

BUDGET ASSEMBLY 1 (October 5, 2013)
HONOLULU DISTRICT (2)

9:00 Called to order by Bob H

Host announcements –Jack

Reminder re. voting – Cliff

Announcement – Homestay (Kris)

Reading – Where Money and Spirituality Mix (Allyson)

Introduction of past delegates: (Dick–39, Anne –43, Keith – 55, Scot—47,
Vernon-57, Linda-61)

New GSR's – 15!

Birthdays

9:20 Minutes from April Inform the Delegate Assembly. Accepted--Mathea/Ross

9:28 Treasurer's report

\$17,000

Contributions:

Thank you all

Income: \$4,000.

In the black!! – No shutdown!!

Accepted – Jack, Ross

9:32 OFFICERS' REPORTS

Registrar

Thank you Jack, Kevin and the Honolulu District for hosting this Assembly.

I also would like to thank Linda for assisting me at the Registrar's table.

Group Change forms are on the Registrar's Registration table. There are also guides to the Assembly process.

I will continue to update FNV as I receive information from DCM's. Please be accurate in the contact information when completing the change forms.

As an FYI - GSO lists 164 GSR's in our Area. 55 ARE HERE.

If anyone is interested or curious in seeing the FNV program please come check it out.

I look forward to continuing serving our Area as your Registrar.

9:34 – Alt Delegate

Most active role as member of Convention Steering Committee. Please register.

9:35 Alt Chair

Aloha. Since our last meeting:

1. As a member of the finance committee, I presented and discussed the draft of the 2014 Budget at the Tri Island, Kihei and No Ka `O'i District meetings.
2. I've participated in Convention Steering Committee meetings via ooVoo or in person (except September). Please take Annual Hawaii Convention registration forms home with you to pass on to your group members.
3. I'll be talking with the DCMs to schedule the 2014 assemblies and committee meetings and should have more information on the dates of these events later in this assembly.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Coleen A. Alternate Chair

9:37 Chair

Aloha and welcome to the 2013 Inform the Budget Assembly. It's been quite some time since we last met and I'm looking forward to hearing about the service work you have all been doing in the interim. Once again we have busy weekend as we finalize the budget for 2014, elect a nominee for the position of Pacific Regional Trustee, and take a look at the final conference report from the 2013 GSC.

I've been busy since our last meeting. I've attended several meetings of OYPAA and have also met with the Oahu CEC committee. I can't say I added much the proceedings but was great to such enthusiasm for service in action.

I also participated in starting a new meeting along with our delegate Ken, past delegate and current Oahu Central Office Manager Dick M., and several other folks. The meeting is near the airport at the Project D.A.T.E. center just off Nimitz Hwy. which serves a large homeless community. Hopefully the meeting will take off. Currently it is held at 5:30pm on Fridays.

I recently assisted District 4, Windward Oahu, in their district inventory and am grateful for having been asked. It was a great experience and will definitely be useful as our next Assembly is our 2014 January Inventory Assembly.

I note that the PRAASA 2014 website is up at praasa.org with a note that it should be fully operational by October 15th. The San Diego-Imperial Area is hosting this great service event and I hope lots of us can make it. The dates are March 7-9, 2014. The hotel is the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center and information is available on the website. Use the code PRAASA 2014 for the special rate.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Bob H. – Hawaii Area 17 Panel 63 Chair

9:42 Delegate Rpt. (Ken)

Aloha All,

1. Mahalo to all the districts and members for your warm hospitality for hosting "Delegate Report Back."
West Hawaii
Puna/East Hawaii
Waikiki/Diamond Head/Honolulu
Leeward/Waianae/CNS
No Ka Oi/Kihei/Tri-Island
Windward
Kauai
2. Summary of Rod (our Pacific Regional Trustee) July Board Meeting report (hand out)
3. GSO Staff employment (hand out)
4. Area contribution: 3 month ended 3/31/13
(2013 @ 31.76% compared to 2012 @ 28.93%)
5. PRAASA 2014 San Diego March 6-9 at Town and Country Hotel
6. Pac Regional trustee election for Hawaii Area 17
7. Distribution, Roundtables and discussion on Final GSC Report

8. Hand outs:
 - A. Pacific Regional Trustee Report (SCB weekend report from July 2013)
 - B. General Service Office Manager (message from General Service Board)
 - C. General Service Office Public Information Desk (Anonymity and AA)
 - D. GSO Staff employment
 - E. AA Agnostica
9. 2016 Regional Forum -- Kona

Mahalo,
Ken K

10:00 PROPOSAL FROM WAIKIKI DISTRICT (10)/ Bad Brains – Spirituality

Pamphlet.

Grp believes the title implies controversy w/in AA. Therefore, should only be titled “Spirituality in AA.”

Much procedural discussion followed.

