

Hawaii Area 17 Orientation Assembly
Hosted by Windward District #4
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- Saturday session called to order at 9:03 am with the Serenity prayer
- Host Announcements made by Linda B.
- Reading AA Comes of Age by David
- **Officer Introductions** who provided brief job descriptions /expectations
 - ✦ **Area Secretary: Adina M.**, email: secretary@area17aa.org
 - ✦ **Area Treasurer: Kunane D.**, email: treasurer@area17aa.org
 - ✦ **Area Registrar: Clifford S.**, email: registrar@area17aa.org
 - ✦ **Area Alternate Delegate: Cheryl N.**, email: altdelegate@area17aa.org - Aloha. I am truly honored to be serving as Panel 63 Alternate Delegate for Hawaii Area 17. I am excited about our next two years together and the growth and fellowship that lies ahead. Past experience tells me that we will all become proficient at our new service positions as we are getting ready to rotate to another position at the end of the panel. Our Structure and Guidelines describes my duties as Alternate Delegate to be: Perform the delegate's duties in their absence. Maintain and update the G.S.R. Orientation Handbook and the Structures and Guidelines for the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholic Anonymous. Conduct orientation sessions for G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s, as needed. Serve, either as a member or chairperson on ad-hoc committees, as deemed appropriate by the area chair. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee. Act on actions accepted by the area assembly, at the request of the area assembly. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers. So far, as you're Alternate Delegate, I have worked with Ken on updating the Structure and Guidelines with the changes decided on by the previous panel at the Elections Assembly. The new version of the S&G is up on the website and I have copies for each GSR here today. My first meeting with the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee is Friday, Jan. 18th and I look forward to working on the committee. The GSR is often said to be the most important person in AA service. You are the connection between the General Service structure and your groups and AA members. You are responsible for carrying the message of hope and recovery. While the Orientation Assembly is focused on familiarizing all of us with our new duties, I will meet with all new GSRs each assembly for an orientation session. Mahalo for this opportunity to serve. I look forward to the next two years as we carry the message of hope and recovery to alcoholics throughout Hawaii. Cheryl N., Alternate Delegate, Area 17, Panel 63
 - ✦ **Alternate Chair: Coleen A.**, email: altchair@area17aa.org
 - ✦ **Area Chair: Bob H.**, email: chair@area17aa.org – Report: Aloha and thank you for attending this, our first gathering of Panel 63. It is both an honor and pleasure to have been asked to serve as your chair. Today we begin our two-year journey with this Orientation Assembly. It is a chance for each of us, all new to our positions, to learn something about what is expected of us, what we can expect of each other, and what we can expect of ourselves. It is said that in AA we do not elect the qualified; we qualify the elect. The primary purpose of the Hawaii Area Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous is service. We serve to connect the Hawaii Fellowship to AA as a whole through our delegate, Ken K. We serve to connect our Districts with each other in fellowship and maintain the bonds of unity. We serve to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to all who suffer through the work of our Standing Committees. I promise you the journey will be rewarding; for Hawaii Area 17, for each of us individually, and for those who have yet to hear the message. Welcome. My job, as chair, is not to be your boss or tell you how to carry out your service. In fact my job may be one of the easiest jobs here.

“The chairperson is responsible for the smooth running of area assemblies, consulting with the committee before setting the date and time, making sure that all groups are notified, consulting with officers and committee members on the program, and chairing the assembly meetings. The chairperson, more than any other officer, keeps the delegate informed about what is going on in the area, and makes sure that committee members are aware of what goes on in world services.”

Should I overstep my bounds and stop being your servant, I trust you will let me know. Besides working with and

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within the General Service Structure we will be inviting other service bodies to let us know how they are doing in keeping with “staying informed.” The Young People in AA are our future and we have invited representatives of the various *YPAA groups to let us know how they are doing and how we can work together. We have also invited the Al-Anon Family Groups with whom we share a special relationship to give a report and join us in friendship. They are not here to participate in our decisions, nor should they. But we do want to recognize the great contribution which the Al-Anon Family Groups have made and are making in assisting the families of alcoholics everywhere, especially here in our island home. Thank you for letting me serve as your chair. I look forward to growing with you as we all work together to carry the message of hope that is Alcoholics Anonymous. Bob H.

