

Hawaii Area 17 February 2013 Committee Meeting  
Saturday February 23, 2013  
Hosted by Kihei District 11

- Breakfast/Registration starting at 8:00
- Called to Order at 9:00 with the Serenity Prayer, Host Announcements
- Reading: Why do we need a Conference? Heather.
- Welcome of Past Delegates: Charlie Panel 45, Scottie Panel 49, Vernon Panel 57, and Birthdays
- **Officer Introductions** who provided brief job descriptions /expectations
  - **Area Secretary: Adina M.**, email: [secretary@area17aa.org](mailto:secretary@area17aa.org); (Coleen A. for Adina M.) - Acceptance October 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes will be later, after reviewed by all. Minutes for committee meetings were online no hard copies provided today. Some minutes will be provided at assemblies, but please read/review and print before the assembly or committee meeting.
  - **Area Treasurer: Kunane D.**, email: [treasurer@area17aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area17aa.org); **Treasurer's Report**, Aloha Panel 63 trusted servants,

As of February 15, 2013 Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$2,998.02
Prudent Reserve	\$5,000.30
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$1,056.16
Reserve for International Convention	\$1,050.00
<b>Total Cash in Bank</b>	<b>\$10,104.48</b>

As of February 15, 2012:

Total Contributions and Income	\$3,428.69
Total Expenditures	\$7,080.70
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>-\$3,652.01</b>

As we have seen in the past, the expenditures in the first part of the year are high. The costs of the General Service Conference, PRAASA, two Assemblies and one Committee Meeting all come due in the first four months of the year. We still have approximately \$4000.00 in upcoming expenses before the Inform The Delegate Assembly. However, after that assembly, expenses to the Area will decrease and hopefully the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions by groups will increase balancing out the year.

Officers and standing committee chairs traveling to Maui for the Inform the Delegate Assembly or to Oahu for the May Committee Meeting, please book your flights now. If you would like me to put your travel costs on the area debit card, please talk to me and we can do this together! Once the dates for the Budget Assembly and committee meeting to plan for the Budget Assembly are set, please book your tickets. Don't forget to use the Area's Hawaiian Airlines code.

Today at lunch, the Finance Committee (Steve N., Tammy, Colleen A., Alejandro and myself), will be meeting to brainstorm creative ideas to increase the awareness of the groups 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contribution. If you have any ideas, please share them with us. We will also be asking all Standing Committee Chairs about their estimated budgetary needs for 2014 as we prepare the budget for approval at the Budget Assembly later this year.

Please spread the word to ensure all Homegroups are using the current Area mailing address. We continue to have mail forwarded; however, the forwarding will be end in June.

In love and service,

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Kunane D., Area Treasurer, Panel 63

- **Motion to accept Report as provided** Ron A. seconded by Tami G.
- **Area Registrar: Clifford S.**, email: [registrar@area17aa.org](mailto:registrar@area17aa.org); Verbal report provided at Committee Meeting: Please sign the sign in sheet. Confidential contact list – apologize for errors, will correct. Updated groups with information received at orientation assembly and info received since. Will need DCM's to look over, and update where needed. Needs to be done by April for it to go the GSO directory. Another change – change or voting slips to disposable ones. Also will post information sheet at the district registrars' desk and area registrars' desk – to help GSR's know what they need.  
**Registrar's Report**, Thank you Erik and Kihei District for hosting this Committee Meeting. I've updated the Groups with the information received at the Orientation Assembly and communications since. There are a lot of Groups where more information is needed. GSO's data base program, Fellowship New Vision (FNV), requires detailed contact information. DCM's please look over the list of Groups in your District and update where needed. We have until early May (?) to have our information input into FNV in order for it to go on the National Directory if the individuals wish. If anyone is interested or

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curious in seeing the FNV program please come check it out. I have distributed the Area Confidential Contact List. One change I made to shorten the list is to remove the District Meeting location, day and time and the mailing address. This information can be found online on our website. If any of you feel this should be put back on please let me know. Another change I made is to use disposable colored voting slips to distribute to the voting members. I'd like to try this method out at the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Please let me know if there are any concerns. I prepared an information sheet on the registration process at Assemblies which explains registering twice each day; reviewing and updating Group and Contact information; and eligible voting members. I will have it available at the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Hopefully it helps both them and mostly me. I look forward to serving our Area as your Registrar. Clifford S., Registrar, Hawaii Area 17 – Panel 63

