

HAWAII AREA 17

PANEL 61

2012

**YEAR END
REPORT**

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**Assemblies/Committee Meetings
Dates and Locations**

- **Inventory Assembly - January 21 – 22, East Hawaii District 7**
- **Committee Meeting - February 18, Central North Shore District 10**
- **Inform the Delegate Assembly – April 14 - 15, Diamond Head District 1**
- **Committee Meeting – May 19, Tri - Island District 13**
- **Budget Assembly – August 18 - 19, Puna, District 12**
- **Committee Meeting – October 13, Waianae District 17**
- **Election Assembly – November 17 – 18, West Hawaii District 8**

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List of Officers, Standing Committee Chairs & District Committee Members

Area Officers

Delegate

Linda McD.

Alternate Delegate

Ken K.

Chair

Cheryl N.

Alternate Chair

Bob H.

Treasurer

Sheri B.

Secretary

Coleen A.

Registrar

Adina M.

Standing Committee Chairs

Convention Steering Committee

Zeke J.

Cooperation with Elder Community

Rochelle A.

Cooperation with Professional Community

Susan O.

Corrections

Lena R.

Grapevine

Clifford S.

Hospitals

Jim D.

Mynah Bird

Kathy S.

Public Information

Chris S-C

Treatment

Hugh F.

District Committee Members

District 1 – Diamond Head

Kevin W.

District 2 – Honolulu

Jack G.

District 3 – Leeward Oahu

Diane L.

District 4 – Windward Oahu

Suzanne Z.

District 5 – Maui No Ka ‘Oi

Ed. J.

District 6 – Kauai

Mo L.

District 7 – East Hawaii

Alfred N.

District 8 – West Hawaii

Tommy G.

District 9 – Central North Shore

Eric L.

District 10 – Waikiki

Alan Y.

District 11 – Kihei

Karen N.

District 12 – Puna

Ken C.

District 13 – Tri-Island

Matthew B.

District 17 - Waianae

Bart Z.

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2012 Assembly Proposals Summary

- Proposal “To End the Formal Association between AA Area 17 and Annual Hawaii State Convention” was defeated.
- Proposal by Finance Committee that Hawaii Area 17 adopt the guidelines of GSO on acceptance of contributions from individuals. The proposal reads as follows:
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 - Passed 87/1 at Budget Assembly.
- Proposals to Amend the Structures and Guidelines for the Hawai’i Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous –
 - Background - At the beginning of Panel 61, an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to review the Hawai’i Area 17 Structure and Guidelines and to make recommendations to the Area for possible amendments. The final report of this committee was presented at the August 18-19, 2012 Budget Assembly. Since several of the recommendations were related to wording in the document, it seems advisable to move forward with proposals to pass the following amendments.
 - Title Page – To change the title of the document from “Structure and Guidelines for the Hawai’i Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous” to “Guidelines for Area 17 Service”.

- Section 2. OFFICERS OF THE AREA ASSEMBLY, 2.10 Treasurer’s Duties – To add item J. Maintain Area 17’s tax-exempt status.
 - Section 2. OFFICERS OF THE AREA ASSEMBLY, 2.10 Treasurer’s Duties – Change D to read “Deposit all contributions into the Area operating funds account” instead of “Deposit all contributions into an interest-bearing account”.
 - Section 3. AREA ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES, 3.2 – Change the wording from “The assembly must confirm all standing committee chairs, except the Convention Steering Chair” to “The assembly must confirm all standing committee chairs, except the Convention Steering Committee and Corrections Committee chairs”.
 - Section 3. AREA ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES, 3.7, E. Corrections “Coordinates the service work to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who is confined in a correctional facility”. Add (See ATTACHMENT for ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, HAWAI’I STATE CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE, BY-LAWS).
 - Section 8. Districts in Hawai’i Area 17. Since there is a geographical area in Maui that does not seem to be assigned to any district, redraw the Map of Area 17 Districts to insure its inclusion in the Area.
 - Above proposals to be voted on at November Election Assembly.
- Proposal to define scope of Archives.
 - Purpose: to define the scope of materials retained in a storage unit that is paid for with Area 17 funds as per the Annual Area Budget and to eliminate duplication of materials retained in the archive of other A.A. service entities, such as The Annual State Convention, Intergroups, the General Service Office in New York. etc.
 - The proposal is to change the “Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guideline for the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous” (S & G), page 4, paragraph 3.7, Item A. from “Archives*: Serves as a permanent repository of every aspect of Hawaii A.A. history” to read “Archives*: Serves as a permanent repository of materials pertaining to Hawaii A.A. Area 17, its Districts, and its groups histories.”
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Summary of Assemblies & Committee Meetings

Inventory Assembly

- Took Area Inventory
 - Started with written inventory which was handed in and will be reviewed.
 - Small group discussion re inventory items. Each group shared their discussions with the Assembly.
 - 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 Area Chair at 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.

February Committee Meeting

- Topics for ‘Inform the Delegate’ Assembly were assigned. Districts were chosen from the hat. Districts and topics are posted on Area 17 website.
- Districts to host 2013 Assemblies and Committee Meetings were drawn from the hat and will be on the website.

Inform the Delegate Assembly

- Informing our Delegate – The focus of the Inform the Delegate Assembly was giving our Delegate feedback on the fourteen topics she selected.
 - Each District researched their assigned topic and presented that information at the Assembly.
 - Everyone had an opportunity to carry the message of their home group to the Delegate on every topic.
 - Our Delegate will take that message to the General Service Conference in New York next week.
 - After she returns, she will meet with all Districts and give a report back on the conference. In this way, the chain of information is passed from the home group member to the General Service Conference and back to the home groups.

- Introduction to Concepts 1 – 5 – A panel discussion was presented by past delegates Scott C, Panel 49, Keith H, Panel 55, Elizabeth M, Panel 59 and Dick M, Panel 39. This request came out of the Inventory Assembly.
 - Concept 1 – Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
 - Concept 2 – In 1955, groups delegated to the conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference...the actual voice and effective conscience for our whole Society.
 - Concept 3 – Right of Decision
 - Concept 4 – Right of Participation
 - Concept 5 – Right of Appeal
- Workshop on “Safety in AA, Our Common Welfare”
 - The same topic will be discussed in workshops at the GSC.
 - Feedback from each discussion group was shared with all.
- Website Review – Our webmaster presented an overview on the website to familiarize everyone with its content. A request for a review came out of the Inventory Assembly.

May Committee Meeting

- 2013 Hawaii Area 17 Budget.
 - Budget presented by Treasurer. This budget is the result of the Finance Committee’s review of needs for next year.
 - Members of the Finance Committee are available to present the budget to all Districts. Please direct all questions to the Finance Committee or Treasurer prior to the Budget Assembly August 18 & 19.
 - Budget will be voted on in total at the Budget Assembly.
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Budget Assembly

A lot of business was discussed at the Budget Assembly. We had an opportunity to unanimously pass the budget, review a variety of proposals and have much loving and lively discussion and also table a motion.

