



MYNAH BIRD

HAWAII AREA #17 NEWSLETTER

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THE COFFEE POT AND THE FIRST STEP

We were all so excited when a chronic re-lapser in our home group agreed to take the coffee commitment for our Sunday meeting. Kyle had no idea when his sobriety date was, and said he didn't care. It was just one day at a time for him. We all knew that taking a commitment of "coffee maker", "greeter", "ash tray dumper", "secretary" or "treasurer" at AA meetings had kept us sober at the most important time in our recovery: when we really didn't want to go to meetings.

The coffee pot has become an important symbol to our meetings here on the South Shore of Kauai. Half of our meetings are compromised of visitors. Because we meet at the beach in our many out door pavilions, visitors always tell us they know exactly where the meeting is: seeing the coffee pot tells them!

The first Sunday after he took the commitment, Kyle told us an interesting story. He lives in his workshop behind a convenience store, which had been robbed last year. He offered to sleep on the floor in the store by the cash register to thwart anyone who might try to rob the store again. The owner told him to help himself to coffee or anything else if he was hungry while he was there. He told her he did not drink coffee, but thanks for the offer. (Kyle told me that caffeine was his first addiction. He found out at 17 years old, during school when he had tremors without it. He realized he was a "speed freak" on coffee.) He related that after six months, all was well, and not one attempt was made to rob the store. He became friends with the owner who thanked him profusely for his contribution as "security guard". When Kyle showed up at the store very early one Sunday morning with an empty pump coffee pot and asked the owner to fill it up, she asked him "why?" knowing he didn't drink coffee. Kyle told her it was for his "AA" meeting down at the beach, and the owner said "it's on the house". When he told us the story, we were all amazed, and thought "what a God shot". God is doing for him and the group what he cannot do himself.

The second Sunday, Kyle came about half way through the meeting. He apologized for being late, and the visitors thanked him so much for bringing the coffee. You could tell he was touched by the appreciation. He came late the following Sunday as well, with the coffee. He has come to the meeting ever since he took the commitment.



Those of us with some time in these rooms know that "showing up" is an important part of the recovery process. Doing something for someone else is another important component in the program. I don't know if the owner is still paying for the coffee, but I know that Kyle is still showing up on Sunday morning with a desire to stop drinking. No one is telling him he has to be there at 7:00 am sharp; no one tells him to stop coming to meetings with a hangover. His honest desire to stop drinking is why we welcome him back. We all pray for his recovery, and thank him for his willingness to be willing.

One day he might possibly be interested in counting the days since his last bender—because he will discover what we all know. You can't get sober if you still drink, and you can't form a relationship with a higher power if you are not sober. This is a program of rigorously honesty. Showing up is the first step in admitting powerlessness. So for now, Kyle is on first step. And for that we are all grateful.
K.S., Koloa Aloha

History of The Mynah Bird

by **Ted Kramer**

Past Non-rotating Archivist
Area 17

Soon after the establishment of the Oahu Intergroup Office, in the summer of 1962, its members recognized the need to produce a regular, up-to-date meeting schedule and to inform the Oahu and Neighbor Island Fellowships of A.A. events and activities of general interest. Discussion led to the idea of having a combined newsletter/meeting schedule and, since the mynah bird (*Acridotheres tristis*) was known locally as something of a chatterer, a name for the newsletter was quickly agreed upon.

Rocky H., an "old-timer," with almost 20 years of sobriety, volunteered to head up the project, and Arnold N., a Hickam NCO and A.A.-newcomer, volunteered to assist him. Through their combined efforts, the first issue of "The Mynah Bird" came off the mimeograph in October of that year. Arnold N.'s military association was evident, as the Mynah Bird was mimeographed on 8" X 13-1/2" paper, military legal-size, a half inch narrower and shorter than civilian legal-size paper.

The first issue of the Mynah Bird included the earliest known schedule of A.A. meetings on any of the Hawaiian Islands. There were no Neighbor Island intergroup offices at that time, so Oahu Intergroup took it upon itself to provide whatever services it could to the small A.A. communities on the Neighbor Islands. It listed the 28 meetings on Oahu, as well as the single meetings found on Kauai and Maui, and the Big Island's two meetings (one in Hilo and one in Kona.)

The Mynah Bird began as a monthly newsletter, but soon became bi-monthly and then irregular. It began as a light-hearted gossip sheet, telling of birthdays, group events, and whatever else local members were willing to submit. It soon established the now-standard procedure of begging its readers for input and, when very little was received, reproducing articles from other AA publications.