- **Area Alternate Delegate: Cheryl N.**, email: [altdelegate@area17aa.org](mailto:altdelegate@area17aa.org)
- **Alternate Chair: Coleen A.**, email: [altchair@area17aa.org](mailto:altchair@area17aa.org); Alt Chair Report, - Aloha Area 17 trusted servants, One of my responsibilities is to help districts plan for the committee meeting assembly they are hosting. Here are some things you can do that are helpful: Committee meetings – register online. If you have submitted this correctly if your computer takes you back to the website and congratulate you. Also, you will receive an email confirmation. Inform the Delegate Assembly – The registration flyer is online. You will need to print it and send your registration and check in by mail. There is no online registration. However, you can contact transportation, home-stay and DCM by email at the website. Overnight stays one night for committee meetings, two if necessary for assemblies (Friday, and Saturday if necessary). Registering and booking your flight early helps in three ways. 1. It helps the hosting district as they plan and prepare for you. 2. Flights tend to be less expensive the earlier they are booked. 3. Seats and on the flight you want are more likely to be available and less likely to be sold out. The next committee meetings will be May 18<sup>th</sup> - in Waikiki District #10. Convention Meetings –We've met twice. The February meeting was via ooVoo, and it worked well. I'm standing in for Adina, as secretary today. Please mail your reports to her today/this week. Since she had the Orientation Assembly minutes out within 10 days, I suspect the minutes for today will be out within 10 days as well. Thank you for letting me be of service, Coleen A, Alt Chair, Hawaii Area 17 – Panel 63
- **Area Chair: Bob H.**, email: [chair@area17aa.org](mailto:chair@area17aa.org) – Chair's Report, Aloha and welcome to our first Committee Meeting of Panel 63. Since our January Assembly I've been busy both trying both to learn my job and learning to stop trying to do my old job. I've had discussions with other area officers, especially our Delegate, Ken K., as we work together to plan for coming events, especially our April Inform the Delegate Assembly. This is a very busy time of year given the deadlines we face in making sure our Delegate has what he needs to carry the voices of our groups to the General Service Conference. I've also been preparing for PRAASA 2013 which I will be attending next weekend in Boise Idaho. This will be my sixth PRAASA and, as a new Area Chair, I'm looking forward to meeting with other Area Chairs to exchange information and share our experience. Each PRAASA I attend teaches more and more about General Service, about AA, and ultimately about myself and where I fit in AA as a whole. Thank you for sending me as a representative of Hawaii Area 17 to PRAASA 2013. I will be reporting to you what I learn, what we discuss, and what we can expect in the future. If anyone wishes me to give a report to their district or group, please let me know and we can make arrangements. Our Oahu Intergroup is gracious enough to extend membership to both myself as Area Chair, Ken as Area Delegate, and to all Oahu DCMS. I've seen more than one of you at Oahu Intergroup meetings and think it's great that we can all work together to carry the message of hope that is AA as we strengthen the Unity between our service bodies. I invite all Oahu DMCS to attend. I was also able lend my hand at carrying the message when I was asked, along with others, to participate in a Traditions Workshop at Pokai Bay on Oahu hosted by The Third Tradition Group. It was an excellent event with a great turnout and I'd like to thank everyone involved for inviting me. As you may recall, our Area Secretary, Adina, is stepping down effective at the beginning of the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Our first order of business that weekend will be to elect a new secretary. Information about the position can be found in both our S&G and well as the AA Service Manual. Please feel free to ask any of the officers about the position as well. It is open to all who meet the qualifications and attend the assembly. You do not need to be a current member of the assembly (GSR/DCM/SC Chair/Intergroup Chair) but you must be present to participate in a Third Legacy Election Procedure. So that any qualified member can do the job properly our Area does provide a computer for the secretary to use to create the minutes. Often a servant will use their own computer but as computer ownership shouldn't be boundary to service we will provide one and the assembly has decided to budget for equipment by putting money aside each year. Still, in order to be fiscally responsible it we try to make every effort to make our equipment last as long as possible. To that end I was able to upgrade the secretary's laptop, which hadn't been used this past panel, in order to keep it current and viable. Rather than spending hundreds on a new computer we were able to spend under \$55.00, or

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about 10% of a new computer, in order to have an excellently working machine. It's not new and won't play the latest games, but it will be just fine for its intended purpose. We have a lot of work ahead during Panel 63 but I know that together we can accomplish much. I promise you that if my past experience counts for anything that we will face challenges, we will overcome obstacles, we will succeed, and we will have a great deal of fun as we carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you for letting me be of service, Bob H., Chair, Hawaii Area 17 – Panel 63

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

- **Topic Assignments for the Inform the Delegate Assembly/ Discussion on Method:** Generally five minutes for each topic. Then we open the mic for comments. We'll work the details out. At the end I'll give a summary of presentation and also the voice at the microphone.
  - **Panel 1: Cooperation with the Professional Community - District #8, West Hawaii**
    - (Item C) Come up with ways of stimulating interest in C.P.C. service work
  - **Panel 2: Corrections - District #13, Tri Isand**
    - (Item A) Come up with ways to get A.A. members in corrections service.
    - (Item D) What are our resources in support of local corrections Twelfth Step work?
  - **Panel 3: Grapevine – District #10 Waikiki**
    - (Item A) Will the A.A. Grapevine Audio Strategy work?
    - (Item C) Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2014 and later. Are they worth publishing? What other topics will be beneficial to A.A.?
  - **Panel 4: Literature – District #11, Kihei**
    - (Item A) Why should we revise the pamphlet “Circles of Love and Service”?
    - (Item B) “Do we need literature explaining or focusing on spirituality?”
    - (Item C) Should we replace language in the second paragraph of the dust jacket of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Alcoholics Anonymous?
    - (Item E) Should we add an index to the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous?
    - (Item F) Should we add the subtitle ‘None Left Behind’ to the newly revised “A.A. and the Armed Services” pamphlet?
  - **Panel 5: Policy/Admissions – District #2, Honolulu**
    - (Item B) Should alternate chairperson of a primary Conference committee be eligible to serve as chairperson of a secondary Conference committee?
    - (Item E) Consider changing the deadline for the submission of Conference Agenda Items from January 25<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - (Item F) Discuss the concept of combining the Conference Agenda and Conference Policy/Admissions Committees
  - **Panel 6: Public Information (Item B) Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s): - District #7, East Hawaii**
    - Review current video P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
    - Consider production of new video P.S.A.s
  - **Panel 7: Public Information – District #4, Windward**
    - (Item C) Fellowship sharing on effectiveness of the language of Short Form of Tradition Eleven
    - (Item D) Should we establish a Public Information Social Media Page?
    - (Item E) Should we use commissioned online stores to sell and distribute digital A.A. literature
  - **Panel 8: Report and Charter (Item A) The A.A. Service Manual, 2013-2014 Edition: -District #1, Diamond Head**
    - (Item 4) Consider adding “Advisory Action and “additional Committee Consideration” to the Glossary of General Service Terms that begins on page S19.
    - (Item 5) Consider suggested text from Publishing Department on the “spirit of rotation.”
    - (Item 6) Consider request that “The definition and composition of an Area Assembly be modified for consistency and clarity in Chapter Four.”
    - (Item 8) Consider request to update information about suggested qualification for area registrars on page S45.
  - **Panel 9. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities – District #9, Central North Shore**
    - (Item B) Do we need a Special Needs pamphlet?
    - (Item F) Discuss ways that the Area may help groups prepare in advance for the arrival of alcoholics who are deaf/hard of hearing
  - **Panel 10. Archives – District #12, Puna**
    - (Item B) Should we publish a commemorative “75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition”?
    - (Item C) Should we post selected archival audio recordings on G.S.O.s A.A. Website?
  - **Panel 11. International Conventions/Regional Forums – District #3, Leeward**
    - (Item B) Present reasons (pros and cons) for inviting non -A.A. speakers to participate in the 2015 International Convention at A.A.s expense.
  - **Panel 12. Trustees – District #17, Waianae**

