

## Election Assembly 2012 Area Chair Report

Aloha and a huge Mahalo from the bottom of my heart. As I sit here preparing for our last gathering of Panel 61, I am filled with gratitude and wonder. The last two years have flown by for me.

The Orientation Assembly was the beginning of our journey together – many of us with little clue as to what the next two years would bring. I wondered about just what being Area 17's Chair would involve but knew that I would have lots of help from all of you, including previous Delegates and Area Chairs and my fellow officers. So, I set out, asking for God's help and taking my sense of humor along with me.

As we progressed thru the first year of the panel, I gained a better sense of my duties involved. Besides preparing agendas for and chairing our committee meetings and assemblies there were many issues that came up. With a lot of help, they were addressed. I found myself frequently answering – "I don't know but I'll find out and get back to you." I had an opportunity to grow and learn a tremendous amount about myself and how much I had to learn.

The Inventory Assembly was one of my favorites – both in terms of process for Area 17 and in my personal growth. Several areas for improvement were identified and the officers and I took that to heart. The need for better communication throughout the Area – officers, standing committee chairs, DCMs and GSRs – was apparent from reading the inventories. Five other areas for improvement identified were Standing Committees, Archives, Video conferencing for committee meetings, a more user friendly website and more discussion of the Concepts and Traditions. Each of these items was addressed during the remainder of the year.

I remember expressing my hope that when the time came for us to rotate out of our current positions or 'pass the baton' that we would make sure the next runner (trusted servant) had a firm grasp on it before we let go. We will have time on Sunday for roundtable sessions for DCMS, Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and GSRs to meet and pass on suggestions as to what worked and what didn't.

This panel has been, for me, 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 have come to embrace the expression "I can't, we can."

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

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