

Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting
Saturday October 13, 2012
Hosted by Waianae District 17
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9:05 Call to Order

Serenity Prayer, Past Delegate, Birthdays

Readings - Concept 10: Every Service responsibility should be matched by equal service authority.

Area Officers' Reports

Secretary, Coleen A. - motion to accept by Tommy, seconded by Clifford.

Treasurer, Sheri B. - motion to accept by Chappy, seconded by Tommy. See Attached Reports, AR #1.

Registrar- Bob H. for Adina. No report.

Alternate Delegate, Ken K. - I was unable to attend one steering convention meeting, (was off island). Structures & Guidelines - two changes: One change is from the convention committee, and the other is from the finance committee. There are some proposals that will be voted on at the elections assembly. Changes to the Structures and Guidelines will be posted on website.

Alternate Chair, Bob H. - See AR#2

Chair, Cheryl N. -AR #3. Mahalo for allowing me to serve as your chair. Since the Budget Assembly, I attended the Pacific Regional Forum in Fairbanks. I will give my full report later on the presentations and workshops. In addition to that, there was a lot of talk among area officers attending the Forum about rotating on from their current positions. Perhaps it was just that I noticed it because it's been on my mind. I am in the process of compiling my year-end report and reflecting on the experiences I have had this year. I am grateful for the opportunity and my life has truly been enriched. Please consider making yourselves available for positions at the Area level next panel. Talk with the people currently filling positions you are interested in. Talk to your sponsor and family. And remember, it's in God's hands. All we have to do is to be willing.

Delegate Report - See AR#4. Also:

Selection sites for PRAASA are selected 4 years out. Up until now it was done via bid selection. It has been an expense for the area to prepare the bids, and additional work for the delegate. The selection process has been changed to a rotation system. Hawaii Area 17 will host PRAASA in 11 years.

Also, Someone at the forum said they were really kind of lost when they took a trip to slovic countries. You can access meeting directories at Intergroup and aa.org.

Living sober has been revised. Also there are two openings for non-trustee appointed committee members: correction, and public information. They want your resumes by Nov 13th. See recent Box 459. Know that it takes a lot of time and requires traveling.

Q/A

It will be a regular rotation. Consensus of pacific region delegates that we can change this process. We are responsible for PRAASA, so we have the right of decision to make that change.

Structures & Guidelines Proposals - Diane L. See AR #5. Based on recommendation from the S & G review committee. They were just recommendation. For anything to happen beyond that, someone has to make a proposal. So she drafted the proposal. She pulled the ones related to wording. None of the more controversial recommendation. They are listed individually. They are to be voted on individually. (proposal 1-6) This is to start the ball, for you to bring to your groups for discussion.

Q/A

Noticed there's one of the area officer's duties that leaves out selection of standing committee chairs. Would it be possible to add that on to your list? Alternate Area Chair.

Isn't that housekeeping, and it just needed to be reported that if was corrected?

Will look at history, make a change and report to the body if it was part of the motion that changed the job description, and is a typo.

Standing Committee Reports:

Zeke, Annual Hawaii Convention: We, the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee, take anonymity very seriously so it is important to us that you are made fully aware of a potential anonymity issue.

Security measures on website - we sent out a letter, and measures have been corrected. Asking you to take back the word, there is a shortage on meals, the date has been extended to the 18th. Good news - next year - we are amending the

contract, it will bring down the cost of registration and food/meal, and bring down the count for rooms. So far, we have been 105% registration. We'll let you know. Also looking at moving away from Hilton Resort. Our numbers aren't that big. We can move to a smaller hotel. Also looking at outer islands, it has to do with the price. Bob is our new webmaster to the end of the year, and has helped us out a lot. We need a new webmaster and treasurer for next year. Treasurer is a paid position.

Q/A

Can the convention put out the word that the meals help pay for the rooms? The amount of meals that we sell. If we can reduce the registration. We're obligated to pay for meals whether we sell them or not. If we sell enough registrations, we can cover it.

Security breach - Is there a way to see how many times it was exposed?

The report was exposed in a non secured area of the website. What you had to do was type your name into the search engine, and it would show up. We don't know how many people did that. Google, Bing and yahoo checked all the available files and puts them in a cache. We got rid of the file, and made it impossible to go to that file again. But it was still in google, bing and yahoo. A letter was sent asking them to remove it, and they did. We apologize, and it was shut off. No financial data was released.

Does the steering committee have a plan B if the meals are not sold? We have over 700 registered, we're based on 1,000. If we have 1,100 that extra money will go to cover meals. We also have money in prudent reserve to pull out, if we have to. Treasurer's report for convention - the budget is \$48K, we've sold \$33K. That means we have to make up the \$15K. This morning it was \$14K. To give you peace of mind, one year, because the rapport is so good, the convention waived it. They make money from renting rooms.

Last year, I was there before the banquet. Everyone was trying to buy a ticket. Can you sell them onsite? We'll talk at the steering committee how much we want to buy up front. We know which meals sell out.

Clifford, Grapevine - Clifford, Alcoholic and Area Grapevine Committee Chair. Thank you Bart and Waianae District for hosting this committee meeting.

Highlights from Grapevine News-What's new for September

- "Happy, Joyous & Free - The Lighter Side of Sobriety" is Grapevine's latest print book
- Into Action eBook is now available
- 2013 Wall Calendars are available
- This is the last month to take advantage of 50% off CDs and 75% off Tape Sale
- Now accepting stories of the topic of "Making Amends" for March 2013 and beyond. Please remember the GV works 5 months in advance.
- Grapevine Gift Certificates Bulk Discounts are available
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The Grapevine News can be found on aagrapevine.org.

The next three months will be full of events and I look forward to participating with having our Grapevine Information on display.

- It started last week with Kihei District's Dinner Theatre.
- With permission from Maui Intergroup, I'll be participating in Gratitude Night next weekend and the Alkathons
- I'll be here for the State Convention

Q/A calendars access via aagrapevine.org.

I enjoy the Daily Planners, could you have a few at the convention?

Susan, CPC - Received summary from GSO. Did a great job with this. Using it at a conference for alcohol and drug counselors, this Tuesday and Wednesday at the Sheraton Waikiki. Kauai, talked with parole officers individually, letting them know we are there and thanking them for encouraging their clients to come to AA. Also communicating with Kauai Community College, trying to schedule a talk with nursing students. On Maui, still contacting physicians. Sending materials there. Big Island - previously scheduled a luncheon. However they've pushed that back to the next panel when funding will be better. Also have those contacting the military.

Q/A

Suggest you repeat information about conference seminar this week.

Kathy S, Mynah Bird - Panel 61, Issue 10 Mynah Bird was sent to the printer and the Webmaster on October 8, 2012. 160 copies were printed for distribution to the DCM's at this committee meeting.

Two articles were submitted for this issue.

The final issue of the Mynah Bird will be completed with the next issue for the Elections Assembly in Kailua-Kona November 17-18. The deadline for articles will be Sunday, November 11, 2012.

Thank you for letting me be of service. Mynah Bird Chair

Jim, Hospitals - See AR #9 for proposal and objectives. I brought proposal to combine hospitals and treatment to read as follows: *Amend the Area 17 Structures and Guidelines as follows:*

Delete 3.7H., page 4, re-letter the sections and amend J (currently K) to read

"Treatment: Coordinates the service work of A.A. groups and individual A.A. members who carry the message to alcoholics in medical and treatment settings. 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 Twelve Traditions, to help alcoholics in medical and treatment settings."

