

**Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting
October 09, 2010 ~ Central North Shore District**

Breakfast and Registration

Call to Order

Host DCM Announcements, Elise, Alternate DCM makes housekeeping announcements

Reading – 11TH Step Prayer: Colin, Declaration of Unity: Linda McD.

Area Officers Reports

Secretary: Miranda: Coleen/Treasurer: change to report she submitted on page 3, Treasurer 2011 Budget Proposal cover letter 4th paragraph, “Our estimated budget for 2011 is \$35,307”, should be \$35,507. Motion to accept by Hugh, by Chappy seconds, all in favor none opposed.

Treasurer: Coleen: (rev.2) Aloha Hawaii Area 17 A.A. members, As of October 5, 2010 Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$11,737.69
Prudent Reserve	\$5,000.00
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$750.00
Reserve for International Convention	\$0
Total cash in bank	\$17,487.69

As of October 5, 2010:

Total Contributions and Income	\$17,175.43
Total Expenditures	\$31,728.07
Net Revenues	- \$14,552.64

Hawaii Area 17 is not as financially solvent as it needs to be to fully fund all that we have planned for the remainder of 2010, and the start of 2011. Based on our Priority of Spending, here are some of the estimated costs for October 2010-April 2011.

2010:

October Committee Meeting	\$2,150.00
November Elections Assembly	\$2,150.00

2011:

1.a. b. and d. Delegate to 2011 General Service Conference	\$2,550.00
2.a January Orientation Assembly	\$2,150.00
2.a February Committee Meeting	\$2,150.00
2.a. March Inform the Delegate Assembly	\$2,150.00
3.2 Standing Committee Expenditures	\$2,000.00

PRAASA March, 2011 (which Area 17 is hosting)

4.c. Delegate	\$850.00
4.d. Chair	\$720.00

Our budget for 2011 calls for \$35,507.00 in contributions from members and groups. Many groups are struggling to meet their own expenses, but continue to send in contributions. Please let members know that they can help “foot the bill” by contributing directly to Hawaii Area 17. If each of the estimated 5,100 AA members In Hawaii Area 17 contributed as little as \$8.08, Area 17 could be fully funded. Coleen A., Area Treasurer, Panel 59 treasurer@areal7aa.org Motion to accept Clifford, Paul seconds, all in favor none opposed.

Registrar: Sue: A new contact list is available. Please remember it is AA confidential. As new DCMs, GSRs, and alternates are elected, please send completed change forms to registrar@areal7aa.org, so we can update records as we go. Thank you in advance. All Area Officers were in attendance. One intergroup representative was in attendance, Chappy C., representing West Hawai‘i. Five (5) standing committees were not represented: Corrections, CPC, Hospitals, Mynah Bird, and Public Information. Only ten (10) of the 14 DCMs were present. DCMs from Districts 4

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(Windward), 10 (Waikiki;), 12 (Puna), and 13 (Tri-Island) were absent. Thank you for letting me be of service. Sue B. Area 17 Registrar Panel 59

Alternate Delegate: Linda: verbatim: Mahalo to the Central North Shore District for hosting this assembly. It's good to be here and to see all of you again. On September 8th, I attended the monthly Oahu Intergroup Meeting, representing Area 17 as a voting member of that body. In addition to explaining the purpose of our Area Service Structure and informing IG about Hawaii Area activities, I encourage IG reps to participate by filling out the Grapevine Survey, volunteering at PRAASA in March, and supporting the Annual Hawaii Convention.

On September 11th and 26th, I attended sessions of the Hawaii Annual Convention Steering Committee Meetings along with our Alternate Chair. In addition, on September 27th, I was able to participate in a special convention meeting at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. What a beautiful site! I truly applaud the hard work and time put in by so many capable people to put on this fabulous event. I hope you all plan to attend. On that note, later today we will be talking about a proposal regarding area's relationship with the convention. I cannot stress enough that the proposal is in no way a comment on the convention itself. We'll hear more about that later. In addition, I have been asked by our Delegate to compile the information from the Grapevine Survey. As of 10/4, I had received 143 surveys. 127 of which were entered into our database and have been sent to the lead compilation team. The deadline for submitting the survey is the end of October. You will hear more about this topic from our Elizabeth in her report. In love & service, Linda McD., Alternate Delegate Area 17, Panel 59 altdelegate@area17aa.org

Alternate Chair: I would like to thank Sheri and District 9 for making this day happen. It is always a treat to get together and fellowship with you all. I still continue to sit on the Steering Committee for the Annual State Convention. This event is really taking shape and you will hear more from your Steering Committee Chair Patti. I had the opportunity to attend the Pacific Regional Forum in Torrance California on August 27-29th.

Here is my report...(found in the October 2010 Mynah Byrd)

Pacific Regional Forum August 27-29 Torrance, California, Alternate Area Chair Report

Aloha Area 17, Colin, your Alt. Area Chair and here is my report from the Pacific Regional Forum. First of all, I would like to say Thank You to Ken for sending me in his place. The Forum began with a very nice Welcome and Opening remarks from our Class A Trustee, (nonalcoholic) General Service Board, Chairman: Reverend Ward Ewing. I particularly liked this he said, "I firmly believe that together we can ensure that this Fellowship will not only stay together, but will continue to be that beacon of hope for alcoholics yet to come."

