

HAWAII AREA 17

PANEL 61

2011

**YEAR END
REPORT**

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Assembly Dates and Location

- **Orientation Assembly - January 15 – 16, Honolulu District 2**
- **Committee Meeting - February 9, Waikiki District 10**
- **Inform the Delegate Assembly – April 9 – 10, Kauai District 6**
- **Committee Meeting – May 21, Maui No Ka Oi, District 5**
- **Budget Assembly – September 24 – 25, Windward District 4**

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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

Archives

Heidi G.

Convention Steering Committee

Kunane D.

Cooperation with Elder Community

Rochelle A.

Cooperation with Professional Community

Susan O.

Corrections

Lena R.

Grapevine

Libette G, Clifford

Hospitals

Jim D.

Mynah Bird

Kathy S.

Public Information

Chris S-C

Treatment

Chris N., Hugh F.

Non-Rotating Archivist

Heidi G.

District Committee Members

District 1 – Diamond Head

Kevin W.

District 2 – Honolulu

Jacqueline F., 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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2011 Assembly

Proposals Summary

- Tongan Literature Proposal – The proposal that Hawaii Area request GSO to translate “How It Works” and “Is AA for You?” into Tongan was passed. This proposal was originally submitted in Panel 59 by District 11, Kihei and did not come to the floor for a vote. It was re-presented at the May committee meeting, received feedback, underwent revision and was then presented at the Budget Assembly in 2011 for vote.
 - Quorum: 76 voting members
 - First vote
 - Yes 74
 - No 1
 - Minority comment: none
 - No votes changed, motion passed.

- Cooperation with Elder Community Workbook Proposal – “Request formal approval of CEC workbook, to be used by Hawaii Area 17 as a guide.”
 - Quorum: 83
 - First vote
 - In favor 80
 - Opposed 0
 - Motion passed unanimously.
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- Proposal – Area 17 and Hawaii Convention. The proposal by District 7 to “End the Formal Association between AA Area 17 and the Annual Hawaii State Convention was presented by Alfred N., DCM of District 7, East Hawaii. Voting will take place at the Inventory Assembly in January 2012.

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**2011 Year End
Financial Statement**

	Jan - Dec 11	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Contributions Income			
District 01 Diamond Head	2,556.64		
District 02 Honolulu	556.78		
District 03 Leeward	735.40		
District 04 Windward Oahu	1,978.43		
District 05 No Ka Oi	908.58		
District 06 Kauai	1,663.40		
District 07 East Hawaii	534.00		
District 08 West Hawaii	2,992.84		
District 09 Central North Shore	1,169.87		
District 10 Waikiki	2,631.83		
District 11 Kihei	2,702.74		
District 12 Puna	542.84		
District 13 Tri-island	995.43		
District 17 Waianae	355.00		
Contributions Income - Other			
Total Contributions Income	20,323.78		
Other Contributions			
Aloha Women's Luncheon	131.52		
HICYPAA	930.37		
Memorial Contribution	2,801.21		
Total Other Contributions	3,863.10		
Other Income			
Interest Income	4.84		
Sale of Service Manuals	-68.32		
Total Other Income	-63.48		
Total Income	24,123.40	29,057.00	-4,933.60
Expense			
Delegate Expense-GSC			
Airfare			
Hotel	518.00	600.00	-82.00
Meals	133.41	150.00	-16.59
Other Misc Expense	116.69	100.00	16.69
Report Backs to Districts	183.04	500.00	-316.96
Required GSC Support	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Total Delegate Expense-GSC	2,151.14	2,550.00	-398.86

Haw Area Assemblies & Meetings			
Interisland Airfare			
Assistance to Districts Officers & Standing Comm Chairs	229.70	375.00	-145.30
	<u>8,319.28</u>	<u>8,100.00</u>	<u>219.28</u>
Total Interisland Airfare	8,548.98	8,475.00	73.98
Printing			
Chair & Alt Chair	61.92	100.00	-38.08
Delegate & Alt Delegate	349.14	350.00	-0.86
Registrar	24.73	50.00	-25.27
Secretary	<u>94.36</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>-155.64</u>
Total Printing	530.15	750.00	-219.85
Registration			
Assemblies	1,375.00	1,425.00	-50.00
Committee Meeting Fees	<u>950.00</u>	<u>1,425.00</u>	<u>-475.00</u>
Total Registration	<u>2,325.00</u>	<u>2,850.00</u>	<u>-525.00</u>
Total Haw Area Assemblies & Meetings	11,404.13	12,075.00	-670.87
Hawaii Area Standing Committees			
Archives		400.00	-400.00
Coop w/ Elder Community			
Literature	6.30		
Printing & Copying	152.16		
Coop w/ Elder Community - Other		<u>400.00</u>	<u>-400.00</u>
Total Coop w/ Elder Community	158.46	400.00	-241.54
Cooperation w/ Pro Community			
Display	7.68		
Literature	222.60		
Postage	14.95		
Travel	150.40		
Cooperation w/ Pro Community - Other		<u>400.00</u>	<u>-400.00</u>
Total Cooperation w/ Pro Community	395.63	400.00	-4.37
Corrections			
Literature	243.80		
Travel	182.40		
Workshops	7.92		
Corrections - Other		<u>500.00</u>	<u>-500.00</u>
Total Corrections	434.12	500.00	-65.88

Finance			
Postage	31.68		
Printing	131.59		
Finance - Other	52.94	250.00	-197.06
Total Finance	216.21	250.00	-33.79
Grapevine			
Literature	51.91		
Printing	71.74		
Grapevine - Other		400.00	-400.00
Total Grapevine	123.65	400.00	-276.35
Hawaii Annual Convention			
Airfare-Attend Stdng Comm Mtg			
Total Hawaii Annual Convention			
Hospitals			
Literature	34.40		
Hospitals - Other		400.00	-400.00
Total Hospitals	34.40	400.00	-365.60
Mynah Bird			
Printing	265.40		
Mynah Bird - Other		500.00	-500.00
Total Mynah Bird	265.40	500.00	-234.60
Public Information			
Literature & PSA's	134.80		
Printing	2.81		
Supplies	32.72		
Travel	277.40		
Public Information - Other		400.00	-400.00
Total Public Information	447.73	400.00	47.73
Treatment Facilities			
Literature	202.25		
Treatment Facilities - Other		400.00	-400.00
Total Treatment Facilities	202.25	400.00	-197.75
Website Committee			
Website Fees	190.80		
Website Committee - Other		500.00	-500.00
Total Website Committee	190.80	500.00	-309.20

