 Kapa`a Neighborhood Center

HICYPAA Sept 28-29 Came Naue, if you are attending and would like to be a speaker of on of the workshops, submit name and be drawn in August.

51st Annual State Convention, speaker for Thursday night meeting name submitted be drawn, Sunday breakfast be a hostess, and Alcolthon time slot to be announced.

Karen #11 Kihei - Mahalo to Matt and Tri-Island District for hosting this Committee Meeting.

Kihei District has had two District meetings since our last assembly. Much of our discussion has been regarding the Dinner Theater event scheduled for October 7. We have an active committee working on plans for the event. The purpose of the event is to inform about General Service and encourage more people to participate in General Service -- and to have fun!! We will offer tickets at a nominal fee with the goal of breaking even financially.

We now have a chair for Cooperation with the Professional Community committee.

We are looking forward to the Delegate Report Back tomorrow. When people come to events like this, they go away with a new appreciation of Alcoholics Anonymous and of the hard work that many people do to make sure that Alcoholics Anonymous is still available for the alcoholic who still suffers.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Jack DCM #2 Honolulu - Thank you in advance for a wonderful day on Maui.

Honolulu District is alive and fairly well. We are looking for ways to use volleyball, dances, and food to increase group participation.

In April we held a spur of the moment "Bunny Hop" Dance with a meeting. 60 people, a good time was had by all.

Honolulu, Waikiki, and Diamond Head Districts will have their delegate report back on June 30th 4-6 PM.

Just want to say what a privilege it is to serve and learn to be a better DCM (learning what words "not" to use).

Nicole, Alternate DCM #3, Leeward - My name is Nicole and I'm an alcoholic. I serve as the Alternate DCM for the Leeward District 3 on Oahu.

At our last District meeting, our Treasurer handed in his resignation. Our current Public Information chairperson, who had served as Treasurer during the last Panel was elected to this position.

Three of our district groups are being asked to vacate their meeting location. At least one of the groups, Anela Hula, has found a new location at the Oahu Veteran's Center in Foster Village.

Our district will be hosting a Picnic and Delegate Report Back on July 14th at one of the cabanas near Pearl Harbor. This was the location of our successful Spring Shindig in March.

We look forward to planning an event for October 14 in cooperation with Diamond Head and Honolulu District. Area committee chairs will be asked to bring information about their committee and do a short presentation.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be in service.

Ed #5 No Ka `Oi - On finance committee, presented budget to Kihei and Tri Island Districts. We're combined with Kihei and Tri Island at the Alano Club, to help with expenses. One new meetings on our district "Any Lengths" Contributions are low. Not sure I'll go to the Budget Assembly. We have no Alternate DCM, treasurer or secretary. Due to personal matters - getting married the weekend before.

Matt #13 Tri Island - Thank you to Lahaina Women's Group and MICYPAA for breakfast and lunch during this committee meeting.

Delegate's report back will be at the Alano Club of Lahaina, Sunday 20th(tomorrow) at 10:30 am.

Crossing to Molokai will be Oct 19, 20.

Mini conference following the state conference *may* be held in Lahaina.

MICYPAA will be held at Camp Kaenae, Aug. 3, 4, 5.

Losing GSRs, low participation

Jessica, Oahu Intergroup chair -

On June 14 from 6-9pm Oahu Intergroup will host another Friends of Bill & Lois Dinner at Hickam Officers Club (tickets \$35 at Central Office).

77th Founder's Day beach meeting from 7am-8am on Ala Moana Beach across the McCoy pavilion. Join us for a day of meeting in the pavilion all day long from 8am-5pm. A free mini conference to give people a opportunity to experience what a conference is like without all the expenses. A luau dinner (\$16 per-sold tickets) at McCoy from 5pm-6:30pm with the main meeting to follow with a countdown from 7-9pm.

Intergroup hosted its second successful Campout and will be hosting another Campout on Oct. 18-21 at Bellows again (see flyer or Oahu AA website).