- 2013 Budget passed unanimously.
- Proposal to Adopt GSO guidelines on acceptance of financial contributions. Proposal was presented by Finance Committee. Passed – 78/1.
- Presentation on “Combining Treatment and Hospitals Standing Committees” by Jim D, Hospitals Chair. Pros/cons were discussed. Proposal will be distributed to body via website and email.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Review of Structures and Guidelines presented their recommendations for changes to the Structures and Guidelines. Check website for your copy.
- Presentation by District 4 regarding combining Assemblies and Committee Meetings. Lots of discussion both pro and con.
- Archives proposal to define the scope of the Archives presented by Adina. After much loving and lively discussion, the motion was tabled.
- Standing Committee chairs discussed what their committees do. One of the requests from the Area Inventory Assembly in January was for more information on what the Standing Committees do.
- The updated Appendix C, Structures and Guidelines – Hawaii Annual Convention Steering Committee was presented.

October Committee Meeting

- Six proposals from the Ad Hoc Committee on Area 17’s Structures and Guidelines were presented. These are basically housekeeping changes and will be voted on at the Election Assembly.
- Proposal to combine Hospitals and Treatment standing committees was discussed. Please see website for more information. This will be voted on at the Election Assembly.
- Elizabeth M., immediate past Delegate, presented information on the different roles of an Archivist and Archives Standing Committee chair. See website for her report.
- Linda M., Delegate, and Cheryl N., Chair, reported on the Pacific Regional Forum in Fairbanks, Alaska. The possibility of Hawaii hosting the 2016 Regional Forum was greeted with enthusiasm and much interest. The first step is to choose a location and put together a bid. The bid will then be presented to the Pacific Region delegates at the General Service Conference. Those interested, please contact Cheryl N., Area Chair @ chair@area17aa.org.
- Year End Reports are due soon. These are a good way to reflect over the last year and the entire panel in general. Try to make a note of what worked and what didn’t work, loose ends that you can pull together before the panel is over – or pass on to the person stepping into your position next panel.

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Financial Statement**

	<u>Jan - Nov 15</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Contributions Income			
District 01 Diamond Head	1,690.23		
District 02 Honolulu	819.60		
District 03 Leeward	343.62		
District 04 Windward Oahu	1,523.00		
District 05 No Ka Oi	1,066.55		
District 06 Kauai	1,451.01		
District 07 East Hawaii	320.00		
District 08 West Hawaii	2,693.95		
District 09 Central North Shore	1,180.05		
District 10 Waikiki	2,046.36		
District 11 Kihei	2,725.99		
District 12 Puna	464.41		
District 13 Tri-island	968.26		
District 17 Waianae	<u>488.00</u>		
Total Contributions Income	17,781.03		
Other Contributions			
Aloha Roundup	295.00		
Annual Hawaii Convention	4,142.07		
Anonymous Contributions	<u>13.00</u>		
Total Other Contributions	4,450.07		
Other Income			
Interest Income	2.02		
Sale of Service Manuals	<u>22.00</u>		
Total Other Income	<u>24.02</u>		
Total Income	22,255.12	36,605.00	-14,349.88
Expense			
Delegate Expense-GSC			
Hotel	627.00	600.00	27.00
Meals	133.50	150.00	-16.50
Other Misc. Expense	43.00	100.00	-57.00
Report Backs to Districts	358.60	500.00	-141.40
Required GSC Support	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	
Total Delegate Expense-GSC	2,362.10	2,550.00	-187.90
Haw Area Assemblies & Meetings			
Interisland Airfare			

Assistance to Districts Officers & Standing Comm Chairs	150.20	375.00	-224.80
	<u>14,547.01</u>	<u>14,415.00</u>	<u>132.01</u>
Total Interisland Airfare	14,697.21	14,790.00	-92.79
Printing			
Chair & Alt Chair	155.65	150.00	5.65
Delegate & Alt Delegate	134.03	400.00	-265.97
Registrar	278.77	50.00	228.77
Secretary	<u>177.10</u>	<u>125.00</u>	<u>52.10</u>
Total Printing	745.55	725.00	20.55
Registration			
Assemblies	1,825.00	1,900.00	-75.00
Committee Meeting Fees	<u>1,350.00</u>	<u>1,425.00</u>	<u>-75.00</u>
Total Registration	<u>3,175.00</u>	<u>3,325.00</u>	<u>-150.00</u>
Total Haw Area Assemblies & Meetings	18,617.76	18,840.00	-222.24
Hawaii Area Standing Committees			
Archives			
Supplies	37.68		
Archives - Other		<u>400.00</u>	<u>-400.00</u>
Total Archives	37.68	400.00	-362.32
Coop w/ Elder Community			
Literature	10.75		
Coop w/ Elder Community - Other		<u>400.00</u>	<u>-400.00</u>
Total Coop w/ Elder Community	10.75	400.00	-389.25
Cooperation w/ Pro Community	24.20	400.00	-375.80
Corrections			
Literature	332.00		
Travel	183.00		
Corrections - Other		<u>500.00</u>	<u>-500.00</u>
Total Corrections	515.00	500.00	15.00
Finance			
Postage	11.70		
Printing	182.70		
Supplies	72.00		
Finance - Other		<u>300.00</u>	<u>-300.00</u>
Total Finance	266.40	300.00	-33.60
Grapevine			
Gift Subscriptions	70.97		

Printing	1.51		
Travel	136.00		
Grapevine - Other		<u>400.00</u>	<u>-400.00</u>
Total Grapevine	208.48	400.00	-191.52
Hospitals		200.00	-200.00
Mynah Bird			
Printing	299.85		
Mynah Bird - Other		<u>600.00</u>	<u>-600.00</u>
Total Mynah Bird	299.85	600.00	-300.15
Public Information			
Literature & PSA's	134.65		
Supplies	17.94		
Public Information - Other		<u>400.00</u>	<u>-400.00</u>
Total Public Information	152.59	400.00	-247.41
Treatment Facilities		400.00	-400.00
Website Committee		<u>100.00</u>	<u>-100.00</u>
Total Hawaii Area Standing Committees	1,514.95	4,100.00	-2,585.05
Hawaii Area Supplemental/Oper			
Bank Service Charges	37.50		37.50
Computers & Software	250.00	250.00	
Dept. of Consumer Affairs	2.50	2.00	0.50
Insurance	516.00	520.00	-4.00
Office Supplies			
Chair & Alt Chair	39.00	20.00	19.00
Delegate & Alt Delegate	1.51	20.00	-18.49
Registrar	23.57	20.00	3.57
Secretary	28.23	20.00	8.23
Treasurer		<u>20.00</u>	<u>-20.00</u>
Total Office Supplies	92.31	100.00	-7.69
Postage			
Chair & Alt Chair		10.00	-10.00
Delegate & Alt Delegate	6.80	10.00	-3.20
Mail Box Service	206.75	210.00	-3.25
Registrar		10.00	-10.00
Secretary		10.00	-10.00
Treasurer		<u>25.00</u>	<u>-25.00</u>
Total Postage	213.55	275.00	-61.45
Storage of Permanent Archive	3,188.62	4,900.00	-1,711.38
Tax Preparation		100.00	-100.00