Eventually, it's cost exceeded it's news value, and in January, 1968, Oahu inter-group voted to discontinue publication of the Mynah Bird.



History cont'd

In June, 1974, the Oahu Intergroup voted to resume publication of the Mynah Bird, with Jackie S. as Editor. Instead of resuming its focus on individuals and groups, the newsletter refocused on the A.A. service structure. It not only reported on the continuing efforts of Harry L., Hawaii's Delegate to the General Service Conference, to establish an Area structure in Hawaii, but it also provided informative articles about the duties of GSRs, DCMs and Area Officers. It did this just as the district and area structures were being created.

The first Area Committee Meeting was held in the Oahu Central Office on November 16, 1975, and the first Area Assembly was held at the Kaneohe State Hospital on January 25, 1976. By June, Oahu Intergroup agreed to turn-over publication of the Mynah Bird to Hawaii Area, and Katie B. was appointed Editor. At the Area Assembly, on October 24, 1976, it was specified that the Mynah Bird was to be a monthly publication of 6-8 pages; it was to include no gossip column; its editor was to rotate annually. Its name was briefly changed to Mynah Bird Prints, but it reverted to its original name by March of 1977.

Over the years the frequency, format and length of the Mynah Bird has varied, just as the dedication and skill level of its editors has varied. It has been published monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly and only in conjunction with Area Assemblies. It has sometimes been almost exclusively a platform for the musings of Area officers; at other times it has contained news of groups, or a particular island; it has been light-hearted; it has been deadly serious. As the internet has developed, the Mynah Bird has developed apace. No longer is the Mynah Bird black-and-white and mimeographed. Its variety of fonts, clip art, and colors is reflective of the computer skills and commitment of its editors.

We can be grateful to those who have superintended the growth and development of the Mynah Bird over the years, but especially to those who have been able and willing to cope with the technological change. Over the past 15 years, these have been, in chronological order, Wayne S., Tim H., Pat B., Patti W., Susie S., Donna P., Bethany D., Elizabeth B., Mike R., Michelle W., Miranda K. and our current Mynah Bird Chairperson, Cheryl N.

From August 2009 Mynah Bird

Aloha Area 17!

It was with enthusiasm that I attended the Mynah Bird Roundtable at the Inventory Assembly in Hilo, Hawaii.

A few DCMs were gathered around, listening to the Mynah Bird Chair, Kathy S. I was surprised to hear her tell us that the last issue of the Area's Newsletter was unprintable due to the fact that only one article had been submitted by Area 17!

With our support and submissions, Mynah Bird can be a dynamic and interesting newsletter. It's printed seven to eight times a year, if there are submissions enough to develop an issue. It's our voice in print. It carries: art, articles, announcements, news, poems and even "one liners"; donated by the members of Area 17.

Mynah Bird is a great vehicle for the expressions of A.A.s. Our newsletter is a place to share our recovery, strength and hope. Our unification is a goal that can be facilitated by staying in touch and in reach of each other. Mynah Bird offers us that opportunity.

There is a call out for donations of submissions. Let's support our Area 17 Newsletter, Mynah Bird, with our wit and well-put pen. Please, write an article, send a flier, do some art, and send it to: mynahbird@area17aa.org.

In loving Service,
Susanne Z.
DCM#4



INFORM THE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

**APRIL 14-15, 2012
Diamond Head District 1, Oahu**



Bedside Matters

There is beginning to be some excitement on the hospitals front!

This past week I received a phone call from the Oahu Central Office asking about someone responsible for work at Hawaii State Hospital. Clearly the work of our committee is recognized and efforts are being made to utilize the structure we have!

Unfortunately, we have yet to adequately formalize our contact list, but we are making progress!!

Because of the knowledge and enthusiasm of other members of the Hospitals Committee, we are improving the accuracy of our hospital list and as the DCM's include this work in their reports to the area, we will eventually be able to provide the various offices with appropriate contact information to allow them to properly direct these inquiries for assistance.

I have also asked the Webmaster to update the e-mail list for our committee to improve communication in that area. Hopefully this will allow for better communication between the committee members and, eventually, throughout the area.

Slowly we are accomplishing our initial goal of better communication on this essential front.

It is increasingly clear, however, that the work of the Hospitals and Treatment Facilities committees should no longer remain separate; there is simply too much overlap and the correctness of the General Service Conference's decision to change the wording to "treatment settings" keeps asserting itself. For this reason I will continue to pursue an agenda item in August to combine these committees. It will be in the form of an amendment to the Structures and Guidelines.

