

TREASURER'S REPORT

HAWAII AREA 17

February 16, 2011

Aloha Panel 61 trusted servants,

As of February 14, 2011 Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$ 10,188.28
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Reserve for International Convention</u>	<u>\$ 350.00</u>
Total cash in bank	\$ 16,538.28

As of February 14, 2010:

Total Contributions and Income	\$3036.84
Total Expenditures	<u>\$8074.30</u>
Net Revenues	-\$5037.46

I have adjusted the budget to account for the airfares for Area 17 Officers and Standing Committee Chairs. Our approved budget for 2011 was \$35,507.00. After the adjustments for airfare and other items, the total projected budget has been reduced to \$28,907.00. This will certainly help us this year. As in previous panels, the bulk of our expenditures are in the first part of the year, when the expenses for the General Service Conference, Delegate Report Backs, and PRAASA need to be paid. One of the main expenditures for Area 17 that can be lowered is the airfare for Committee Meetings and Assemblies. If you are reluctant to purchase your airfare early because of the personal expense involved, please contact me and we can work out a solution that will hopefully save the Area money.

It has been a challenge and a joy to begin my service position as Treasurer for area 17. The most exciting (that's right—exciting) part of the job so far are my trips to the post office box. Each time I make the trek, I open the box and it is full of envelopes from groups all over our beautiful state. It is amazing how this self-supporting organization works. Individuals put a dollar, or two, or three, or five in the basket. The group treasurer takes the money, counts it, makes deposits, writes contribution checks, addresses and stamps the envelopes, seals them with love and service, and the money begins its journey to help other alcoholics. The process is solid, simple, and spiritual and it works!

“Though not costly, these service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion—to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength—and that, under our Tradition of self-support, *we are all going to foot the bill.*”

Bill W., October 1967 Grapevine

Sheri B., Area Treasurer, Panel 61

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