Total Hawaii Area Supplemental/Oper	4,300.48	5,762.00	-1,461.52
Other Expenditures			
Area Delegate - PRAASA			
Airfare	558.25	550.00	8.25
Banquet	61.00	61.00	
Delegate Lunch	41.00	41.00	
Hotel	249.40	250.00	-0.60
Meals - Other	11.00	75.00	-64.00
Registration	20.00	20.00	
Speaker/Panel Recordings	85.00	70.00	15.00
Transportation - Other	77.00	30.00	47.00
Total Area Delegate - PRAASA	1,102.65	1,097.00	5.65
Area Delegate - Regional Forum			
Airfare	791.00	800.00	-9.00
Hotel	240.30	250.00	-9.70
Meals	219.65	125.00	94.65
Transportation - Other	22.00	30.00	-8.00
Total Area Delegate - Regional Forum	1,272.95	1,205.00	67.95
Internat'l Conv - Delegate	350.00	350.00	
PRAASA - Area Chair			
Airfare	666.90	675.00	-8.10
Banquet		61.00	-61.00
Hotel	249.40	250.00	-0.60
Meals - Other		75.00	-75.00
Registration		20.00	-20.00
Transportation - Other		30.00	-30.00
Total PRAASA - Area Chair	916.30	1,111.00	-194.70
Regional Forum - Area Chair			
Airfare		800.00	-800.00
Hotel	240.30	250.00	-9.70
Meals	83.65	125.00	-41.35
Transportation - Other		30.00	-30.00
Total Regional Forum - Area Chair	323.95	1,205.00	-881.05
Total Expenditures	30,761.14	36,605.00	-5,843.86
Total Contributions/Income	<u>22,255.12</u>		
Net Revenue	<u>-8,506.02</u>		

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Year End Reports

Area Officers

Delegate Summary 2012

There are two constants in an Area Delegate's life: mail [by land] from our General Service Office (GSO) and email—lots and lots of email from Area Delegates all over the country and Canada and from GSO. I mention this in my summary because it's not talked about but is a valuable, albeit time consuming, part of the delegate experience. The following is a summary of my second year as your Area 17 Delegate:

- ❑ I attended all Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings, updating members on reports and other information from G.S.O.
- ❑ On February 15, I received the Final Conference Agenda and selected topics for our districts for assignment at the February 18^{Committee} Meeting.
- ❑ March: PRAASA 2012 (the 4th-6th) was in Seattle. In accordance with PRAASA guidelines, I served as a member of the PRAASA Delegates Advisory Board. I continued to work with the PDAB on an ad hoc committee to revise the guidelines regarding a change in the PRAASA site selection process and other matters and to update all other documents with regard to other PRAASA information.
- ❑ April: On the 14-15, we had our Area Inform-the-Delegate Assembly. There were 14 agenda topics presented by each of the districts. The standing committee chairs and the officers facilitated groups using the workshop topic for the GSC. Everyone did a great job, and I felt quite well informed. The night of April 18th, I boarded a plane for Rye, NY and arrived on April 19th.
- ❑ April 22-28 was the GSC. I attended all full conference sessions and all meetings of the Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities Committee meetings. I was proud to carry the voice of Area 17. I returned to Hawaii on April 29 and started to prepare for the first of the area report backs, to be delivered the day after the May 19 Committee Meeting. The combined Maui report back was a rousing success, including a lively discussion on "Safety in A.A."
- ❑ Report backs were given to the following districts: Leeward (03), Windward (04), Kauai (06), West Hawaii (08), East Hawaii (07) and Puna (12), and a combined report for Diamond Head (01), Honolulu (02), and Waikiki (10). I am grateful to our Alternate Delegate, Ken K., for filling in for me on Kauai and for Leeward District. As of this writing, two districts have yet to schedule report backs.
- ❑ September 14-16, the Area Chair and I attended the Pacific Regional Forum in Fairbanks, Alaska. We are hoping to prepare a bid to have the 2016 Regional Forum in Hawaii. The forum is a great opportunity for local members to get to know members of the General Service Board, A.A.W.S. /G.S.O., and the Grapevine, Inc.

- ❑ In November, I will facilitate area's semi-annual elections to select our Panel 63 officers and to select our area candidate for Trustee-at-Large/US. I will also be attending the 51st Annual Hawaii Convention where I have been asked to give brief opening remarks at the Saturday night meeting.
- ❑ January-December: Attend monthly meetings of Oahu Intergroup and distribute a monthly report on Area 17 activities. Once again, I thank our Area Alternate Delegate, Ken K., and our Area Alternate Chair for delivering area reports when I was unable to attend. In addition, throughout the year I have continued to assist with the Archive project along with other members of the area whenever possible.
- ❑ **Unfinished Panel 61 business:**
 - Area Archive: In accordance with page S46 of *The A.A. Service Manual*, I participated on the Archives Committee to help sort documents and reduce Area's monthly storage cost. This an ongoing project as laid out by the current acting Archives Committee with the goal of eventually digitizing the Archive and making it available online.
 - Tongan Translation: Area 17 passed a motion to translate certain A.A. literature into Tongan for use in the local area. A Panel 61 GSR stepped forward to head up the translation work. Certain documents required by GSO have yet to be submitted, without which the work cannot officially go forward.

Throughout this second year of Panel 61, I have remained willing to serve and grateful to be entrusted with the responsibility of representing you. I have received invaluable support and counsel from our past delegates, area officers, and sponsors. May each of you have a peaceful holiday season. I hope that I will be seeing many of you at future area assemblies and other A.A. events.

Submitted with gratitude,

Linda McDole
 Delegate
 Area 17, Panel 61

Area Chair Summary 2012

Mahalo mucho from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to serve as your Area Chair for Panel 61. It has been quite a year –full of lots of ups, a few downs and many many learning experiences.

Here's a summary of my year as Area Chair.