I hope this missive finds you all happy joyous and free n your sobriety! And again,

Thank you for this opportunity to serve,
Jim D

THERE ARE NO COINCIDENCES



Last summer, my wife and I attended a dinner function in our local community to raise funds for our favorite charity. An auction at the end of the evening took place to raise these funds. All items had been donated by local residents. One particular item that was donated was a bottle of distilled spirits (whiskey) signed by a prominent businessman. This aroused my distorted humor as I am a member of a 12 step fellowship. I began to bid and my ego took control. Eventually I found myself paying an exorbitant amount for a bottle of whiskey that I had no intention of drinking.

Later that evening, the prominent businessman who had signed the bottle approached our table. He introduced himself and stated he wanted to meet the individual who was willing to pay that amount for a bottle of whiskey. I introduced myself, and stated it was for the charity and had no intention of ever drinking its contents. I further stated I was a member of a 12 step fellowship and had not had taken a drink for over 15 years. He smiled and stated he was also a member of our fellowship and had not taken a drink for 45 years. We both grinned and was aware, that for what ever reason, God had brought us together. We are now close friends and have had many conversations concerning how our higher power has and continues to work in our lives. We both agree God has a sense of humor!

Gary, Visitor to Poipu

AREA 17 DELEGATE REPORT January 22, 2012

Happy New Year to each of you. Welcome especially to any new GSRs and other assembly members. The groups comprising A.A. today hold what co-founder Bill W. called the ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world service. The entire structure of A.A. starts with a single group; and the way each group conducts its affairs has a ripple effect on A.A. everywhere. The direction of the group is essentially determined at its business meeting...It is essential that the members be given all the facts relevant to the subject at hand in a neutral tone. According to our Concepts, we avoid undue concentration of money or personal influence in any of our service groups or activities. That's one of the beauties of rotation. Even GSO staff members rotate desks every two years. It is important that we hold each other accountable while trusting those servants selected to serve us.

G.S.O. and A.A.W.S. have been busy at work, as always. Some of the international service events include the 9th Asia-Oceania Zonal Service Meeting in India, the 17th Zonal Meeting of the Americas (REDELA) in San Salvador, El Salvador, and the 16th European Service Meeting in Frankfurt, Germany. During REDELA, a request was made by the delegates of Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia that the Big Book be translated into Quechua, the ancient language of the Inca, spoken today by about 8 million people. The request was forwarded to the International Desk to be sent to the A.A.W.S. Publications Department.

The A.A.W.S. board meets monthly to hear progress reports on ongoing projects, to consider new requests received by groups, and to tend to other pending business. The following are some highlights from the last three months.

- **The Treatment Committee** appointed a subcommittee to review the script of the video "Hope: Alcoholic Anonymous" taking into consideration concerns expressed by the 2011 Conference Committee. After discussion on the report submitted by the subcommittee at the October board meeting, the committee agreed that the concerns expressed by the 61st Conference Committee did not warrant the cost to remake the video or remove any single line of dialogue. In addition, the committee reviewed an area suggestion on a possible piece to carry to A.A. message into treatment settings for those who have mental illness. The Publications Department will prepare a draft of the material to bring to the January 29 meeting of Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities.
- **The Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS)** put out a request for male A.A. members on the "outside" to correspond with male members in correctional facilities to share their experience, strength and hope. To participate in this service, contact the Corrections Desk (corrections@aa.org) or write to Corrections Desk, G.S.O., P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10163. You can also call (212) 870-3400.
- **The Literature** committee continues the valuable work on literature that focuses on spirituality. The current process is to review and prioritize the 201 stories submitted. Progress has also been underway on the revision of the pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Services" with the intent of including new stories, stories previously published by the Grapevine magazine, and a few stories from the current pamphlet. Revision of *Living Sober* is going forward as well. A new request was made by an area to add the Twelve Concepts for World Services to the current edition of *the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. Different variations in this regard are also being discussed. I would look for this to be included in the 2012 Conference Agenda. A Navajo translation of "How It Works" will be sent to the Publications Department Director for authentication and to ensure that the translation maintains the spirit of Alcoholics Anonymous. All translations go through this necessary process.