✦ **Area Delegate: Ken K.**, email: delegate@area17aa.org – (no written report provided to secretary)

- **Welcome Past Delegates and other Guests:** Past Delegates in attendance are Keith H., Vernon G., Linda McD., Scott C., Dick M. Intergroup Chairs Tommy G., from West Hawaii and Jessica V., from Oahu; David B., of MICYPAA, HICYPAA and Brandon S. of OYPAA and WACYPAA Bid committee. All GSR and Alternate GSR’s announced themselves and their home groups.
 - **Standing Committee Chair Introductions** and brief job description / expectations and
 - ✦ **Archives – Loyal A.**, email: archives@area17aa.org
 - ✦ **Cooperation with the elder Community (CEC) – Ken C.**, email: cec@area17aa.org
 - ✦ **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Karen N.**, email: cpc@area17aa.org
 - ✦ **Grapevine / La Viña – Heather C.**, email: grapevine@area17aa.org – Thank you to Panel 63 for allowing me to serve and ‘give back’ to this wonderful A.A. publication. I am in the process of received information & resources from GSO and the grapevine. To save the Area a bit of cash, I will be picking up the Grapevine display board and books from the previous chat on his home island of Maui at the next assembly. We held our first committee meeting with a wonderful group of people. Several members are either group grapevine reps already or will be, and I look forward to working with them and the Districts in spreading the word about the amazing resource. What a great beginning!
 - ✦ **Mynah Bird – Rochelle A.**, email: mynahbird@area17aa.org – To Do: purchase publishing software, Introduce new committee members to Mynah Bird by reading newsletters from Panel 61 and get their comments and ideas, create an email address list for all mynah bird committee members. Newsletter selections for Consideration: Newcomers Corner; Laughter Section: jokes and humorous sayings; What Happened Corner: At assemblies, District(s) and group(s); Individual Shares & Report Backs; Did you know? And resume the crossword puzzle.
 - ✦ **Public Information (PI) – Jim S.**, email: pi@area17aa.org – Received PI materials from my predecessor, Chris A. from the Big Island. Facilitated PI Roundtable at the Orientation and our committee is up and running.
 - ✦ **Treatment / Hospitals – Patty W.**, email: treatment@area17aa.org
 - ✦ **Website – Susan B.**, email: webmaster@area17aa.org or www.area17aa.org – This panel, as the new webmaster, I learned the WordPress software, and revamped the website. We installed a new, updated template and cleaned up the content of the front page. I also met with the outgoing webmaster to learn the phone and email switching procedures.
- Other Standing Committee members which no Confirmation necessary
- ✦ **Convention Steering Committee – T.P.**, email: steering@area17aa.org
 - ✦ **Corrections – Jeannie M.**, email: corrections@area17aa.org
- **Motion to accept the as presented Standing Committee** by Ross G., seconded David H.J., unanimous confirmation of the entire body of Hawaii Area 17.
- **DCM’s introductions:**
 - ✦ **Diamondhead #1: Steve N.**, and Alt DCM Monte email: dcm1@area17aa.org
 - ✦ **Honolulu #2: Jack G.**, email: dcm2@area17aa.org
 - ✦ **Leeward #3: Valerie V.**, email: dcm3@area17aa.org

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- ✚ Windward #4: Linda B., email: dcm4@area17aa.org
- ✚ No Ka `Ooi #5: David James H., email: dcm5@hawaii-aa.org
- ✚ Kauai #6: Ronald A., and Alejandro H., Alt DCM, email: dcm6@area17aa.org
- ✚ East Hawaii #7: Lizby L., email: dcm7@area17aa.org
- ✚ West Hawaii #8: Tami G., email: dcm8@area17aa.org
- ✚ Central North Shore #9: Esprit N., and Chrissy P., Alt DCM, email: dcm9@area17aa.org
- ✚ Waikiki #10: Alt DCM Alan Y., and Kacee Interim DCM email: dcm10@area17aa.org
- ✚ Kihei #11: Erik T., email: dcm11@area17aa.org
- ✚ Puna #12: Cynthia B., email: dcm12@area17aa.org
- ✚ Tri Island #13: Ross G., email: dcm13@area17aa.org
- ✚ Waianae #17: DCM Bridgett K., and Marcie B., Alt DCM email: dcm17@area17aa.org