- Prepared agendas for four assemblies and three committee meetings.
- Facilitated the 2012 assemblies and committee meetings.
- Facilitated officer roundtable discussions.
- Attended Intergroup and District meetings in West Hawaii.
- Prepared "What to Take Back to your Groups/Districts" summary at end of each assembly or committee meeting.
- Reviewed written inventories and summaries of group inventories and found that one theme ran throughout the responses – we need to do a better job of communicating and educating. Five "Action Items" or areas for improvement were:
 - Standing Committees - Better communication and more info on what the committees do requested. Standing committee chairs did a presentation at Budget Assembly.
 - Archives - Develop a plan for review of Archives to reduce costs and make them more accessible.

- Video conferencing for committee meetings - Need someone to step up and research requirements for all aspects of this. What is needed to set this up so officers, committee chairs and DCMS from all four islands can communicate via video?
- Website - Requests for making website more user friendly and helping everyone to find what they want. Webmaster did a website review at Inform the Delegate Assembly.
- Concepts and Traditions - Request for more discussion of Concepts and Traditions. Panel on Concepts was presented by past delegates at the Inform the Delegate Assembly.

All 5 'action items' were addressed during the second year of panel 61.

- Worked with Standing Committee chairs to support their work throughout the Area.
- Supported DCMs and GSRs in carrying the message to their Districts and home groups.
- Communicated with members throughout the Area, answering questions about Area and general service.
- Attended PRAASA in Seattle in March where I facilitated the "Area Chairs' Roundtable" on Friday evening. I reported back to Assembly at the Inform the Delegate Assembly.
- Attended Pacific Region Forum in Fairbanks, Alaska in September sitting in on "Tradition Five: Our Primary Purpose" and "The Home Group – The Heartbeat of AA" workshops.
- Began exploring and planning a bid for 2016 Pacific Regional Forum.
- Compiled year end summary reports from Area officers, Standing Committee chairs and DCMs.

The second year of Panel 61, much like the first year, has been one filled with discovery, enlightenment, and awe as a result of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. I appreciate all the questions and suggestions from each and every one of you. I said many times during this panel, "I need all the help I can get." And you stepped up and helped in so many ways. I have come to embrace the expression "I can't, we can." And.. just as I am about to rotate out, I feel like I am really starting to get the hang of it! I hope to be able to pass the baton on to Area 17's Panel 63 Chair in a way that they get a firm grasp on it and continue to serve alcoholics in Hawaii.

Mahalo for your support and for a year filled with laughter, love and wonder.

Cheryl N.
Chair
Area17, Panel 61

Alternate Area Chair Summary 2012

Qualifying the un-qualified.

Aloha, my name is Bob and I am an alcoholic. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your Hawaii Area 17 Alternate Chair for Panel 61. I have to admit, to my chagrin, that the job wasn't quite what I expected. It was more, far more, and that's a very good thing.

In Panel 59 I'd had the good fortune to serve as the first Standing Committee Chair for the Web. Prior to this panel we'd had a Webmaster position, and I'd even served in that capacity in Panel 57, but it was not yet a Standing Committee. I'll be honest, it was hard work and very enjoyable, but it took a fair bit of my time especially in the weeks leading up to Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings.

After that experience discussions with my service sponsor led to my standing making myself available at the Elections Assembly for Panel 61 officers. I'd read job the descriptions and was pretty sure the body wouldn't be electing me to anything for which I wasn't qualified. How wrong I was.

I was pulled from the hat as Alternate Chair. I'd naively thought that after all the 'action' of serving as Web Chair I'd be getting a bit of a break, at least as far as the time I'd spend serving. I knew how busy our delegates and chairs have been. I knew the amount of work our secretaries have put in keeping records of our doings. But I had it in back of my mind that an 'alternate' wouldn't be nearly as busy. While I can't claim I was busier than any other servant in the Area Structure I was completely wrong about getting 'a break.' I'm all the better for that.

The Area 17 Alternate Chair has quite a few duties. These had been instituted in the past in order to make sure the position is more than a stopgap should the chair not be available. Our chair was only unavailable once in two years, at our 50th Annual Hawaii Convention, and I was tapped to welcome the convention goers on behalf of the Area – an honor to be sure, but a brief one. Thus it was fortunate I had a number of other duties to attend to during the panel.

The alternate chair works with the DCMS hosting both our Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings to make sure equipment is delivered to the correction location, registration fliers are approved and available on time, and that everyone is keeps on track with homestays, transportation, accessibility needs, and the like. It sounds like a big job but in fact our DCMS did such a good job mostly I only needed to give a few encouraging words here and there.

It was the rest of the work that I was to find filled my Panel 61. The alternate chair sits on our Area Finance Committee working closely with our Treasurer in planning the budget, approving expenditures, and carrying the budget to each District to make sure that the groups can make an informed decision. While everyone else at Assemblies and Committee Meetings is enjoying their food and fellowship during lunch, perhaps take a wee break, the treasurer most of all, as well as the rest of the Finance Committee are hard at work trying to figure out how best to carry the message with the available funds. My hat is off to our Panel 61 treasurer who did a great job keeping us on track.

Having disposed of my lunch times what more could be in store for an Alternate Chair? As it turns out I also became intimately involved with the Annual Hawaii Convention. While it is a separate service body in some ways, the Convention (AHC) maintains both historic and working ties with Hawaii Area 17. Thus it is that both the Alternate Delegate and the Alternate Chair sit as two of six AHC Steering Committee members. The rest of the body is comprised of the current and former AHC Chairs.

It would be wrong to say that we, the Alternates, sit on the body as watchdogs. The servants we worked with are all steeped in AA service and the Traditions. What I think we provide, or at least try to provide, is an 'outside voice.' Like any body, including Hawaii Area 17, it is always a good thing to bring in new blood with viewpoints that aren't caught up in the way things 'have always been done.' As I hadn't ever served the AHC before, though I had attended many over the years, I can assure you I wasn't even aware of the way things 'had always been done.'

It was a two-year long learning experience for me. I'm not sure I brought much to the table, but I took much away with me. I can attest to the hard work and dedication of not just the rest of the Steering Committee but all of the AHC volunteers. I'm going to miss serving the Convention, though of course I'm free, as are you, to volunteer. We'd love to have you.

Besides the regular duties of a Steering Committee member from year to year we took on the challenge of amending Appendix C of the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines. Appendix C is the section that deals with how the AHC governs itself, what the responsibilities of each member are, and how, in general, we need to operate. I feel the changes we made brought us more in line with

the will of the Area. During my time on the committee, though it was not due to me in any way, we were able to replenish the prudent reserve, lower prices, strengthen our bonds with our AI-Anon friends, and work towards the goal of insuring that members from all islands can participate at all levels.

That was enough to keep me busy throughout the panel and yet I wasn't quite done. While it isn't always the case, it turned out that I was also a sitting member of the Oahu Intergroup. Normally this duty falls to the Area Chair when they are an Oahu resident, but when they aren't, as during this panel, the Alternate Chair is invited to the body. Of course all Oahu DCMS are invited, and I encourage our Panel 63 DCMS on Oahu to learn something about Intergroup by participating.