- **A.A. Regional Directories:** Work is planned for the 2012 Directories. In order to be included, a group must provide a name and phone number for the contact person. The deadline for the one is May 11, 2012.
- **2011 Membership Survey:** last year, three groups in Hawaii were chosen at random to participate in the triennial survey. The more than 10,000 surveys completed are currently being tabulated. The 2011 Membership Survey pamphlet should be on hand for approval at the 62nd General Service Conference.
- The board received a **Copyright and Reprint Report**, presenting an overview of policies, practices, and information. Included in the report is an inventory of the status of copyrights on major A.A.W.S. works. The report will be a valuable tool in the review of intellectual property issues.
- A new proposal was submitted for posting **Daily Reflections on G.S.O.'s A.A. Website**, with an optional e-mail delivery service. The recommendation was approved with the following conditions:
 1. The subscription service is one-way communication.
 2. There is an unsubscribe function.
 3. Anonymity for the A.A. member who subscribes to the daily e-mail as it relates to the sender's e-mail address.
- **eBooks:** the Fourth Edition of the Big Book and the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* are now available in eBook format for certain Apple devices – iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad. In order to download the books, you must first go to the Apple App store and get the AA eReader app for free. You can then purchase the books through the A.A.W.S. Online Store for \$6 each. The eBook project is ongoing with plans underway to offer the books to Android users and which books to make available. The priority in planning has been to maintain control of the sale of eBooks by A.A.W.S. and to ensure to protection and integrity of the A.A. message. For more information, go to aa.org and click on “e-Books.”
- **Website:** aa.org was launched nearly 16 years ago. Since then the Website has expanded to embrace evolving technology. You can now read the Big Book and the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* online, make contributions online, and subscribe electronically for newsletters. Currently the board is considering revision to the Website policy to delete reference to the prohibition of online sales, such as described above.
- **Grapevine:**
 - *The Language of the Heart* in English is now available at the aagrapevine.org Store, which will take you to the respective vendor for purchase. The eBook is in iBooks, NOOK Books and Kindle formats. The Spanish version will soon be ready.
 - AA special price of **\$42 for two gift subscriptions of the Grapevine print magazine is good until 1/31/12.**
 - The board acknowledged with gratitude the purchase of over 600 online subscriptions by ICYPAA to some of its attendees at their 2011 conference.
 - I am happy to report to you that the Grapevine board is conscientiously seeking ways of reducing costs, one of which is cost sharing with A.A.W.S. where it does not affect the independence of each entity.
 - Please remind your group GSR's that they can register with the Grapevine online.
 - One of the features on aagrapevine.org is I-Say, where you can participate in the I-Poll questions and be heard by other A.A.s.
 - Grapevine can help with the complimentary information and materials to support **your local convention and events.** Go to aagrapevine.org “Resources/GVR” tab and then click on “Tools and Resources” for downloadable handouts.

- A.A. Grapevine, Inc. is **currently seeking a senior editor** in it's NY office. The senior editor is responsible for developing editorial content of the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., and for overseeing the publication of The Grapevine and LaVina Magazines and Grapevine or LaVina items both in print and digital, and for leading a creative, committed team. In addition, the senior editor participates in the General Service Conference and various A.A. events. The position reports to the Executive Editor/Publisher. Requirements: Five years of equivalent editorial and management experience; demonstrated writing and editing skill; B.A. or equivalent and a working knowledge of the Steps and Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous Six years of continuous sobriety. Proficiency in Spanish is a plus. Interested members may forward their Resumes and cover letter by March 30, 2012, to: resumes@aagrapevine.org.

At the 62 General Service Conference, each year, a workshop topic is chosen in which all conference members participate. We break up into small groups that meet in separate conference rooms to discuss the topics. This year the workshop topic will be "**Safety in A.A.: Our Common Welfare.**" The workshop topic relates to Tradition One, which states, "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a greater whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows closely afterward." Three questions have been posed, which are intended to facilitate a full and fruitful discussion:

1. How can we make our Home Group a welcoming and accessible place?
2. How can sponsorship aid keeping our meetings safe?
3. In keeping with Traditions, how would/does my group address matters that may arise, such as:
 - a. Conduct that disrupts the meeting
 - b. Illegal activity
 - c. Inappropriate behavior towards vulnerable new members (e.g. "13 Stepping")
 - d. Emergencies, such as injury, accident, fire, etc.

I am hoping that we can have our own workshop on these topics at our April Inform-the-Delegate Assembly.