Hugh C., Website Chair - Apologized for anonymity breech on the Annual Hawaii Convention website.

Coming to the end of the panel, I had a lot of great ideas, most hasn't happened. Videoconference - wasn't able to put the time effort and amount of work needed to look into it. Professionally I've been overwhelmed at work. I will finish out my commitment, and maintain the website. Not looking at making any major commitment or advancement, that will be up to the next panel.

Rochelle, CEC - Aloha,

A member on the C.E.C., Ken C. drafted and finalized a letter to senior communities with input from other area chairs. We hope he will carry on the work in C.E.C. on the next panel.

Available for the asking and for the next panel is a C.E.C. kit which includes a bounded workbook, 13 pamphlets, "what to do" list, a section on Seniors in Sobriety which is a nationwide organization, and background information on seniors with alcoholic problems.

I look forward to chairing the long-timers meeting at the upcoming Annual Convention on Nov 2 and 3 and to hearing the opening speakers, past Hawaii delegates, Dick and Ann M. who both have 30 years of sobriety.

Cheryl, for Archives - See AR#10 for Archives Report/Plan of action.

Q/A

Was out there yesterday, and it fills the 10 X 10 storage space that we have. Boxes are on shelving units. Making progress, decreasing the amount of rent to \$258/mo. It's a work in progress, and a lot of people have put in a lot of time there. Materials sent to archives from No Ka `Oi District - we still have not completed sorting of all the materials there. It will take at least another panel. If it says Maui Intergroup, it could be district 5.

DCM, Intergroup Reports:

Tommy, #8 West HI - We held an island wide Unity Day. CPC - working on hosting a luncheon with professional community, introducing them to AA. Cost of things broke down. Members didn't like the cost. We'll work with the groups, and with the budget to lessen the cost per plate. Hand it over to the next panel. Elections will be Nov 9th. And we can drag the new DCM along to the election assembly. Send in Registration, it's going to be great. Dinner is kalua pig, long rice. All the meals, we have a separate home group for each meal. Emphasis on food, so you all come. Thankful for sharing mana`o.

Dianne, #3 Leeward - My name is Diane and I'm an alcoholic. I serve as the DCM for the Leeward District 3 on Oahu. Things have been fairly quiet in the Leeward District since the Budget Assembly in August. We accepted the resignation of the GSR from Head Start, and the Alternate GSR Steve K. stepped up to serve as GSR for the last 5 months of the term. The individual who had taken the position of GSR for the Anela Hulu group resigned leaving that group without a contact of GSR, and the GSR from Eatin Meetin will be leaving Hawaii for a period of one year and had to resign her position. It is hoped that the Alternated GSR will be able to complete the term.

We published the 5th edition of our Newsletter, The Leeward Letter, in September. The focus was on elections at all levels of General Service, and the 7th Tradition in relation to November as Gratitude Month.

As always, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Esprit, for Eric #9 Central North Shore - Fall Fun Fellowship Festival at Kaiaka Beach Park. We moved the district meeting to Haleiva Cottages. Treasurer's report - District 9 is doing well. Our election will be held Thursday, October 18th at 7PM at the United Methodist Church on California Ave, in Wahiawa. Thank you Bart and everyone in service at this meeting.

Moise, #6 Kauai -

September District 6 meeting and election was canceled-moved to October District meeting due to DCM physical health. Just this September HICYPAA was held at Camp Naue on the North Shore of Kauai, and excited moment for the Fellowship on the Island.

166 plus attended from Hawaii and the Mainland, by the time we got through shopping @ Costco and many phone calls later, we arrived at Camp Naue, by my thought that they weren't supposed to be anybody or allowed to set up till 2 PM, to my surprise the site of tents already set up and just took all of my centeredness away.

The committee had planned on how and where they were going to set up things as you all know making a plan and seeing God plan is totally different, as we started to unload I voiced to committee that we were not in charge any more, whatever happens is happening.

As the hands of a Higher Power helped unload, set up, I got to experience a gift of language from the heart, the smiles of new and old friends.

This HICYPAA Committee member with more than 4 years of sobriety as see them manage whatever they were going through for the past year is God doing what we could not do for ourselves.

In keeping the spirit going we have been asked to be of service at the state convention.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Suzanne, #4, Windward - Aloha and mahalo to Waianae District #17 for hosting this committee meeting.

District #4 has the following to report:

1. The district held a chili cook off and volleyball tournament last month, which was well attended. All donations were greatly appreciated.
2. We will be holding our district elections on October 25, 2012 at Saint Christopher's Church in Kailua, Oahu at 6:15PM.
 - We will be hosting a scavenger hunt in Waikiki on December 7. Meet in the Honolulu Zoo parking lot at 6:30PM. The hunt runs from 7:00-10:00PM There's a \$5.00 entry fee. Flyers are available.
 - District #4 will be hosting a holiday Alcolthon at Waimanalo Health Center, beginning on December 24, at 3:00PM through December 25 at 6:00PM. The Alcolthon continues on December 31, at 3:00PM through January 1, at 6:00PM.
 - The district continues to organize the January Orientation Assembly to be held at the Kokoahi YWCA in Kaneohe, January 19-20, 2013. Flyers will be available at the November assembly. Registration fee is \$35.00.
 - Windward District #4 will be moving its physical location. Starting in January 2013, the district will be meeting at the Unity Church in Kaneohe. All other groups except one who is indecisive, using our current location, at St. Christopher's, will continue to meet as usual.

Bart, #17 Waianae - For the past couple months Waianae District has been focusing on preparing for the committee meeting. After this, we're looking forward to two more months of "full steam ahead" as we wind down the year with district elections in November and the Thankathon and Alkathon for the holidays.

We had a new GSR show up with a 7th tradition contribution in hand and a commitment to represent a home group that hasn't been sending a representative to the district meetings. Our district meeting time is changing from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. because the sun is setting earlier. Some concerns were voiced at the district meeting about the seed money from area not being sufficient to put on the committee meeting.

Ed, #5 No Ka`Oi - We had our district elections for panel 63. A DCM and treasurer were elected. Still need a secretary and Alternate DCM. Several months ago the CPC chair put on a workshop to help AA and Non AA members.

Chappy, West Hawaii Intergroup - Aloha & Mahalo to District 17 Waianae for hosting the committee meeting,

West Hawaii Intergroup is wrapping up a very successful Panel 61, over the last two years there were numerous objective met by our groups.

- The Intergroup Office open Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
- Intergroup well stocked with GSO materials for sale to Groups, and well operated.
- Intergroup prudent reserve intact.
- Full steering committee (all positions filled).
- Increased participation by Groups in the Intergroup Business Meeting, (Fluctuates).

West Hawaii Intergroup is preparing for the elections for Panel 63 (2013/14) Steering Committee and all of our positions are open. Over the course of the last month numerous people have shown interest in serving on the Steering Committee. Currently we have at least one person standing for each position, with more coming at the last Business Meeting before the elections nominations close. Our Elections Business Meeting will be held on November 14, 2012 @ 5:30 PM at Pottery Terrace suite 415.

We, the Steering Committee want to commend the groups and members that support West Hawaii Intergroup. The above objectives were reached by the commitment and support you have shown your Intergroup. It would not have happened if you

did not show the Supreme commitment to you sobriety! We humbly say Mahalo for allowing us to serve you and help to continue carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Steve for Kevin, #1 Diamond Head - As GSR of A Spiritual Awakening, I am standing in for Kevin W., current Diamond Head District #1 DCM. Kevin is unable to be here today.