We were then introduced to our new Pacific Regional Trustee Rod B. from Area 69 Utah. He came out of the hat at the General Service Conference in April and he is a wonderful example of sobriety and dedication to Alcoholics Anonymous. We were then introduced to our new General Manager, Phyllis H. and she was a prior Pacific Region Trustee. She gave a report of the General Service Office and the employees. There are 82 full-time and 5 part-time paid staff. One Hundred sixty-eight Regional and Special Forums have been held since 1975. The concept is to improve communication within the Fellowship. Members of the board and G.S.O. staff members along with Grapevine editorial staff gave presentations and shared information throughout the weekend. Here are a few notable bits of information.

Alcoholics Anonymous can be found in 180 countries and the book Alcoholics Anonymous is printed in 60 languages. Membership in U.S. and Canada is approximately 1,400,000 with 63,175 groups (including Correctional Facilities). Since the First printing of the book Alcoholics Anonymous through December 31, 2009. In English there has been 30,664,881 books printed (all versions), Spanish (all versions) 879,541 Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions 14, 727,777 (all versions), Spanish 569,929 (all versions).

Here are some quotes from the panel of Past Pacific Regional Trustees

-Our doors should open wider and wider, all are welcome no matter what

-Should we become more aware of our behavior among members?

-AA has no Dogma, we transmit hope

-Spirituality has no boundaries

-Guard our Anonymity In the Digital World

And every one who saw that I was from Area !7 wanted to talk PRAASA and we should expect a large turnout for PRAASA 2011..Thank You for allowing me to participate. Colin H.

Q: how many rooms are blocked for the convention? Patti answers 390 rooms currently at 41% filled

Chair: Ken: Intros to alternates attending,, birthdays acknowledgements

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Delegate Report: Elizabeth: verbatim: Aloha all, and welcome to our last Area Committee meeting of Panel 59! I am so grateful to be here with you all today after having missed the August Assembly. I appreciate all the love and support Hawaii Area members showed me during my personally difficult summer. Serving as your Delegate continues

to bless me with spiritual growth in ways I'd never imagined, and truly is an honor beyond my wildest dreams. I love AA and those to whom I am directly responsible to beyond words.

Tradition Two / Concept Four:

Today I'd like to speak a little about Tradition Two and Concept Four in light of some recent events within our Area that I have been very concerned about. I have prayed about this, sought guidance from service sponsorship, and finally tried to ignore the feeling in my na'au that it's my responsibility to speak to this. It wouldn't go away, so here I am. I truly believe that Servant Leadership often requires one to take an unpopular stand or bring up the uncomfortable in Alcoholics Anonymous. In Tradition Two, we are reminded that our Ultimate Authority is a Loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience. In order for us to reach that group conscience, we must have full and thorough discussion in the appropriate arena for that discussion. Then we can all practice our Right of Participation. When a proposal is brought to the Area and it is not allowed to move forward, the groups and members of Hawaii Area 17 Alcoholics Anonymous are then denied their participation and their responsibility to discuss and have a voice in matters affecting AA in our Area. The business of AA is a spiritual business, to which we apply spiritual principles. The majority and the minority will always have their chance to be heard, have a place to be heard – and that is on the floor during open discussion at an Assembly. Remember, God is our Ultimate Authority and our Higher Power is in charge here.

Pacific Regional Forum:

I attended the Pacific Regional Forum over the weekend of August 26-28, 2010 in Torrance, CA. along with our Alternate Chair, Colin. There were 822 members in attendance, and 590 were first time attendees, as was I. It was an amazing experience, and I will try to attend each time I am able in the future. I wish I had the opportunity to go in the past, as it would have enhanced my service to AA and knowledge about the General Service Structure. In 2011 there will be an additional Pacific Regional Forum, August 19-21 in Woodland Hills, CA. In 2012 the regular Pacific Regional Forum will be in Fairbanks, AK September 14-16.

I attended presentations, workshops and presented on Sponsorship. I got to spend time with my service sponsor, our past Regional Trustee, and spend time getting to know our new Pacific Regional Trustee Rod B. I was called on to answer several questions from the floor during the open sharing /ask it basket sessions. I brought some copies of the final report, along with a piece about the Services provided by GSO and AAWS. Please take one and share it with your district. Here are some highlights of the weekend:

Anonymity protects AA from alcoholics

Anonymity is more about preserving Alcoholics Anonymous, less about peoples privacy

The process is more important than the final decision

The fellowship is refreshed by the spirit of rotation

An AAGV subscription is not just a subscription, it is supporting the GV

Current subscription number is 90,000, needs to be 110,000

Prudence is rational concern without worry

The traditions and concepts are living principles

Trust and faith are the primary principles of the concepts

Are the traditions and concepts being passed on through sponsorship?

