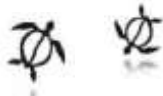




MYNAH BIRD

HAWAII AREA #17 NEWSLETTER

ALOHA AND WELCOME PANEL 61 GSRS, DCMS, STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND AREA OFFICERS!!



AREA OFFICERS

DELEGATE LINDA McD.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE . . . KEN K.

AREA CHAIR CHERYL N.

ALTERNATE CHAIR BOB H.

SECRETARY COLEEN A.

TREASURER SHERI B.

REGISTRAR ADINA M

Standing Committee Chairs*

Archives - TBD

Convention Steering Committee - TBD

Corrections - Lena

C.E.C. - Rochelle

C.P.C. - Susan O'N.

Grapevine - Libette

Hospitals - Jim D.

Mynah Bird - Kathy S.

Public Information - Chris S.

Treatment - Chris N.

Website - Hugh C.

The new Hawaii Area panel 61 of trusted servants is here to respond to your questions and, as schedule permits, to give presentations as requested. Each Committee is a valuable resource and plays an integral part of the Area structure which is in place to serve you, your District and your Group or Meeting. The Area Standing Committees want you to know about the focus of their committees and how they can help you carry the message in your communities.



*Chairs to be confirmed by Assembly

FROM OUR DELEGATE
Election Assembly Report
Panel 59, November 2010

Aloha all, and welcome to the Election Assembly! This weekend we will be electing our Panel 61 Area Officers through the spiritual process we have for selecting our incoming leaders known as Third Legacy. This past 2 years has been quite a journey, and I want to thank you all for the spiritual lessons I have been given as the result of trusting God, cleaning house and helping others. It has been a joy serving with such an incredible bunch of AAs as you. As I move into the role as a past delegate, I would hope that you folks will utilize me as a resource in any way needed. The A.A. Service Manual, on page S46 says "AA has in past delegates a wealth of experience, which is sometimes used and sometimes not. The AA practice of rotation prevents delegates from succeeding themselves or from returning later as delegates, but a role for past delegate is gradually emerging that involves them in area activities and gives the area the benefit of their experience with worldwide AA, but leaves area committees and new delegates free to run their own show." As we conduct our business today and elect our leaders tomorrow, let us go forward in the spirit of mutual trust, unity and love for Alcoholics Anonymous. In the August 1957 AAGV, Paul B. then Delegate from Oregon answered the questions: How can we become an "informed group conscience"?

1. By being objective in our thinking.
2. By exercising our rights as AAs and participating in group affairs.
3. By insisting on the principle of rotation of members of our steering committees and delegates in our Inter-group, State and National activities.
4. By reading our publications and group directories.
5. By truly, in all our AA activities, placing *principles before personalities*.

PRAASA 2011

As everyone knows by now, Hawaii Area is hosting PRAASA 2011 on the island of Oahu at the Ala Moana Hotel, March 4-6, 2011. I invite all of you to attend, and we still need volunteers to be in service during the weekend. Please visit www.praasa.org for more details. Additionally, I would like to remind you that we do have a group discount arrangement with Hawaiian Airlines.

CURRENT AA NEWS

We have been requested to gather suggestions for the Theme, Presentations and Workshop Topics for the 62nd Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference in 2012. I sent out an email back in August, and so far we have received only one reply.

Thank you for all who took the time to complete a Grapevine Survey. We collected over 200 responses, which have been forwarded on to the data compilation team. The results will be forwarded to the AAGV Board, and the Conference Committee on Grapevine. There were a total of 8,021 surveys from 60+ Areas. It is an amazing amount of direct feedback from the fellowship.

Speaking of the AAGV, we have a new Executive Editor/Publisher of the GV: Ami B. As I previously reported, Robin B. would be moving on as soon as a replacement was found.

There is a current opening for a Non Trustee Appointed Member for the Trustees' Committee on Literature. I am happy to report that our immediate past Delegate, Vernon has submitted his resume.

There is a small inventory of the 2010 International Convention Souvenir Book "Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age" available for \$7.00 from GSO. Additionally, the new Young People's video "Animation" will be available for purchase the first week of December.