All events can be found on the Oahu AA website or call our office manager.

Cheryl for Tommy, DCM #8 West HI (Tommy's daughter graduating today) - Founder's Day and Delegate report back coming up - Hapuna Beach Park. Potluck. Great time. Unity Day will be with the east and west side.

District standing committess- good turnout and enthusiasm.

10:40 - 11:00 AM Break

Cont Standing committee reports

Hugh F., Treatment Chair - Aloha, I continue to deliver literature to the treatment centers around the island of Oahu. Have been getting out to Tripler AMC, Castle Hospital, Kaiser, and the Veterans Center on Oahu with literature and answering any questions I can.

Bridging the Gap has been non-existent this past month. I continue to get the literature out to all treatment centers, and hospitals that have treatment centers located within.

I appreciate all the assistance that I receive to get literature into treatment centers such as ATS, Salvation Army, Sand Island, Women's Way, thank you to members of A.A. who have helped me this last year in getting the information needed.

I am for the Proposal that Jim (has/had) presented, due to the fact that a majority of the Treatment Centers are co-located within hospitals, for example Queens, Castle, Kaiser, Tripler are just a few of the places I visit to deliver literature and answer any questions that should arise. I feel that combining the two may also increase participation in this capacity. Thank you.

Clifford, GV- My name is Clifford, and I am an alcoholic. I am also your Area Grapevine Committee Chair. Thank you Tri-Isle for hosting this Committee Meeting.

Thanks to all of those who took the old Grapevines and binders at the Inform the Delegate Assembly. I'm sure it is being put to good use.

Here are a few reminders that have already been mentioned at the last Assembly:

- Grapevine's standard product shipping fee will increase effective this September as approved by the Grapevine Board.
- The Grapevine Quote is coming in June 2012. This will be previewed at Conference. The Grapevine Quote will feature excerpts from classic Grapevines. These selections will be posted daily on aagrapevine.org and may be requested to receive via email delivery to your inbox.

All of this information and a lot more are available online at aagrapevine.org.

Susan, CPC - April was alcohol awareness on Kauai. CPC presented materials and an informed AA member on West Side of HI. Very little AA meetings on West Side of Kauai. There were 5 other large companies that put on this event. Everyone put ifor out on health, evils of alcohol. AA being there, were able to present the solution. CPC contacting doctors and clergy. People on other islands, not in service in other capacities, interested in CPC (not GSRs who were assigned, not interested) and want to do something. Talking with

Chris, PI -The work between the last Assembly and Committee Meeting has been fruitful. I was asked to bring literature via pamphlets and books to Lanai to fill the agencies office there. I obtained an assortment of 100 pamphlets from the West Hawaii Intergroup and about 75 pamphlets and two BB and two As Bill Sees it as requested by an agency in Lanai.. Co-oiton for a Drug Free Lanai CDFL for short. The Maui Intergroup contributed also about a 100 pamphlets to Lanai and gave them to the AA contact there. I was able to also participate in the Wet meeting in the Ocean at Manele Bay and fellowship with the members from Lanai and Maui.

Next on the PI agenda is to put together a tri fold display for the Hawaii State Convention and make business card size to hand-out with all the islands Intergroup contact numbers. And to be available to all who want Information.

Hugh, Website -

- I have been using the area17all@area17aa.org mailing list to email everyone on all our mailing lists of new postings to the website, to help with alerting people to new content.
- As a step toward our goal of implementing videoconferencing, I have been thinking about a one way video conference of an Area meeting over a closed private channel and will begin testing some technologies to do this over the next few months.
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Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Q/A/Comments:

Linda - concern would be that people might think that it would preclude their attendance. Are GSR's going to think they don't have to show up?