Wiakiki District *requests* that “Not religious” be stricken from the title.

10:18 BREAK

10:39 BUDGET PRESENTATION – Kunane

Thank-you to the Finance Committee

TOTAL BUDGET: \$36,173.00

We make our budget based on (1) what we need to do, (2) what we want to do, and (3) what we hope to do. [See “Priority of Spending” in Area 17 Structures]

Accept: Jennifer/ Tami

DISCUSSION: Hospitals/ Treatment It’s the same committee now.

There were some questions about Archives. We’re doing better.

Voting members present: 93. Two-thirds plus one = 63

Unanimous acceptance.

10:53 DCM REPORTS

Ross (13) –

Aloha, Over the last few months we in District 13 had a special district meeting and potluck. During the meeting we opened the topic of “How can we best carry the message to the suffering alcoholic?”. What happened was very inspiring. We have a small committee that deliver meeting schedules to the concierges from all the west-side hotels. One of the mainstay groups re-activated the passing of the “pink can” which will fund literature for the 2 clinics and the senior center. The district will provide the racks while the group donates the pamphlets. These racks will be maintained by a district literature committee. October is the month where the Island of Maui take the fellowship to the Island of Molokai. The event is titled “The Crossing” and has been ongoing for close to 25 years when a group that returned from the 1990 International AA Convention took a sober visitor from Russia to Molokai. This event will happen the weekend of Oct 18-20 and information can be obtained from AA Maui website. Our groups continue to work

with those who suffer and we are working on getting more folks involved in service. We have 3 GSR's here this weekend.

Mahalo for allowing me to serve,

Ross G

Linda (4) –

I continue to be grateful for and amazed at the work and participation of our Windward District groups and members. Below are some of the highlights since the last assembly.

Windward District 4 Inventory:

- Bob H., our Area Chair, kindly joined us to facilitate District 4's inventory. The turnout was great – 4 times as many of our members as attended the last one we held. Areas of focus included:
 - Identifying the basic purpose of the District;
 - Opportunities to further this purpose and our strengths and weaknesses;
 - Defining who we (the members that comprise District 4) are;
 - Participation and personal responsibility;
 - Finances;
 - Where are we going?
- The next steps are to select some of the issues identified & agree to work on solutions.

Home Group Days: The next District event is October 12, *Home Group Days*. This starts at 8:00 AM with TYG's meeting (Kailua Beach Park on the Lanikai side near boat ramp), continuing through the day, with games, meetings and potluck dishes. The event wraps up with Burning Desires, a bonfire meeting at Kailua Beach Park-(behind large pavilion, and adjacent to Lanikai/Boat Ramp Parking Lot)at 7:30 PM

After that comes the Windward District **Alcothons**. These are the District's effort to provide a safe and secure place for AA members to see in the holidays. They'll be held at the Waimanalo Health Center starting at 3:00 PM Christmas and New Year's Eve and run through.

Windward Unity has been allowing District 4 to hold our monthly meeting in their facilities. A new meeting is beginning there Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM. The primary contact is Geo D. & we'd love to see you there.

Mahalo,

Linda B., DCM

Windwrdr District 4

Alejandro (6) –

Hi my name is Alejandro alternate DCM for District 6 and also an Alcoholic. Kauai is doing well. As an alcoholic sometimes I feel as if we are not doing enough for the alcoholic who still "out there" but we are doing our part on carrying the AA message. On Kauai there is only one District. We have 33 groups and 68 meetings, 13 GSR's and 5 alt. GSR's. A secretary's workshop for Kauai is on the agenda within this panel.

On July 20 our district treasurer lead a Seventh Tradition workshop “Where Money and Spirituality Mix” in an effort to increase awareness to new members and treasurers, that by contributing to our District and the other offices, we are keeping our fellowship alive “*We cant’ let it shut down; it’s far too vital.*”*

We had discussed at our district meeting the one-dollar contribution topic. I don’t know how many decades ago we have been putting just \$1.00 in the “hat” if you can afford more than a dollar “*go heavier on the hat . . .*”*

*12&12, Tradition Seven

AA participated at the Kauai county fair from august 22-25. We were there with schedules, pamphlets, a slideshow of our meeting locations and free coffee to answer any questions from the public. We were there not just to represent Kauai AA meetings only, but our global community.

And that’s why we are here today to branch out through attraction, because we want the hand of AA always to be there when anyone anywhere is reaching out for help.

On September 20th, our PI committee was invited to attend “Life choices Kauai”, an annual health fair event. It lasted about four hours. During that time about twenty five people collected pamphlets and schedules and a pamphlet rack was requested by Department of Veteran’s Affairs new location.