- **Website Instruction and information by Sue B.** – Why is the Area Website important? Important documents on the website GSR Handbook, Tips, Structure and Guidelines, all current Agendas, minutes, registration forms, New GSR change form, Standing Committee and DCM report forms, where all District meetings are held another their location, and a Calendar is available of upcoming events. If you are unable to locate important information please email: webmaster@area17aa.org or www.area17aa.org. Webmaster identified how contact Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, and DCM's via email. All DCM's has their own webpage. If you send the Webmaster info she will upload it. It would be a good tool to use.
- **Alt Delegate gave Information to GSR's:** Structures & Guidelines, (S&G) and General Service Representative, (GSR) Handbook Service Manual Introduction Cheryl gave handout GSR getting off on the Right foot – GETTING STARTED AS A GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR). Assemblies: Attend all assemblies from start to finish. Assemblies generally go from 8 AM (breakfast) to 4 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Schedule flights to arrive no later than 7:30 AM Saturday and depart after 5:45 PM Sunday. Register with the Area Registrar at your first assembly. Check in with Area Registrar before start of each assembly to receive a voting slip. You will also need to check in with the hosting district's registrar. Read and review all the suggested literature, especially: G.S.R. (Pamphlet P-19); G.S.R. Orientation Informational Handbook (available on www.area17aa.org); Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service (available on www.area17aa.org); Refer to the Handbook for additional reference materials. Make reports to: District regarding your home group; Home group regarding your district and area. The Area Chair will summarize the Assemblies in "What to take back to your group" at the end of the Assemblies. Check our area Website (www.area17aa.org) often for area news and reports, especially before each assembly. ASK QUESTIONS: DCM, Alternate Delegate, Other GSRs, and Service Sponsor. Be informed. Have fun!
- **Pacific Regional Alcoholic Anonymous Service Assembly, (PRAASA) 2012 Report and PRAASA 2013 Announcement** held in Boise, ID – it is important for all members of Area service to attend this event if possible as it supports a better understanding of the Area process and the issues which are being discussed during the General Service Conference in New York which our Delegate attends. They have workshops for Area Officers, DCM's etc., to share solutions and gather information on how to better serve Alcoholics Anonymous Formal report on website under Panel 61: Cheryl N. Linda the Immediate past Delegate purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity of groups in the Pacific region ... to discuss pertinent aspect of all fostering recovery, unity and service. Agenda is based on the GSC which is why Pacific Region Delegates are so well informed at this conference, formal report also on website under Delegate reports of Panel 61. Current Delegate will have a signup sheet for registered volunteers of PRAASA who are attending to be in service at 2013 PRAASA.
- **Special Election will be held at the Inform the Delegate Assembly, (IDA) for the Area Secretary position**, as the current Area Secretary will need to step down from this position. Anyone meeting the criteria identified in the Service Manual and Area S&G can stand for this position, but they must be present at the IDA, and third legacy voting will occur. Make sure to pass the word along, by making this announcement.

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- Reading of AA's debt of gratitude to the Al-Anon Family Groups AA debt of gratitude read by Bob H., and Al-Anon Family Groups Special Relationship with AA read by Judy P. who gave a brief history of how Al-Anon Family Groups transpired. Lois started the clearing house and the members who attended these meetings started the groups.
 - ✦ 44% of Al-Anon Family Group members are also members of AA.
 - ✦ Approximately 80 groups in Hawaii, 33,000 around the world in 143 countries.
 - ✦ Important that we have a chair for everyone who wants to participate.
- **Past Delegate Topic Discussion** – small groups
 - ✦ Robert's Rules of Order / Making Motions – Home Group through GSC
 - ✦ History of Area 17
 - ✦ Why do we have a GSC conference?
 - ✦ 12 concepts of world service found in the Service Manual
 - ✦ The full conference Process
 - ✦ How important is the GSR
- **Ask it basket / Questions and Answers** hearing none and seeing none meeting adjourned at 4:30pm