Diamond Head District elections were held for the next panel on Thursday, October 4th. I was asked to step up to DCM for the next panel, and Monty P. has stepped up as Alternate DCM. We are both very excited to be of service and are looking forward to the next panel.

We are still looking for a Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Secretary and Alternate Secretary.

We have noted a measurable decline in participation over the past year and are questioning why that might be. We may change our meeting time from the 1st Thursday of each month at 6 PM to 7 PM, as some have suggested that it may be too difficult for many to make it by 6 PM.

Funds are currently a little low, we plan on looking closely at next year's budget and may make some modifications in our spending.

Planning has begun for our Annual Christmas Alcathon. Our location has been secured, which will be at the Unity Church. The Alcathon will begin at 6 PM on Christmas Eve and will run until 6 PM on Christmas Day. I am chairing the Alcathon; Monty P. is heading up Security, Lissa K is heading up the Kitchen and Justin P. is heading up obtaining Host Groups. We are still looking for someone to head up Decorations, Set Up and Clean Up.

Karen, #11 Kihei - Most of our efforts since the last Assembly have directed towards presenting our Dinner Theater Production, "The Spirit of Attraction". It was a wonderful example of many people who are not ordinarily involved with District activities come together and work toward a common goal. Various groups put on skits based on AA service while a sit-down dinner was served. We had a few problems with the amount of food that was prepared, but in the end a good time was had by all. We charged for the production, but this was not intended as a fundraiser. It appears that our income will cover all expenses which is what we had planned.

We are planning to have District elections at our November meeting and are looking at what spending priorities will be for next year.

The Tongan literature translation proposal is back in our court. I have sent out inquiries to get contact information about a Tongan member who was at our Budget Assembly and who volunteered to help, but have not received any responses.

Thank you Waianae District for hosting this event.

Ross for Matt, #13 Tri Island - The last months of 2012 find a bit of activity for the Tri-Island district. The district elections will be held on Thursday Oct. 18th for all positions. The carrying the message out-reach "The Crossing" will be going to Molokai Oct. 19 - 21 to help those who struggle with alcoholism. This is a quarterly event and alternates between Lanai and Molokai. Folks who attend usually return to Maui very blessed. In November the district will host the Maui Mini-Conference on the 6th at 6pm in Kahana using the Lahaina Christian Fellowship facility. Greg M, who got sober on Maui and then served the fellowship in many positions, the last as GSO office manager will share his experience, strength and hope that evening. On Nov. 11th we will host a 12 Traditions workshop to help educate our district about Alcoholics Anonymous .

Jack, #2 Honolulu - We held our elections, currently looking for a treasurer an alternate DCM. Hosting the New Year's Alcathon, following Diamond Head District. Looking forward to a more productive panel 63.

Linda for Oahu Intergroup - Elections will be Nov 14th. Each current officer is eligible to stand again because every position has changed personnel this panel.

Chappy - next panel, alt chair is a part of West Hawaii Intergroup.

12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch (Finance Committee Meeting)

Q/A

+Does our current ad hoc archives committee have enough information to come up with a proposal to define the scope of the archives? Should define, it's difficult to go forward we don't know what the body wants to keep and does not want to keep. Presented at budget assembly and it was tabled.

+There were both? Yes. Ted was a non-rotating built something to house the archives, loved doing it, would collect, link between non-rotating archivist and the body. He stepped down after 15 years. Our stuff was stored on Ted's dime for years. We're playing catch up now. Our archivist stepped down for personal reasons. Not sure about the standing committee. No one stepped forward to be archives chair. Encourage people to volunteer for the services they held. Because if the difference between Ted and Heidi, who was funded to attend assemblies. Officers asked Heidi to serve a standing committee archives chair. She had to step down for life reasons. Waiting now and trying to clarify what that person is going to do.

+The only thing in the guideline is the archives chair. Would archives chair be expected to maintain the archives? Nothing is in place right now. We/the body gets to decide.

+Did the ad hoc committee look at the guideline at GSO's website. Is that what we adopt as our scope? Everybody was concerned about what was being thrown away, not what the position.

This is on the agenda so we can have this discussion. Not voting today, discussing.

I'd like to, given the background of this, maybe change my perspective in that, all this activity that has gone on out of the ad hoc committee came out of the fact that effective three years ago, we had to start paying our own way. When Ted paid for it, we didn't care what was in it. Now it costs us, and we care. There are those that aren't well informed about the activities that have gone on. No caps, t-shirts, coffee mugs, and never has been in the last three years.

The archives are not the material associated with Hawaii state convention. What do we do with these archives?

In the past Ted has put together a board panel presentation that he would take to events, and put that up that would show some of the history. And histories of the islands, that's the source materials for the histories. It was to maintain a history of AA in the islands. Ted also created a video of AA on Oahu. There are display boards in storage.

First panel was 55, non-rotating archivist. It was a good idea, somebody to compile the history and know it. Rotating would make it hard, they would not know what we had.

Wanted to create the scope to create what was and wasn't area, and give it back to those it was. Maybe if we get the scope, we can get someone to serve. Non-rotating, it is going to take time to figure out what is in there, and show the history.

Need standing committee chair to be the link.

+After the last assembly some of the confusion was defining the roles of standing committee archivist, and rotating archivist. The confusion that came out of it, and we needs those roles defined so it is clear for the body.

That would be a separate proposal.

+If memory serves me, I wanted the proposal to be tabled because the conversation at the time. As we're trying to do this scope about what to keep/throw away, my idea was to stop that action. Behind having a scope, to give us a chance to sit down, have dialog to figure out what our scope is. Then maybe find a permanent archivist, to get training available through GSO to do that.

+I agree a scope would be an excellent idea. I don't like the idea of throwing everything into archives, and continue to fund this. Have vision and plan how to use archives. Are there opportunities to use and display, to bring AA together rather than sat forgotten in a storage area. And I am interested in 98% of what finds its way into archives, should not be in archivist. A permanent or long term archivist - empower that person to minimize alarmist about what is being thrown away. Make decisions, manageable and intelligently.

+The people going through the archives used guidelines from GSO and followed them. This is a great discussion.

+Why not listen to GSO guidelines?

+One of the things that was done is a 9 page history of Waianae.

+Thinking of budget, the non rotating is not funded. Nothing lasts forever. Have a standing committee chair similar to corrections chair, met at lunch. Committee formed of people for neighbor island. Not set for 2 year panel term.

+Steve's original question, what are we doing with it, what is it's purpose? Part of the purpose is for it to be accessible and that is the other incentive for sorting the archival material so that it can be, if we can afford it digitized and accessible on our website. If we're never going to use it... also want to address another comment, since last September I've been to the archives 20 times. Nothing has been thrown out because we don't know what do to with it. If we can't make a decision, we leave it. Please inform your GSR's.

and there is a plan. We've been reading the plan for a year.

Heard they wanted an archives chair.

+Is proposal as it is written now, will it do what it intended to do. To define the scope. The purpose of the ad hoc committee was to define a plan. Part of the plan was to define the scope. That is the step we are in. If the body doesn't want to define the scope, so be it. The questions of deciding what materials to keep, and the question of whether to have a permanent archivist is not part of our ad hoc assignment.

+When it comes to the minutes, agenda that come from committee meetings and assemblies, how far back are we keeping them? As far back as we have. Organization I worked for only kept 7 years back. It's not the true history, it tells what you are doing in business meetings. The write a written narrative, and get rid of minutes, etc.

+That 7 year guide is a tax guideline.