Total Hawaii Area Standing Committees	2,468.65	4,550.00	-2,081.35
Hawaii Area Supplemental/Oper			
Bank Service Charges	6.00		6.00
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		20.00	-20.00
Delegate & Alt Delegate	61.82	20.00	41.82
Registrar	192.54	40.00	152.54
Secretary		20.00	-20.00
Total Office Supplies	<u>254.36</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>154.36</u>
Postage			
Chair & Alt Chair		10.00	-10.00
Delegate & Alt Delegate	46.40	50.00	-3.60
Mail Box Service	203.75	210.00	-6.25
Registrar		10.00	-10.00
Secretary		10.00	-10.00
Total Postage	<u>250.15</u>	<u>290.00</u>	<u>-39.85</u>
Storage of Permanent Archive	4,806.24	4,500.00	306.24
Tax Preparation		100.00	-100.00
Total Hawaii Area Supplemental/Oper	<u>6,085.25</u>	<u>5,762.00</u>	<u>323.25</u>
Area Delegate - PRAASA			
Airfare			
Banquet	45.00	50.00	-5.00
Delegate Lunch	35.00	35.00	
Hotel	220.51	175.00	45.51
Meals - Other	52.11	100.00	-47.89
Registration	35.00	20.00	15.00
Speaker/Panel Recordings	70.00	85.00	-15.00
Total Area Delegate - PRAASA	<u>457.62</u>	<u>465.00</u>	<u>-7.38</u>
Area Delegate - Regional Forum			
Airfare	600.00	500.00	100.00
Hotel	270.58	400.00	-129.42
Meals	95.43	100.00	-4.57
Transportation - Other	29.70	30.00	-0.30
Total Area Delegate - Regional Forum	<u>995.71</u>	<u>1,030.00</u>	<u>-34.29</u>
Internat'l Conv - Delegate	350.00	350.00	

PRAASA - Area Chair			
Airfare	154.41	150.00	4.41
Banquet	45.00	50.00	-5.00
Hotel	220.52	175.00	45.52
Meals - Other		100.00	-100.00
Registration	35.00	20.00	15.00
Total PRAASA - Area Chair	<u>454.93</u>	<u>495.00</u>	<u>-40.07</u>
Regional Forum - Area Chair			
Airfare	600.00	500.00	100.00
Hotel	270.58	400.00	-129.42
Meals	62.02	100.00	-37.98
Transportation - Other		30.00	-30.00
Total Regional Forum - Area Chair	<u>932.60</u>	<u>1,030.00</u>	<u>-97.40</u>
Trustee Visit			
Airfare	550.39		
Hotel & Meals	557.24		
Trustee Visit - Other		750.00	-750.00
Total Trustee Visit	<u>1,107.63</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>357.63</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>26,407.66</u>	29,057.00	-2,649.34
Total Contributions/Income	<u>24,123.40</u>		
Net Revenue	<u><u>-2,284.26</u></u>		

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Year End Reports

Area Officers

Delegate Summary 2011

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. The topics are many and varied, but it is one example of the support system that exists among delegates. 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 first year as your Area 17 Delegate:

- ❑ As soon as I was chosen as your delegate, I set about rereading *The A.A. Service Manual* and the *Twelve Concepts for World Service* in preparation for Panel 61.
- ❑ January: I continued to attend all PRAASA 2011 planning committee meetings. I participated in the January Orientation Assembly helping new GSRs whenever possible. I also met with our Pacific Region Trustee, Rod B.
- ❑ February: PRAASA 2011 planning meetings became more frequent. As soon as the Final Conference Agenda was received from New York, I shared it with our PRAASA Program Chair, Past Delegate Vernon G., in order to develop the PRAASA program and to develop agenda discussion topics to be handed out to our District Committee Members (DCMs) on February 20th in preparation for the Inform-the-Delegate Assembly planning committee meeting. I also received other General Service Conference (GSC) materials for review and burned CDs of all the background information to hand out to the DCMs. I attended the Committee Meeting on February 20th and distributed all materials.
- ❑ March: PRAASA 2011 (the 4th-6th) was a roaring success. It was so special to be the Delegate for the host Area. I was assigned a presentation topic for the assembly that was well received. I also delivered our Area 17 highlights. In accordance with PRAASA guidelines, I became a member of the PRAASA Delegates Advisory Board. I continued to receive and review GSC materials from GSO.
- ❑ April: On the 9th and 10th, we had our Area Inform-the-Delegate Assembly on Kauai. There were 16 agenda topics presented by each of the districts, the standing committee chairs, and the officers. Everyone did a great job, and I felt quite well informed. The night of April 28th, I boarded a plane for New York City and arrived on April 29th. On April 30th, the Pacific Region Delegates and their guests gathered for a bus tour, and later that afternoon I was a panel presenter for the Remote Communities Workshop.
- ❑ May: May 1-7 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 May 8th and started to prepare for the first of 8 report

backs, to be delivered at the May 21st Committee Meeting. The next day, the report back was given to the combined districts of Maui.

- ❑ June: Report backs were given to the following districts: Kauai (06), West Hawaii (08), East Hawaii (07) and Puna (13), and a combined report for Diamond Head (01), Honolulu (02), and Waikiki (10).
- ❑ July: The 6th and 7th report backs were given at the Waianae District (17), and the Windward District (04).
- ❑ August: I gave the final report back of the year to the combined Leeward District (03) and Central North Shore Of Oahu District (09). Mahalo to each of our districts for their hospitality. I especially enjoyed the Founders' Day celebrations. There is an unbroken line from Bill W. and Bob S. to all of us. Also in August, along with our Area Chair, I attended the Pacific Region "Additional" Forum in Woodland Hills, California.
- ❑ September: On the 24th and 25th, our annual Budget Assembly was held. In addition to the Delegate Report, I delivered a Forum report back and made a presentation on the Final Conference Report distributed at the assembly.
- ❑ October–December: I have been going out to Kapolei where our Area Archive is stored and have been sorting through material not previously sorted. My hope is to develop at least a skeleton inventory and report in time for the January Inventory Assembly so that the assembly will be able to make an informed decision on the future of our Archive.
- ❑ November: I will be attending the Honolulu District special elections meeting being held to elect a new DCM to replace the DCM who stepped down in September. Other district officers will be elected as needed. I will also be attending the 50th Annual Hawaii Convention where I have been asked to give brief opening remarks at the Saturday night meeting.
- ❑ December: The 2012 Conference materials will start arriving. Everything will be reviewed and digested as well as possible in preparation to represent you at the 62nd GSC (April 22-28, 2012).
- ❑ January-December: Attend monthly meetings of Oahu Intergroup and distribute a monthly report on Area 17 activities.