AA is not a country club for socializing, it is a hospital for the sick

Spirituality is not what I believe, it's not what I think, its what I do

My group will never be more enthusiastic than I am

The AAWS E Tech AD Hoc Committee expects to have an electronic format available in about a year

When we talk about predators in AA, its not about chasing predators out of AA, it's about creating a safe environment for members or potential members

Tradition 11 doesn't talk about Pony Express, smoke signals, telegraphs or telegrams when the traditions were written because in those days press, radio and files were the primary forms of communication. Today are primary forms of communication are email and the internet

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On Sunday morning, Ward E., our Chairman of the Board, said his sense of the weekend was "The times, they are a changing"

Current AA News:

We have been requested to gather suggestions for the Theme, Presentations and Workshop Topics for the 62nd Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference, April 22 - 28, 2012. I sent out an email in back in August, and so far have received one reply. I will be collecting these until 12/1/2010, and these can be emailed in to me. The theme, presentation and workshop topics for each General Service Conference are discussed by delegates during the week of the Conference. These topics revolve around basic principles of A.A. and can spark thought-provoking discussion at Area and district meetings as well. Regions, areas and districts may incorporate discussion of these topics into workshops, meetings, pre-Conference assemblies, etc. This gives A.A. members involved in service the opportunity to participate and become more informed about A.A.

The Corrections assignment updated the A.A. Guidelines for Corrections Committees with additional language regarding how A.A. members cooperate with the rules of local facilities, and a new section on Pre-release/Bridging the Gap/Temporary contacts. Additional language regarding cooperation with facility regulations and how A.A. committee might prepare members new to this Twelfth Step work will be in the next printing of the Corrections Workbook. The Corrections Desk is also seeking local shared experience about how Corrections Committees resolve perceived conflicts between facility regulations, and what A.A. does not do, particularly regarding facility regulations that involve legally binding paperwork. Please email the Corrections Desk at corrections@aa.org to pass along local experience, so that others may benefit from shared experience.

The trustee's Literature Committee formed the following three subcommittees to address recommendations approved at the 2010 General Service Conference: Subcommittee on the Development of Literature Which Focuses on Spirituality; Subcommittee on the pamphlet "The A.A. Member-Medications and Other Drugs" and a Subcommittee on the pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Services."

At G.S.O., there are two staff changes: after an internal promotional recruitment for the new position, Director of Staff Services, Doug R. has been appointed this position effective October 1, 2010. Additionally, duties of Staff Coordinator have been carefully reviewed and due to the critical nature of the principal responsibilities, it was determined to retain this position with additional assignment of web services and a title change to Staff Coordinator/Web Services. Rick W. assumed this position on October 1, 2010.

The next AA membership survey will be conducted in 2011.

The A.A. Service Manual, edition 2010-2011, will be mailed out by October 20th.

The Regional directories have been mailed out already. I spoke to one DCM who states that many of their groups were not listed. DCMs: please check your copy, and note any discrepancies and communicate them to our Registrar, Sue.

The first batch of AAGV surveys has been input into the database by my lovely alternate, Linda and has been sent off to the Area that is compiling the surveys for all the Delegate Areas that are participating. So far, 83 surveys we mailed in and 50 were completed online. We have 3 more weeks to collect, and then we will be closing out the survey to enable us to have adequate time to collate and transmit the results.

E-Tech Surveys - today is the last day we can accept these surveys, as they are due to GSO at the end of this week and we still have to compile the results.

During the opening of one of the sessions at the regional Forum, as we said the Serenity Prayer, my soul signed and I experienced one of those moments of complete connectedness and a sense of purpose. Thank you all for this opportunity to be helpful and useful, to be of love and service and to continue my climb out of darkness and despair into love, light and laughter.

Of Love & Service Always, Elizabeth M. ,Delegate Hawaii Area 17 / Panel 59

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(Sec. note: all Delegate reports/information pertinent to your districts, groups and members are available on the website www.aa17aa.org)

CEC Proposal Discussion THE C.E.C. STANDING COMMITTEE OF AREA 17 REQUESTS FORMAL APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE UPDATED C.E.C. WORKBOOK AS AREA 17 LITERATURE, TO BE USED BY AREA 17 AS A GUIDE TO LEAD THOSE WHO ARE PERFORMING C.E.C. WORK WITH ORGANIZATIONS, PROFESSIONALS AND ELDER CITIZENS, IN OUR AREA, DISTRICTS AND GROUPS. (typos, revisions discussed – Miranda, Bob, Chappy and Ermina will update within a week)

Convention Chair: Patti: verbatim: (had to leave; report was given early) Aloha Everyone, Thank you North Shore District for hosting this assembly. As the Steering Committee Chair for our 49th Annual Hawaii Convention, I'm happy to announce that we have exceeded our early registrations of 600 by 144, with our new count of 744 thus far. To date, our food & beverage revenue total \$44,176.00. We needed to sell \$35,000.00 to satisfy the minimum revenue. As a reminder, no meals will be sold on site and payments for meals must be postmarked by October 14th. Our total of room block nights that we had to sell was 427. We have sold 507 room nights. We are going to send HHV a second list of names of our registrants to match HHV's list to see if we have others that signed up as kamaaina's or didn't signed up under 'Bill's Friends' or 'Annual Hawaii Convention'. This will be done just prior to our convention. Our cutoff date for the rooms is October 14th. So, if you haven't made your room reservation, there's still 5 days with the discount rate. The service committees have been filled, however there's still need for everyone to get into service. I am now concentrating on working out a contract with Andrea Hennings-Beavon from Helms Briscoe for next year's convention, which will be held from November 17 – 20, 2011. One suggestion that was made by the convention chair was to look at signing a contract for the next 2 years just so we can have a better selection of dates; which isn't close to Thanksgiving. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Patti L – Steering Committee Chair