Beginning with the January/February 2011 issue, the LaVina will be published with 68 pages perfect binding following the recommendations made at the 60th GSC.

Since September 2000, when I attended my very first Area Assembly, I have been absolutely in love with General Service. I have grown up in service and sobriety in Assemblies and Area Committee meetings with you all. There is nothing that I won't do for Alcoholics Anonymous. As a direct result of the Steps, Traditions and Concepts, I have come from a life of darkness and despair to one filled with love, light and laughter. I truly thank you.

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

Area 17 Standing Committees

...it takes a village

The standing committees from the Area 17 Structures and Guidelines are:

- * **ARCHIVES** - Serves as a permanent repository of every aspect of Hawaii AA history.
- * **COOPERATION WITH THE ELDER COMMUNITY (CEC)**- Oversees and coordinates all activities with regard to carrying our message of recovery to the older alcoholic.
- * **COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)** - Shares information about the A.A. program with professionals who have contact with alcoholics, furthering mutual understanding and cooperation.
- * **CORRECTIONS** - Coordinates the service work to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who is confined in a correctional facility.
- * **FINANCE** - Prepares and presents a proposed budget to the area assembly for approval and makes adjustments throughout the year, as necessary.
- * **GRAPEVINE** - Informs Hawaii's A.A. fellowship of the many benefits that can be derived through a Grapevine subscription.
- * **HOSPITALS** - Coordinates the service work of A.A. groups and individuals who carry the message to alcoholics in hospitals and medical clinics.
- * **MYNAH BIRD** - Publishes newsletters that focus on A.A. topics, including actions decided by the area. Special editions may be published as needed.
- * **PUBLIC INFORMATION** - Responsible for creating an understanding and preventing misunderstanding of the A.A. program through the public media, electronic media, P.I. Meetings, and speaking in community groups.
- * **TREATMENT FACILITIES**- Coordinates the service work of individual A.A. members to alcoholics in treatment facilities, sets up means of bridging the gap from treatment to A.A., and works to clarify what A.A. can and cannot do, within the 12 Traditions, to help alcoholics in treatment.
- * **WEBSITE** - Serves as webmaster and administrator of the Hawaii Area 17 Website (and any ancillary services, such as email) insuring that information following current guidelines is available in a timely fashion and technical services and training are provided as necessary.

The Spirituality of The Third Legacy

“Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.”

“The most vital, yet least understood, group of services that A.A. has are those that enable us to function as a whole, namely: the General Service Office, A.A. World Services, Inc., The A.A. Grapevine, Inc. and our board of trustees, known legally as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our worldwide unity and much of our growth since early times are directly traceable to this cluster of life-giving activities.

My first exposure to The General Service was at the Elections Assembly of Panel 57 in November 2007. As the incoming GSR for panel 59, my home group sent me to the assembly to get me familiar with the service structure. It was at that assembly that I was introduced to the Third Legacy Procedure. I have to tell you, that for me, the process was a “spiritual experience”. The idea of drawing someone's name out of the hat after no clear winner was elected after four votes, was a totally new concept to me. What I did know, was the concept of “trusting God.” After watching very qualified candidates stand for the various offices, it became clear to me that each of them had put the result in God's hands. At the November 2010 Election Assembly, four of the seven officers were elected “from the hat”. I once again was witness to the A.A. Principles working in the fellowship—the pathway to unity.

Kathy S., Koloa Aloha, Kauai

Our area service structure connects Hawaii Area 17 to A.A. as a whole. It also connects us to each other.