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- (Item E) Review the General Service Board's proposed plan regarding the slate of directors for the A.A.W.S. Board and the A.A. Grapevine Board.

- ✦ Skit – District # 6, Kauai

### ▪ Q & A Discussion.

- ✦ Presentation: present background information on topic you are presented. There is time at the mic for you to present your opinion at the mic on topics you did not submit. Part of the process is question and answer at the end. At the mic the delegate gets a flavor of the area at the mic, strong feelings/opinions.
- ✦ The topics involve standing committees, and standing committee chairs. They are resources also in researching the background. Use you SC chair as a source of information/resource.
- ✦ Some of these topics are related to literature. Our intergroup might hear more about opinions on literature. We can include every facet of A.A. young people, Intergroup's. It's not just us sitting in the room.
- ✦ Ken has been appointed to trustee committee at the General Service Conference. All of the areas are important though. If you have further questions, ask. We'll be in touch. Thank you.

### ▪ Break

### ▪ DCM Reports:

- ✦ **Diamondhead #1: Steve N.**, and Alt DCM Monte email: [dcm1@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm1@area17aa.org): – (no written report provided to secretary)
- ✦ **Honolulu #2: Jack G.**, and Alt DCM Ernest S., email: [dcm2@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm2@area17aa.org): Ernest S., Alternate DCM provided the report for: Jack, our DCM will be attending PRAASA, Kevin D. was voted in as District 2 new treasurer. We have 8 active groups out of 22 in our district with one group returning to district after some discrepancies with district. District 2 voted to obtain a P.O. Box and is in the process of getting it. DCM Jack wants to host a workshop after committee meetings on Oahu to get area officers, DCMs and Standing Committee members involved.
- ✦ **Leeward #3: Valerie V.**, email: [dcm3@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm3@area17aa.org): We had our district meeting on February 7, 2013 and started discussion on how to prepare for the Delegate report back and wanted to include Waianae and Central North shore along with us to cut down on the amount of time and districts for the delegate. We have also been given a DVD about the travels of Bill W. and were looking to have a movie event with popcorn and potluck. We are still contacting the libraries in our district to distribute literature. We are still a new set of faces and have several new GSRs who are learning to work together.
- ✦ **Windward #4: Linda B.**, email: [dcm4@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm4@area17aa.org): Provided by Mark P Alt DCM for Windward District. We would like to thank all who attended and participated in the Panel 63 Orientation Assembly hosted by our district in Kaneohe last month. Thanks to our many volunteers and the participation of GSR's and district officers from Panel 61 and Panel 63, the assembly was a great success. We really learned from our experience in hosting the September 2011 Budget Assembly and put that experience into action. Windward District #4 has moved the location of its monthly District Meeting to Unity Church in Kaneohe located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Atrium Building located at 46-005 Kawa St., Kaneohe, HI 96744. Our monthly meeting is held on the **fourth** Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Attendance and enthusiasm at our January 2013 first meeting at the new location was high and we are already planning activities, a workshop, and a district inventory over the next several months. Enthusiasm is infectious!!
- ✦ **No Ka `O'i #5: David James H.**, email: [dcm5@hawaii-aa.org](mailto:dcm5@hawaii-aa.org): No Ka O'I District 5 will be hosting the Inform the Delegate Assembly (ITD) in 2013 at the Kula Community Center. Registration, location, dates and time can be found on line at ([area17.aa.org](http://area17.aa.org)). We need your help to ensure that we are ready and prepared to serve GSR, DCM, and Area Officers satisfactorily at (ITD), so register early please. Rachel S: ITD Assembly Steering Committee Chair Lorene: Home Stay Chair: [Homestay@area17aa.org](mailto:Homestay@area17aa.org) TJ: Transportation Chair: [Transportation@area17aa.org](mailto:Transportation@area17aa.org) "Let me make a clarification on the subject of home stay and travel" Friday night home stays will be accommodated when flights are booked for Friday night travel. If satisfactory flights can't be booked for Saturday morning travel, please, don't be tardy, do your best to avoid being late for assembly's or committee meetings book for Friday, we will do our best to make you comfortable. Those in services within No Ka O'I District 5, the (ITD) panel are now working on getting together for a discussion workshop. They will meet one week before No Ka O'I's District 5's next district meeting. The panel meeting has been set up so members can discuss and become fully briefed on what has to be done for the ITD Assembly. All information that arise from this meeting will be brought to the No KA O'i District 5's meeting, so that those needs can be filled by those willing to serve in service on Maui. I have been dropping by groups that have dropped out of contact with No KA O'I District 5, and have tried to update their contact info. If it is needed I placed the group into meeting status, instead of group status, or taken them off of the list altogether, when the lights are off and the doors have been closed. The other 70% of the groups that haven't been in contact with Area 17 or No Ka O'I District 5 have been updated. As of yet, No KA O'I District 5, out of touch groups within No Ka O'i are willing to talk about their groups participation and non-participation as of last panel. Therefore, we will be able to make an accurate list of groups and meetings that have change their status as of late. I've been dropping into