Convention Proposal – Alt. Delegate Linda reads proposal: PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE AFFILIATION BETWEEN THE AREA 17 COMMITTEE AND THE ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION

In the belief that guidance from the Area Committee is no longer considered necessary to the success of the Annual Hawaii State Convention, this proposal is to bring to an end Area's required participation in the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee and to likewise end the required participation by the Steering Committee Chair on the Area 17 Committee. In practicality, the affiliation no longer serves any effective purpose, and the Steering Committee of the Annual State Convention is extremely capable and should be autonomous in all its processes. We further propose that any changes resulting from this action take effect January 1, 2011. Please note that the proposed change does not represent a spiritual separation but rather a practical partition of two separate groups that share the primary goal of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers (Tradition Five). As stated in Tradition Four, "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole...Autonomy means simply that every A.A. group can manage its affairs exactly as it pleases, except when A.A. as a whole is threatened." The amendments to the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines that would result from passing the proposal are listed on page 2.

BACKGROUND: 1961 and 1962 were years of AA coming of age in Hawaii. Our first Area Delegate served on Panel 11 from 1961 to 1962, and November 10-11, 1962 the first Annual Hawaii State Convention was held at Hilton Hawaiian Village, chaired by the Area Delegate, whose idea it was to have the conference in the first place. This may have been the beginning of the spirit of cooperation between Area 17 and the Annual State Convention, an association that was formalized in the mid 70's by having the Area Alternate Delegate and the Area Alternate Chair serve on the Convention Steering Committee. During the ensuing years, each of these entities has become separately incorporated as 501 (C) (3) organizations and operates with only a loose association with the other.

FYI: Even though each group is autonomous, our Area Delegate did conduct an informal survey of the other 92 areas around the country and Canada. Of the 20 areas that responded 4 areas have no conventions, 5 areas run their state conventions, 4 states have conventions run by districts that bid to host the convention, 1 state has a statewide service assembly rather than a convention. 1 state has the immediate past delegate serve as convention chair, 1 state has an arrangement similar to ours, and the remaining 4 states who answered the survey have no practical affiliation with their state conventions.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

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The fiscal implications of this proposal are minimal and were not factors during the consideration of the proposal. The items listed below are for your information.

Hawaii Area would eliminate from its budget allowance for airfare to send the Alternate Delegate and/or the Alternate Chair to attend the monthly Convention Steering Committee Meetings. Hawaii Area would no longer budget amounts to send the Convention Steering Committee Chair to the Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies.

Full proposal with the changes to the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines is available on the website.

Discussion: Chappy: Q: *How is the convention chair elected?* A: The Chair (for next year) is selected by the steering committee for the next year, when they are immediate past chair serve on the steering committee, the next year that person becomes the senior advisor, they are always rotating through plus the two members from this body, six total, 5 for a quorum. Q: Chappy: *How would that affect the convention committee if we pulled back 2 Area members of that committee?* Linda: *They would have to reorganize and structure their convention structure, their guidelines so other people can sit on the steering committee.* Chappy: *What was the impetus for the move?* Colin: These are two separate entities, as Patti said earlier, the Convention depends on financial support to continue, Area 17 works within our Traditions, our Primary Purpose supporting the Delegate, Standing Committees. The Convention is not A.A. event, it is for AA's, put on by AA's for AA's, it does not fall in the parameters of General Service, it's a gray area, each area is autonomous, is it time to look at this again? Is the convention really serving AA. This proposal brings the discussion to the floor Chappy: *so this is not a GSO activity, this is an outside entity, it's a violation of traditions then.* Linda: *this is the value of discussion* Sean: *In past history has Area ever given money to the convention?* No. Patti: *when the conventions were held at the hotel the convention was making lots of money, the convention gave Area and Inter Groups lots of money. We gave a big a percentage. At the convention center we lost money, not able to give, we lost money. Steering Committee thought it's about time to move to a hotel.* Sean: *so if this proposal goes through, we would not be able to help them out, we would no longer be affiliated right?* A: *We are not affiliated now, we are not fiscally responsible to the convention.* Coleen: *Events that are put on in Area and want to contribute to Area – donations are accepted because they are AA members, AA does not give money to outside entities, there is no fiscal association right now.* Ermina: *This is an exciting time for the convention, so much more they can do in fundraising, ask for donations, in kind, etc.* Patti: *We cannot do that, we still abide by the Twelve Traditions.* Coleen: *GSO is the same way, they do not accept contributions from outside entities, we accept from AA members, we are self supporting through our own contributions.* Elise: *I already discussed this with our groups, how does the convention feel about this?* Patti: *The convention steering committee likes being a part of Area and feel they keep us in line. I made mistakes, I learn from the, but they are there to guide us. (reads from GSO guideline on conventions page 1 on conferences/conventions and roundups).* Kevin: *Hearing of this for the first time, I haven't heard a compelling reason to take action.* Linda: *We are not here to debate the proposal, we are here to ask questions and discuss.* Nora: *State convention is fun and exciting but my experience is that the conventions are also a service event so it felt a part of area.* Colin: *We are basically watch dogs* Patti: *I don't like that term, no.* Jim: *We have the relationship as outlined in the structure and guidelines. A speaker from Kauai will be at the convention, had the convention requests come through area I would have been more informed about it.* Coleen: *Officers don't sit on any other committees, why do officers sit on this committee.* Linda: *I encourage you to be fully informed, call, email the officers and convention committee.*

Lunch – Finance Committee meets

Ken gets consensus, does everyone want to have the roundtables? A: Yes.

