

**TREASURER'S REPORT
HAWAII AREA 17
March 31, 2011**

Aloha Panel 61 trusted servants,

As of March 31, 2011 Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$ 7,466.60
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$ 1,000.00
Reserve for International Convention	\$ <u>350.00</u>
Total cash in bank	\$ 13,816.60

As of March 31, 2011:

Total Contributions and Income	\$ 6,413.88
Total Expenditures	\$14,368.93
Net Revenues	-\$ 7,955.05

While looking through this report, please be reminded that the majority of Area 17's expenses occur during the first half of each year. The one expenditure that can be kept low is airfare, by booking early. If you are able and willing, please book your flights as early as possible. Again, if you are an officer or standing committee chair and are unable to spend your personal money for travel, please see or contact me and we can possibly work together to secure the low airfares.

This weekend, the Finance Committee will meet at lunch to discuss the proposed budget for 2012. Any questions or concerns, please talk to one of us. We plan to distribute copies of the proposed budget at the May Committee meeting and would like to invite all Districts to have one of us present the proposed budget at your district meetings, so all those interested may have input on how their 7th tradition money is being spent and all GSRs can bring the budget back to their home groups. We welcome feedback and questions from all. Can the Finance Committee please stand?

Finally, in our Structures and Guidelines, one of the responsibilities of the Finance Committee, is to explore ways to encourage financial support of Area 17. In a booklet of the *Advisory Actions of the GSC of AA* from 1951-2009, the Finance Committee from 1955 was also seeking new and successful ways to increase contributions. These suggestions included:

- Piggy Banks possibly in the form of empty whiskey bottles with the notation, "Pour it in, Don't pour it out" or "Are you a piggy backer or piggy banker?"
- Remind the members that 4 cents a week is more than \$2 per year. (The amount each member in 1955 was encouraged to contribute to the General Service Board.)

Although the amounts and ideas are quite different, the same processes are taking place today, as we seek to find ways to encourage 7th tradition contributions and use them wisely within our fellowship.

In love and service,

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