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- **Sunday called to order at 9:00 am with the Serenity prayer**
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- Reading given by Leah
- **GSR's assigned to Hawaii Area 17 Standing Committees:** The way Hawaii Area 17 reaches the next suffering Alcoholic is through the Standing Committee work. All GSR's are assigned to a committee to be the conduit between the Area Standing Committee and their District, so that the other GSR's in their District are informed about the work and or needs of the Standing Committee(s). The goal for every Standing Committee is to have an active member of their committee in each of the 14 districts in the state of Hawaii. If a specific GSR or General Service Representative is unable to fulfill their commitment and are unable to attend an Assembly, whoever fills in for them will be asked to sit in on the previously assigned committee. You are a representative for your group and District in this capacity and it is requested that you take on this service position with zeal. Lastly, if a group who is not represented at this assembly attends another assembly; their GSR will draw a Standing Committee assignment from the hat when they check in with the Area 17 Registrar.
- **Standing Committee Round Table Workshop Feedback:**
 - ✦ **Mynah Bird:** Area News letter next issue in March will add the crossword. Purpose to identify the work of area. GSR's on the committee with submit articles, with a calendar of events. Articles needed to submit "what did you get out of the orientation Assembly" women who attend IWC please submit articles of that experience.
 - ✦ **Convention:** 2013 is the 52nd Annual Hawaii Convention being held Nov 14-17 the theme is "Love & Service". Identified the various positions and their protocol and how those positions rotate. Prices have dropped introduced difference service positions. Identified the positions available and asked the committed to announce them and encourage off island participation. Chair's homework: email job descriptions and inquire about child portions with the Hawaii Convention Steering Committee.
 - ✦ **Grapevine:** Get the word out from GSR to District and to the Grapevine Chair. Monthly journal on line, in Spanish. Increase subscription and awareness, Prisons and intuitions. Get representation in all 14 districts. Have displays at all events in the state. Grapevine is entirely self supporting. Only 390 subscriptions in the State of Hawaii. Reading this material is an opportunities to hear someone else talk.
 - ✦ **Corrections:** Need to get qualified and get training to go into the facility. Bring information from Corrections chair and bring it to our Districts.
 - ✦ **CPC:** Five districts represented on all islands, read the description of this committee. Goal is to educate the professional community about what AA is and what it isn't. Discussed who they would serve and creating a general information letter to give out the community.
 - ✦ **CEC:** Newly formed committee since panel 55. The workbook was produced by Panel 61 and is now available nationally with in AA. Reach out to the elderly, in their place of residence, work with them and taking meeting to them.
 - ✦ **Archives:** Permanent repository for Hawaii Area History. Hope to present at the convention. Functions: gather archival documents, flyers, documents from home groups including their histories. When did it start and it's changes throughout the years. Oral long timer histories and collect memorabilia. Districts to host an Archives workshop. Non Rotating Archivist appointed: Linda McD. Discussed the overlap between Intergroup(s) vs. Area 17 Histories. Discussed opening up District meetings to AA members who want to get involved with Standing Committee Service.
 - ✦ **Public Information:** Cool, excited goal to make PI fun and simple. Goals to Read up on Workbook, and guidelines reach out to all districts. Library's have meeting lists. Standardize Public Service Announcements, translate in Hawaiian.