Webmaster presentation: Skype with GSR from Kauai who would like to propose that Area hold at least one committee meeting using Skype in order to reduce expenses.

C.E.C.: Ermina: no report submitted

Archives: Shoshannah: verbatim: Aloha, Mahalo to District 9, central north shore for hosting this committee meeting and all the volunteers who helped support this gathering. Mahalo to Heidi G, our Area 17 Archivist, for bringing District 9's History Board to display (written by Ted K, past Area 17 Archivist).

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News from GSO: Per a request from Michelle Mirza, G.S.O. Archivist, we are being asked by the trustees' Archives Subcommittee (the one that oversees this revision request) to respond to a Committee Consideration from the 2010 Conference Archives Committee on revising the section, "Role of the Archives Committee" in the Archives Workbook. They are looking for our suggested Archives Committees' activities that encouraged interest in and understanding of the role and benefit of the Archives at the local level. I have emailed the Archives Committee members

and asked them: "What has worked for you in your District or home group as well as at the Area level?" And I am asking you folks here today to please let us know. The entire current Archives Workbook is available to view online at www.aa.org - just go to the Archives Portal and click on "readings for the A.A. Archivists". The "role of the archives committee" appears on pages 10-11. There is an October 16th deadline for this input.

We are winding down to the end of this panel. Once again, I am amazed at how quickly this happens. Time to "pass it on" and am looking forward to supporting our Area Archives as we host PRAASA next year. The friends and connections we make in service are beyond words. I am filled with gratitude and joy when I realize the HOW of this program truly works. Mahalo again for allowing me to be of service. Shoshanah B. Archives standing committee chair
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Treatment: Erin: No report submitted

Grapevine/LaVina: Hugh: verbatim: Thank you to Central North Shore District for putting together this Committee Meeting: At the recent Assembly in June I made contact to get LaVina's out to the fellowship to Spanish speaking meetings on the Big Island. I continue to keep in contact with Vince M. in getting more literature available to Spanish speaking meetings.

I have been getting the message out about the AA's meeting in Print, the Grapevine. Surveys have been handed out at various meetings and web links to the area website for the Grapevine Survey have been sent out to the fellowship.

Recently received a new book from the Grapevine office, *Spiritual Awakenings II – More Journeys of the Spirit*. Sections in the book include A daily Reprieve, Where Two or more Area Gathered; Miracles, Mysteries, Synchronicities, and AA's Big Hoop.

You can order this book from AAGrapevine.org website or you can contact me for the books. I have on hand all of the GRAPEVINE Literature except for *Spiritual Awakenings II* and 2011 Pocket Calendars.

To make it easier to start a subscription to the Grapevine, we have added the following term and price:

7 issues for \$17.

1 full year (12 issues) for \$27

2 years (24 issues) for \$51

3 years (36 issues) for \$75.00. This new term and offer is a great starter gift.

Grapevine subscription as of September 2010 is up to 455 total, a total of 7 more subscriptions from the previous month of August. La Vina subscription count for Hawaii is 7 as of September 2010.

Just some of the books you can order from AAGrapevine.org are:

Beginners Book: Getting and Staying Sober in A.A. (available in Spanish and English)

Spiritual Awakenings CDs (available in Spanish and English)

Emotional Sobriety CDs / Book (available in Spanish and English)

Voices of Long Term Sobriety

Books are available in French:

The Home group: Heartbeat of AA

The Best of Bill

Language of the Heart

The editors are still accepting submissions for the January and February issues and would like to hear your story. The special sections in those issues are:

January - We admitted we were powerless.

February - Gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender in AA

We are always glad to get stories about helping others and working with professionals. In addition, we welcome articles about the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Submission deadline for Step and Tradition stories is five months before the date of publication.

Annual Photo Contest each year, Grapevine holds a competition for photographers to be featured in our Wall Calendar. Contributors of selected photos will receive complimentary copies of the 2012 Calendar and Pocket Planner.

Entries must be received by March 1, 2011. Submit digital images on CDs, along with printouts, or email to gveditorial@aagrapevine.com include contact information. Digital files must be high-resolution – 300dpi minimum.

Thank you for allowing me to serve

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Hugh, Grapevine Committee Chair Hawaii Area 17

Mynah Bird: Cheryl: Miranda reads for Cheryl who was not present): verbatim: Aloha everyone, I am sorry I am not able to join all of you for the committee meeting and workshop. Daniel is doing really well post open heart surgery

and will be going home in just a couple of days. Mahalo for all your prayers and healing thoughts. The newest issue of the Mynah Bird is here, 'hot off the press.' It will be available on the website soon. Mahalo to all who sent in contributions. The next issue will be coming out for the Election Assembly in Puna. The deadline is Sunday, November 14. That issue will focus on reflections on your experience during Panel 59. Mahalo for letting me be of service. Cheryl N., Mynah Bird Chair, Area 17, Panel 59

C.P.C.: Juddee (Elizabeth reads for Juddee who was not present) Aloha Everyone, I am unable to attend the Committee Meeting today due to obligations here on Maui this weekend. You are all in my thoughts and I look forward to seeing you at the Election Assembly in November. Have a great meeting!