+Every thing we are accumulating here on out is digitize.

+Is it possible to scan and digitize? Yes, and that is part of the goal. Right now we are at the state of having boxes, and we don't know what is in them.

We explored digitizing. It will cost us far less money to digitize the more organized we are.

+Concern we are on our way out. To open a discussion about archivist, archive chair and archives committee. I believe strongly in scope. But beyond that, we don't have anyone assigned to do this. To create a new position, when we don't have anyone to serve the archives. Next panel, get an archives chair and move forward.

+Permanent archivist is not part of the proposal. We who have been doing the work to get to the documents, if every effort to remain transparent we have been reporting on this for over a year. Yet there is still misunderstanding. We tried to include everybody in the process. That's the way things go in AA.

The proposal is to define the scope, which is the first step.

+At the assembly things got of topic of what we were discussing. So I wanted to discuss it today so that we are clear what we are talking about. So that when people vote on it, people will be informed. It is very hard, we won't be able to finish this up on this panel, but we want to make some progress. January of any panel you are on. Jan-June, everybody is pretty much overwhelmed. If we can get this done, we can hand it off, and they can make the next decisions. We've made progress.

We're spending 38% less than we were, which is critical. We'll have what's on your mind if you have more to say.

+I commend you for what you have done. I remember the first discussion when the cost was \$5,000. You've improved that. It takes time.

Pacific Region Forum Reports -

Linda McD, Delegate - See AR#7

Q Which trustees are paid? None.

+People presenting at the forum some are paid, and some are not? Staff are those that man the committee desks. The person in charge of PI Desk, the corrections desk. The support staff are paid employees. None of the trustees or delegates are paid. They do get travel expenses paid. The General Manager is paid, and she is not considered a trustee.

+If we had a regional forum in Hawaii, anyone can go. Yes. Absolutely. Regional Forums are no cost to the area. The host committee puts together a bid, the delegates of the pacific region consider the bids, and should it be accepted, GSO takes over. No meals are served. No registration fee. We'd need a local committee.

Cheryl N, Chair -See AR #8., and make a copy for myself. The forum is an opportunity for local AA members. In Fairbanks, there were 194 attendants. Forums in LA, San Francisco have 500-800. SO, in more remote areas, there are fewer attendees. People from remote areas were able to connect from the people from GSO. The staff, trustees, general manager do an incredible job and have incredible hearts. Is anyone interested, and a number of people were. Let me know, we'll put together a list. Once it's accepted, and we know we are going to have a forum GOS pretty much takes over. IT's not like hosting PRAASA>

I attended 2 workshops...

There was talk about the Big book being translated in so many language, and it's online available. The GV in print will be there, it's not going anywhere. You can get GV complete, which is GV mailed to you and everything available online.

In closing, I experienced the magic of AA. I feel that whenever we get together. Unity, singleness of purpose and dedication of almost 200 AA s to be there for the next suffering alcoholic. ..(read from her report)

Q/comments

Final report can be posted online later on this year. Linda will let you know when it's posted.

2:30 PM DCM, Standing Committee, Intergroup Roundtables

DCMs- elections, some have held elections, some still trusting it happens like it is supposed to. Some discussion on the cost of hosting an event. For some it costs more, for others it evens out. Raise registration fee. Facility costs are higher as is cost of food. Fundraising - is it violating traditions? Some have events to attract new people. Contributions are down and some districts concern with being financially stable.

Committees - How do we pass it on? How was it passed on to us? One asked past delegate and area officer. One got literature from GSO. Two don't get info from GSO. 2. The system, two panels ago where GSR's under us were assigned to committees. The only one remaining is the DCM assigned. No GSR's left. Decision making left to chair person, but we love doing it. We don't know how important getting out and reaching out is. Suggested to give it more structure and have committee chairs go to group meetings to tell them we are here to serve. Groups should be doing the stuff, and give chairs direction. We don't know how to do that at this point. We aren't elitists. We need to find out how to empower groups. Problems on Kauai between Intergroup and district, use intergroup rep as opposed to GSR to get things done. We need to go to intergroup functions, get a new pair of glasses, keep on trying. We care about our gift of sobriety, and are fortunate to be in chair position, and don't follow the statistic there is a drop of membership in your mid ages, and picks up in older age. Middle age group, we're here because of service. Reach out, it happens in God's time. Better to reach some than none. We

make the commitment to call next chair that's elected, and pass on our experience that we learned on this panel. Not leave it to chance when they start the next panel.

Officers - We talked about 1. . Hawaii Airline affiliates program - posted information is to inform, not to promote. 2. Computer needs for the next area registrar. 3. Computer needs for next area treasurer. 4. Trustee visit - Finance Committee concerned about the cost/expense. We will discuss/review again in November.

3:40 What's on your mind?

+ Archives - at the last assembly it seems it was thrown on me, they were going through the stuff without any guidelines, so I voted to table it. Two thoughts, pushing the issue to save money. The other, how can we go through it without guidelines? Asked Adina to check GSO guidelines. This time, they did take the time. When Heidi took over the first this she did was look for duplicates. Use GSO guide for the committee to use as we decide as an area what guilds to use. Vote for the guidelines, and trust the trusted servants to make the right decision.

+I think that standing committee volunteers/service people can come from anywhere. They don't have to be GSRs, or intergroup reps. I feel we could make more of an effort to reach everyone to get the info out there, and not take from the pool of people that comes to assemblies. Because that is always changing.

Also be careful about fundraising, that it's a legitimate non profit, there may be limitation on the activities that you do. Area is not allowed to do any fundraising.

+ Puna district secretary came up with a plan derived from Oregon that committee meetings and assemblies be combined. More details needs to be provided at the proposal stage. I have a copy of that. If interested I can give you details of what that assembly and committee meeting looks like. As a GSR who has never been to a committee meeting, I see how you guys get a lot of work done because you are just the committee chairs, officers and DCM. I see why things are the way they are.

+ Excited to continue my service at area level. It's taken me 1 ½ years to see the relevance of what I was doing at area. This is my first committee meetings. I'd love to see us as a body consider is a reconfiguration of our arrangement. I feel I'm in school being lectured at. I know because of the numbers of people at the assemblies, there may not be a lot of leeway. But at committee meetings I would like to have seen a circle. To bring more unity at area assemblies. When we're here I'd like us to be more inclusive by meeting in one big circle or square.

+ I work in treatment, and was at a conference at Queens. My boss was a panel member and another guy (Both in AA) AA was mentioned several times from the podium, but there was not literature. Then I got a flyer about a conference on Maui and Oaha National association of alcoholism and drug abuse counselors. The day before the event, it dawned on me to call Susan and see if CPC was aware of it, and doing anything. We're just not conscious about doing what we do. I feel a need to raise our consciousness. We have a lot of folks involved in treatment and hospitals, and we need to get the word out. The problem is not just people in this room. Keep in mind t our 5th tradition. We have avenues to do it, we not keeping them in mind. Make the effort.

+ Favorite page in the GSO report is Page 0, the financial page. Contribution per capita by state, if you look at Hawaii, we're doing pretty good. I wonder what's up with Quebec, 90% o their groups contribute to GSO.

Summary/ What to take back: Cheryl October 2012 Committee Meeting - What to take back to your home group

□ Six proposals from the Ad Hoc Committee on Area 17's Structures and Guidelines were presented. These are basically housekeeping changes and will be voted on at the Election Assembly.

□ Proposal to combine Hospitals and Treatment standing committees was discussed. Please see website for more information. This will be voted on at the Election Assembly.