Announcements:

- Final forum reports for the "Additional" Pacific Region Forum held last August in Woodland Hills, California is posted on the aa.org Website. To access the material search for "Pacific Region Forums." Forums are an amazing way to meet other members of our Region and staff from G.S.O. in an informal setting.
- The **2012 Pacific Region Forum** will be September 14-16 at the Westmark Hotel Fairbanks in Fairbanks, Alaska.
- **Reminder:** Do not call GSO regarding registration or housing for the 2015 International Convention. The information is not available. Registration forms will be sent to all A.A. groups on the G.S.O. mailing list in September 2014. Information will also be posted on the aa.org Website as it becomes available.
- **PRAASA 2012:** March 2-4 in Bellevue, Washington. You can still register online at praasa.org. Hotel rooms at the host hotel are in short supply before Friday night. However, overflow rooms are being offered. I am circulating a signup sheet for those planning on attending this year. The committee is looking for readers, timers, moderators, and presenters. If you have questions, please see me some time today, as I will be submitting the list this coming week.

Financial Data for G.S.O. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc.: I have attached a summary report for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. Please note that the figures have not been audited. The Reserve Fund Investment for as of September 30 had a balance of \$14,473,825, which represents approximately 11.3 months of combined operating expenses.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Submitted with love and service,

Linda McD

Delegate Area 17, Panel 61

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AA GRAPEVINE, Inc.

February 2012

To: General Service Conference Delegates
Trustees of General Service Board, Past and Present
Directors of AA Grapevine, Inc., Past and Present
Directors of AA World Services, Inc., Past and Present
A.A. Grapevine Editorial Advisory Board Members, Past and Present
Appointed Committee Members of Trustees' Committees
Grapevine and G.S.O. Staff Members
U.S. and Canada Central Offices and Intergroups

Re: Vacancy for Nontrustee Director of A.A. Grapevine Board in 2013

Dear Friends:

The A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board is seeking qualified persons for non-trustee director vacancies on its board that may become available to be filled following the General Service Conference in April 2013. The A.A. General Service Board of Trustees has requested that the A.A. Grapevine Board's recommendations be presented for this position to the trustees' Nominating Committee for review at its September 2012 meeting. Since resumes need to be screened and applicants interviewed by members of our Corporate Board in a timely fashion, the process must begin well in advance.

We plan to review resumes and schedule interviews during the Summer of 2012. We therefore ask that completed resumes be submitted by: May 30, 2012.

Requirements include:

1. A.A. member with a minimum of seven years continuous sobriety.
2. Ability to meet the time commitment.
3. Ability to travel and attend board meetings and outreach functions in the U.S. and Canada.

"We are responsible for AA's future...let it begin with us."

WHEN

MY HOME GROUP

ELECTS A

GENERAL SVC REP (GSR)

WHO ATTENDS

DISTRICT MTGS & AREA ASSEMBLIES

AND PARTICIPATES IN LOCAL COMMITTEE WORK, DISCUSSIONS ABOUT MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO AREA & WORLDWIDE A.A., REPORTS BACK TO MY HOME GROUP AND VOTES FOR DISTRICT AND AREA OFFICERS INCLUDING THE

AREA 17 DELEGATE

WHO LISTENS TO THE VOICE OF ALL THE AREA GROUPS AND MEMBERS IN ORDER TO FAIRLY REPRESENT A.A. AS A WHOLE AT THE

GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

WHICH OFFERS ADVICE TO THE

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD

WHICH IS THE COMBINED DIRECTORS OF

A.A. WORLD SERVICES BOARD AND THE A.A. GRAPEVINE BOARD

Consider this:

If my Home Group doesn't have a GSR, then my group has no voice in A.A. as a whole...the chain is broken and the future of A.A. is in the hands of others...Is that OK?

Traveling With and Without AA

I was blessed to be able to take a three week vacation last summer in Europe. About half of that involved a cruise with my brother, his wife, and another couple. Before I committed to that, I invited along a good friend who is also in the fellowship. You see, I knew I would not do well with everyone else drinking every night and me being "different." I have been sober for a few years now and have learned how to make it through Thanksgiving dinners where I have been asked to bring "salad for 13 and sparkling cider for 2." Someone else was bringing the "wine for 11." The cider was for my young nephew and me.

So, I embarked on my first family vacation in a very long time. I was determined to maintain my connection with my Higher Power, AA and the spiritual principles of the program. For any of you who have ever been on a cruise before, you might remember the schedule for the first day at sea that has a time and place noted for "Friends of Bill W." So, the two of us went and met another alcoholic from Minnesota. We agreed to meet on the three "At Sea" days. We met in the Chapel and took turns telling each other our stories. We said the Serenity Prayer and the "I am Responsible" statement and I was reminded of all the blessings I have received in my sobriety as a result of this fellowship. No other AAs joined us. Occasionally someone would peek their heads in and then turn around and leave. One day two women who spoke no English came in and sat down. We asked if they were there for AA and they pointed at the Cross and indicated they were there to pray. As a result of these meetings, I was in touch with my HP and AA. I had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed my family.