Adinah - officers have tried a few times to use Skype/ computer. It doesn't really work very well. Not to say it cannot be done. One person can be heard. It's difficult to get everybody at the same time. A lot of obstacles. Before put out what we're going to do, make sure what is required is easily accessible to those we're communicating with. Didn't make sense, a lot of down time. Sounds like a good idea, issues attached.

Hugh - They would not participate, but would view. Limited participation. GSR to vote in assembly would have to be present. They could see first hand what was happening.

Cheryl - good idea, figure out how to address travel cost. Tried to do this at committee meetings since smaller size. Caution telling them we're having a webcast, so you don't need to attend the budget assembly. I like to get things done. But perhaps target the committee meeting in the Fall. We haven't decided to do this, it is not in place. It would be wise for GSRs to go ahead and make plane reservations.

Bob - since GSR's don't participate in committee meeting, broadcast that so they could see that happening. It might spark people to become a DCM, standing committee chair, or not. At same time wouldn't affect attendance.

Jim, Hospitals - Exciting to hear request for second meetings at Queens, adolescent Unit. Secondly, later on in the agenda we'll review a proposal. Copy is on the table.

Cathy, for Zeke HI Convention - The theme is Freedom from Bondage. Taking resumes for Chair for 2013 now. Registration count as of May 15th is 167, which is 54 more than there were last year. Flyers - please pass out, take to your groups. annualhawaiiiconvention.com online registration.

Recap: Thursday is Free, Friday night theme is Disco Fever 80's, Saturday is Hollywood Red Carpet night. Come out and have a good time. Main speakers have been selected. We will be at Hilton Hawaiian Village again. Snacks and drinks at the convention are an issue, looking for solution with the hotel. Cannot bring outside food in.

Purchased computers for our staff, under budget. Have a new data base this year, has challenges, changing and working out the kinks.

Steering committee decided not to do zone seating this year. This will open it up. If people want to purchase a table of 10, you can reserve a table, first come first serve basis. \$700 for table of 10 to ensure you sit together.

Excited to be back in service. It's dear to me to be back. I have financials if everybody want's to look at it.

Q/A Interviews will be probably be at Zeke's house. June 2nd steering committee meeting. Resumes in by May 31st.

Off island chair? Not volunteering, just asking. Zeke is working out the wording. Not limited to Oahu in S and G. If interested, please submit a resume.

Is planning entertainment for convention. Many have a lot of talent: hula, sing, etc. contact Cathy. chair@annualhawaiiiconvention.com

Budgeted for 1,100 people.

Accepting application for treasurer has not been put out yet.

Will standing committees have the same spot? Discussing with facilities person.

Will have room with literature.

Zeke will bring copy of final budget report to budget assembly.

Rochelle for Lena, Corrections - Looking for people to take meetings into prison. Requires taking an 8 hour course. Anyone interested see Lena, or Rochelle. Need speakers, 25-30 women attend these meetings.

Rochelle, CEC - The following CEC activity has occurred since our Inventory Assembly in April 2012 on Oahu.

1. I participated in intergroup/Central Office campout, 19-22 Apr. Bellows Air Force Station.
2. I attended Central Office Open House Sat. 5 May, Palama Settlement and set up information related to the elder community in AA.
3. Prepared a CEC Kit for distribution at the upcoming Budget Assembly and for DCMs on Panel 62.

I looked on the web to see what kind of information is out there for seniors and senior caretakers. There is surprisingly very little. Seniors with alcohol consumption problems just do not get the attention say a teenager gets. It is truly a hidden epidemic. The best some of the sites can do is refer you to the Seniors in Sobriety website, which is still in it's infancy but does list meetings specially designed for seniors. As for seniors in recovery, I wonder what grabs their attention. By going to the website for the 6th International Seniors in Sobriety Conference in New York in 2011, I found audio versions of topics include: Alone Again and Staying Connected, a song called It's Never Too Late, Are You Too Old for Counseling and Asking for Help. Another topic called Over Sixty Sober and Retired...Now What? Caught my interest. I would like to share a condensed version of a 65 years' old share on the topic:

Before I retired I had a title. Then I retired and a chapter in my life was over. What to do? Go to AA meetings every day? I did the to-do list that had been around for the last 20 years. Then I went to a nearby VA hospital and was not well received. I decided to try again a few months later and was welcomed with open arms. Since then, I have been a volunteer for eight years. I found my purpose and a new chapter in my life had begun and that was to serve my community and feel better in and outside of AA. Today I am busier than ever and retirement has been very good to me. There is an old American Indian saying: "When you are born you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die the world cries and you rejoice."