□ Elizabeth M., immediate past Delegate, presented information on the different roles of an Archivist and Archives Standing Committee chair. See website for her report.

□ Linda M., Delegate, and Cheryl N., Chair, reported on the Pacific Regional Forum in Fairbanks, Alaska. The possibility of Hawaii hosting the 2016 Regional Forum was greeted with enthusiasm and much interest. The first step is to choose a location and put together a bid. The bid will then be presented to the Pacific Region delegates at the General Service Conference. Those interested, please contact Cheryl N., Area Chair @ chair@area17aa.org.

□ Year End Reports are due soon. These are a good way to reflect over the last year and the entire panel in general. Try to make a note of what worked and what didn't work, loose ends that you can pull together before the panel is over - or pass on to the person stepping into your position next panel.

3:50 PM Adjourn with Declaration of Unity- Motion to adjourn by Chappy, seconded by Tommy

Attached Reports:

AR #1: Treasurer, Sheri B.

TREASURER'S LETTER

HAWAII AREA 17
October 7, 2012

Aloha Panel 61 trusted servants,

As of September 30, 2012 Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$ 3,971.78
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$ 1,250.00
Reserve for International Convention	\$ <u>700.00</u>
Total cash in bank	\$ 10,921.78

As of September 30, 2012:

Total Contributions and Income	\$ 19,729.51
Total Expenditures	\$ 28,300.59
Net Revenues	-\$ 8,571.08

We would like to remind everyone that the Area contribution address has changed. The new address is listed below. Please alert all your groups and group treasurers. There are postcards announcing the change and self-addressed envelopes available for you to take back to your districts.

Hawaii Area Committee
1253 S. Beretania Street #2107
Honolulu, HI 96814-1822

As Panel 61 transitions into Panel 63, our financial picture is not ideal. Traditionally November and December have been months in which contributions have been higher than other months. Please help us encourage groups to send their contribution splits during the remainder of the year.

Another Area's website listed tools they have used to increase 7th tradition contributions. One of their suggestions is to discuss the importance of the 7th tradition, not just at the Area and District level, but at meetings. Although other topics may be more attractive to some, I personally am going to heed their advice and try to mention the importance of giving back to the Fellowship that has given so much to me.

If you haven't done so, please book your flights for the Elections assembly in West Hawaii, on November 17th and 18th. Thank you to all who have already booked their flights.

In love and service,

Sheri B, Area Treasurer, Panel 61

AR #2: Alternate Chair, Bob H.

1. Alternate Chair's Report

Aloha and thank you for letting serve as your Area 17 Alternate Chair. As Panel 61 winds down I really want to let you know that it has been a pleasure to serve Area 17 during this panel. I've learned a lot about General Service as well as a lot about my abilities and my limits.

2. Annual Hawaii Convention:

The Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee has been hard at work preparing for the convention which will be held in less than a month, Nov. 1-4 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. I will let the representative from the Steering Committee give the full report, but I will tell you that we are facing some challenges this year, especially with meal sales. In addition, because of an unfortunate anonymity breach caused a lack of adequate oversight by the entire Steering Committee I have stepped as the Convention Webmaster through the end of the year. Because of this and because of the Spirit of Rotation we are currently looking for both a treasurer and a webmaster going forward in 2013. If you are interested please submit a resume with your qualifications for the position. You will hear more about this in the Steering Committee report.

3. Oahu Intergroup:

The biggest news at Oahu Intergroup is that at the October IG meeting the new By-Laws and Office Manager's Job Description were passed with substantial unanimity. I've mentioned this before as I was part of the ad hoc committee which drafted the changes and explained them to the body over the course of several months.

This clears the way for the upcoming Oahu Intergroup Elections which will now be following the same Third Legacy process that we use to elect officers at the Area level. If anyone from Oahu is interested in the process please join us at the November Oahu IG meeting at 6:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of November (11/14).

4. *Summary:*

It's been a busy year both personally and here at the service level for me, as I suspect it has been for all of us. It has been a pleasure to serve with you and I hope you are all considering standing and making yourselves available for service positions in Panel 63.

AR#3: Chair, Cheryl N.

Mahalo for allowing me to serve as your chair. Since the Budget Assembly, I attended the Pacific Regional Forum in Fairbanks. I will give my full report later on the presentations and workshops. In addition to that, there was a lot of talk among area officers attending the Forum about rotating on from their current positions. Perhaps it was just that I noticed it because it's been on my mind. I am in the process of compiling my year-end report and reflecting on the experiences I have had this year. I am grateful for the opportunity and my life has truly been enriched. Please consider making yourselves available for positions at the Area level next panel. Talk with the people currently filling positions you are interested in. Talk to your sponsor and family. And remember, it's in God's hands. All we have to do is to be willing.

AR#4: DELEGATE, Linda McD.

While Panel 61 is drawing to a close, the work of A.A. continues as always. We will soon be seeing new faces filling our area service positions. I encourage each of you to help introduce your new counterpart to his or her responsibilities and to pass on any unfinished business you may have. The Windward District 04 will host the Orientation Assembly on January 19-20, 2013, and our Pacific Region Trustee will be in attendance. The purpose of the Orientation Assembly is to help everyone get off to a good and informed start, so please encourage each new person, especially G.S.R.s to attend.

The General Service Board is working hard to explore possible restructuring of the current corporate and governance of AAWS, Inc. and GV, Inc. in response to the Advisory Action of the 62nd General Service conference. The following is a report on additional activities of the 2nd Quarter Board Meetings:

ARCHIVES: You can find two new digital web site exhibits and the Oral Histories Kit is to be revised.

FINANCE: (All figures are for the six months ended June 30, 2012.) Net literature sales were \$6,410,196. Contributions totaled \$3,105,695. Contributions come from groups throughout the US and Canada and from countries participating in the World Service Meeting to offset the costs of foreign literature translations. Total income was \$7,171,200 while total GSO expenses were \$6,981,666. Therefore, net operating income was \$189,555. That figure is slightly more than budget, but is \$235,157 less than last year for the same period.

Good news from Grapevine, Inc: income from operations for the six month period was \$138,120, which covers the loss incurred by La Vina of \$57,270 for a net profit of \$80,950. Note: Grapevine, Inc. has not taken any draw downs this year!

The Reserve Fund (prudent reserve) stands at \$15,320,737 and represents 11.2 months of 2012 combined operating expenses budget.

All these numbers may sound very big to some of us, but take note that contributions to GSO have been steadily decreasing over the last few years. In fact contributions have been decreasing everywhere over the years, not just to GSO but also to districts and to areas. Moreover, we take a double hit because expenses have been increasing. Area 17 just passed a \$34+ budget yet contributions now have dropped to below an average \$1,700 per month. In fact, we are looking at a loss situation this year, yet 7th Tradition distributions keep decreasing! Consequently, **WE** all need to look for ways to increase contributions. Our expense budget is pretty bare bones as it is, so the focus needs to be on raising contributions, not on cutting services.

INTERNATION CONVENTIONS/REGIONAL FORUMS: The trustees' committee has expressed concern about ways to increase interest in regional forums. Expanded information in the *A.A. Service Manual* regarding forums will be developed and forwarded to the 2013 Conference Committee on Report and Charter. In addition, after thoughtful consideration, the

trustees committee recommended that the GSB discontinue Additional Regional Forums after completion of the current cycle in 2016.

A strong recommendation has been made that during the 2015 International Convention only purveyors of goods and services that are part of, or under contract to the Convention management be permitted to operate on any facilities or grounds that are assigned or under contract to the Convention management. In other words, please don't go to the Convention to promote self in any way.