Later, on returning home, I reflected on how much better this vacation and other travels have gone when I make a commitment to make a meeting. Traveling is always hectic – at least for me – and it is easy for me to find an excuse to skip a meeting. But when I make a meeting, my reconnection with AA brings me peace and serenity – something I was looking for my whole life before I became a grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

A few months later I came across a couple of Fourth Steps I did in 2003 and 2005. My family figured prominently in both those Fourth Steps. I realized again the miracle of this program – I no longer deal with all those resentments. Somewhere along the way – as a result of my relationship with my Higher Power, attending meetings, doing the steps, working with my sponsor and being in service – I "Let Go" of all those resentments.

Mahalo for my life filled with love, light and laughter.

Cheryl N.
Chair
Area 17, Panel 61



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***With an informed group conscience,
the voting members of the January, Hawaii Area 17 Inventory Assembly,
defeated the proposal presented by Alfred N., East Hawaii, to End the formal
association between AA area 17 and Annual Hawaii State Convention. The
vote was 67 opposed to the proposal, 6 in favor.***



Announcements

COMING EVENTS 2012...

February

16-19 **48th International Women's Convention, Washington, D.C.**
The language of the Heart will be Spoken Here

24-26 Aloha Roundup, Honolulu Hawai'i www.aloharoundup.com
Gay and Lesbian Roundup, All are welcome

24-26 **5th Annual East Hawaii Roundup "E'ala E"**

March

2-4 PRAASA 2012, Belleview, Washington www.praasa.org
Anonymity, Our Spiritual Responsibility

10 Come Sail Away, Oahu Intergroup Oahucentraloffice.com
2 hour sunset cruise

April

14-15 Inform the Delegate Assembly assembly@area17aa.org
Church of Holy Nativity, Honolulu

19-22 **25th Annual International Men's Conference**
Las Vegas, Nevada www.iaamclasvegas.org

19-22 Big Island Bash, Big Island, Hi bibinfo@bigisland.bash.com
Kona Coast Sheraton Keauhou Bay

May

31-Ju 3 Maui Fest VI II www.mauifest.org

October

26-28 **Annual Kauai Men's Retreat** www.kauaiaa.org

November

1-4 51st Annual Hawaii Convention www.hawaiiconvention.com

Heard in a Meeting...

"There is only as 'big a deal' as I make out of it."

**"Today I know I know I am not well;
My actions prove it to me."**

"I'm a lot more peaceful when I stop arguing."

"This program is action, not self knowledge."

"When in doubt, don't go out".



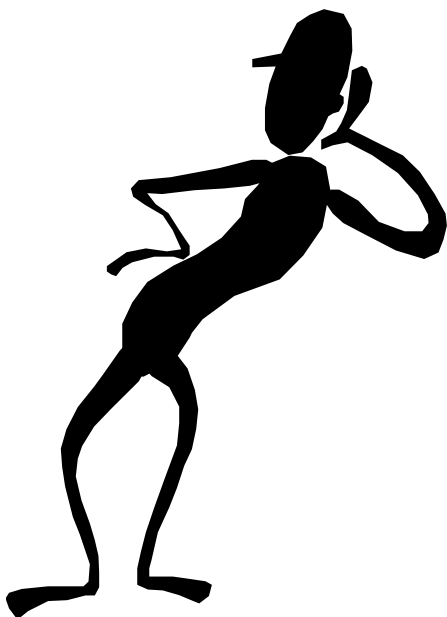
**"Serenity is giving up hope that the past would
have been different."**

**"Mothers know how to push your buttons;
They installed them."**

"Guilt is a self centered emotion."

"Look at your past, but don't stare at it."

"Pray until something happens, and pause, and pause."



2012 Area Assemblies & Committee Meetings

ALL dates confirmed.

April 14 – 15	Inform the Delegate	Diamond Head District 1	Oahu
May 19	Committee Meeting	Tri-Island District 13	Maui
August 18 - 19	Budget Assembly	Puna District 12	Big Island (Hilo)
October 13	Committee Meeting	Waianae District 17	Oahu
November 17 - 18	Election Assembly	West Hawaii District 8	Big Island (Kona)

Who should attend?

Assemblies – GSRs, DCMs, Intergroup chairs, Standing Committee chairs,
Area officers

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Area officers

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF LULU