Throughout this first 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 will see you at the January Orientation Assembly in Hilo on the 21st and 22nd.

Respectfully submitted with gratitude,
Linda McD.
Delegate
Area 17, Panel 61

Alternate Delegate Summary 2011

Learning from Experiences through service is invaluable, to remember that without all of you, this alcoholic would not have Today with all these blessings.

Given this time to reflect on the blessings of service and being a part of Panel 61 2011.

At the beginning to be elected as Alternate Delegate by the fellowship, then to see the process elect the incoming Area Officers WHOM WILL BE MY 2011/2012 OHANA.

To learn of the responsibilities of the Hawaii Area 17/Alternate Delegate in time to HOPEFULLY say at the end of the Panel 61 term..."OK, NOW I GOT IT"

The opportunity to serve on the Hawaii Area Convention Steering Committee along with the Alternate Chair.

The opportunity to be on the Ad-Hoc committee to review the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines.

To have answered calls to help those in need.

To share my experience to those that serve and protect our country at an event on Pearl Harbor Naval Base, to have visited members in the hospital from our neighboring islands, and also “to have fun” in supporting our multiple fellowship events.

Have a Safe and Bless Holiday Season.

Ken K.
Alternate Delegate
Area 17 Panel 61

Area Chair Summary 2011

Aloha Area 17,
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.

Immediately upon being elected, your Area officers got to work getting ready for Panel 61. For me, I re-read the Service Manual, GSR Handbook and Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines. We had Standing Committee chairs to select, agendas to write and preparations for hosting our Pacific Region Trustee, Rod Betonney. Since the officers are from three different islands, we began having meetings via skype. We learned a bit about video conferencing and its possible use for future Area sessions.

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

- Prepared agendas for three assemblies and two committee meetings.
- Facilitated the 2011 assemblies and committee meetings.
- Facilitated officer roundtable discussions.
- Attended Intergroup and District meetings in West Hawaii.
- Worked with Regional Trustee re his presentation at the Orientation Assembly.
- Prepared “What to Take Back to your Groups/Districts” summary at end of each assembly or committee meeting.
- 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.
- Modified schedule of Assemblies to provide opportunity to review “Final Conference Report” as suggested in previous inventory.
- Attended PRAASA in Honolulu in March and reported back to Assembly.
- Attended Pacific Region “Additional” Forum in Woodland Hills in August, sitting in on “Special Forum” workshops.
- Began exploring and planning for a possible “Special” Forum in Hawaii.
- Attended workshop in Puna on Corrections, Public Information and Cooperation with Elder Community.

- Committee to review Area 17 Structures and Guidelines formed with eye to complete the review this panel.
- Compiled yearend summary reports from Area officers, Standing Committee chairs and DCMs.

In addition to all of the above, the first year of Panel 61 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 will say again, "I need all the help I can get." 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.

Cheryl N.
Chair
Area17, Panel 61

Alternate Area Chair Summary 2011

First let me say it's been both an honor and a pleasure to serve as the Panel 61 Hawaii Area 17 Alternate Chair. As with most jobs in Alcoholics Anonymous it has been both challenging and fun. Here's a summary of what I've been up to during the year. Here are some of the events in which I participated.

Orientation Assembly – The first assembly of a panel is always a challenge for everyone. Everyone is either completely new to Area service or learning a new job. Luckily my predecessor had filled me in on what to expect. It was during this assembly that I fully turned over the position of webmaster which I'd held during the previous panel.

PRAASA 2011 – Shortly after our first assembly PRAASA 2011 got under way sponsored by Hawaii Area 17. I was honored to be on the PRAASA committee and to serve as webmaster for the event. By all accounts 'our PRAASA' was a big success. I was doubly honored to have been asked to present the topic of "Practicing our Traditions in a Digital Age."

Inform the Delegate Assembly – Besides the general business required of the Alternate Chair at assemblies I was asked to research and discuss the topic of "Increasing Interest and Participation in Regional Forums." Hopefully we'll have a forum here one day ourselves and really drum up some interest.

Budget Assembly – I think by our third assembly of the year I was feeling more comfortable with the duties of the Alternate Chair prior to and at assemblies. I hope this proves true as next year we will be having four of them. More importantly our 2012 budget was passed and I think we all hope that we can achieve all our goals. Besides being responsible to help coordinate with the districts hosting our area events, the Area Alternate Chair sits on the budget committee. During lunch at all of our assemblies and area committee meetings I meet with our Treasurer and the rest of the committee both to plan the budget, make decisions about spending, and try to come up with ways to increase contributions so that our work can be carried out to its fullest.

Besides being on the Budget Committee I, along with the Alternate Delegate, sit on the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee. We meet monthly to set the policy for the convention and

plan for the future. This year we have been focused on insuring that the relation between Area and the Convention is both understood and improved. To that end we have been working to insure that all islands are able to fully participate up to and including having Convention Chairs from islands other than Oahu. We were also able to pass a measure to fund Area's participation on the Steering Committee with convention funds rather than Area funds. Area will continue to sponsor the Convention Steering Committee Chair's participation at Area. Along with this work I was able to submit a draft for discussion of the Convention's portion of the Area Structures and Guidelines. We will continue to work to insure that the convention guidelines are accurate and up to date.

On Friday evening at the convention I will stand in front of the body as a whole and welcome them for you, Area 17. Normally this would be the job of our chair but she will not be in attendance. I want you to know that in my wildest dreams when I was getting sober not so very long ago, I did not, could not, imagine anything like the love I've been given by each and every one of you over the course of my area service. Truly this is the fourth dimension.

I am also active at the Oahu Intergroup. Besides answering phones on Wednesday evening, I attend Intergroup meetings. I am invited in place of the Area Chair who, of course, lives on the Big Island. During the course of this work I put to use the education I received from Area as our previous webmaster as I assisted in drafting a proposal, which passed, to upgrade the Intergroup's computer equipment. I was also chosen as a member of an ad hoc committee to update and streamline both the Oahu Central Office Manager's job description and the Intergroup By-Laws in that regard.