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dislocated and uninformed meetings as well, to let them know what is on the agenda for April at the ITD. Their participation is welcome but not required, every group has the right to its group conscious, so if their group conscious is to be dislocated meeting, let their choice stand, how they wish to participate or non-participate at District or Area 17 level is their groups business. Presently, No KA O'I District 5 is working on getting everything transferred and up dated, as well as, getting the entire No Ka O'I District 5 chairs outlined and supported for district services. Treatment chair Jeremy J. is taking his cost to meetings and groups to raise funds for treatment facilities literature and supplies; No KA O'I District 5 gives a \$75.00 a year allowance to meet these needs. Jeremy J. has found several donors to help out with some of treatments meetings expenses. Jeremy J. is still in outreach for more contributions as well as, more supplies, if you are willing to contribute please send your checks to No Ka O'I District, we will get that money to Treatment facilities outreach team. Jeremy J. is also looking for speakers for these Treatment facility meetings. Jeremy J. is willing to let those interested in being speakers come in "by invitation only" to give their stories on experience, strength, and hope to those in rehab. The Meeting at Aloha House is a speaker discussion meeting on Thursday nights, "this is a closed meeting for treatment guest only". Don't try to come to the meeting if not invited to be on the panel. The Literature Chair for No Ka O'I District 5 is using her free time to check on racks existing in district 5's Clinics and Hospitals. The literature chair is also seeking to put a rack up in Kula Hospital as well. I would like to give a big mahalo to No Ka O'I District 5's chairs for their love in service; we are trying to leave No Ka O'I District 5 a little better then when we found it. We're presently are in need of representation in No Ka O'I District 5 services at district level: Grape Vine, Secretary, Remote Community Outreach, CPC, CEC, Correctional Facilities, and Intergroup Rep are vacant. If you are willing to step up and bring what you have to the table, No Ka O'I District 5's meeting is every second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM at the Kahului Union Church on the corner of Lono and Kamehameha in Kahului, in room number 4, please be there and ready to serve with paper and pen. No KA O'I District 5's DCM David James H. is working on getting GSR prepared to serve their home group and present awesome presentation on Area 17 and GSO Info. Workshops on presentations styles are in the works, so that GSR's can deliver a fun short presentation that will blow their home groups socks off. No KA O'I District 5 is as well taking into consideration the use of a district movie night to help with the presentation process from Area 17 Assembly information, help us inform you the best. No KA O'i District 5 is becoming acquainted with groups out of touch, and is working on getting the remote communities up to speed in Area 17 and GSO business. We, as a district, need to devise a plan to keep our remote area in No Ka O'I District 5 in contact as well as up to date on issues concerning A.A. and Area 17 as a whole. I wish to get a few of the GSR's involved in outreach as "Those in Service for All" to the remote community. We will see how this will help make or break No Ka O'i District 5 in becoming the most informed district in Area 17. I will be bouncing these ideas off of No KA O'I District 5 members at the March district meeting. Here are a few more thoughts. No Ka O'I's goals are to: Become acquainted with none participating groups. To serve are groups efficiently To inform GSR, Area 17, and GSO more effectively To make GSR's more fundamental servant for their group To boost district and Area contributions 10 to 20% in the year of 2013 In conclusion No Ka O'I's members are coming together to serve No KA O'i District 5 as a whole, more efficiently, effectively and directly so that we will become the most informed district in Hawaii. Thank you in love and services, No KA O'I District 5's DCM David James H.

- ✦ **Kauai #6: Ronald A.,** and Alejandro H., Alt DCM, email: [dcm6@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm6@area17aa.org): I would like to thank District 11 Kihei for their hospitality and for hosting this Committee mtg. I also want to thank the Fellowship of AA for the honor and the opportunity to be of service. We have been doing much to improve the level of service commitment on Kauai, by reaching out to all the meetings on island to update the contacts, finding out which meetings are still active, find out about new meetings and get input from the groups about their concerns and aspirations for growth of AA on Kauai. We have been successful in getting a majority of the groups updated contact info, as a direct result of the effort of Alejandro H. our Alt DCM. We are still looking for individuals to step into a few of the vacant service openings. We have a new meetings started in Hanalei and one meetings struggling for survival in Wailua at Lydgate Par. Our current financial situation is stable and most groups are rowing and carrying a strong message of hope and recovery. I look forward to a rewarding period of growth and service on this panel.
- ✦ **East Hawaii #7: Lizby L.,** email: [dcm7@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm7@area17aa.org): – (no written report provided to secretary)
- ✦ **West Hawaii #8: Tami G.,** email: [dcm8@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm8@area17aa.org): District 8 has also had issues with insurance. BIG MAHALO to Kihei District for hosting and the hospitality. We have had our 2<sup>nd</sup> District meeting, 13 or 15 GSR's in attendance. Standing Committee Chairs have elected to go out to AA meetings and recruit more people into general service and asking them to participate in "Standing Committee" positions. Also to get more involved in General Service and to give us more votes as a district. Our monthly meetings include "Concepts & Traditions". Our agenda also includes a BB & 12 x 12 donation request

