

**TREASURER'S REPORT
HAWAII AREA 17
May 15, 2011**

Aloha Panel 61 trusted servants,

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

Operating Funds	\$ 6,896.43
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$ 1,000.00
Reserve for International Convention	\$ <u>350.00</u>
Total cash in bank	\$ 13,246.43

As of May 15, 2011:

Total Contributions and Income	\$ 9,128.10
Total Expenditures	\$ 17,653.32
Net Revenues	-\$ 8,525.22

The Finance Committee has been working together and we have finalized the 2012 Proposed Budget. We will have copies available here for DCMs to take back to their districts. We are also planning to visit all Area 17 districts and present the proposed budget at the district meetings. In addition, the proposed budget will be posted on the area website. Any questions, feedback, or concerns, please contact a member of the Finance Committee. Our e-mails are listed on the cover letter of the budget and our phone numbers are on the Area 17 contact list.

Other business the Finance Committee has been discussing is ways to increase contributions. We are formatting an informational flyer for districts and have samples for DCMs to look at today. These flyers can be e-mailed and we hope to have them available to each specific district soon. This would create an opportunity for DCMs to help increase 7th tradition contributions by passing these out to groups within their district and increasing the awareness of the needs of GSO, Intergroups, Area, and Districts, not to mention a consolidated listing of where to send group splits.

Continuing with the topic of increasing 7th tradition contributions, there is a financial packet available from GSO that has resources created for that purpose. One of the items in the packet is the Green Card. The papers that are being passed around have the wording of that Green Card. On the back side is a flyer included in the packet to help increase awareness of 7th tradition contributions. Personally, I love this wording and plan on asking my home group to incorporate it into their format when we pass the basket. It states:

Self Support

The 7th tradition states: "Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the 7th tradition is essential at every level of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and member to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This keeps A.A. free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose—to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

The amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world.

In love and service,

Sheri B, Area Treasurer, Panel 61