Lastly, because of my connection with Area and Intergroup, I was able to assist in the starting of meeting for the client of Oahu's Next Step homeless shelter.

In short it's been a very busy year, but one filled wonderful experiences. I look forward to serving with all of you as we move forward into the second year of Panel 61. Thank you again for letting me be of service.

Bob H.
Alternate Chair
Area 17, Panel 61

Treasurer Summary 2011

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.

- **January**
Changed the address and signatures on the Area bank account.
Adjusted the 2011 budget to allow for travel costs of newly elected officers and standing committee chairs.
Attended the Orientation Assembly hosted by Honolulu district on January 15 & 16th, met and got to know 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 Waikiki, on February 19th and had business meeting with the Finance Committee during lunch.
- **March**
Attended PRAASA in Honolulu, March 3rd-6th

- **April**
Prepared and presented Treasurer's report and letter.
Prepared Finance Committee Meeting agenda
Attended Inform the Delegate Assembly on Kauai, April 9th & 10th. Prepared and presented assigned topic, Warranty 1, with Adina.
Met with the Finance Committee for business meeting both days.
- **May**
With the finance committee, prepared the proposed budget for 2012.
Prepared and submitted form 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 No Ka Oi district on May 21st. 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 1st-Waianae
June 2-Leeward
June 9th-Honolulu
June 16th-Central North Shore Districts
- **August**
Attended Delegate Report Back hosted by Leeward and Central North Shore Districts
- **September**
Prepared and presented Treasurer's Report and letter at Budget Assembly, which was hosted by Windward District, September 24th-25th.
Presented Budget for approval-budget passed.
Prepared Finance Committee Meeting Agenda
Met with Finance Committee both days.
- **November**
Attended and participated in Area Officer's planning meeting on November 5th.
Tried to remember this past year and prepare this report.

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.

With love and gratitude,

Sheri B
Treasurer
Area 17, Panel 61

Secretary Summary 2011

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
Area 17, Panel 61

Registrar Summary 2011

It has been a wonderfully rewarding experience to serve as the Panel 61, Area Registrar. I must admit, I had no idea of what I was in for when I volunteered for this position. However, I believe my interpersonal skills and sobriety have been greatly enhanced as a result of this opportunity for growth.

I began this session in November 2010, and met briefly with the past Registrar Sue Brown who attempted to give me an interactive session. Unfortunately, she was locked out of the system. We had to wait for GSO to issue new credentials.

I was contacted by Karen Hale of the GSO Records department who scheduled three – four hour sessions to familiarize me and several other new Registrars with the Fellowship New Vision (FNV) software. In order to obtain new credentials for Area 17, I was required to attend and actively participate in these interactive online training sessions. We were unable to gain access to the FNV system until April; giving a lead time of two months to input the updated information into the FNV system so it could be printed in the new 2011-2012 Regional Directory.

As it turns out the primary functions of the Area Registrar are 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 a 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. All information is accurate: unfortunately, we are unable to update any new information unless a full name, address, and phone are provided for the group.
 - a. According to the FNV database: Hawaii Area 17 has a total of 565 meetings which had registered with the General Service office in New York at some point.
 - i. Of those groups there are a total of **240 Active groups**, which means that we have had contact with this group and have updated their information. A total of **96 Unknown groups** who at one time registered with GSO, and no longer have primary contact and therefore could not be listed in the Regional Directory. A total of **205 groups are listed as Inactive**, which means we don't have enough information on these groups; they may be closed or are no longer meeting.
2. As the registrar I was able to update and facilitate additional information for a total of: 7 new area officers; 12 New Standing committee chairs; 15 new District Committee Chairs as well as **Updated at total of 136 Groups**: Big Island: 36; Kauai: 8; Maui, Lanai, and Molokai: 22; Oahu: 70.
3. The 2009 – 2010 Regional Directory identified a total of 3,535 AA members and 211 groups in Hawaii. With the help of the GSR's and DCM's we were able to successfully increase our membership in the **2011 – 2012 Regional Directory to 4,124, and increase the number of groups to 230**. Some people might say why do we need to be published in the Regional Directory? After all we are already listed in at the local Central Office (Intergroup). Well, the simple answer is that anyone who may visit Hawaii could not only look up the name of your meeting but also have an actual contact from your group to call directly. As the group name, town it is located in, contact name and number are published in the Directory. This simple act, truly supports the idea that recovery begins when one alcoholic reaches out for help. If we are listed in the directory we are endorsing the declaration of responsibility "when anyone

anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there and for that I am responsible”.

Many groups do not have a GSR and do not participate actively in any level of Area service. So, why do they need to provide new updated information to the Area Registrar? If GSO has a contact person from each group, not only will the number of our membership be more accurate in the Regional Directory by including those individuals, but all those groups will be integrated into the loop. GSO will send them Box 459 the quarterly newsletter, International Convention Registration forms and other pertinent information. This is a good way for groups gain information and increase communication.

This last issue is touchy; however, it is an important function of the Registrars. To ensure each new group who calls themselves a group of Alcoholics Anonymous is in fact adhering to AA's principles. We all know that each group is autonomous; however, our behavior must not affect other groups or AA as a whole. Throughout the history of AA there have been several groups whose primary purpose was something other than one drunk helping another to achieve sobriety. One such group was found in the Northwest, where they actually tied people to a chair for 24 hours to help them get through the DT's. This is not a function of AA and therefore this group could not be listed as an Alcoholics Anonymous group. Whenever a new group is formed the Delegate of that Area is sent a letter from GSO with the new group's information, the Delegate forwards that info to the Registrar. Who sends out an email to the DCM of that meeting asking that the DCM confirm the meeting information and that it is a group of Alcoholics Anonymous?

As you can see we have been very busy this year. I will continue to work closely with the Area members to ensure all group information is updated in a timely manner. One of the obstacles I encountered this year was the duplication of data and/or inaccurate information being input. It was mostly operator error, as I was unable to read some hand written information, and input it incorrectly. So, ensure accurate data input, I have been working closely with the webmaster to develop an online New Information Form. It is our hope that by the Inventory Assembly in January we will have all the bugs worked out. This new endeavor will allow the information to be automatically sent to a data base for the Area 17 Registrars use, and will eliminate entry duplication and error, as the members will be doing their own input. It is our hope that this interactive form will be useful to the Area officers and groups alike.