What is Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) and why do we do this work in our communities?

When a professional in one of our communities encounters someone with a drinking problem, wants to help and just doesn't know what action to take, we can provide them with the tools they need to respond appropriately. CPC is the bridge to the professional communities here in Hawaii. Through our CPC work we can discover new areas where AA can assist professionals in our communities to carry the message of hope to those who still suffer.

DUI panels on Maui continue to have only one panel per month. I met with the new Driver Education Assistants, Jacki and Kimberly on September 14th. We had a great meeting and I was able to clarify the structure and purpose of our panels for the DUI program. I will be assisting them in coordinating a special DUI class for young offenders in mid November. I will be contacting AA's that are under the age of 21, hopefully younger than 18 years old to be part of the panel. The students in the class will have been convicted of DUI, drunk in public and open container. This will be the first class on Maui specifically designed for younger offenders.

They were also very interested in having a meeting with the current judges, probation officers and other court staff. Jacki will be setting up the meetings in the rear future. This may be a project for the next panel beginning in 2011.

On September 16, I attended the DUI class as a guest and was asked to be a part of the panel. It was a great experience and was happy to be a participant in carrying the message.

My meeting with Matt after the class was cancelled due to him having surgery. I will reschedule another meeting ASAP before the end of this panel. Our outreach project to businesses who have contracts that require "In- Service Trainings" for their staff has had a bit more action in the last week or so. At this point in time, this will be a project where the groundwork has been done during this panel and the actual project may take off with the next panel if there is an interest to continue moving forward. Please feel free to contact me anytime with an email at cpc@area17aa.org I continue to be grateful to be of service as Area 17 CPC Chair. With the Spirit of Gratitude & Service, Juddee K.

West Hawaii IG: Aloha, I am Chappy & I am an Alcoholic, Torchlight is my home group, "LITE'EM UP!" It has been a busy time here at West Hawaii AA at the end of summer and beginning of fall 2010!

Intergroup Office: I would like to report that Sheryl W. has left as the Office Manager for the West Hawaii Intergroup Office, and I am proud to announce that Rachel P. has been hired and confirmed by the Intergroup Business Meeting on Sept. 16th. Since the last Assembly Meeting the Intergroup Office in Kailua-Kona is now open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM with great group of Volunteers. Rachel is in the office on Mon., Tues, Thur, & Fri. mornings from 10AM to 2PM, and volunteers cover the rest of the hours of operation. The Intergroup Office has been re-arranged with the Office Manager's desk in back, with the front area opened up for people to come and shop for books, or just hang out and talk story. The front of the office is also open for small meetings. The Intergroup Steering Committee is currently working on completion of window signs that should be complete in the next couple of months to increase the office's visibility from the street. Once that is pau, pictures will be posted on the website.

West Hawaii AA's website will be revamped and launched at the end of this month with the help of Area 17 Webmaster Bob H. October 23rd web anonymity training will be held in Kailua Kona at Neighborhood Place from 9AM to 11AM featuring Bob H. and a message from and visit with Elizabeth, (Area Delegate), via Skype. The training will be about the GSO Anonymity Guidelines on the World Wide Web.

Intergroup Steering Committee: On Sept. 16th Bob D accepted nomination for Chair, Chappy C for Vice Chair, Chris C for Recording Secretary, Marianne F for Treasurer, Ches F for TeleService Chair, and Travis for Activities Chair. Nominations will close on October 21st, and elections will be on Nov 18th.

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Meeting Updates: KKAA, Kona's oldest group is back at the Lutheran Church at the bottom of Lako St. as of October 4th, with meetings on Mon, Tues, Thur, & Fri at 7PM and Sat at 6:30PM, the last Saturday of the month is the KKAA Birthday Meeting. The issues the church was having with the County and the surrounding community have been resolved. The Kona Alano Club now has a phone number (808) 329-5303 and a website; www.konaalanoclub.org, so go check it out. Mahalo for allowing me to be of Service, Chappy C Vice Chair

DCM Reports

DCM # 1: Kevin for Adina: verbatim: Aloha All, Thank you so very much for allowing me to be of service. Diamond Head District has been very busy since our last meeting. We hosted the Delegate Report back in conjunction with Waikiki and Honolulu Districts providing a venue for more than 100 members. We elected an incoming DCM Kevin W. from A Spiritual Awakening and Barbara G. as our new Treasurer. I will continue to support the district as the Alternate DCM and help where necessary. Barbara G and Delori M have agreed to co facilities as the Christmas Alk-A-Thon Chairs. We have been averaging 6 GSR's at each district meeting. We have Caravanned to more than 20 meetings in our district in the past two years and hope to hit the last 7 on the list before the end of the year. All groups appear to be doing well and we hope to have 7 representatives from our district at the November election assembly. I would like to thank Kevin for stepping in for me, I know you all will receive him and help him begin the transition. I look forward to seeing you all in November. Mahalo, Adina M. Diamond Head DCM #1

DCM #8: Jim: verbatim: After a mid-summer slump, attendance at the September District meeting on Kauai was up. Twelve members attended, although three were observers. And there are many folks planning on attending the November assembly – at least nine as of this writing!