LITERATURE:

New revised or updated items:

- "A.A. and the Armed Services" (P-50)
- "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" (P-33)
- "Understanding Anonymity" (P-47)
- "2011 Membership Survey" (P-48)
- "2012 Final Conference Report" (M-23)
- "Conference Advisory Actions (1951-2012)" (M39); you can also get an electronic version upon request at no charge
- Living Sober*, updated version in both regular and large print (B-7 and B-25 respectively)
- Also available is a complimentary literature display available for A.A. events or for committee work, etc. I ordered one this week for display at the Annual State Convention should it want to use the display. (Zeke, please have Literature Chair call me.)

Subscriptions to Box 4-5-9 continue to be available at no charge to officers, GSR's, etc at.. However, any individual can subscribe for \$3.50 per year or \$6.00 per year for a unit if 10 so they can be available to your home group members. To receive a free digital subscription, register your email at aa.org.

Total distribution of all AAWS books for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was 902,237, down slightly from last year. Big Book sales were 483,435 or 54% of all distributions. E-Book sales since December 9, 2011 of the Big Book and the 12 & 12 totaled 6,563. Reminder: the e-Book project has been discontinued although the existing version will be maintained. Investigation into distribution by eReader vendors is under way.

Our Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, is now designated by the Library of Congress as one of the 88 "Books That Shaped America."

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Two requests for sharing have been distributed in response to Additional Committee Considerations made by the Conference Committee on PI:

1. Sharing on the effectiveness of the language of the short form of Tradition 11 in addressing the needs of the Fellowship today. Please send your responses by email to publicinfo@aa.org or by mail to P.I. Desk, General Service Office, 475 Riverside Dr, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10115 by December 31, 2012.
2. Sharing regarding the pamphlet "A.A. Membership Survey" and how you are using the membership survey and what your thoughts are about its value. In addition to sharing how you currently use (or don't use) the membership survey, please take a few minutes to consider these questions, thoughts, and experience:
 - How is the A.A. Membership Survey currently being used?
 - How would you ideally like to use the Membership Survey?
 - Do you ever think, "If only it said ...?"
 - Who do you use the Membership Survey with - professionals, general public, newcomers, others?Please send your sharing to the preceding addresses by October 15, 2012. That's Monday!

Anonymous surveys of the Fellowship by the GSO have been conducted every three years since 1968. The main purpose has been to keep A.A.s informed about current trends in membership characteristics and to provide information about the Fellowship to the professional community and the general public as part of the continuing effort to help those who suffer from alcoholism. According to an analysis of the survey, the typical member is 49 years old, has been sober almost 10 years, attends 2-1/2 meetings a week, belongs to a home group and has a sponsor.

All 5 young peoples videos can now be viewed online at aa.org. In addition, the Daily Reflections page is up on the aa.org website.

TREATMENT/SPECIAL NEEDS-ACCESSIBILITIES: The pamphlet "A.A. For the Alcoholic with Special Needs" will be formatted for alcoholics who are deaf, blind or have learning challenges. The Spanish and French translations of the video

"Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous" are under review to be rerecorded to eliminate or at least reduce background noise which is quite distracting.

THE GRAPEVINE INC.: I am just going to tell you that you can support Grapevine Inc, by subscribing to the Grapevine magazine, purchasing books and other gift items. There are two new books published and a growing number of eBooks. I'm going to let Clifford, our Grapevine chair, fill in the details.

The topic of the general sharing session during the July General Service Board meeting was "What is an A.A. Group?" Among other aspects, a group focuses on recovery from alcoholism and avoids multipurpose activity. A trustee stressed the importance of D.C.M.s in communicating about our primary purpose and the group's role in reaching out. The importance of sponsors in enlightening the people they sponsor on these topics was also stressed. Out of the sharing, it came to light that there is a wide spread misunderstanding of the group service number. For clarification, I refer you to the Fall 2012 issue of Box 4-5-9.

During one of the sessions at the Pacific Regional Forum, I heard a woman share that she had trouble finding a meeting in a foreign country and was intimidated by the language barrier. Please know that if you are traveling around the US/Canada or overseas, you can access meeting information through of directories of Central Offices.

Update on Tongan translations: I have been in touch with the Publications Department at GSO. There is certain paperwork that must be completed before translation can begin. It is suggested that we begin with "How It Works." Once the translation is completed locally, it must then be sent to GSO for approval. Copyright laws must be adhered to during the process. Upon receiving this information, I delegated the local follow up to Karen, DCM District 11 where the request originated. If this project is not completed this year, I will be happy to follow up with our translation volunteer in order to provide continuity.

I brought with me today registration flyers for PRAASA 2013 in Boise Idaho. Over the years I have heard the validity of some of our regional events brought into question, so I want to share some of my understanding with you. I think a primary purpose of PRAASA and the forums is to educate and increase understanding of the services offered by the General Service Board, AAWS, and Grapevine, Inc. We get to learn how A.A. as a whole works. To me education and understanding lead to the feeling of belonging, inclusion, and involvement. I have found out that all of our service leaders, except the Class A trustees, are alcoholics like I am. We, the leaders of A.A., should be chosen with care and then be trusted to serve the A.A. community in our perspective positions. Naturally, we need always to be kept accountable.

You all know that is an election year for us [in A.A.]. Next month in Kona, we will not only be electing Panel 63 officers but we will also elect our Area Candidate for Trustee-at-Large/US. So far, we have two past delegates who have expressed their willingness to stand for the position. The final election will take place at the GSC in April, 2013.

AR#5: S & G Proposals:

Proposal to Amend the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawai'i Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

Background:

At the beginning of Panel 61, an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to review the Hawai'i Area 17 Structure and Guidelines and to make recommendations to the Area for possible amendments. The final report of this committee was presented at the August 18-19, 2012 Budget Assembly. Since several of the recommendations were related to wording in the document, it seems advisable to move forward with proposals to pass the following amendments.

Proposal 1:

To amend the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawai'i Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous as follows:

Title Page - To change the title of the document from "Structure and Guidelines for the Hawai'i Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous" to "Guidelines for Area 17 Service".

Proposal 2:

To amend the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawai'i Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous as follows:

Section 2. OFFICERS OF THE AREA ASSEMBLY, 2.10 Treasurer's Duties - To add item J. Maintain Area 17's tax-exempt status.

Proposal 3:

To amend the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawai'i Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous as follows:

Section 2. OFFICERS OF THE AREA ASSEMBLY, 2.10 Treasurer's Duties - Change

D to read "Deposit all contributions into the Area operating funds account" instead of "Deposit all contributions into an interest-bearing account".

Proposal 4:

To amend the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawai'i Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous as follows:

Section 3. AREA ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES, 3.2 - Change the wording

from "The assembly must confirm all standing committee chairs, except the Convention Steering Chair" to "The assembly must confirm all standing committee chairs, except the Convention Steering Committee and Corrections Committee chairs".

Proposal 5:

To amend the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawai'i Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous as follows:

Section 3. AREA ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES, 3.7, E. Corrections -

"Coordinates the service work to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who is confined in a correctional facility". Add (See ATTACHMENT for ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, HAWAI'I STATE CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE, BY-LAWS).

Proposal: 6

To amend the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawai'i Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous as follows:

Section 8. Districts in Hawai'i Area 17. Since there is a geographical area in Maui that does not seem to be assigned to any district, redraw the Map of Area 17 Districts to insure its inclusion in the Area.