This service position has truly been an adventure. I appreciate all of the people I have met and the opportunity to be of service to our fellowship. I look forward to increasing our accuracy and eliminating errors in the upcoming year.

Mahalo for this opportunity to be in service,
Adina Murakami
Registrar
Area 17, Panel 61

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Year End Reports

Standing Committee Chairs

Cooperation with Elder Community Summary 2011

2011 Accomplishments:

- Reformatted C.E.C. Workbook and obtained official approval for use and distribution at the Hawaii Area 17 Assembly on April 9-10;
- Emailed Hawaii's C.E.C. Workbook to Seniors in Sobriety;
- Chair attended Central North Shore District's April 30th workshop and gave update on CEC activities;
- C.E.C. committee member Mare from Kihei introduced AA program to administration of two retirement communities in Maui. Reception received graciously;
- Chair presented C.E.C. material at Puna District's Workshop on August 14, 2011;
- Chair attended West Hawaii's meeting for seniors on August 19, 2011 and introduced self to Stan B. and his daughter;
- C.E.C. committee member Maggie K. is the liason with doctor in Kailua-Kona on clients interested in A.A.;
- C.E.C. committee member Moises L., attended recent Women's Health Fair on Kauai. Committee to assemble a C.E.C. kit composed of workbook and related A.A. pamphlets to send to an interested professional in attendance;
- Chair reserved a literature table at the Hawaii Convention, November 17-20;
- Chair supports elder secretary at home group (A Spiritual Awakening) every Monday by being coffee maker.

There is an awareness by all the C.E.C. members that much more needs to be done for seniors in care homes and institutions. We would like to target two categories in particular. The first involves elderly given alcohol by family members in institutions. The second category targets those with "late onset alcoholism" usually brought on by the death of a spouse, financial anxieties, move to a retirement home, or being separated from family.

In love and service,
Rochelle A.
C.E.C. Chair
Area 17, Panel 61

Cooperation with Professional Community Summary 2011

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!

In loving service,

Susan O.
CPC Chair
Area 17, Panel 61

Hospitals Summary 2011

This article has two purposes: it is intended as a year-end summary of what has been done by the Hospitals Standing Committee in the first half of Panel 61, and as a Mynah Bird article for the Holiday addition.

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 51

Mynah Bird Summary 2011

The following were issues of the Mynah Bird to the Fellowship, via web version and print version, for each assembly and standing committee meeting:

- Issue 1 January 2011 In this issue (8 pages)
- *Reported on Standing Committee Chairs, area officers, and members of Panel 61
 - *Report from our area delegate
 - *Article, Third Legacy
 - *Event announcements
 - * PRAASA information
 - * List of 2011 area assemblies and committee meetings
 - * "Heard in a meeting".
- Issue 2 February 2011 In this issue (12 pages)
- *Report on why we need PRAASA
 - *Article from Koloa Nooners
 - *Inform the delegate assembly in April
 - *The PRAASA volunteer sign up form
 - *Article from Registrar, Panel 61, The Power of Service
 - *Hawaii AA Group Information Charge Form
 - *Announcements
 - *"Heard in a Meeting"
 - *District 2-Honolulu, DCM Report
 - *Windward District #4 Minutes
 - *Article, Chair, Panel 61, Unity, Our Most Precious Quality
 - *PRAASA Registration Form
- Issue 3 April 2011 *In this issue (12 pages)
- *Notes from PRAASA
 - *Delegate Report
 - *Web-Master Report, PRAASA on the Web

- *Article, Web-master, "Practicing Our Tradition in a Digital Age"
- *Article, DJH, "We Are Responsible for AA's Future-Let It Begin with Us."
- *Article, Hospitals Chair, "Bedside Matters"
- *Announcements, Big Island Bash, 25th Annual Ho'o Lau' Lea, Kauai
- *Heard in a Meeting"

Issue 4 May 2011 In this issue (8 pages)

- *Article, Chair, Regional Forums Report
- *Article, The God Lottery, Cindy W.
- *Article, Kindergarten for Spirits, Cindy W.
- *Article, Bedside Matters, Hospital Chair
- *Article, HICYPAA, Treasurer (HICYPAA)
- *Schedule of tentative 2012 Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings
- *Announcements Hawaii Convention, Pacific Regional Forum, Founders Day, Hapuna Beach, Big Island
- *"Heard in a meeting"

Issue 5 September 2011 In this issue (12 pages)

- *Welcome to the Budget Assembly
- *Article, Chair, Hospitals, "Labor Day, 2011"
- *Report, Delegate, "2011 Pacific "Additional" Regional Forum"
- *Report, Convention Chair, Announcement Hawaii Convention
- *Article, Alt. Chair, Pedaling the Road of Happy Destiny
- *Article, Chair, HICYPAA
- *Article, Chair, Hospitals, Bedside Matters
- *Article, Michelle L., Service
- *Article, Chair, MB, Slips and Human Nature
- *Article, Treasurer Area 17, The 7th Tradition and Abundance
- *Heard in a Meeting"

I attended the following area assemblies, led round table discussions, and submitted reports

- *January, Orientation Assembly, East Hawaii District, Big Island
- *September, Budget Assembly, Windward District, Oahu

I attended the following standing committee meetings, prepared and submitted reports:

- *February, Waikiki, Oahu
- *May, No Ka Oi, Maui
- *October, Waianai, Oahu

I attended Intergroup and District meetings on Kauai to inform and educate about the Mynah Bird. I asked IGR's and DCM's to solicit articles for the newsletter.

I attended and reported from PRAASA in March, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

At area assemblies and committee meetings, I continued to solicit articles and reports from area officers, standing committee chairs, and DCM's.

There will be a special "Holiday Edition" published for the WEB only in December 2011.

In Love and Service,
 Kathy S.
 Mynah Bird Chair
 Area 17, Panel 61

Public Information Summary 2011

It has been an exciting year first year as the Public Information Standing Committee Chair. I thank you for allowing me to serve. Some of the highlights of the year were:

At the Inform the Delegate Assembly, I was asked by the Tri Island DCM to bringing literature via pamphlets and books to Lanai to fill the social service agencies offices I obtained an assortment of 100 pamphlets from the West Hawaii Intergroup and about 75 pamphlets and two BB and two As Bill Sees I was able to participate in the Wet meeting in the Ocean at Manele Bay and fellowship with the members from Lanai and Maui and give my report in the water.