I look forward to chairing the Seniors meeting at the upcoming Convention on Nov. 2 and possibly a second meeting dedicated to seniors to come to the mike on Nov. 3. Mahalo for the opportunity to be in service.

Kathy, Mynah - There were no timely submissions, so I did not have an issue to bring to this committee meeting. Because there are so many activities in June, I will do a web only issues when I return home. Please submit anything you want in this issue by the 25th. The next deadline for print for the Budget Assembly is August 3rd.

Q/A could you acknowledge receipt of articles you send.

Personal emails and phone numbers won't be posted on flyers, information regarding events.

11:33 - 12:00 AM

Proposal to Combine Hospitals and Treatment Standing Committees - Jim D

In the course of this panel, reading last years report back from Linda. GSC changed the language from "Treatment Facilities" to "Treatment setting." It make more sense for us to combine that function here as well. Go to AA.org and get standing committee book, pamphlet, support. There is no longer a Hospitals committee. It's combined with accessibilities, etc. This pulls us back in line with what is happening nationally. It's more prudent. One the down side, I wouldn't be a part of this panel. It cuts our numbers down. Something to think about. I haven't brought all that much to the work of this panel. My understanding is this would be brought to the August assembly. The change would be:

"H. Treatment Settings - Coordinates the service work of A.A. groups and individuals who carry the message to alcoholics in hospitals, clinics, treatment facilities and other institutions where alcoholics receive attention from medical and other professionals for their diverse restrictions which may or may not limit their participation in meetings outside of the restrictive setting."

AND THAT Article 3.7 be deleted and subsequent subsections be appropriately re-lettered.

Q/A

Have you discussed this with current treatment chair? Yes.

All this is the combining two committees? Yes. And the job description.

Reiterated what I understand the proposal. page 4 of S and G under standing committee H. is for hospitals. You'd have to delete K. and instead of saying what it says.. verbatim. So for the DCMs, we'll post on the website. DCMs take to next district meeting to let everyone know this proposal has been made, so you can get input from your groups, and be prepared to vote on at the Budget assembly. We haven't had a lot of things voted on.

T and H both have a budgeted amount. Do you foresee an increase? Hugh and Jim would get together to discuss that. Budget might be reduced by \$100. Proposal is available in last issue of the MB. On page 10.

How did Hawaii end up being different from the rest of the world in regard to H and I?

Each group is autonomous so each area is autonomous. We do not necessarily bind our self to the conference or the trustees' committees. Each area does it differently. CA has H and I, but it's almost like a separate entity.

They report to the area, but they have sub committees. They have a committee for incarceration, teen facilities, etc. and they have a huge budget. H and I predates Area17, I think.

Jim - Also, FYI I receive mailing of stuff, I.e. Bridging the Gap, because they lump stuff together.

Because this will be a change in the guideline should it come in that form at the assembly? Page 8. In writing. It will come forth as a change in the S and G.? Yes.

I like this idea, was there some reason why he didn't want to include Bridging the Gap? And what AA can and cannot do? We fought so hard for having a Bridging the Gap committee. It's an important thing to say. Not opposed to the motion, the wording Bridging the Gap important. Friendly suggestion?

Jim - This discussion is the one we should have in August. But, I didn't include that because I felt what we do here is supporting the groups. How each group does what they do is up to them. I think we give too much direction, the directions would come from the groups so I'm leaving it as broad as possible. If this is a friendly amendment, I don't want to.