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and we elected to purchase 4 BB to donate to HCCC women's correction library; (LORNA S. Corrections Chair) currently takes meeting into facility on Thursday's. Aloha Mana Donates their "Grapevine magazines" when they are finished with them and they too go over to HCCC. CPC and PI are hosting a "Professional Luncheon" to help carry the message and inform the Local Police Department, Judiciary, Doctor's Lawyers and Human Resources of hotels. In an effort to accommodate visitors and seasonal travelers, DISTRICT 8 is putting together an "Events List" for West Hawaii – this list will include AA groups, Intergroup and District sponsored events throughout the year and be posted on our website. DISTRICT 8 "announcements" we are publishing a monthly meeting announcement in an effort to keep our members informed of the variety of information. Including AREA and DISTRICT announcements. Mahalo for letting be of service, Tami G

- ✚ **Central North Shore #9: Esprit N.,** and Chrissy P., Alt DCM, email: [dcm9@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm9@area17aa.org): not in attendance – (no written report provided to secretary)
- ✚ **Waikiki #10: Katie C.,** and Alt DCM Kacee D., email: [dcm10@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm10@area17aa.org): About dist.#10 to my knowledge, so far, meetings in Waikiki District #10 seem to be going strong. Solutions and Happy Hour have said that attendance is down, perhaps because of rain. All other meetings I have attended report positive attendance. Friday, February 22nd, we have a birthday bash meeting @ 6:45pm to 7:45pm @ the Archery Range in Kapioloni Park. All 7th tradition monies go to Waikiki Dist.#10. There will be food and a movie afterwards, provided by "friends of the fellowship" Kacee D., District #10 alternate DCM, has been working hard to secure the Unity Church in Waikiki, as our venue for the upcoming Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting. As of now, we believe the date to be Saturday May 18th, 2013. Ki G., GSR for 12 Coconuts has agreed to head up the food details, Home-stay and Transport have not yet been appointed. thank you for letting me be of service, Katie C., DCM Waikiki Dist. #10.
- ✚ **Kihei #11: Erik T.,** email: [dcm11@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm11@area17aa.org): Hopefully we pulled off our assignment for this committee meeting. We held our district meeting this past Tuesday and we were honored to have a couple new GSR's as well as two representatives from Al-anon. We are setting to have our PRAASA report back March 16th or 23rd. depending on space availability. We got a new recording secretary as well! We will keep seeking more communication in our district and area. Thank you, Love & Service, Erik Thoren
- ✚ **Puna #12: Cynthia B.,** email: [dcm12@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm12@area17aa.org): Aloha everyone, first I would like to thank Kihei for hosting the committee meeting. Our district meeting was held on Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>. I am happy to report that my goal of getting all of the Puna District standing committees filled was almost achieved. A big hurrah to all those that stood thank you! The Treatments position is still vacant. I will be partnering with the Alternate DCM to attend all the meetings in my district over the next couple of months. It has come to my attention there are some new meetings and meetings that don't have contact information we will be working to rectify this and get the updated information to the area registrar. I am happy to say that Puna District has a good working relationship with the East Hawaii Intergroup. I will not be attending Prassa this year. I am looking forward to partnering with Tami, Lizby and others on planning this year's Unity Day for October. Thank you for letting me be of service, Cynthia B.
- ✚ **Tri Island #13: Ross G.,** email: [dcm13@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm13@area17aa.org): We have been getting more GSR participation. We have just had our District meeting this last Thursday Feb 21 and had 4 GSR's in attendance. The main topic of discussion was the upcoming trip by the Maui fellowship to the Island of Lanai. "The Crossing" happens twice a year that our Maui fellowship carries the message and compassion to both Lanai and Molokai. We also discussed the help our district could lend to get literature to the folks on those islands to aid them in carrying AA's message. Our District is also hosting a Traditions and Concepts Potluck on March 10 at the Alano Club of Lahaina. We hope to make this a monthly function. Our new GSR's are looking forward to getting their topics to the groups for some discussion before getting the ideas and group consciences to our Delegate at the April Assembly. We would like to thank the Kihei District for the hospitality for our committee meeting. Aloha in Service, Ross G.
- ✚ **Waianae #17: DCM Bridgett K.,** and Marcie B., Alt DCM email: [dcm17@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm17@area17aa.org): Thank you Kihei! Maui is so beautiful. We had our district meeting which meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month 8pm at United Methodist Church Rm 3. We had about 6 groups. Which is not what I would like but still a nice turnout. We are looking forward to Maui of which I should have at least 4 attending. Seeking the Truth is struggling, the church they are in raised the rent to \$50 and is now asking for insurance as well. 3 AA groups and 1 other group in another fellowship meet there. I hear that the groups are all behind in their rent, but I have been working closely with seeking the truth who has been attending district. The subject of fundraising came up and I met with them during their group conscious and explained about the tradition surrounding not asking or accepting outside contributions, but offered them other options like: that they could pass the basket twice, appeal to the fellowship for help, circulate flyers in the fellowship or donate more as members of the group but community

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fundraising was not an option. I also talked to the united Methodist church about them moving there, the church said they would only charge \$20 a month and give the same amenities, but they declined, wanting to stay where they are. There are some new meetings in the schedule if you're in the area that you might want to check out and there is one meeting daily at 1pm at Maili beach park called Lunch Bunch that is not in the schedule. The Workshop that the Third Tradition Group hosted on Traditions was a great success. It was attended by over 60 people and had an awesome volleyball tournament in the rain... Westside Round up tickets are currently on sale for the weekend of May 24,25,26,27 at Maili beach park for \$20. Courage to change just celebrated their 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary with a big to-do at Pokai Bay, which had a great turnout as well. We voted to put \$25 aside for P.I. – Debra from X-factor to put literature in our two libraries. That's it Malapit, Go Westside!