During the first part of August I created a Tri Fold for events that are happening over here and also for the Hawaii State Convention as I will be participating by setting up a table for Public Information.

Ken our Alternate Delegate contacted the counselor in charge of the alcohol abuse center at Pearl Harbor and spoke to those serving the military and staff members on August 5th.

On August 14th the Puna District held a Service Workshop where Public Information, along with Corrections and Cooperation with the Elder Community. I presented an informal report about the importance of Public Information in the community and handed out information taken from the PI workbook on how to inform the public that we are out there.

On August 16th AA was invited to participate in the Inner Faith Ministries informational Conference at Sangha Hall in Hilo. I attended this function and had a table set up with the Tri-fold and answered questions about AA and gave out, on request, over thirty schedules and the sheet entitled: Information on Alcoholics Anonymous to the public attending that conference as well as to service agencies with the community.

In September the Public Information Chair for East Hawaii has, with members from the local AA community bringing the island's voice of AA, produced a PSA for young people. The PI chair got the script from GSO and has been released on our local radio station: KWXX in Hilo.

On September 14th a Health Fair was held at Honolulu Community College and Paul W, covered that making pamphlets and meeting schedules available and also speaking to the students who got credit for talking to him. Paul shared that most of them wanted to talk about their parents being alcoholics.

West Hawaii has adopted the Resorts and has handed out meeting schedules to Hapuna, Mauna Kea, Mauna Lani and other resorts in the Waikaloa and Kawaihae area. They will be working on getting meeting schedules out to other resorts on the South side of the island.

Lastly, since I am on The Big Island I am looking to find members on Maui, Oahu and Kauai who would be willing to attend or staff a table if a agency or school would like us to set up a table with literature. Please announce the call for volunteers at your District Meetings as well as in your groups.

I am looking forward to another exciting year and being a part of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

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

Website Committee Summary 2011

In 2011, as web site chair, my efforts were primarily directed towards becoming familiar with the organization of the website, performing routine maintenance and making minor modifications.

Major activities related to the website included:

- An introduction to the website given to new GSR's at the orientation assembly.
- Attended PRAASA and learned much about the issues and challenges that other areas have with their websites, and in some cases were able to share how tools and policies at Area 17's website manage anonymity on a public website.
- Discussions on video conferencing of Area meetings to reduce travel costs. It was decided to put off taking any action on this due to anonymity concerns.
- Finding ways to reduce to the amount of Spam in e-mails, without resorting to subscription based spam filters. My personal experience is that as a result of the effort, the amount of spam has been significantly reduced.
- Began work, on an electronic web form to capture changes in group information and group positions. A first cut of this was completed, and based on feedback from our Registrar, some refinements will be made, so that the form can be used to track a wider variety of group position changes.
- And last but not least is the ongoing updating of the websites' content. I have implemented a change where some attachments are visible with the posting with which they are associated, so that, for example, a flyer appears with the posting of an event without having to click on a link to the flyer to view it.

I am grateful to have had this opportunity to serve in 2011. I am especially grateful for what I have learned about general service at the Area level.

Hugh C.
Website Chair
Hawaii Area 17 Panel 61

Hawaii Area 17 Panel 61 2011 Year End Reports District Committee Members

Honolulu District 2 Summary 2011

Dist. 2 has had quite a year filled with some highs and its lows. We started off the year hosting the Orientation Assembly. And it was a roaring success if we must say so ourselves.

We have 7 to 8 GSR's who have been very active. Have worked to develop more interest among our groups. In September we hosted a District picnic and it seemed to be well attended and a good time was had by all. There was a volleyball tourney and plenty of food.

Also our DCM resigned.

At our November Dist. meeting we held elections for a new DBM and Alt DCM. Our new DCM will be Jack G. and the new Alt DCM will be Linda Y. Thank you to Linda McD and Ken for their help.

In November we have also started planning the Honolulu Alcahthon. It's to be held on Dec. 31 6PM until Jan 1 6PM.

We are all looking forward to the New Year and all the good things that will come of it.

Jack G.
DCM Honolulu Dist. 2
Area 17, Panel 61

Leeward District 3 Summary 2011

There were 12 regular monthly meetings of the District Committee. The DCM prepared agendas and conducted 11 District meetings; the Alternate DCM conducted one District meeting in July. Guest presenters at two of the meetings were the Manager of Oahu Intergroup, and the Area treasurer.

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 presented on the topic related to forming a relationship between the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions and the Trustees Conference Committee to address matters of policy relating to the Conference.

The DCM, Public Information chairperson and GSR from Eatin Meetin attended PRAASA on March 4-6.

Registrar - All A.A. groups in the Leeward District were visited and forms were completed to bring the Area Registrar and GSO up-to-date on their status. Changes throughout the year were sent to the Area Registrar.

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 several Intergroup events including a Founder's Day Dinner in June and a Fall Round Up/Camp Out in September.

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.

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Three District Committee members staffed a Hawaii Area 17 CPC booth in May for the American Psychiatric Association Convention.

District Newsletter – Three District newsletters – The Leeward Letter – were produced in 2011 and distributed to all A.A. groups in the District. The first issue listed all of the Trusted Servants for Panel 61, including GSR's, District Committee members, Area Officers and Committee Chairs, and the Delegate and Alternate Delegate. The second issue featured an article on "How the A.A. Service Structure Brings the A.A. Message to the Still-suffering Alcoholic" as well as a chart of GSO and Intergroups in Hawaii. The final issue featured an article on the Delegate Report Back and listed all of the Leeward A.A. meetings. Each newsletter is continually revised and disseminated at meetings and events.

Public Information – The PI chair attended the January Area assembly to meet the Hawaii Area PI chair. Libraries in the District were kept stocked with A.A. literature throughout the year, and the PI Chair staffed a Hawaii Area PI booth at a Health Fair at Honolulu Community College in September.

General Service Representatives - The number of GSR's in the District increased from one in January to six in December. A new GSR packet was developed for distribution to District GSR's. It includes an A.A. Service Manual; Leeward District 3 Structure & Guidelines; Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts pamphlets; the District roster, budget and meeting list; and instructions for how to visit the Area 17 website to download the Hawaii Area 17 GSR Handbook and the Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guidelines.