*If each member contributes
\$ 8.08
Area 17 will be fully funded!*

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* **PRAASA 2011** *
* **March 4-6, 2011** *
* **Honolulu, Hi** *
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* **Ala Moana Hotel** *
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* Questions?? Go to www.praasa.org *
* Click on link to *
* **PRAASA 2011 Information** *
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**Dying to be published?
Can't wait to share your
service stories, successes?
Heard a great quote in a
meeting?
Next **Mynah Bird** Deadline
Sunday, April 3, 2011**

**Remember
Mail Area Contributions to:
Hawaii Area Committee # 2107
575 Cooke Street Suite A
Honolulu, HI 96813**



HANA CARAVAN 2011

Last Sunday of every month

February 27

August 28

March 27

September 25

April 24

October 30

May 29

November 27

June 26

December 25

July 31

Wananalua Church

Potluck Dinner 4:30 PM

AA Meeting 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Questions??? dcm5@area17aa.org



Big Island Bash

The Next Frontier: Emotional Sobriety

The 23rd Annual Big Island Bash will be held:

At the magnificent Sheraton Keauhou Bay
Resort and Spa on the beautiful Kona Coast

April 15, 16 and 17, 2011

Speakers include:

Kelly M. - Collingswood, NJ

Karl M.- Covina, CA

Robbie W. - Ocean City, NJ

Larcine G. - Hawthorne, CA

Registration, schedule of events
and activities, all available at:

www.bigislandbash.com

Questions? Email: april15bash@gmail.com





PRAASA

MARCH 4 - 6, 2011

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Aloha,

Hawaii Area 17 is pleased to host the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) being held March 4-6, 2011 in Honolulu, HI.

REGISTER BY MAIL: Forms for registering for PRAASA 2011 by mail are now available. Online registration through PayPal is available.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Online registration is now available. In order to complete your registration you must complete the PayPal transaction. A PayPal account is not required but all transactions will be processed by PayPal.

HOTEL INFORMATION: PRAASA 2011 hotel room reservations are now available online at: [Ala Moana Hotel PRAASA Reservation Page](#). You may also contact the Ala Moana Hotel by calling toll-free (800) 367-6025 (U.S. & Canada), (800) 446-8990 (Neighbor Islands), or directly (808) 955-4811. When making your reservation, use the group name "PRAASA" to receive the group rates.

AIRLINE INFORMATION

HAWAIIAN AIRLINES: We are pleased to announce that Hawaiian Airlines is offering a 5% discount on tickets for travel between the mainland and Hawaii for PRAASA 2011 attendees. You may enter access the website at: [Hawaiian Airlines PRAASA 2011 Discount](#).

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES: We are pleased to announce that Continental Airlines is also offering special discounts for PRAASA 2011. You may book online at www.continental.com and enter your Offer Code **ZJJ3466373** in the Offer Code box when searching for your flights. If booking through a travel professional or MeetingWorks at 800-468-7022, please give them the following information: Agreement Code: **466373 / Z Code: ZJJ3**

GET INTO SERVICE: While we encourage everyone to register for PRAASA 2011 we will also need many volunteers during this event. Please take a moment to fill out this [online Volunteer Form](#) and let us know how we may contact you and when you are available.

Although links cannot be accessed on this page, all forms and information are available at: www.praasa.org.



Announcements

I AM RESPONSIBLE...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that I am responsible.

From The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service.

A DECLARATION OF UNITY

This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united.

For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

From the A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service.

2011 Area Assemblies & Committee Meetings

Dates	Function	Hosting District	Island
January 15 -16	Orientation Assembly	Honolulu District 2	Oahu
February 19	Committee Meeting**	Waikiki District 10	Oahu
April 9 -10	Inform the Delegate Assembly	Kauai District 6	Kauai
May 21*	Committee Meeting**	No Ka Oi District 5	Maui
August 27 – 28*	Budget Assembly	Windward District 4	Oahu
October 1*	Committee Meeting** (Optional, Web??)	Leeward District 3	Oahu
November	Optional Assembly	East Hawaii District 7	Big Island

* Dates tentative pending hosting District confirmation.

** GSR's not required to attend

Heard in a Meeting...

"When I was drinking, I drank to celebrate things that hadn't happened yet."

"I try to take one day at a time, but sometimes three or four gang up on me at once."

"Confidence is that feeling you have just before you do Step Four.:"

"I started out as a social drinker. Then I had my second drink."



"Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent."

"I asked my sponsor to tell me about God. He looked at me kindly and said, "All you need to know about God is this: "You are the problem, and God is the solution."

"An egotist is someone who me-deep in conversation."