There continues to be some dissatisfaction with our current efforts to participate in community events, but this too shall pass. No groups who report discussing the officers proposal to separate the convention from the Area support the proposal and several groups report participating in the Grapevine survey. Also, one group is adamant about pursuing video conferencing during the next panel but the wording of their proposal presented it from gaining district support. Elections from Panel 61 are planned for October 24 so I should be able to at least announce or maybe introduce the Garden Isle's new GSR at the November Assembly. On a personal note, I want to thank each of you for this marvelous experience. The growth I have experienced through my participation with you is truly priceless. Thank you all, Jim D.

DCM # 2: Chris: Aloha all, my name is Chris and I am a grateful alcoholic, and the Black Experience is my home group. The Honolulu district is having their elections for the next panel on November 1, 2010. There has been little activity in our district over the past few months. The participation of the groups has gone down. We currently have 5 active groups in our district. Many of the groups are having financial difficulties. I have been having difficulty in finding a location for the January orientation assembly. I will secure a location by the Elections assembly. Any suggestions for a location would be greatly appreciated. In love and service, Chris N. DC2, Honolulu district

DCM #17: Laurie for Clyde: verbatim: I am alcoholic and my name is Clyde. This month Laurie will represent us at the Committee meeting being held at the North Shore District. The Hana Pa'a Meeting held their moonlight (sic) on the beach at at Ewa Beach Park. It is represented and they would like to encourage us to spread the message to our groups to come out and join them. If you can support them that would be great for their recovery. This new meeting needs more support to encourage their members to pursue their recovery program. The time for most groups to have elections to change their service rotation. Elections will be held in November. DCM will attend the January Orientation Assembly to be informed of their new duties. I want to encourage all groups to participate in this process. Any groups members can participate in this process. Thanks for letting me be of service. Clyde.

Laurie Alt DCM: verbatim: Hana Pa'a celebrates their one year anniversary Tuesday Oct 12 with a BBQ following through 4:30 meeting. All are welcome. Other group news: We Home Group which had been meeting Sat and Sun at Kapolei District Park @ 7 PM has recently closed.

DCM #3: DeLori: verbatim: Aloha my name is DeLori and I'm an alcoholic. Serving as DCM 3 Leeward Oahu. Grateful to be of service to Hawaii Area 17. Nothing big to report because we have been struggling to keep our district informed and to stay interested in service. We did have our October district meeting and elections for a new panel was on everyones mind. I am blessed to say that we did elect a new DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, and filled 1 Standing Committee Chair. In the past few months, my personal commitment to service has been all but peachy, and circumstances made it seem that it was ok for me to step down and run. Being a sober woman in recovery I am constantly challenged to surrender on a daily basis. No matter how short I fall, A.A., the grace of a loving HP, prayer,

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and sponsorship have continued to pull me out from under. Amends were made to the Leeward District and I personally apologize to the Area for not bringing the voice of the Leeward District to the Area level. There are 2 district meetings and 1 assembly left in the year, we have decided to a commitment of support and unity, and i look forward to seeing all of you at the November Elections Assembly. In Gratitude and Sevice, De'Lori M. DCM 3 Leeward Oahu

DCM #4: Curtis: no report submitted

DCM #: Denise: verbatim: Aloha, My name is Denise and I am an alcoholic my home group is Rule 62. It's a privilege and honor to serve as DCM 12 for Puna District. I would like to thank Central North Shore District for hosting this committee meeting. The Puna District is alive and well and the planning for our Elections assembly is well on its way. We are so excited to be hosting the Assembly in November and look forward to seeing all of you there. We know that some of you are planning to come over to the elections assembly and ask that you folks submit your registration early to help us plan and coordinate home stay and transportation for you all. We want to make sure that everyone has a ride and place to stay before you arrive. Our district will be hosting the elections for District 12 on the 30th of October. So far there hasn't been anyone interested in stepping up for DCM or Alt DCM positions thus far but we do have interested folks standing for sectary and treasurer positions. Also there are a few new GSR's that will be taking on some standing committee positions. Again it is an honor and a privilege to serve AA as a whole. In Love and Service, Denise DCM Puna, District12

DCM #: Sean: no report submitted

DCM #11: Nora: verbatim: Hi, my name is Nora and I'm an alcoholic. I am DCM for District 11, Kihei, Maui. My home group is Friday Night Young People. As you can see, I am still here ;) I believe I will be finishing out the panel, which I am grateful for. Since our Area Assembly, we voted to cancel our end-of-the-panel dinner theater event. Despite a district wide vote to have it this year, we were not getting any support for putting it together, and unanimously felt that it would be better not to do it this year. Our district finance committee created the 2011 budget, which is currently being discussed by the groups. We voted to have our District elections on October 19th. I am sad to be seeing the end of the panel come to a close, but I am excited to see who stands for the Panel 61. Currently, the only person who has voiced a clear decision to stand is Erik T for Alternate DCM.