Events – The District hosted two events this year – A Delegate Report Back (co-sponsored with the Central North Shore District) on August 6; and a Service "Mixer" on December 4.

Caravans – The District caravanned to seven A.A. meetings who do not have GSR's during the months of October through December.

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

Windward District 4 Summary 2011

Aloha Area 17,

We did it! We got through our first year of panel 61 with flying colors. I'd like to list all of our accomplishments so that you may see how our commitment to service has played out.

In January of 2010, our Registrar, Adina, gave us the Group Registry to update. Within 3 months, we contacted and or visited the 30 groups that comprise Windward District #4. We completed updating all group information for the Group Registry.

Also in January, we received our Agenda Item "D". It was presented in April at the Inform the Delegate Assembly.

In March the district's DCM and Alt DCM attended PRASSA in Honolulu. They attended all Area 17 Assemblies as well.

In the summer, District #4 invited our Delegate, Linda McD to present her report back from the GSC in New York. We also had a visit from our Alt Chair, Bob H, who presented Area 17's Proposed Budget for 2011.

In September, we hosted the Area 17 Budget Assembly in Kaneohe.

In November, Scott C., a past Delegate, presented a "District Inventory".

In December, Windward District hosted a Holiday Alcothon that cover both Christmas and the New Year. It was held at the Waimanalo Health Center.

Let it be noted that while all of these events were occurring, a number of interested members of the district, developed a set of guidelines for Windward District #4. We also planned caravans to meetings once a month.

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

East Hawaii District 7 Summary 2011

Up to date meetings attended – 11
Attendance at meeting 5-6
Assemblies attended this year- 3
Attended 2 committee meetings this year

Jan – Feb At the beginning of 2011 I was voted in as DCM for District 7 East Hawaii. My first task at district was the proposal to separate Area 17 and the convention committee. It wasn't till March or April that we voted upon that issue. In the beginning, I set out to attend all of the meetings in East Hawaii to see about getting participation in district. Most of the groups choose to be "rogue" in this area insofar as they contribute money but GSR's don't attend District meetings.

We planned Founder's Day weekend. As usual, the Delegate attended and gave the usual report. District coordinated with Intergroup on this. The Puna DCM and I collaborated on arrangements for

the event ahead of time. Contacts were made regarding the Founder's Day event, particularly to ensure that we obtained a permit for Carlsmith Beach well in advance.

A significant project was to order PSA's online from GSO for District PI. We obtained a script from GSO to do our own recordings for broadcast. We recruited people to be the voices for the PSAs. The Committee voted that the recordings should be produced with local diversity being reflected in the PSA broadcasts. Our PI rep also arranged for an ad for AA to be placed in Na Leo. (People can access the announcement by calling the number in the index and entering the code for AA. It will then be broadcast on the local access TV channel in response.)

We worked on the proposal to separate area from the convention. This was a proposal originally made by Thursday Night Special to separate the area committee from the convention, both fiscally and in terms of representation. Groups were asked to discuss this proposal in their business meetings and provide feedback.

March – We talked about the CEC workbook in draft form and taking it to home groups for discussion. We also talked about informing the Delegate at the assembly. At this point, we also discussed our District's prudent reserve, taking into consideration travel to assemblies and committee meetings. We also began to address hosting the assembly in January.

Our Corrections rep reported that the committee needs books and pamphlets for the women's jail meeting. The request was for \$300 for literature for the jail meetings. We passed a motion to allocate \$150 to local corrections for books. We decided to ask W. Hawaii to help get us up to \$300 for the literature.

One of our home groups here is having dog problems and problems with the homeless residence in the area and we discussed ways they could address these issues.

April - Discussion was brought up about the money left to AA by a member as a bequest. We also began to discuss the issue of having an EIN number which is required in order for us to apply for part of these funds from the bequest.

As also discussed an annual event in East Hawaii: The Easter Feaster. The home group putting on the Easter brunch event asked District to help out.

Our PI Requested funding for pamphlets and racks to put in several different hospitals and various clinics around Hilo area. PI noted that he's spoken to KWXX about studio time to record the CDs for the PSAs. He anticipated having 4-6 members recording the scripts and cutting the PSA's. They will be distributed to local stations. He was to check into the cost for that.

Our corrections rep reported that they're waiting to get the books. He coordinated with Ruth for the authorizations for people to get into the jail.

Re: Proposal to separate area from conference committee. We discussed this with the groups. We asked whether groups wanted to move forward with a recommendation to bring this to the District. Several groups had a discussion and they supported the separation.

We voted that District 7 endorse the proposal and carry it to the Area. I was directed to take this to the Budget Assembly meeting, contacting the Chair to get it on the Agenda. It was to be discussed at the Committee meeting on Maui next month.

We began discussing having a service inventory, but no decision was made about whether to go ahead.

May – We discussed a big shift in Hilo. Members and attendance at meetings were reported as dwindling in some places and growing in others. EHDC7 remains the same.

Our PI made a motion to cut a check to buy pamphlets; we passed this unanimously. Our PI also worked on getting the PSAs recorded by a local radio studio. He's working with a contact at the station but hasn't managed to connect with the staff person yet, despite several attempts. There's a cost associated with the recording and he will need to find out from them what it will be. We discussed inviting members from Puna and West Hawaii to participate in recording these spots. The spots range in length from 10 to 30 seconds and there is a GSO script for each. Our PI plans to recruit both local men and women to record the spot.

The Corrections rep reported that he would meet with the book bank people from Intergroup. He will purchase the books and the receipt. He's also meeting with Ruth at the facility to coordinate on the AA meetings and certify who's going in to the jail.

DCM reported that the proposal to separate Area and Convention finances would be brought forward at the next Area meeting on Maui. (This was approved by the Committee at our last meeting.) He reported that he's been bringing it to groups with mixed responses from the groups, some of whom support it and some of whom do not have an interest in the matter.

We resumed discussing the EIN Number. This was to follow up on the EIN application in consideration of the \$3000.00 that Honolulu Intergroup is distributing from the bequest made by a member to AA. We decided to continue to work on it, although there was not a strong feeling about what we might do with this amount of money should we receive it.