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- ✚ **Website:** How it works and how it functions so we can share that information. Area website is for business, not for fellowship stuff. Fellowship stuff goes on your intergroup websites. Encourage GSR to prep for assemblies, and meetings and DCM have own website to better interact with their GSRs.
- ✚ **Treatment:** Coordinate work AA in treatment and outpatient settings, set up Bridging the Gap with AA and the community. List of Treatment and Hospitals in need first. Take this info to Districts, to home groups to see if groups will sponsor a treatment facility or hospital with pamphlets or contacts. To help carry the message of AA to these facilities. Possibly incorporate meetings.
- **DCM Round Table Workshop:** Identify the information on the Area Website. Discussed the May Committee meeting in May. What are the Alt DCM responsibilities, and how to support the District and the DCM. How, and when to submit group changes to the Area Registrar. Important to understand what the DCM responsibilities are, review the information that the Delegate provided. Decided to remain in contact with one another via the Area Website. Important to provide a written report to Area Secretary if possible send it via email. Area does not have funds to make excessive copies available, if you have a printer make copies, please bring a copy of all information provided on website, so that you and the GSR's in your district are informed.
- **Standing Committee Round Table Chairs Workshop:** Discussed the idea of having a Standing Committee work shop on the day following the committee meetings for the Hosting District, will continue to discuss this issue at the February Committee Meeting. Will create a contact spreadsheet of all participants. Will work on networking among each other to support more participation to ensure all islands represented on each committee.
- **GSR Workshop:**
 - ✚ #1 – No written report provided
 - ✚ #2 – Service manual suggested it be read from cover to cover to better understand what is expected of the GSR and Area. What is a responsible prudent reserve: each group decides the amount but it should be consistent with the group expenses. Does the GSR record the Group Conscience? The group decides.
 - ✚ #3 – Relating information to the group – Most important; refer to agenda, operations of area 17, info of standing committees, group service number. Standing Committees: personal assignment, email contact and area chair, getting your group involved, personal enthusiasm during the meeting in general sharing. How to get GSR? The value of having a GSR, shares the facts, unity 1st Tradition, encourage others to ask questions & speak their voice, share our passion.
 - ✚ #4 – No written report provided
 - ✚ #5 - Discussed duties of GSR's to take info from assembly back to their groups, have bullet points, enthusiasm, avoid opinions, just relate the facts, do your best to make it exciting. Some home group members making decisions: be an example of service; speak in a general way about how those decisions affect you. Funding GSR to attend Assembly, speak to your District they may be able to help. How to get home group members involved in events. Members not practicing the traditions.
- Review **November 2012 Assembly Minutes** 84 voting members present
 - ✚ Motion to accept the November 2012 Assembly minutes as amended David James H., , Second by Tommy G, discussion page 16 Treasurer is not Christy Steve j., and vote 85 for and none opposed, none abstain. Motion passed.
- Review **November 2012 Assembly Treasurers Report** Presented by the Panel 61 outgoing Treasurer.

✚ Operating Funds	4,571.71
✚ Prudent Reserve	5,000.00
✚ Reserve for Comp. Equip	806.16
✚ Reserve for Int'l Convention	<u>700.00</u>
✚ Total Cash in bank	\$11,077.87
✚ Total Contributions & Income	25,116.73

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✚ Total Expenditures	31,603.99
✚ Net Revenues for 2012	<6,487.26>

- Mailing address has been changed for Financial Contributions please mail to the new address below which are also printed on the Treasurers Report:

- ✚ **Hawaii Area 17, 1253 S. Beretania Street #2107, Honolulu, HI 96814-1822**

- ✚ Motion to accept Treasurers reports as read by Ross G., DCM for District 13, Second by Linda Y., discussion: none and vote 85 for none, opposed and none abstained, motion passed.

- **Intergroup reports:**

- ✚ **Oahu Intergroup Chair Jessica H.**, – Upcoming Activities: Bellows Campout in April unfortunately our Maui Assembly could not find another date so we are sharing a date. We have just filled our two largest positions. Thanks to Josh T from “Bad Brains” for his initiative and service in taking on our newest event Home group Day here on Oahu and Lisa M. from “Came to Believe” for her dedication and enthusiasm to chair our 78th Founders Day. We are also looking at hosting our Bill and Lois dinner at Hickam uniting AA and al-Anon in late June. Of course our end of the year financial report is at a loss since our spending average about \$1k each month more than our contributions from about 53% of our groups. This means that our entire contributions are dedicated to running Central Office. Fortunately, our activities have been self supporting. We are currently \$5k into our prudent reserve which is \$22k. However, our Intergroup attendance averages at about 25-30 people. We have a full committee and are always blessed to have our area chair and delegate attend our meetings as voting members. In the past, Oahu Intergroup/ Central Office normally cancel our December meeting however in the event that it landed on December 12 2012 we decided to host a service meeting with a turkey dinner. We had @250 people in attendance for free food of course. Our intent was to 1) educate people about intergroup, 2) get them use to where and when the meeting meets 3) build enthusiasm for service. Thank you for allowing me to be a service. Jessica H.

- ✚ **West Hawaii** – No written report provided

- ✚ **MICYPAA** – Contact: David B., anonymouslydaivd@gmail.com 80 Costume Night!! Jan 19th @ Haiku Community Center. Campout June 21-23 at camp Keanae.