Prior to this I'd attended exactly one Intergroup meeting several years before as a substitute for my home groups Intergroup Representative. During this panel our delegate also attended as she could but in her absence I did my best to deliver a report and keep folks informed.

I was also able, because of the knowledge I have through my regular job, to assist the Oahu Intergroup in replacing a computer system which had ceased working as well as assisting in keeping their website running.

In addition, I sat on an ad hoc committee that revised the Oahu Central Office Manager's job description and revised their By-Laws. That was quite a task but I'm happy to say that my experience at the Area level helped me enormously with this task. I was by no means alone on this committee, we were a true team, but I was able to bring something to table, though again, I took far more away with me.

In the end I learned that I was totally unqualified for the position and yet, somehow, at the end of my two years, I'd somehow become the person Area had wanted when they chose me for the job. I'd been qualified by the job. And, of course, it's now time to turn it over to the next unqualified member who will, in due course, become a qualified alternate chair. I expect that will take about two years.

If I had any advice to give it would be this: let go of any expectations and be willing to face challenges; the job will surprise you. Listen more than you talk, but don't be afraid of voicing your opinion; that's why you were chosen. Ask for help and give it when it is asked of you. In short, treat it like you'd treat any service position in Alcoholics Anonymous. You will be richly rewarded as I have been.

Thank you Hawaii Area 17 for letting me serve as your Alternate Area Chair. You have given me a gift beyond measure.

Bob H.
Panel 61
Outgoing Hawaii Area 17 Alternate Chair

Secretary Summary 2012

My work as secretary for Area 17 included taking notes at the committee meetings and assemblies, and making sure the meeting minutes and reports were accurate and ready for the next committee meeting or assembly.

Coleen A.
Secretary
Area17, Panel 61

Treasurer Summary 2012

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Hawaii Area 17 as Treasurer this past year. As the year comes to a close, here is my year-end report. Although this is the Treasurer's report, the Finance Committee, Bob, Ken, Ed, and Moises have all helped with the decision making and duties associated with the Treasurer's job and I am extremely grateful to them for their service and hard work. If any member is thinking about standing for Area Treasurer, I would like to encourage them and assure them that rewards are immense. If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss them with me. The beauty of this service position is that you are not alone. You have the support of the hard working, service minded, free thinking Finance Committee and the wisdom of past delegates, who sit in on the Finance Committee meetings, along with the experience of past Area Treasurers to help you every step of the way.

- **January**
Prepared and presented 2011 Treasurer's report and letter.
Prepared Finance Committee Meeting Agenda
Attended the Inventory Assembly hosted by East Hawaii district on January 21 & 22nd, met with the Finance Committee at lunch both days during our business meetings.
- **February**
Prepared and presented treasurer's report and letter.
Prepared Finance Committee Meeting Agenda
Attended Committee Meeting, hosted by Central North Shore district, on February 18th and had business meeting with the Finance Committee during lunch.
- **April**
Prepared and presented Treasurer's report and letter.
Prepared Finance Committee Meeting agenda
Attended Inform the Delegate Assembly, hosted by Diamond Head District, on April 14th & 15th.
Met with the Finance Committee for our business meeting both days.
- **May**
With the finance committee, prepared the proposed budget for 2013.
Prepared and submitted form 2011 990-EZ Federal tax return for Hawaii Area Committee
Prepared Finance Committee Meeting Agenda
Prepared and presented Treasurer's Report and letter at Committee Meeting hosted by Tri-Island district on May 19th. (Actually, got to travel to Lahiana-beautiful!) Met with Finance Committee at lunch and went over budget presentation assignments.
- **June**
Presented the Budget and provided copies at the following district meetings:
June 6th-Waianae
June 7th-Leeward
June 21st-Central North Shore
- **July**
Presented the Budget and provided copies at the following district meeting:
July 26th-Windward
- **August**
Prepared and presented Treasurer's Report and letter at Budget Assembly, which was hosted by Puna District, on 18th and 19th.
Presented Budget for approval-budget passed.
Prepared Finance Committee Meeting Agenda
Met with Finance Committee both days.

In addition to the monthly events, my duties included traveling to the post office box, recording all checks and 7th tradition monies, preparing deposits and taking them to the bank, paying area expenses, preparing monthly *Contributions by District* reports and e-mailing to all DCMs, and preparing monthly bank reconciliations and e-mailing them, along with copies of the bank statements, to the Chair and Delegate.

Sheri B
Treasurer
Area 17, Panel 61

Registrar Summary 2012

It has been a wonderfully rewarding experience to serve as the Panel 61, Area Registrar for the past two years. Again, I am astounded by the amount of work that has been completed in this position to ensure that every group in Area 17 has direct contact with our General Service Office. I truly appreciate the growth I have experienced as a result of being in service.

As it turns out, the primary function of the Area Registrar is to update the national data base to include: accurate group information; update new positions in the Area; document the number of members of AA in our area, identify those groups who would like to be listed in the Regional Directory, update and create an Area Contact list; update the district standing committee positions and ensure all new groups who align themselves with Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 17 are in fact groups of AA.

1. The Registrar keeps track of two data bases: Fellowship New Vision or FNV data base for the General Service Office in New York and an excel spread sheet of each voting member in Area 17, organized by district and service position or the color coded folders.
2. According to FNV:

In 2011, of the 565 registered groups:

240 Active groups – groups which have a primary contact

96 groups were listed as Unknown – at one time registered with GSO, but no longer have a primary contact and therefore could not be listed in the Regional Directory

205 groups are listed as Inactive – we don't have enough information on these groups; they may be closed or are no longer meeting.

In 2012, of the 576 registered groups:

243 Active groups – groups which have a primary contact

86 groups were listed as Unknown – at one time registered with GSO, but no longer have a primary contact and therefore could not be listed in the Regional Directory

220 groups are listed as Inactive – we don't have enough information on these groups; they may be closed or are no longer meeting.