A proposal for Tongan Literature was brought to us from the group, Kihei Morning Serenity, after a person speaking only Tongan, brought a translator to the Happy Hour group and was disappointed that there was no literature available for him. Once voted upon by Kihei Morning Serenity, our G.S.R.s discussed the matter with their groups and the vote was approved unanimously at our September District Committee Meeting.

The Kihei District, would like the Area 17 body to consider supporting us in developing an ad hoc committee to work with the General Service Office and local Tongan translators with the objective of producing Alcoholics Anonymous literature pieces in the Tongan language and having these translations produced in bulk. We recommend starting with the pamphlet "Is AA For You" [P-3] and the excerpt of "How it Works" from Chapter Five of the book Alcoholics Anonymous. In Love and Service, Nora P. DCM 11, Area 17, Panel 59

DCM # 5: Clifford: verbatim: Thank you Sheri and Central North Shore District for hosting the committee meeting. We will be holding our District Officer elections on Tuesday, October 12. I'd like to welcome Dianne B as a new GSR representing the Paniolo Group which meets on Monday nights at 8pm at the Paia Community Center. This is our last Committee Meeting as a Panel and it has been wonderful working with all of you as we do our part in carrying the message. I look forward to seeing all at our last Assembly in Puna. On a personal note, I lost my brother a couple of weeks ago and with the help of AA I am dealing with this loss. In Service, Clifford S. DCM5

DCM # 8: Paul: verbatim: West Hawaii GSRs and Chairpersons attended the Budget Assembly Hosted by District 7 in Hilo. They shared their experiences at our August District meeting. Way to go...thanks again for your support. Our Unity Day, scheduled for the September 4th, was re-scheduled to Saturday, October 16th. We will introduce our new District Panel 61 Officers. It will be held at the Kailua View Estates Pavillion, on the corner of Nani Kailua and Queens Highway. The Area Service skit has been adapted for West Hawaii talent...more will be revealed... Vince M., our Grape Vine Chair, distributed the GrapeVine Survey to the Groups. Vince handed me twenty-four surveys to be turned in today. It is my opinion that this is one of the most important topics in AA. We discussed the separation of the Hawaii State Convention Committee and the Hawaii Area Assembly. I suggested that it was a good idea based on the

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information I heard after the Area Committee Meeting in June. Our GSRs are prepared to vote their Groups conscience. Any new information that I acquire at the October Committee Meeting will be passed on at our October elections meeting. This DCM will present a folder for All District Officers, Committee Chairs, and GSRs. This folder will hold the District's Suggested Guidelines, GSR Handbook, and descriptions for all of the District's positions, in addition to Area information. This idea came out of the District Inventory.

It has been gratifying to visit Groups' outside of the greater Kailua-Kona Area. Since my last report , I have been to : Waimea's Mana of the Round Table; Hapuna Sunset Beachcombers; Waikoloa Night Owls; Thursday and Friday Night Kalaoa Group; Nooners; Seniors in Sobriety; Strictly Solutions; Put your Sobriety Where Your Mouth is; Torchlight Group; and Rebellion Dogs. On Monday, October 4th, KKAA re-opened it's meetings at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Lako Street, Kailua-Kona. It will meet at 7:00PM M-T–Th-F, and 6:30PM Saturday Evenings. Mahalo for loving and tolerating me these past two years. I really learned a lot from all of you while serving on Panel 59. See you all in Puna for the November Elections. Aloha, Paul K. dcm8@area17aa.org

DCM #9: Sheri: verbatim: Thanks to Area 17 for allowing us to host this committee meeting. I would like to thank all our district GSRs, officers, and members who have helped us put this on. Tomorrow, October 10th, we are excited about hosting a Service Workshop at Kaala park, just down the street, put on by Area 17 Standing Committees. There are flyers available for those who care to attend. Since my last report, our “Meet and Greet” went to the following locations: 09-12-2010-Sunday Night Promises For October, we are planning to attend *Waipio Buzz*. They have decided to register their group and begin making contributions. Although they are on the border of our district and Leeward district, they have chosen to participate in Central North Shore district. Also, the cottage meetings have tentatively decided to register each group individually. This would create 7 more registered groups for our district. Big news!! On September 25th, I was asked to attend the group conscience of *Wahiawa Saturday Morning Group*. I attended and listened and tried not to be too intrusive. It was wonderful to see their growing group doing the deal. Our district election meeting will be held October 21st and we are actively distributing flyers and announcing at meetings. We are also going to be printing our District Structures and Guidelines. In Service, Sheri B-DCM # 9

PRAASA 2011 Bob: 39 people registered, hoping to get 900, it is still early so it's not a concern. Registration is \$35, Ala Moana Hotel, right now we have 390 room nights we need to sell, 260 are already taken. If you live on Oahu, we encourage you to take a room as some roundtables go on quite late. Once you register, you will not be able to change the information, you must contact us, we can edit. Please use your own personal email, not your Area email. We will need about 300-400 volunteers, you can sign up online when you register as well. www.praasa.org

Roundtables

Break

What's On Your Mind

Adjourn – Declaration of Unity

Agenda subject to change due to time management

Please be reminded that all reports need to be submitted in writing to the Secretary. Please note items you wish recorded verbatim in minutes. In addition, can email report to Secretary at secretary@area17aa.org

Declaration of Unity

This We Owe To A.A.'s Future:
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
And the lives of those to come.