Presented to the Hawai'i Area 17 Committee on October 13, 2012 by

Diane L, DCM Leeward District 3, Recording Secretary for the Panel 61 Ad Hoc Committee
on Hawai'i Area 17 Structure and Guidelines

AR #6: Elizabeth's Report - Background on Archivist, and Archives.

Compiled from A.A Guidelines on Archives and pamphlet F-47, the A.A. Archives.

Whenever a society or civilization perishes there is always one condition present; they forgot where they came from.—Carl Sandburg

Like any other A.A. service, the primary purpose of those involved in archival work is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Archives service work is more than mere custodial activity; it is the means by which we collect, preserve and share the rich and meaningful heritage of our Fellowship. It is by the collection and sharing of these important historical elements that our collective gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous is deepened.

A.A.'s Archives consist of any historical collection at the level of the group, district, area, intergroup/ central office, region, or General Service Office.

Bill said "We are trying to build up extensive records that will be of value to future historians... It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that there can be no substantial distortion.

One of the most important functions of the Archives committee is to establish a Collection Scope, defining and describing what your archives will and will not collect, and why. These parameters will guide the archivist in gathering material of historical significance and will reduce the amount of time and space spent collecting and preserving relatively insignificant materials. For an example of a defined Collection Scope, please contact the G.S.O. Archives.

From shared experience we know that it takes a considerable amount of time to become familiar with a collection of historical information. Therefore, it is recommended that the archivist not rotate frequently. Some areas choose to appoint non-rotating archivists who hold the position for many years.

The archivist is the person responsible for the collection, including documents, books, recordings, and artifacts. He or she maintains the physical integrity of the collection, and also develops an index, inventory, and/or finding aid, to provide easy ways to search and access the collection. The archivist is also responsible for ensuring the protection of the anonymity of members, and the confidentiality of all A.A. records. In most cases, the archivist regularly reports to the local A.A. entity that supports the work, giving updates on current projects. It is desirable that the archivist take at least an introductory course in archival science or library science, and have a membership in a local archivists' organization

A.A. Archives collections vary, but generally consist of all kinds of written and audiovisual material deemed to be historically valuable: administrative reports and minutes, personal correspondence, newsletters, books, photographs and sound recordings, and more. These days, more and more of these records are being produced electronically— so an archives collection may contain digital photos, PDF files, archived Web sites, and more, on CD or DVD. These records must be maintained as well.

Not all records can or should be maintained permanently— in fact, as a rule of thumb, up to 98% of records created by an organization should not find their way to archives. It is critical to develop a system for knowing what to keep, and what to throw away. Many A.A. Archives struggle with this concept of selecting what to preserve. The G.S.O. Archives may be able to share some experience to assist in developing a prudent collection policy.

Archives committees usually include A.A. members who are knowledgeable about A.A.'s history and the service structure, as well as those who simply want to help. The Archives committee establishes budgets, policies and procedures, and has final responsibility for the management of the archives, through its group conscience.

The archivist is responsible for preserving and organizing the collection, maintaining confidentiality and anonymity of all A.A. members, and providing information and access to the collection. The archivist generally does not rotate frequently (and in some cases it is a nonrotating position), so he or she will have the necessary time to become familiar with the collection.

In Hawaii, our recent experience has been that we had both a Standing Committee Archives Chair and a non-rotating Archivist. The Standing Committee Chair rotated every 2 years with the Panel, and was primarily responsible for interfacing with the Area Committee and the fellowship at large, collecting items for the Archives and informing people about what Archives is. The non-rotating Archivist was the actual physical custodian of the collection, and was responsible for the organization of items. For most of my time serving, the non-rotating Archivist was not funded by the Area budget while the Standing Committee Chair was.

The task ahead of this body, to my knowledge, is to come to a group conscience as to what we want the scope of our Archives to be, what service positions will that entail, and how it will be carried out.

The value of taking care of this responsibility during this Panel is that those serving now are familiar with the issues, and would be able to bring an informed decision while a brand new Panel will need to be brought up to speed.

I've learned that changes in A.A. happen slowly, and whatever the body decides, I have faith in the absolute fact that the Ultimate Authority here is a Loving God as he may express himself through our Group Conscious; our leaders are but trusted servants. Thank you for allowing me to be of love and service.

AR#7: September 14-16, 2012, Fairbanks, Alaska, Delegate Report

Last month, I represented you at the Pacific Regional Forum in Fairbanks, Alaska. Regional forums, referred to as "mini-conferences," are designed to improve communication and intended to be sharing sessions. There is no registration fee and no meals served. There are General Sharing and Ask-It-Basket Sessions, Presentations by the current delegates, and Workshops.

Our regional forums help carry the A.A. message through service and bring GSO to you. Present at the September forum were Ward Ewing, Class A Trustee and Chairman of the General Service Board; Michele Grinberg, Class A Trustee, Phyllis H, GSO General Manager; Billy N. AAWS, Inc, Board Director, Julio E, GSO Staff, Regional Forums Coordinator; Don M, Trustee-at-Large/US; Don M, Grapevine Board Director; Ami B, A.A. Grapevine, Inc., Executive Editor/Publisher; Irene D, La Vina Editor; Rod B, our Pacific Regional Trustee; and the delegates of the Pacific Region. Each of these people is accessible during the weekend to listen to concerns, issues, and comments, and, of course, to answer questions.

Rod B, our Pacific Region Trustee, chaired the Forum. Trustees, both Class A and Class B, gave presentations explaining the various roles of the trustees. Trustees make a huge sacrifice in time for us and are to be commended. The Grapevine Magazine and La Vina editors spoke of the changes taking place in print media and how we should respond to the changing times. Delegates gave presentations on such timely topics as "Disruptive Behavior in Meetings," "Facebook, Social Media and The Tradition of Anonymity," and "Is General Service Still Relevant to Members at the Group Level?"

Saturday night was set aside for workshops, 10 in all, each running 1 and 1/4 hours with 5 running concurrently. I attended "Are We Providing a Safe and Welcoming A.A. Meeting Place?" I am sad for the need of the discussion but happy that it is continuing. We discussed the term "13-stepping" and that we should call it what it is. Calling predatory behavior from long-timers toward newcomers makes it sound like it is part of the Program. It is inappropriate and unacceptable and should not be tolerated by the rest of us, so let's speak up. In addition, the use of a Christian prayer to close meetings was brought into question. Your group should be aware that it has choices on how to close its meetings. Reciting the Lord's Prayer at the end of meetings is considered by some as exclusionary. Again, discuss the options at your groups. Perhaps members of the group would prefer an A.A. closing, such as the Responsibility Pledge.

The other workshop, which I moderated, was "The Home Group - The Heartbeat of A.A." Here we discussed "What is a Home Group?," "How Do You Chose a Home Group?," and "What is the Responsibility of a Home Group Member?" Our Area Chair, Cheryl, was our reporter. You will be able to read her official report and those from all of the workshops in The Final Forum Report, which will be posted online later this year.

Our Regional Forums are educational and inspirational and are a wonderful way to reach local folks who are interested or want to become interested in service. Hawaii Area has never hosted a Regional Forum, and I sincerely hope that we can change that. More will be revealed! In the meantime, the next Forum will be hosted by Area 18 Idaho in the Fall of 2014.