- ✚ **OYPAA** – We are the members of OYPAA have adopted A.A.’s primary purpose; stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. OYPAA is a committee comprised of AA members directly responsible to the young alcoholics of Oahu. All alcoholics are welcome to participate. OYPAA practical goals are derived from AA’s three legacies: Unity, Recovery and Service. We strive to support young alcoholics in their recovery though the 12 steps of AA promote unity (all ages), encourage young members of AA to participate in AA’s General Service Structure. Purpose to unit young people across Oahu, carry the message, being of service, hosting events and workshops. Meets 2nd & 4th Sunday. Representation in: Intergroup (Diamondhead), GSR (area), bring meeting to queens, new CPIC chair, New outreach chair, being of service at state convention, bids for HICYPAA. Have service positions open.

- ✚ **WACYPAA** hoping to bring WACYPAA to Hawaii 2015, elections bid committee for Sat March 2nd, 2013 -

- **District Reports:**

- ✚ **Diamondhead #1: Steve N.**, - Verbal report provided by Alt DCM Monte - December 24th-25th. Snacks and desserts were served on Christmas Eve, and breakfast and lunch were served on Christmas Day. Meetings were held around the clock from 6 PM Christmas Eve to 6 PM Christmas Day and a safe and enjoyable place was provided to all thanks to the hard work of those who worked in the kitchen, prepared and donated food, decorated, set up, broke down, provided security and led meetings throughout the day and night. All of the major service positions at Diamond Head District are filled. We have a DCM, Alternate DCM, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. Diamond Head District hosted a very successful Christmas Alk-A-Thon at Unity Church. Currently, 7 groups are sending GSRs for representation and participation. Over the coming months, we hope

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to get participation from more groups in the district. At our last district meeting, it was voted to send the DCM to PRAASA and he will bring a report back to the District. Some discussion took place as to whether it was a good use of funds to send the DCM to PRAASA and if the District could afford it, but ultimately, it was decided the DCM should go. We are all excited to participate in Area 17 service and look forward to good things during this panel. In love and service, Steve N.

- ✚ **Honolulu #2: Jack G.** – Thank you Linda and the Windward District, for all of your hard work to make this weekend an awesome time. Well here we are. A new Panel 63. For now all have the visions of sugar plums left over from Christmas. Visions of how we can improve all we do, and what more we can do. A vision for Honolulu District is to outreach to the groups and hopefully have them participate both in District and Area. Work more closely with intergroup. We are looking forward to hosting the Budget Assembly with a date TBA, and we did have successful New Years Alk-A-Thon a good time was had by all. In service, Jack G.
- ✚ **Leeward #3: Valerie V.** - We had our first meeting for the new panel on January 10, 2013. This was my first AA DCM. We had or treasurer and 3 GSRs who attended. This was not our regular meeting time so we were missing some representatives. We are starting to plan events for the year and working on the possibility that we may do the November assembly. I have one GSR here today and hope that this will be the start of a trend for the district. I am going try remain teachable and so the best that I can. Humbly yours in service, Valerie V.
- ✚ **Windward #4: Linda B.** – Aloha Area 17 and welcome to the beautiful Windward District. I'm Linda, I'm an alcoholic and my home group is Sunday night's One Step Up in Kailua. I'm grateful to the Windward District for giving me the privilege of being their DCM for Panel 63. My predecessor, Susanne Z., set the bar very high with the district's accomplishments and we hope to continue these efforts. I'm sure we will as some terrific people have stepped up to help carry the message to the suffering -alcoholic in the Windward District. To date our energies have gone to our annual Alk-A-thons and this assembly. Later I'd like to discuss a district inventory and possible workshop.
- ✚ **No Ka `O'i #5: David James H.** - Good morning my fellow, my name is David James H. and I'm an alcoholic. I'm Panel 63 DCM for No Ka O'I District 5 on Maui in Hawaii. I would like to open by saying don't forget to register for the Inform the Delegate Assembly coming up on Maui, in April, on the 6th and 07th. Early registration and checks are welcome and can be handed to me right now or sent later. I can take them back to be assembly chair Rachel; registrations are available up here on the table to my left, if you haven't picked one up, pick it up. Also if you have access to the internet you can get detailed directions that will get you to the assembly without fail, please pay attention to the fine print on the direction as warned, the Kula community center does not have an address, so Google web map is having a hard time giving direction to that exacted location, but it is explained well on the instruction that I've provided, so please pay close attention to the fine print. Seven GSR showed up at the January district meeting and we hope for at least 15 to attend as time wares on. At No Ka O'I's district meeting we touched on several items that are helpful: what a GSR does and is in the small kind. Introductions were made from each GRS, the minutes and treasurer report of the December meeting were discussed. District business and the necessity to find volunteers for chairs for the upcoming area services assembly were discussed. District Chairs that have been filled in our district are: DCM, Alt DCM, treasurer, treatment chair, literature, we still have several chairs that need to be filled, may they come soon. DCM is going to be a challenge; I'm looking forward to taking this challenge for the next two years. I'm hoping to learn my new position before this panel over, districts first priority of business that has been handed down from our previous registrar, is the need to do a meeting check and availability within the No Ka O'i District 5, so an accurate meeting schedule can be created at GSO. Visitor or business people coming to town will find accurate meetings that will suite their taste. I hope that when I'm finished with this list, that it is in an accurate account of information for the AA community of the happening within the district of No Ka O'i. We have meeting for every one of all types including the same sex persuasion. In conclusion I would like to say that I'm looking