1. As the registrar I worked closely with the District Committee Members, (DCM's) and **updated a total of 181 groups.**
 - a. **District 1** Diamondhead: **27 groups of which 20 are active** and 7 unknown
 - b. **District 2** Honolulu: **26 groups of which 12 are active** and 14 are unknown
 - c. **District 3** Leeward: **17 of which 14 are active**, 2 closed and 1 unknown
 - d. **District 4** Windward: **29 groups of which all are active**
 - e. **District 5** No Ka Oi: **30 groups of which 11 are active** and 19 are unknown
 - f. **District 6** Kauai: **33 groups of which 11 are active** and 22 are unknown

- g. **District 7** East Hawaii: **21 groups of which 9 are active** and 12 are unknown
 - h. **District 8** West Hawaii: **37 groups of which 18 are active**, 3 closed and 16 unknown
 - i. **District 9** Central North Shore: **22 groups of which 8 are active** and 14 unknown
 - j. **District 10** Waikiki: **27 groups of which 10 are active** and 17 unknown
 - k. **District 11** Kihei: **19 groups of which 10 are active**, 1 closed and 7 unknown
 - l. **District 12** Puna: **23 groups of which 15 are active**, 3 closed and 5 unknown
 - m. **District 13** Tri-Island: **19 groups of which 1 is active** and 18 unknown
 - n. **District 17** Waianae: **20 groups of which 4 are active** and 16 unknown
2. The Regional Directory identified:
 - a. In 2009 – 2010: a total of 3,535 AA members and 211 active groups in Hawaii
 - b. In 2010 – 2011: a total of 4,124 AA members and 230 active group in Hawaii
 - c. In 2011 – 2012: a total of 4,263 AA members and 240 active groups in Hawaii
 3. In 2012, as the Registrar I completed:
 - a. Two sets (100 each), of durable laminated voting slips
 - b. Updated the Area Contact List
 - c. Maintained and updated the Sign in sheets: Color coded binders for each district (based on Island and service), also this spread sheet was given to each DCM with their district information and to Intergroup Managers with island information. Created a comprehensive excel spread sheet; easily understandable and color coded based on status of the group: blue accurate and updated, red needs follow up from DCM and purple GSO is addressing an issue.
 - d. Provided DCM's with both hard and electronic versions of this data base on 3 occasion. To promote transparency, provide them with updated GSR and group information in and a comprehensive list of the groups which still needed follow up in their Districts.
 - e. Provided the most updated excel spread sheets to each Intergroup Managers on each island for their reference and to promote transparency. This data base includes District name and number, group name, group number, location, meeting time, contact name, address, phone and email.
 4. An average of 83 voting members attended the three Area Assemblies held in 2012.
 5. I had hoped to have an electronic Group Change form completed in this panel. Unfortunately, it was more complicated than I originally thought; this project may come to fruition at some other time.

Being Registrar has truly been a wonderful experience, and I have appreciated the opportunity to develop friendships with others who love Alcoholics Anonymous and have a passion for service.

Adina M.
Registrar
Panel 61, Area 17

Hawaii Area 17 Panel 61 2011 Year End Reports

Standing Committee Chairs

Cooperation with Professional Community Summary 2012

Over the past year Cooperation with the Professional Committee has been busy fulfilling our primary purpose in the following ways:

In May CPC hosted an information booth at the American Psychiatric Associations Meeting. The three day event was held at the Honolulu Convention Center and our booth was set up and staffed by AA's fabulous volunteers. Central office and GSO were vital in the events success.

In June CPC was asked to provide an information table for an Addictionologists seminar held on Kauai.

CPC materials have been available for various service workshops. Speakers have been provided for by requested.

At present CPC is still in the process of compiling an all island speakers list and expect it to be finished in December. We are also working with Hospitals & Institutions to provide AA support to the medical professional. We are planning joint events for next year.

CPC looks for different and effective ways to approach the professional so our District 6, CPC Chair has gone to great lengths to provide a way to present AA in 10 minutes to the busy professional! Fun for next year.

In the coming year we will continue to respond to requests for AA's support in the professional community always acknowledging our gratitude to them and the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Enjoy the holidays. May they bring you peace and love. See you next year!

Susan O.
CPC Chair
Area 17, Panel 61

Hospitals Summary 2012

Additionally, it is part of the continuation of our efforts to meet the objectives we had set for this panel: improving communication about this work.

At all three assemblies this year, the sharing from committee members has been very helpful in creating an overall picture of what we do as a whole in medical facilities throughout Hawaii. The experiences are diverse and illustrate an active, caring, compassionate fellowship. They have also suggested the necessity to work more closely with the members participating in CPC and PI efforts, however, and we are exploring the combining of Treatment and Hospitals to organizationally reflect the GSC's recent adoption of the term "treatment settings."

Finally, as I write this, a friend is putting some finishing touches on a display for the Hawaii State Convention. It is a map of the islands, divided into districts, pinpointing the roughly thirty hospitals in our state. It asks for additional members to join us in this effort to better co-ordinate the work in these facilities and there are cards available with the email address, hospitals@area17aa.org, for those who would communicate their efforts and interest to us.

We will make these hospital lists available to DCM's at the January assembly so we can all be more aware of the opportunities to serve our suffering friends in these settings.

Again, I want to thank you all for this opportunity to serve.

Jim D.
Hospitals Chair
Area 17, Panel 61

Mynah Bird Summary 2012

It is with some regret and sadness that Panel 61 comes to completion and my commitment as Chair of the Mynah Bird ends. This has been an awesome experience in growth and patience for me, and I want to thank all of you for presenting me with the opportunity to be of service on the area level. This was not about learning a new computer software program; this was about accepting responsibility and stepping up to the plate when I wanted to blame other people for not doing their part to make my job easier. I have grown in my sobriety in a way that I believe no other experience could have taught me.

I have attended all of the area 17 committee meetings and assemblies in 2012. I have led roundtable discussions for my committee; I have participated in roundtable discussions at committee meetings for the standing chairs. The exchange of information at both the committee meetings and assemblies was invaluable in my understanding of the function of general service at the area level.

The Mynah Bird went to written and web publication a total of five times in 2012. I did not publish for the area committee meeting in May due to lack of submission of articles.

It has taken two years to truly understand the commitment I took. Since there are only guidelines and no "rules", it was up to my discretion as to how many and when to publish the Mynah Bird. At times I was frustrated because of apathy toward the publication. I asked the question of its importance to be put on the area "inventory". It was unanimous that the Mynah Bird continue to be published, as it is the primary outreach to our members on an area level without computers.

By the end of my commitment I can honestly say that I gave up on my "preconceived" idea of what the Mynah Bird content should be. It was this freedom that allowed me to grow in service. I asked myself "What would members with or without computers enjoy knowing about activities on the general service level?" This has been a huge task for me, but I am happy to report that I wish it were a four year commitment!

Kathy S.,
Mynah Bird Chair
Area 17, Panel 61

Public Information Summary 2012

In February I mentioned the need for speakers who are asked to give information and staff tables as well as speakers on the other Islands especially Maui and Kauai. I asked the DCM's to please announce at their District meetings that we need help to staff the tables as well during public events? Oahu seems to have one person that is willing to serve in this capacity, but I also asked the DCM's on Oahu to please announce at their District meetings that service, in regards to providing speakers and staffing of tables for events, is needed throughout the island of Oahu.