▪ **2014 Assembly & Committee Meeting Site Selection:** note dates to be determined:

- ✚ Inventory Assembly – January – West Hawaii District #8
- ✚ Committee Meeting – February – Kauai District #6
- ✚ Inform the Delegate Assembly – March or April – Diamond Head District #1
- ✚ Committee Meeting – May or June – Waianae District #17
- ✚ Budget Assembly – August – Puna District #12
- ✚ Committee Meeting – October – East Hawaii District #7
- ✚ Election Assembly – November – Tri Island District #13

▪ **Lunch:** (finance committee met)

▪ **Standing Committee / Intergroup Reports:**

- ✚ **Archives – Loyal A.,** email: [archives@area17aa.org](mailto:archives@area17aa.org) – We Linda and I, mostly Linda, I have been doing the heavy lifting are cleaning – sorting, moving, relocating, and giving back to and finding proper ownership of excessive and not pertaining to Archives of Hawaii Area. We also have in our possession and would like to use in Hawaii, if possible, braille Big Book, other A.A. literature in braille, Big Books in many languages. We are currently looking for a home for so they can be of use! We also have several boxes of Maui information and would like help returning it (next area assembly). We are looking to downsize into a smaller unit in April or May. We will continue to sort and clean the archives. Our goal is to have it in a useable-workable \_\_\_\_\_. I also want to continue collecting and sorting group histories and old-timer stories. This is the history of A.A. in Hawaii and the base of what I believe Archives should be.
- ✚ **Archives Non Rotating – Linda McD.,** – First I would like to thank everyone who has been mindful about preserving Area 17's history. Our work so far this year has been to compare documents received from all sources and eliminate duplicates. We may have as many as six or more copies of the same document, so we pick the one that is complete and with the least amount of stains, rust marks, etc. to preserve. So far, with the hard work of previous archivists and with current efforts, we have compiled comprehensive documentation of assemblies and committee meetings from 1976-2012. We also have found documentation of standing committees, districts, and some group histories. Our work has made it possible to eliminate two shelf units, and we will soon be taking another one down. During the review of the archive, we have run across lots of interesting history and treasured documents, such as the autobiography of Uncle Herb, who got sober in Hawaii in 1955 and recently celebrated 58 years of sobriety. In addition, Uncle Herb was Area Delegate in Panel 29 (1979-1980). It is the goal of the archivist to put together displays so that we can all share our history. Ultimately, much of the documentation would be digitalized and made available online. However, given our budget constraints, that is a way off. The pressing matter now is to make sure that our documentation is preserved in the appropriate manner, such as using only acid free hanging folders, file folders, and boxes. I have been in touch with a recently retired librarian who has offered practical advice on storage materials. In addition, following Bob's prompting, I found a website that offers huge discounts on archival materials to not-for-profit corporations. I have also spent a fair amount of time researching the duties of an archivist and am working on a job description for Area 17 Archivist. The Area Archives Chair and I will be developing criteria for materials that will be received into the archive. My personal goal is to have all materials in the archive numbered, indexed and cataloged by year-end so that if there is a question regarding, for example, an action taken on a specific motion at a specific assembly, I would be able to research that item for you. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Linda McD, Archivist Area 17.
- ✚ **Convention Standing Committee – T. P.,** email: [steering@area17aa.org](mailto:steering@area17aa.org) - HCONV continues to prepare for the 2013 HCONV. We continue to emphasize on trusted servant. The theme is LOVE & SERVICE! We had our steering committee meeting this past Wednesday utilizing oovoo with 3 steering members not on Oahu. We have made steering meeting arrangements to meet in person or oovoo. Thank you Bob for your help with setting up the virtual mtgs. WOOHOO!! 2013 proposed budget is almost completed and will be available to committee members in March. Chair has confirmed all AA speakers. HCONV committee roster is almost complete w people in service. AWESOME!! Debbie G is the 2013 HCONV chair and if you'd like to

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get into service her number is 206-2887 and off island is totally welcome. You can also register online at <http://annualhawaiiconvention.com/>