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forward to serving Area and District at this capacity, and hope to be of services to GSR's DCM's and Area Officers, of Panel 63 for the next two years.

- ✚ **Kauai #6: Alejandro H. Alt DCM** – My name is Alejandro and I am an Alcoholic, and I have the honor to be the alternate DCM for District 6 on the island of Kauai. I am here with 9 members Representing Kauai 6 of them are incoming GSR and Alt GSR's. I just want to mention that Kauai is doing well, we had a Thank-A-Thon on Thanksgiving Day, with 13 turkeys cooked in a IMU and on Christmas a two day Alk-A-Thon, with meetings and live entertainment New Years eve was also another sober successful event. Our first district meeting this coming Saturday, our meeting was postponed a week as it conflicted with the Assembly. District #6 meeting is every third Saturday of the month at 9:30 am at the Lihue Neighborhood center. We held elections in October and all positions were filled Ronald A., DCM, George K., Secretary and Jay Y., Treasurer, Jon D.S., Corrections, and Jim D., PI. On Jan 26th PI meeting to review its workbook from GSO. AA visits inmates at KCCC 2x per week, Sunday's at 5:30p currently 2 female volunteers, hope to have more at the next "Volunteer Training". Three mend visit on Tuesday's at 2:15p alternating the group of sentence and pretrial every other week. Last month the DCM & Alt visited meetings in Princeville, Hanalei and Koloa to introduce ourselves and encourage participating in the District. Kauai is only one District and it is hard for some to drive from one side of the island to another for a two hour meeting. We would like everyone to participate. We hope to bring our District meeting to the North shore or the West side of the island maybe quarterly, that was we will be practicing Unity, and more participation. If on Kauai and looking for a meeting: <http://www.kauaiaa.org> I want to thank district 4 for your amazing service also congratulations to the Area committee. Thank you for keeping the fire going. Alejandro
- ✚ **East Hawaii #7: Lizby L.** – No written report provided
- ✚ **West Hawaii #8: Tami G.** – No written report provided
- ✚ **Central North Shore #9: Alt DCM Chrissy P.** – No written report provided
- ✚ **Waikiki #10:** - Since our last Assembly in Kona, Waikiki District carried the message of A.A. by chairing our annual Thank-A-Thon at Unity Church. There was a 24-hour, Meeting Marathon that provided additional sober support during the Thanksgiving Holiday. In May, Waikiki District will be hosting a Committee Meeting with the location not yet determined as of the writing of this report. This writer learned that DCM Elect, a previous Waikiki District DCM, who stood for the position in November, had a change in plans, and will not move back to Oahu as quickly as he initially thought. Due to this change, the District will decide what course of action to take. Immediate previous DCM (Alan) had temporarily agreed to stay on as Alternate DCM, however the recent news that DCM Elect had postponed his return to Oahu complicated the situation. The Alternate DCM position would require more time to fulfill this commitment. Alan decided that in the spirit of rotation, along with his busy work schedule that the position should be open for someone else to rotate into service. Interim DCM gave report to Area informing the body of these changes, and that the Waikiki District will hold a Special Election on February 5th to fill the positions of DCM, Alternate DCM, and Recording Secretary. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Kacee D. The Alternate, to the Alternate DCM Waikiki District #10, GSR for Happy Hour (Oahu).
- ✚ **Kihei #11: Erik T.** – What District 11 did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous: We had our first panel 63 District Meeting this past Tuesday. We had a good turn out from some of our previous panel attendees. We elected our new treasurer Albert M, Corrections Chair is Coleen W, CPC Chair is Judy S, and our Committee Meeting Chair is Connie A. We are still looking for a Secretary. We are pulling together the upcoming Area Committee Meeting that will be held February 23rd at Trinity Episcopal Church in Kihei. We have a flyer/registration form here with our Chairs information on it. Some of my goals besides trying to create more unity, is getting more GSR's, getting more people excited about General Service, and getting more people to