I disagree slightly. The standing committees generally is outreach for AA. I resisted talking about this, don't want to be too pushy. Bridging the Gap is so important. I don't think we use it enough in our area. There are forms, guidelines to follow. It's talked about in the treatment workbook, I think it's also in the special need workbook. I think we want to be inclusive and say something like "it includes Bridging the Gap" I think this is the place to iron out the wrinkles. I would agree to propose that you include bridging the Gap. Also prefer that you would take out the word "Facilities" that is the conference committee, doesn't dictate what we do. I can send you the scope. There is a new workbook and I can send you the scope of that committee.

The second line, treatment facilities to "Treatment settings." That's OK, he thinks with Jim. Procedural question. How to get the amended one? Can reword it, bring it to us this afternoon. Run it by us, see what we think? It will be posted on the website also, so people know that it is on the agenda.

Basically we're taking out facility and putting in word setting, and including "Bridging the Gap. Suggested so far.

Suggest treatment setting/bridging the gap.

12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch (Finance Committee Meeting)

1:00 PM Proposed 2013 Budget - presented by Finance Committee, posted on the Area17 website.

Q/A Could you explain significant changes?

Cost to GSO went up from \$1,200 to \$1,600

Airfare, need to redo when we know where everyone lives.

Printing costs went up.

Registrar printed a lot,

(Adina) - submitted 2011 receipts in 2012. Prudent to pay for registrars print cartridges.

May get questions about treatment and hospitals proposal.

It's a guideline, it can all be adjusted.

Page 3, registrar increased to be more realistic.

PRAASA travel - hotel have gone up, as has airfare. It is expensive to go to Boise. Hotel, Cheryl and Linda have been rooming together to save money. Next year, don't know if the new officers will be same gender and/or will room together.

Why isn't there an airfare expense for Delegate to go to GSC? GSC covers that.

1:15 Jim Wording for proposal - delete 3.7 H. page 4, and amend J (Currently K) reletter the sections and replace it with:

"Treatment: Coordinates the service work of A.A. groups and individual A.A. members who carry the message to alcoholics in medical and treatment settings. Sets up means of "Bridging the Gap" from treatment to A.A. and works to clarify what A.A. can and cannot do, within the 12 Traditions, to help alcoholics in medical and treatment settings."

Q/A/C

GSO treatment facilities was replaced with treatment setting in literature.

Fewer facilities, used the term "settings" in the field.

1:25 PM DCM, Standing Committee, Intergroup Roundtables

1:45 Summaries

Officers:

1. Prep for registrar for next panel - Linda will check with GSO regarding transfer of responsibilities and time line for training the next Registrar.
2. Archives - Linda and Adina will continue to go through archives, reduce non-essentials.

DCMs -

Self support sheet to put in meeting binders to encourage contributions. Cost to district about putting on as assembly. Possibly raising the fee to keep up with the times. Venues have become more expensive. Regarding food, \$25 doesn't always cut it. \$25 is not set in stone. The district can decide how much to charge. One option would be to pass the hat at the assembly if they came up short, so district doesn't have to use their own reserve funds.

Apathy - how to get people involved: go to different meetings and talk about general service.

Talked about handling disruptions in meetings, remind ourselves that service is important. DCMs help get things back in order.

Service work is a recovery activity. Service is where we learn how to do life. We need to express our appreciation to those in service.

Thank you District 13 for hosting this committee meeting.

Standing Committee Chairs -

Several of us are having similar difficulties in our positions. Ways to combat apathy, people who don't want to do work on our committees. Ways of keeping people interested.

We're amazed at how our committees overlap and we can do things for each other. Concerned about turning over positions to next panel, what would we like to turn over to next panel?

It's May, and we don't have much time left. We encouraged each other to continue our work, chance for Hospitals and Institutions to talk together, and welcome new CPC member. Appreciative of everybody doing service. Service is sobriety.