- ✦ **Cooperation with the elder Community (CEC) – Ken C.**, email: [cec@area17aa.org](mailto:cec@area17aa.org) – First, lots of emails! Not only from local groups, but nationwide, asking for our experience, strength and hope. I have emailed everyone on the Area 17 CEC Committee the CEC workbook, along with a form letter and return postcard to be used to contact professionals or agencies that work with the elder community. I have been attending the Puna District meetings, East Hawaii Intergroup meetings, and the Puna CEC Committee meetings (yes, Puna CEC has their own meetings!) They have recently given a presentation at the new Pahoia senior's center, and they have a list of members willing to give rides to bring seniors to meetings. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.
- ✦ **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Karen N.**, email: [cpc@area17aa.org](mailto:cpc@area17aa.org) – Most of my time has been spend learning about the job. At the Orientation Assembly, I met with GSR's who had been assigned to the CPC Committee. After reading what the responsibilities of the CPC committee, I asked if any of the members had any experience with dealing with the professional community regarding alcoholism and several shared their personal experiences. After returning home, I received an email from Adrienne B., who was serving on the Cooperation with the Professional Community at the General Service Office. The American Psychological Association is meeting in Honolulu July 31 – August 4, 2013 in Honolulu. Alcoholics Anonymous would like to have a booth in their exhibit area for display and distribution of A.A. literature to attending professionals, who may also have questions about what A.A. is and what it isn't. Our CPC committee is being asked to staff the booth, answer questions about Alcoholics Anonymous and provide literature (to be provided by GSO). I hope to be able to be there and will be asking for volunteers to staff the booth. After reading the most recent Quarterly Report from GSO and noting that there was a section on Cooperation with the Professional Community, I was prompted to look the report from the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference. There is quite a bit of information about CPC in that report and I will add some of that to my reports in the future. Mahalo for letting me be of service. Karen N., CPC Chair
- ✦ **Corrections - Jeannie M.**, email: [corrections@area17aa.org](mailto:corrections@area17aa.org) – Hello! I feel like I'm a little behind the ball with not being able to attend the orientation assembly. But I've had opportunity to get with Bob H. (area chair), he filled me in on some basic information and gave me some ideas to bounce around with my committee (when it's formed). I've also sent an introductory email to our contact for the prison, I'm waiting to hear back. As always we need volunteers to carry the message into the prisons. In love & service Jeannie M.  
**Q & A:** Are you connecting with correction committees on other islands? I will be. Is there a way for different island corrections chair to attend assemblies on different islands (someone in district asked)? Responded to his email, (not in area budget)?
- ✦ **Grapevine / La Viña – Heather C.**, email: [grapevine@area17aa.org](mailto:grapevine@area17aa.org) – Unfortunately because of a family emergency that occurred this past month, my activities have had an unexpected hiatus since the last assembly. Several things have been in works however! Not only have I finally found a small Grapevine committee on the island of Kauai to help start the process (we hope to have our first planning session soon), but we've also found someone who is willing to serve as the District 6 Kauai Grapevine chair! Elections will be held next month but she will be serving on the committee 'un-officially') in the meantime. Some wonderful ideas have already been tossed around – a flier asking for help with increasing awareness and encouraging groups to have Grapevine reps is in the final drafting process and will be placed on our local Kauai AA website soon. We also plan on getting together with the local PI committee in stamping old Grapevine magazines with the local hotline number and placing them at various public locations. And we're discussing the possibility of either District (or better yet, individual groups!) sponsoring GV subscriptions to local entities such as the jail, doctor's offices and public libraries. After the chaos of my personal life has subsided a bit, my next focus will be on the outer islands! So far, one of my roundtable committee members has wonderfully signed on as Grapevine Rep for the Kona District and has been keeping me informed with an amazing set of statistics and information with what has been happening there, and I look forward to continuing to share ideas with her. I am very much appreciative of the understanding and patience with me during this difficult time, and I look forward to setting all this in motion and reaching out to the rest of our Area! Thank you for letting me be of service, Heather C.
- ✦ **Mynah Bird – Rochelle A.**, email: [mynahbird@area17aa.org](mailto:mynahbird@area17aa.org) – Mahalo Kihei for hosting at a discount. Thank you, Kunane for purchasing the software to enable me to publish a more professional newsletter. Thank you, Bob for volunteering to download the software on our home computer. Thank you, Sue for Downloading MB committee members into one email address. On my first bulk email, I received a 40% response (2 out of 5). Thank you contributors to 1<sup>st</sup> issue of MB, Panel 63.



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**March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline to submit articles to the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of MB on Panel 63.** Look forward to those of us attending PRAASA to share your experience. Goal is to publish 8-10 issues of the MB over the next two years. Other Topics: I continue to take weekly A.A. meetings in Women's OCCC and am making announcements for speakers and relief secretary.

✦ **Public Information (PI) – Jim S.,** email: [pi@area17aa.org](mailto:pi@area17aa.org) – District 6 tabled the Kauai Health Fair at Kauai High School in January. They are providing Literature racks with revolving content at the District Meetings, following the advice in the PI Workbook that, “Our first audience is the Fellowship itself.” They also are holding Monthly PI Committee meetings. Our committee members from the Orientation Assembly are checking Schedule/Literature racks at Libraries and compiling lists of potential rack sites. Three AAers called out of the blue (2 from Oahu and 1 from Big Island) to volunteer service in stocking Lit. Sites. There is interest on the Committee to reinstate AA signs in buses on at least 2 or 3 islands. Carrying the message to a wider audience. Have found a Member willing to work on translating the AA PSAs from GSO into Hawaiian, and so are investigating appropriate media outlets for these spots. Designing simple business cards with the island Central Office or Hotline phone number and the Area website address to place with the Schedule/ Literature racks. A low cost portable way for people to access our contact info. We are contacting all Districts to help set up both a yearly Calendar of Events (for speakers and tabling) and a list of sites for our Schedule/Literature racks. We see this as a vital step to ensure that we are not reinventing the wheel with each new Panel. In Love and Service, Jim S

✦ **Treatment / Hospitals – Patty W.,** email: [treatment@area17aa.org](mailto:treatment@area17aa.org) - GSO suggests starting a bridging the gap program, the First contact with AA during first weeks out of treatment. It is our First priority, not one currently in place.

**Q & A:** Kona CC do we have meetings there? Noticed my district has racks for literature – take up with district. Could be something Groups could do.

✦ **Treatment Report: Bridging the Gap program.** We found there was not 1 currently in place. Our committee chose this as our 1st priority to create one. We were able to locate a Hawaii Bridging the Gap flyer created by the Area Treatment Committee back in the early 1990's. Unfortunately it is a physical copy on colored paper and would not reproduce well. We are inquiring to see if there is a digital copy or one on white paper. **Treatment/Hospital AA Meetings/Literature.** We have given literature on guidelines for taking meetings into Treatment Facilities to TYG group in Windward District #4 who has a new chair for their Monday 9pm Step 1 Meeting. We have given Roberts Rules of Order to Jessica V who is helping to run an AA business meeting at the Hina Mauka Wednesday night AA meeting. We found there was no list of Treatment Facilities/Hospital AA meetings that we could locate. Our committee decided to create one and work to keep it updated. We understand meetings are taking place in facilities throughout the islands. So far we have details on 4 in Castle Hospital, Windward District #4. We were sent a letter from GSO Treatment Committee Coordinator asking that we reach out to Sand Island Treatment Center to see if it would be possible to start an AA meeting in the facility if they don't already have one and to communicate with them regarding the availability of AA literature at their facility. GSO copied me on 3 letters they responded to from clients there looking for AA literature. One of our committee members has contacts there so we are going to talk and then reach out to the facility.