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care about AA as a whole instead of just their own group! We are looking forward to this opportunity to be of service. Mahalo, Erik T.

✚ **Puna #12: Cynthia B.** – Aloha all, I'm Cynthia B. the Puna District 12 DCM. Congratulations to all of the new GSR's. I am looking forward to partnering with the GSR's and other members of AA to get our entire district committees filled with active participation and growth at February's district meeting. Myself and the alternate DCM Bernie K. are planning over the next few months to visit all the groups and meetings in the district, with special focus on the meetings that are not active in the district and area levels. It is our hope to get them to participate. With everyone's knowledge, patience and support I know I will continue to grow on this spiritual path of service. Your humble servant Cynthia B.

✚ **Tri Island #13: Ross G.** - We held our District meeting on January 17th. Four new GSR's were present, which is a 300% increase from last year and we're happy. We discussed GSR function at the group level, specific duties and how to more interest from the members. I gave a brief overview of the upcoming panel, which takes place over the next 2 years. I discussed one goal of mine to educate the West Side of Maui about AA's Twelve Traditions. We are trying to establish a monthly Twelve Tradition pot-luck to enhance everyone's knowledge. We discussed the upcoming Crossing to Lanai on February 22 – 24th to carry the message to the lone group on Lanai. This is a sub-committee for our District, which works as a great outreach to both Islands of Lanai & Molokai. All are invited to take a short ferry ride from Lahaina to Island of Lanai on Friday, February 22nd. Our next District meeting is being held of February 21st. All in service, Ross G., DCM – Tri-Island District #13.

✚ **Waianae #17: Bridgette** - Held elections in December, new DCM Bridgette K., Marcie B. Alt DCM., Glenn S. Treasurer and Bart Z. the secretary. Alk-A-Thons were a success. Workshop & potluck to be held Jan 26th at Pokai Bay on Traditions which will include a volleyball tournament and will start at 9am hosted by the Third Tradition Group. New groups: To Thine Own Self Be True – gay & lesbian meeting, 7pm at the Old Cornet Building; It Is What It Is – young people's group Thursday 6p at Makaha Marketplace. We have 10 members from our District here today. Record for Waianae!!! District meets the 1st Monday of each month 8p at United Methodist Church in room 3.

▪ **Area Officers have appointed Linda McD. to serve as the Non-Rotating Archivist.** Motion to accept the as presented Standing Committee by David James H., seconded by John H. unanimous confirmation of the entire body of Hawaii Area 17.

▪ **Topics Held over from Panel 61 to be addressed in Panel 63 –**

✚ 2016 Pacific Regional Forum Bid – The Hawaii Area has never hosted a Regional Forum. During Panel 61, the fellowship expressed an interest in hosting the 2016 Pacific Regional Forum. We have been talking with hotels and getting bids.

✚ Tongan Translation – Area 17 passed a motion to translate certain AA literature into Tongan for use in the local area. At this point, certain documents required by GSO have yet to be submitted.

✚ Archives – Ongoing review and organization of materials so that they can be accessed by the fellowship.

✚ In Structures and Guidelines, Section 8. Districts in Hawai'i Area 17 the Maui County DCMs will be asked to get together, correct the map description and bring it the Area.

✚ Several findings of Ad Hoc Committee for review of S & G have not been addressed.

▪ **Ask it basket / Questions and Answers**

✚ Answer emails, phone calls promptly!!! Please ask for help if you need it.

✚ Can the standing committee Skype? Yes, you can meet in any manner you choose.

▪ Any additional business? hearing none and seeing none meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

▪ Adjourn with 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”.