March and April

In March I attended two community events: First I attended a resource fair put on by Hawaii First Recourse Center called Hawaii First Community Resource Expo that was held on March 16th at the Hilo Shopping Center. I asked one of my sponsees to attend and help staff our table of literature. There were many agencies, as well as the general public, who took our meeting schedules and pamphlets. In addition, the coordinator of the event was taking photos of several of the tables and the people who staffed them. I discussed with her about our anonymity, stating that if there were any photos to be taken that we were not be in the shot as we are an anonymous program.

Next the Puna Community Center hosting the Fourth Annual PUNA HEALTH FAIR on Saturday, April 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pāhoā Neighborhood Facility as a public service. Many members of the public and some professionals wanted schedules as well as some literature for their offices and personal use. The most popular literature was AA at a glance, and Information about Alcoholics Anonymous.

In June I was contacted by a teacher at Keaau High School for a speaker to come to their summer school class. I contacted Todd E who got sober at 24 and has 7 years of continuous sobriety. The students were really glued to what he was saying and a few talked with him after the meeting. I brought schedules and AA and Young People in AA pamphlets for them and the teacher pasted them out.

At the beginning of July I contacted by The Convoy of Hope coordinator. I then sent a mass email to area17all for help to staff the tables at their event. Paul W contacted me and stated he would be

willing to staff a table, and was there from 8 am set up, with "doors" opening at 9am through 1pm. With initial help from Ken K/Alt Del and Ernest S/GSR-Kalihi Sobriety, with Aaron A/GSR-Grapevine and Randy Beretania Disc coming to sit for a spell, it was a success. Kathy H came by the booth and stayed to sit the table for a while.

In September BISAC (Big Island Substance Abuse Council) held their annual Recovery Day and I brought the literature to a member who staffed the AA table.

Paul W and Ernie S. staffed the table with our literature at the Honolulu Community College Health Wellness Fair on September 19th from 10a - 2p

October

At the Pahoia Community Center on October 13rd the women of Pa'a held their "First Annual Recovery Day." AA had a booth with literature staffed by Linda R. the PI Chair from the Puna District. In addition, Wahiawa General Hospital requested a rack and literature from Oahu Central Office and it was delivered by Paul W on October 15th. In the future Joe G from Wahiawa will be the contact for filling the rack.

In November I received a place board and other information on the Membership Survey of 2011. In conclusion, I feel privileged to have been of service in this position for the past two years. I have learned over and over the importance of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers and informing the public that Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well in their community.

In Love and Service,
Chris S-C
Public Information Chair
Area 17, Panel 61

Website Summary 2012

In 2012, as web site chair, my efforts were primarily directed towards maintaining the website and implementing some minor enhancements.

Major activities related to the website included:-

- A tutorial presentation on using the website given at the Inventory Assembly in January
- Continued discussions on videoconferencing, although key technical, policy, and logistic issues remain to be resolved. My recommendation to the next panel would be to create a subcommittee specifically to address these.
- Widened the distribution list for area17all@area17aa.org to include those on the district mailing list. Currently these lists have to be periodically monitored for moderator approval, as postings do not always get processed without approval.
- A minor but useful change is that documents posted to the website now have a small logo automatically attached that identify whether the document is a PDF or Microsoft Word Document.
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I am grateful to have had this opportunity to serve in 2012, and for the opportunity to learn more about General Service.

Hugh C
Website Chair
Hawaii Area 17 Panel 61

District Committee Members

Diamond Head District 1 Summary 2012

Hosted Inform the Delegate Assembly April 14 – 15, 2012

Leeward District 3 Summary 2012

There were 12 regular monthly meetings of the Leeward District Committee. The Area Treasurer attended the June meeting and presented information on the Area budget for 2013.

The DCM and/or the Alternate DCM attended all Hawaii Area 17 Assemblies and Committee meetings, and the DCM and GRS's in attendance at the "Inform the Delegate" Assembly in April presented on the topic related to Inventory Questions to be discussed at future General Service Conferences.

The DCM attended PRAASA 2012 on March 2-4 in Bellevue, Washington. A CD Set from the event was purchased for the District, and in the months following PRAASA, GSR's from the District reviewed and presented information on various CD's.

The District Structure and Guidelines were revised during 2012.

Treasurer – The District Treasurer resigned in June since he and his family were moving to the mainland. The former Treasurer agreed to serve out the term.

Registrar – A District Registrar was elected for the District in March. Two District groups were forced to change their meeting locations, and three groups closed their meetings this year. One new group joined the Leeward District in 2012. Changes throughout the year were sent to the Area Registrar.

Archives - One of the District's GSR's kept the group informed about the status of the Area Archives and visited the storage space to review the contents.

Intergroup – In the absence of an Intergroup representative, the DCM attended Intergroup meetings and reported back to the Committee on a monthly basis. The DCM attended an Intergroup Campout on April 19-22, and a Bill and Lois Dinner on June 14th.

Cooperation with the Elder Community - The District was kept up-to-date on the activities of the Area CEC Committee through the GSR who had been assigned to that committee.

District Newsletter – Two District newsletters – The Leeward Letter – were produced in 2012 and distributed to all A.A. groups in the District. The first issue was published in March and contained information about the "Inform the Delegate" Assembly, and also included details about the March 31st Spring Shindig Picnic and Inventory. The final issue of the Leeward letter was published in September and featured articles on District and Area General Service elections, and on Gratitude Month and the 7th Tradition.

Public Information – The PI chair kept the libraries in the District well stocked with A.A. literature throughout the year. He also participated in the Convoy of Hope at McKinley High School on August 28th, and staffed a Hawaii Area PI booth at a Health and Wellness Event at Honolulu Community College on September 19th.

General Service Representatives – Four new GSR's were added to the District in 2012, although one resigned after two months. Two GSR's resigned their positions due to other commitments, but the Alternate GSR from each of the groups stepped up to complete the term.

Events – The District hosted two events this year – A Spring Shindig and Inventory Picnic on March 31st, and a Summer Fun in the Sun and Delegate Report Back picnic on July 14th.

On the agenda for November, 2012 is the presentation of the 2013 District Budget as well as Elections for Panel 63 District Officers.

Diane L.
DCM, Leeward District 3
Area 17, Panel 59

Windward District 4 Summary 2012

- 1) Presentation of Agenda Item at Inform the Delegate Assembly
- 2) Development and finalization of District 4 Guidelines
- 3) Area Treasurer and Delegate Report backs
- 4) Chili Cook Off and Volleyball Tournament
- 5) Scavenger Hunt. Both events were designed to help support the district fund the upcoming January Assembly.
- 6) A proposal was put forth at assembly level. That was about combining Area committee meetings with assemblies.
- 7) District Elections are to be held October 25, 2012.
- 8) Updated all contact information about our district's meetings and their GSRs for our registrar, Adina.
- 9) In process of organizing the 2013 January Assembly.
- 10) We have monthly caravans to meetings within the district.
- 11) We have two new GSRs. One from Show Up Group and the other from Pau Hana.
- 12) We lost but then gained a Secretary. No lag time between people in service.
- 13) District 4 has voted to move its physical location to the Unity Church in Kaneohe. The body will start meeting there in January 2013.
- 14) We hope to have a District Inventory, perhaps in December.
- 15) District 4 is hosting the Holiday Alcahthon. To be held at Waimanalo Health Center, Dec.24-25 and on Dec.31-Jan.1 2013.
- 16) We have managed to conserve our Prudent Reserve.