AR #8: Cheryl's Regional Forum Report: First, I want to thank all of you in Area 17 for allowing me to represent you at the Pacific Regional Forum last month in Fairbanks, Alaska. This was my second forum and it was a 'magical' experience for me once again this year. Regional forums provide an opportunity for direct communication with some members of the General Service Board, AA World Services, AA Grapevine Corporate Board, GSO and Grapevine Staff. In a sense, Regional Forums bring a little bit of New York and the General Service Office and board to AA members who might otherwise not be able to have direct contact. There were a total of 10 people from the General Service Board, staff, directors, and AA Grapevine/LaVina including Rod B., our Pacific Regional Trustee.

In addition to presentations by representatives and workshops from GSO, GV/LV, and Pacific Region Delegates, there were sharing sessions and two workshops sessions on Saturday evening. I attended "Tradition Five: Our Primary Purpose" where we discussed singleness of purpose and more. I served as reporter for the workshop moderated by our Delegate, Linda M on "The Home Group - The Heartbeat of AA" and we discussed "What is a Home Group?," "How do you Choose a Home Group?" and "What is the Responsibility of a Home Group Member?"

Delegate presentations covered several topics including "Addressing Disruptive Behavior in Meetings," "Facebook, Social Media and the Tradition of Anonymity." We have discussed the need for safety in AA for all members and the difficulty of maintaining anonymity in the current social media world. I heard that we are ALL responsible for keeping AA a safe place and maintaining our anonymity and the anonymity of others.

There were 194 attendees at the forum this year in Fairbanks with 107 of them being first time forum attendees. AA members from Niniltna, Homer, North Pole, Pilot Station and many remote areas were able to attend because it was in Fairbanks. I sat there and watched and felt their gratitude for that opportunity and hoped that we could bring a Regional Forum to Hawaii - making GSO within reach of many AA members in Hawaii. I saw firsthand the commitment of the GSO directors and staff to spreading our message of hope and solutions for a new way of life. Someone said 'Hope comes from hearing my story told by another alcoholic.' The first time that happened for me, I knew I belonged. A glimmer of hope appeared where there had only been despair, loneliness and gloom. And I know that 'I am responsible - when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there - and for that, I AM RESPONSIBLE.

Mahalo for the opportunity to represent Hawaii Area 17 at the Regional Forum and let's bring the 2016 Forum to Hawaii!!

AR#9: PROPOSAL TO COMBINE HOSPITALS AND TREATMENT- The following proposal was accepted by the May Committee meeting after some debate and two revisions:

Amend the Area 17 Structures and Guidelines as follows:

Delete 3.7H., page 4, re-letter the sections and amend J (currently K) to read

"Treatment: Coordinates the service work of A.A. groups and individual A.A. members who carry the message to alcoholics in medical and treatment settings. 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 Twelve Traditions, to help alcoholics in medical and treatment settings."

The objectives of this proposal are threefold:

- (1) It aligns our structure more closely to GSO where support for this work is done by the Treatments/Special Needs-Accessibility department.
- (2) It will help streamline our response as changes continue to occur in the treatment of alcoholism.
- (3) It will be more fiscally responsible.

While I have thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to serve Area 17 during this panel, I would be less than honest if I did not admit I haven't done very much.

All we need do is read "Alcoholics Anonymous Number Three" in the fourth edition of our Big Book to realize the outreach we do in hospitals is as old as A.A. itself. In Area 17 it is very uneven; we have some meetings - in Kona and on Maui - that have been existent in hospitals for well over fifteen years but on Kauai we only have literature available and on Oahu there is everything in between. The point is that the work is being done and oversight/coordination is minimal. We really don't need a separate committee to do this when procedures and practices for the treatment of alcoholics is being more and more centralized in the health care system; what applies in one setting applies in all!

Further, saving Area 17 the expense of one Standing Committee Chair will not solve all our financial challenges, of course, but it is a prudent decision in light of the above.

Lastly, I would only add that should this change negatively affect our work in this area, we can always change it back!

Thank you again for this chance to serve our remarkable fellowship! Jim D

AR#10: Archives Report and Plan of Action:

Archives Plan of action for the balance of Panel 61:

As of September 2011 there were approximately 144 boxes, as of August 2012; 67 boxes were removed or consolidated leaving us with a total of 77 boxes.

1. **Inventory of items relinquished:**
 - a. Shredded or trashed:

- i. 10 boxes of personal correspondence from various service positions held outside of Hawaii for General Service. Outcomes can be found in the final conference reports for the corresponding terms of service.
 - ii. 2 boxes of old checking account check stubs
 - b. Consolidated:
 - i. 20 boxes of Maui Intergroup consolidated to 7 boxes = 13
 - ii. 8 boxes of Foreign Language books consolidated to 5 = 3
 - iii. 9 boxes of Cassette, VHS and DVD speaker and conference tapes consolidated to 7 = 2
 - iv. 14 boxes supplies consolidated into 5 crates (including pend-o-flex file hanger, file folder) listed under supplies. = 9
 - c. Donated to Grapevine Standing Committee Chair
 - i. 2 large boxes of Grapevine Binders
 - ii. 8 boxes of Grapevines
 - d. Given back to Oahu Inter Group
 - i. 17 boxes of Oahu Intergroup
 - e. Given back to the Convention Steering Committee Chair
 - i. 1 box
 - f. All items donated to Thrift Shop
 - i. 3 - four drawer file cabinets
 - ii. 1 - 2 drawer file cabinet
 - iii. 1 - file sorter box
 - iv. 1 - three foot pressed board desk
 - v. 1 - printer (with no software and not working)
 - vi. 1 - six foot wooden shelving (broken down in move and given back to Heidi)

2. Rough Inventory of the Archives: a total of 77 boxes

- a. 26 boxes - Hawaii Area miscellaneous stuff not sorted
- b. 3 boxes - Area Binders (20) several recent years
- c. 3 boxes - GSO conference binders (21) dating as far back as 1987 several years missing.
- d. 13 boxes of Districts/ Alano Clubs: Pier 12 (1) box, District 2 (1) box, District 3 (1) Box, District 4 (2) boxes, District 6 (2), District 9 (2) boxes, District 10 (1) box, District 11 (1) box, District 12 (1) box, and District 12 (1) box.
- e. 5 Crates of file folders and hanging file folders
- f. 5 boxes - Foreign Language Books
- g. 7 boxes - Cassette, VHS and DVD speaker and conference tapes
- h. 5 boxes - Pacific Region
- i. 7 boxes - Maui Intergroup (4) boxes, Maui Gazette (2) boxes, Maui Fest (1) box, Dawn Patrol (2) binders.
- j. 3 boxes - Kauai Intergroup

Total: 77 boxes

Other Supplies: Wood Display Boards (5) on a wooden cart; cardboard mattes (28); Several pieces of glass for the display boards; 4 portfolios (XL-2), (Lg-1) and (Med -1); Metal folding chairs (3); Office rolling Chair (1), Small step ladder (1); Plastic folding tables (2) six foot , (1)four foot; Tri-fold cardboard display boards (2); Cork board bi-fold screwed together in a bi-fold display boards (3x4 feet); Metal adjustable shelves (6); Small Plastic supply file cabinet and (5) crates of other office supplies.

- 3. Submitted Proposal to the Budget Assembly requesting we define what is kept in Area Archives to include only information concerning Area 17 its Districts and Groups and their histories.
- 4. Vote on Proposal at Election Assembly
- 5. Additional remaining steps:
 - a. Organize the material, removing duplication and all articles which don't pertain to Hawaii Area, in hopes of relocating a second time to an even smaller unit.
 - b. Identify smaller storage unit.
 - c. Sort and organize documents so they are accessible to the body
 - d. Get bids for digitizing

