

## DELEGATE REPORT

April 9, 2011

I'll keep this report short today because we have a very full agenda. I want to thank all of you for being here and for all of the work that each of you has done in preparation for this assembly. I extend a special Mahalo to the Kauai District for hosting this assembly.

### News from GSO:

- ❖ In January, I reported to you that the deadline for the submission of stories to update the pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Services" was February, 2011. The update to the pamphlet is to include stories of recent experiences from members on active duty and a section that focuses on veterans of the armed services. The deadline has now been extended to July 15<sup>th</sup>. Manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double-spaced. Please attach your name and address on a separate piece of paper. The anonymity of all authors will be observed, whether or not their story is selected for publication. Please send your sharing to: Literature Coordinator, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163, or e-mail: literature @aa.org.
- ❖ The Grapevine and La Vina were both released in digital format for the first time in December of last year. Populations, who do not have access to digital platforms, or those who choose not to use it, will not lose the print versions of these valuable tools of sobriety.
- ❖ In addition, digital delivery is now available for *Box 4-5-9*, *About A.A.*, and *Markings* (available only in digital format), the Archives newsletter. If you are interested in this service, subscriptions may be ordered through [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). The service is free and requires only a brief online registration to determine delivery preferences and to set up a password-protected account.
- ❖ The Board recently approved publication of A.A. literature, available for sale online in electronic format. To ensure that A.A.W.S. retains full control of the eBook publishing process, GSO will develop its own capabilities for the sale and distribution of A.A. literature online. The first online publications will be available early in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter this year and will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* in French, Spanish, and English and the "12 & 12" also in all three languages. Plans are being made for an eBook presentation to be given to Delegate and all members of the General Service conference next month, so I should have more information for you soon.
- ❖ Applications are now being sought for a G.S.O. staff member. Staff members of A.A. rotate through various assignments such as Corrections, PI, Treatment, etc. They correspond with A.A.s on all aspects of recovery and service. In addition, they represent the office at A.A. functions throughout the US and Canada and provide primary staff support for the GSB and the annual GSC. Desirable qualifications include excellent communication and organizational skills, good computer skills, as well as the ability to work independently and as a team member. AA service experience will be considered as well as a willingness to

move to NY City. A minimum of 6 years sobriety is required. Applications are available from the Director of Staff Services, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. Deadline for receipt of applications is April 15th.

- ❖ The winter issue of “A.A. *Around the World*” is now available in hard copy and on the GSO’s Website. This issue provides a historical account of co-founder Bill W.’s vision of providing a forum where countries from all over the globe come together to share experience, strength, and hope.
- ❖ Distribution of all books published by AAWS for the 12-month period ended 12/31/2010, was over 1,700,000. Big Book purchases accounted for 52% of sales, and non-AA purchases accounted for about 15.4 %. Sales, net of cost of production, royalties and shipping, were \$7,867,093. Contributions for 2010 were \$7,259,708, including net proceeds from the International of a little more than \$850,000. Total income was \$15,127,915, less total expenses of \$12,975,483 comes to net income of \$2,152,432. For the same 12-month period, Grapevine, Inc. sustained an operating loss of \$394,337, and La Vina had a loss of \$75,481 for a combined loss of \$469,818.

Reminder to our districts: Please scheduled dates for the Delegate Report-Backs as soon as possible. So far, the schedule is as follows:

- ❖ June 3-5: Kauai District (during Kauai Roundup)
- ❖ June 11: West Hawaii
- ❖ June 12: East Hawaii and Puna
- ❖ July 23: Waianae

I encourage districts to work together in order to be fiscally prudent. For those districts to which I must incur airfare costs, the district is responsible for one-half the cost. So not only does working together promote unity, it’s just more fun!

Respectfully submitted in love and service,  
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