It has been a fruitful year.

Susanne Z.
DCM Windward District #4
Area 17, Panel 61

East Hawaii District 7 Summary 2012

Up to date meetings attended – 11
Attendance at meeting 5-6
Assemblies attended this year- 2
Attended 2 committee meetings this year.

Jan – Feb At the beginning of 2012 we started taking inventory on what we had and began to look into what we needed just for district. Again it's a brand new year so I went around updating everything such as new home groups and what not

March – After the February committee meeting we had our Topic for the Inform the delegate assembly. Ready to take it back and spread it around our home groups that are participating.

As much time as we had we were able to get the topic out to all the home groups and was able to finish our topic in a timely manner.

April - Nothing really going on where district is concerned. Just getting prepared for the "Inform the Delegate assembly.

May – member attendance in Hilo is coming to a halt only 2 members showed up to district.

June/July – In June we had the delegate report back. Due to an unfortunate situation the Delegate could not make it to the report back, but the event still went on and her message still got out to the district and the rest of the AA members.

July was really slow. Nothing really happened during this month. An announcement was made for the following panel for new replacements for the next panel.

August – The budget assembly I could not make but I know it went as planned. District 7 looking for new members to join district.

September/October – Last 2 months before the election assembly and district 7 are already getting possible prospects for the following panel. Can't wait till November district meeting.

Alfred N.
DCM District 7, East Hawaii
Area 17, Panel 61

West Hawaii District 8 Summary 2012

Hosted Election Assembly, November 17 – 18, 2012.

Central North Shore District 10 Summary 2012

Hosted February Committee Meeting, February 18, 2012.

Kihei District 11 Summary 2012

Last year I started my year-end report with the following sentence: “My first year as DCM for Kihei District has been many things – interesting, challenging, frightening, educational, and fun.” I can say the same thing about my second year. It is with real mixed emotions that I face the end of this panel – relief that I don’t have to put together an agenda and a DCM report together every month, regret that some of the things that I hoped to accomplish didn’t come to be and pride that we did a really good job at keeping Kihei District running and productive.

We have been able to maintain a full slate of officers – we are on our third recording secretary and second treasurer. One item that has been on our agenda for every meeting has been that we are looking for committee chairs. We were fortunate this year to have someone step up to be our Cooperation with the Professional Community chair and she has been a real asset to this panel.

Now a month by month summary:

January: I attended the Inventory Assembly in Hilo. It was very productive -- we looked at areas where Hawaii Area is doing a good job and also where we could improve. I also ventured forth to the mic to express an opinion about whether the Annual Hawaii Convention should continue to be a part of Hawaii Area. It was a leap out of my comfort zone. As a District, we decided to revive Dinner Theater which was “dark” last panel.

February: I was off island attending the International Women’s Conference so our Alternate DCM attended the February Committee meeting and received information about the Inform the Delegate Assembly. The Kihei District topic was regarding changing the wording on the dust jacket of the Big Book – adding some text from a previous edition. We formed a committee to begin work on our Dinner Theater Production.

March: I attended PRAASA. Thankfully our District feels it is important to pay expenses for our DCM to attend PRAASA. This year there were not as many Maui people in attendance -- I was forced to get outside of myself and get to know people from outside of my own area. Not a bad thing!! I distributed information to Kihei groups about our District’s Inform the Delegate topic and began gathering the group consciences of the groups in the District. Most groups said to leave the dust jacket as is. I also distributed the topics that had been assigned to other districts to see if there was anything that I should share at the Inform the Delegate Assembly.

April: I attended the Inform the Delegate Assembly on Oahu. We encouraged groups to volunteer to present skits at our District’s Dinner Theater.

May: I attended the May Committee meeting along with several other members from our District. We are fortunate when Area meetings are on Maui and many members try to attend even though they are not official participants. The day after the Committee meeting Linda presented her Report Back from the General Service Conference. We were fortunate to be the recipients of Linda’s first report for this year’s conference. It was held in Lahaina and attendance from all districts was good. We were also fortunate to welcome back Connie A. (a former GSR) who stepped up to be Recording Secretary for the District.

June: At our district meeting, Ed J. from the Finance Committee presented the proposed Area 17 Budget for 2013. Our GSR’s were asked to take the information back to their groups and to ask whether or not to support the budget as presented.

July: I was off island in July. I am lucky to have such a capable Alternate DCM who was able to conduct our District meeting. Planning continues for Dinner Theater. I have continued to make available the proposals that will be voted on at the next assembly. I encourage people to use the Area website to get additional information. Our District budget is fairly tight and I try not to print out material that can be easily accessed on the website.

August: I attended the Budget Assembly and reported back to the District. I am also gathering contact information for groups that do not currently have a GSR. I'm hoping that with two Area events on Maui this coming year, more groups will see the value of getting involved with General Service and the importance of having group representation.

September: We made final preparations for our Dinner Theater Production. Several groups as well as the District Officers will be presenting skits. The general theme for all the skits is "AA Service". Clifford S., the Area Grapevine Chair will have a display and is offering a door prize of a year's subscription to the Grapevine. Our District elections will be in November and our hope is that the production will generate a lot of interest.

October: Our theater production was a success – we sold over 200 tickets (at a cost of \$10 each). After all expenses were covered, we showed a profit of about \$100. We had priced our tickets so that this would be a "break even" event. The primary purposes were to inform, generate interest in General Service and to have fun. Although we had a few problems with the amount of food, we considered the event a success. Many newcomers and others who have not been involved with General Service on Maui participated. I hope that interest will continue. I also attended the final committee meeting of the year. I really enjoyed hearing about the Regional Forum and am interested in participating in the process to bring a Forum to Hawaii.

November: I'll be attending the Election Assembly and Kihei District will be holding their election.

December: It has been a busy two years and I look back with both pride and a little sadness – pride that we got a lot of people involved who had never been involved with general service and sadness that there are still many groups in Kihei who contribute financially to the District, but do not choose to participate in the decision making process.

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Puna District 12 Summary 2012

Hosted Budget Assembly, August 18 – 19, 2012.

Tri Island District 13 Summary 2012

Hosted May Committee Meeting, May 19, 2012.

Waianae District 17 Summary 2012

Hosted October Committee Meeting, October 13, 2012.