2:56 Proposal from Finance Committee:

Currently, we had nothing in S and G regarding contributions from bequests. GSO has a limit they accept.

Proposal: The Hawaii Area 17 Assembly recognizes that contributions are made in a spirit of sacrifice, and they honor A.A.'s code of "love and service." In keeping with our Seventh Tradition we will accept personal financial contributions only from members of Alcoholics Anonymous. We will accept a maximum per year contribution from living individuals not to exceed the amount accepted by GSO at the time of the contribution. Bequests in wills are acceptable only from A.A. members, limited to the maximum accepted by GSO at the time of the bequest from any one person, and only on a onetime basis-not in perpetuity."

Q/A

Contributions per year is \$3,000. Bequests are only when you pass on.

Suggesting this for Area 17 only, not intergroup, district, etc.

Friendly amendment to change the word "donations" to "contributions." Yes.

Friendly amendment to put this in the finance section of the Structures and Guidelines. Yes.

3:06 PM What's on your mind?

If a standing committee wants a table at the convention, please let Cathy know by the August assembly, so the Convention can plan accordingly.

We're listening to each other more (Convention and Panel) Thank the Convention for bringing us appropriate information.

Thank those involved in this committee meeting. Puna/Ken will communicate with you, lead by example. Please register and book your flights early, so Ken can make sure you are taken care of.

There are contribution envelopes for Area 17, if DCMs would like to take back to their district meetings.

Use of media for committee meetings. If we were on teleconference, I couldn't have talked with Miranda regarding Mynah.

Update on Archives: Archives committee plan from January 2012. Moved to smaller location in Feb. Now the area officers agreed to go through the archives, anyone wanting to help can do so. Adina will inventory. By next assembly, they will have an outline of what is there. And will have a revised plan at the next assembly.

The move of archives last February reduced our monthly costs approximately by 38%.

Cost of registration wasn't enough? We had \$1,200 to do something with. Normally the concern was the opposite, that districts made money off of assemblies.

An old guideline, we used to ask district that hosted an assembly, to give us, if they would some sort of accounting for the assembly. This came out of a concern that districts weren't supposed to make money.

Changes I've seen, the last two panels, our district has hosted, the economy changed. We encouraged groups to take care of a meal. Used to be they brought the meal. Now they bring the receipt as well.

Also, I wanted to comment, the upcoming budget assembly. Thank you for hosting it. Please make their reservations now. We're using the members money, purchase early. And schedule flights so you are there on time, and are there until 4:00 PM both days, so you don't miss the beginning and/or the end of the assembly.

Encourage GSR's to make their flights. It's disruptive to the flow of the assembly, and disrespectful to the district to leave the assembly to provide airport transportation for you early. Treat others as you'd like to be treated.

Thank you for info you've submitted. I'll transfer the information to the intergroups, to be transparent in the information.

Anyone on Oahu who wants to participate in archives work, please contact Adina. Question regarding what is being tossed and what is being kept, please feel free to contact her.

The sooner we find out the new DCMs and GSR, the better. Adina can input it before this panel ends so incoming can have the info before they start.

Thank everyone for putting up with him (Bob- Alternate Chair) while he's been gone. He's back on the job. Get in touch with him if you're hosting as assembly or committee meetings. Thanks everybody.

Mahalo Tri Island!!!

Summary of What to Take Back:

1. Budget was presented
Members of finance committee available to present budget/
Voting will be at Budget assembly to approve/not approve
2. 2 proposals to be voted on at next assemblies:
 - a. Combine hospital and treatment committees
 - b. Adopt GSO guidelines for contributions and bequests.

3:24 PM Adjourn with Declaration of Unity motion made by Suzanne, 2nd by Susan

Declaration of Unity - This we owe to AA's future:
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on AA unity depend our lives,
and the lives of those to come.