June – DCM discussed the proposal for the separation of AA area and the Conference Committee. The Area panel reviewed it and has requested that EHDC formalize it and submit it as an East Hawai'i District proposal. We were informed that if we change it according to their instructions, they would put it on the next (September) agenda. Thursday night special presented a copy with some revisions. We made a motion that we submit a formal proposal to Area, attached to the previous proposal written by Thurs. Night Special. Members in District will work on the documents. The motion passed unanimously.

Plans had been under way since last month to collaborate with Puna to do a service workshop for CEC, PI, and Correction. It was now being put into action.

We discussed the Area 2012 budget proposal, the Kihei district's proposal on Tongan literature, and began to plan for the inventory assembly in January.

The DCM from Puna District (who is on the financial committee) shared the 2012 budget proposal. Ken (who is on the area finance committee) discussed the 2012 Area budget and made a copy available to our Committee. He discussed various approaches to cutting costs, airfare being a prime candidate. Area Finance has also discussed ways to encourage more donations to Area. Another big expense is archives. Ken reported that we are spending \$5,000 a year for an air conditioned spot for the archives. (There may be technological approaches to preservation that will cut our costs, e.g., digitizing materials.) Ken stated that he's available for questions and comments. There was also a discussion of the suggested donation splits for the different service levels (IG, Area, GSO, etc.).

Our home groups at this time are adjusting to new and open positions that have just opened up.

Our PI met with the Station Manager at KWXX to talk about running AA PSA's. As well, they discussed producing the scripts using local voices. The plan is for four recordings at \$75.00 each

(two males and two females). The station owner suggested that the spots be produced separately for East Side/West Side using each district's phone number. East Hawaii PI is going to work with the West Side PI Chair to see whether they are interested. Another issue discussed during the meeting with KWXX was the possibility of doing several 'campaigns' a year and putting these in the budget. The campaigns would involve longer spots produced in connection with some event or holiday. Sometimes the stations will do initial campaigns free but then charge for subsequent ones.

Our Corrections people attended their first meeting in Hale Nani for the year now that the jail has held its orientation meeting. This is required to approve anyone doing this kind of service in the jails. Corrections spent half of the money issued to them for big books to bring out to the jails. At this time, we were still waiting on West Hawaii for big book donations for Jail.

A motion was raised to apply for the EIN, per earlier discussions. The vote was three in favor; one opposed; one abstained. Our Treasurer agreed to do the paperwork for the application but reported that he would report back to us should any issues come up in his review of the accompanying information.

July – We discussed the EIN issue, namely that our treasurer found we already have an EIN at the bank. Our bank already has us on record as a non-profit. He contacted the State and they don't have us down as a non-profit. He gave the IRS our EIN number but they don't have any record of it, probably because it's been such a long time. Sean suggested that we have two possible courses of action. Either we can maintain the status quo or apply for official non-profit status.

DCM discussed the possibility of making flight arrangements well in advance of travel to take advantage of any possible savings. Kauai has proposed using the internet to hold committee meetings to cut costs of flying off-Island and help those districts who have a very small prudent reserve.

We began planning the inventory assembly. Our first need was to find a site and then to find committee chairs for the assembly. Date TBA but the point was raised that the host district generally requests the date according to when the venue can be scheduled.

The District's Proposal (Separation of Area/Convention) has been scheduled for September's assembly agenda. The first draft of the formal proposal was presented at the July District meeting.

Regarding the radio spots, our PI tried to contact Kona side but was still awaiting their response. He noted that he would need a check for \$75 total for the four PSAs. Also, he suggests that we hold off on the check for the literature for the County's DUI program since he has to follow up with them. PI will be sitting down with KWXX regarding campaigns on the radio that will run for a month. Then he will present a modified budget, asking what the station will be willing to do for us for free. He planned to get them sign off on their commitment in writing.

Our Corrections rep has inquired about the books at intergroup. He mentioned that books going into the facility have to be soft bound. He asked Sean to cancel the check for the books for now. When he gets the books, he'll present a receipt for reimbursement.

All meetings in EHDC7 report things are going well. Attendance is as usual for now. The main meetings are still adjusting to transitions into service positions.

August – The Service workshop with Puna went well. We were happy that the area chair and alt. delegate attended the event as well the CEC chair, PI, and Corrections chairs. The presentations went along great. A lot of people who were interested traveled to the workshop all the way from Kona to participate.

We secured a place to hold the assembly. We found an AA member who's also a member of the Elks club who was happy to help us out securing the spot for our January assembly. We got all the dates set for the upcoming event.

Our proposal is ready to be presented at the Windward district assembly.

Our meetings in East Hawaii have not changed this month. All is well with the home groups in our district.

Our PI had a meeting this month with KWXX regarding the PSA's. Discussions will be getting underway with the KWXX owner about AA Local PSA's

The Corrections rep reported that the Big books were returned to exchange them for the large big print, soft cover ones. (As the jails will only take soft cover editions.) We are still waiting on the books from Kona. We do have word that Kona has books for us to take into jail. All we have to do is meet up with one of the West Hawaii members.

September – Our home group GSRs are on a push to find people to help with assembly. All is well with the local home groups. We discussed whether to ask about Puna district for help with the assembly. We decided to hold more planning meetings throughout the months ahead for the assembly.

Home groups are growing again during the holidays, positions are being filled.

EHDC7 produced local PSA using 4 selected members. They were made by KWXX using the script provided via GSO. Also since West Hawaii is a part of Big Island, we included their number as well so that the whole Island would be covered.

Thanks to the members who put this all together.

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Puna District 12 Summary 2011

Aloha from Puna!

It has been a busy first year! Our district had the honor of teaming up with East Hawaii District and Intergroup to host the Founders Day/Delegates Report Back event. After Linda McD's talk about her trip to the G.S.O., members shared their experience of being in service. Next, we hosted a service workshop, with Area 17 Standing Chairs giving presentations about Corrections, Public Information, and Cooperation with the Elder Community. Our District Standing Committees have been busy, making sure that resources are always available whenever anyone reaches out.

It has also been a year with many chances for personal growth and embracing change. It seems our District is always in constant flux. Our Treasurer and Secretary moved off island, and a couple of GSR's resigned their positions. It takes most of our meeting time to try to bring the new members up to speed. I know we are all volunteers, but these positions (DCM, GSR) are called a "service commitment" for a reason. Groups should already be thinking about the next rotation, and making sure that their newly elected GSR's will be able to attend the Orientation Assembly in 2013!

It is such a pleasure working with my fellow “service junkies”, and I am excited about the challenges the New Year will bring.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

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