✦ **Website – Susan B.,** email: [webmaster@area17aa.org](mailto:webmaster@area17aa.org) or [www.area17aa.org](http://www.area17aa.org) – Since the start of the Panel, the new web site is up and running. Most committee members have accessed their emails. If anyone has trouble getting into their email, please let me know, and we will work it through until it happens. Some broken links were recently found on the web site, notably the link to the Panel 61 web site. I have located the reason for the deterioration of the link, and have tried to change all instances of it. If you find another broken link, please email me so I can fix it. Good to let me know what page you try to link from and which link you push. Thank you for your patience. Please send me any information you would like posted to your section of the web (district, committee page, etc.). Also, send me any service-related events to post on the calendar. In love and service, Sue B., Webmaster

**Q & A:** Panel 61 links have been fixed. “Nothing found” – she can't fix Google.

✦ **Oahu Intergroup Chair – Jessica V.,** email: Upcoming events: April 6-7 Bellows Campout; May 11 Homegroup Day @ Palama 10am; May 25 Bill & Lois Dinner at Hickam

**Q & A:** Website address is oahucentraloffice.com. Regarding confidential addresses – if address is not correct sent it to Clifford so he can correct it.

▪ **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. Cheryl N., Alternate Delegate – Last panel we decided to put in a bid for 2016. Got responses from Hotels. Chose Ala Moana, and are working out the details. Ken K. will take the info to the General Service Conference. GSC will choose. Will also give a

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report for Ken to take to PRAASA. Pacific Regional Forum is a way for mini GSO to come to places so the fellowship can interact with people from t GSO. Incredible, amazing. You get to meet and be connected with people in the general service office. The last one was in Fairbanks AK. No too many who, on their own, had been to the office in NYC. It's a way to bring the GSC close, ask questions, and get connected with them. They do this every other year. There are a lot of people in AA who have no clue about GSO, and thinks "Why should we send them our money?" IT's a way to get to know them. Paid for by Area for Cheryl to attend. Another time, Cheryl paid her own way.

**Q & A:** Scottie - In the past a small amount of people came. In Fairbanks 171 attended. We could have more people than that. Who attends? They are open to every member of A.A., no registration fee. No meals are involved. Once a site is chosen, the GSO takes over the planning. Previous Mynah Birds have reports of past experiences of people who went.

- **Officer Round Table:** We considered the options to best serve the area and be financially prudent in regards to assemblies and committee meetings, the trustee's visit, and convention expenses. Financial reports are posted online. Sound equipment - no new equipment needed. Confidential contact list has been simplified.
- **DCM Round Table Workshop:** David H. reported -DCM's talked about what a DCM does. Service sponsors. Service manuals and pamphlets and handouts from GSO. What a DCM's main job is - being a two way communication, leading GSRs. Making airline reservations early. Also asking area officers question. Carrying back the message from Inform the Delegate Assembly. Business meetings. Groups that don't participate at business level - go to their meetings and introducing yourself. Easing them in to service, not trying to pry. Reaching out to members. Coming to assemblies might be a challenge, may have to come in on a Friday, or leave before the meeting is over to catch flight. Keep Panel 63's information about committee meetings and assemblies in a separate folder on area website so that it can be adequately archived for the next person coming in. Complaints about having boxes in their houses. Try to eliminate the mess. What to do if a GSR is not being of service, or coming to district meetings. Do we ask them to step down? Should we? Should be a conscience decision of their district. Some don't have the aptitude to be of service to have the leisure to dismiss people in service. Got to keep who you've got. Service has changed the quality of DCMs sobriety because of active participation. They see the change in themselves, and others see the change as well. DCM round table caused a bond to form. Being a part of the panel will help us come together and work as a team. Through our service, we become closer learn more from each other and learn to serve. (the upside down triangle).
- **Standing Committee Round Table Chairs Workshop:** Kunane reported on the Finance Committee. Each person was assigned a SC Chair. Each chair should come up with some logical reasoning for their budget for this year and next year (within the next month). Budget is to be presented at the May committee meeting. Use what you need. You can print at Professional Image on Queen Street at 3.5¢ a copy. Email to him. He prefer PFD file. Kunane will email info from the last two years to each chair. Don't copy pamphlets, order from GSO. We could do a workshop on Oahu May 18 or 19 (probably Sunday) and the officers are willing to participate. Need to talk to DCM 1, 2, and 10. Topic: What to put on their website? Meeting minutes, assembly/committee reports, GSO docs, dates. How do you get people to respond? Ask DCM, call them Are courthouses PI or Treatment? Usually PI. Skit - Jessica - Location. Ken and Sue will work on skit content. Convention - SC can have booths, but must register for the convention. Grapevine asked about subscriptions for the other SCs. Also about adding adds in the Mynah Bird. Groups contribute their used GV's to Corrections.
- **Delegate Announcement:** Ken K. -
  - ✦ Regarding the questions/time for the panel: 10 minutes presentation, followed by 20 minutes at the mic and summary. 30 minutes will be allotted for each panel.
  - ✦ PRAASA volunteer list - did the PRAASA committee contact anyone? Yes, Karen N. was asked to do something, and David H. will do a presentation on "Leadership in Alcoholics Anonymous"
- **Motion to approve October 2012 Committee Meeting minutes:** by T.P., and seconded by Ross G., No discussion. Minutes approved.
- Chair Announcements:
  - ✦ What to Take Back will be posted on the website
  - ✦ Book Airline flights early for May 18<sup>th</sup> committee meeting
  - ✦ Email reports to the Secretary before May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013
  - ✦ Be sure all contributions are mailed to the current address.
- **Motion to Adjourn** by Loyal, seconded by Ross G. 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".*

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