Corrections: Male inmates attend a weekly 1-hour AA meeting at KCCC; the committee has created an information kit as a way to bridge the inmates with AA upon release. Female inmates were having a weekly AA meeting but the female volunteer is out of the Country until the end of the month. There’s a second female volunteer but she only goes in once a month. Last June the AA volunteers attended the PREA training at the facility. PREA stands for Prison Rape Elimination Act.

Grapevine: The Grapevine subscriptions have been increasing this year. There have been about 10 new subscriptions on Kauai, including a gift subscription to KCCC. The GV chair plans to expose members to GV literature, particularly the new book “One on One”, AA sponsorship in Action.

PI/CPC Planning a gratitude luncheon November 9th, 2013 at 12 pm at the community room at Sun Village in Lihue. The objective is to demonstrate our appreciation to those who have come before us and supported our fellowship so that we could find a new life without alcohol.

This concludes my report; we are looking forward for the Committee meeting in 2014 on Kauai February 15. We will release a flier soon.

Thank you. Alejandro

Cynthia (12) – Unity Day at the end of August. CPC, Grapevine, Corrections all working. Other positions open

Erik (11) – Aloha Area 17,

It’s great to be back at an area event. Since we met last our district assisted Maui’s Delegate Report back, where we enjoyed Ken’s presence. We have approximately 7-10 people show up for our district meeting each month. We are currently discussing having an annual unity event, not sure if it should just be a fun event, educational, or both. Each month we pick a meeting that we try to attend and

extend our district aloha to that groups that aren't contributing or participating at a district level. We have approximately 17 groups in Kihei and about half a dozen are represented at district.

We have also decided as a district to have our DCM or alternate DCM regularly attend the Intergroup business meetings to increase communication and to provide updates on the activities of Kihei District.

All in all, I feel blessed to be a DCM for District 11 and to be surrounded by responsible servants.

Love & Service,
Erik Thoren

Valerie (3) – One new GSR. Solvent. Will be @ PRAASA.

Mike (5) – Thanks to District 2 for hosting!

Thanks to Colleen, our area alt. chair, for presenting the area budget proposal at our district meeting, allowing our GSRs to adequately inform their groups and obtain an informed group conscience.

We co-hosted the delegate report back with districts 11 and 13; it was well attended and well received.

Individual AA members have been working with our Area CPC chair Karen to bring presentations to judges and corrections on Maui. Presentations to the medical and nursing staff at Maui Memorial Medical Center are in the planning stage.

Our treatment chair Jeremy has been collecting literature donations to bring into Aloha House. In addition, the meeting format has been changed to a panel of 4 speakers sharing experience with the program of recovery of AA, followed by a question and answer period.

HICYPAA 2013 was on Maui Labor Day weekend. 170 people attended, and 33 scholarships

were awarded. It was a fantastic weekend.

Gratitude Night will be held Nov 3rd at the Hannibal Tavarez community center in Pukalani. The theme is Mardi Gras and costumes are encouraged. there will be food, music, and two speakers - join us in fellowship!

In Service,

Mike S

Alt DCM district 5

Steve (1) – Diamond Head will do ITD 2 on the first wknd of April, 2014. Gearing up for Christmas Alkathon: Unity Church 12/24-12/25, 6pm to 6 am.

Lizby (7) – Unity Day: “East beats West” THIS YEAR! Hilo fellowship hall closed so that shook up many meetings. No more intergroup office, but there is a virtual one and the phones are being answered.

Katie (10) – New GSR, Peter, for Solutions.

I want to thank Steve from District 1, Diamondhead, for help with the budget.

We are hoping for better attendance at future Report-backs. Thank-a-thon 11/27,

6pm until 11/28 6pm at Unity Church. Flyers are out. Asking groups for workshop topics. CEC work begun by Bad Brains; donation of \$100 from District for literature to be given to geriatricians, retirement homes and senior citizen centers on Oahu.

Rob (9) – General Service event attended by 60 people. Planning Alkathon. Sufficient funds.

Glenn (17) – Hosting May committee meeting. Traditions workshop. Alkathon planned. Another workshop planned for next year.

Jack (2) -- Prep for this assembly has been the main activity. Alkathon @ Unity Church.

Tami (8) -- Thank you to Honolulu District 2 and all the volunteers for hosting this assembly and taking good care of us.

All of our Standing Committee positions are filled, We have met every 3 Friday continuously since the beginning of panel 63. PI has a committee and is training members for public speaking to SOH DUI classes each month now. Our meetings and meeting locations have shifted a little bit – Please see our current meeting schedule at westhawaiiiaa.org for details.

We are working hard here in West Hawaii – Our brothers and sisters in Waimea hosted a “traditions workshop” and “concept workshops” are continuously being announced on Sundays once a month, in Kona or in Waikoloa. “HICYPAA” 2014 will be held on the Big Island.....YEA, YIPPEE!, Awesome! for updates please visit Westhawaiiiaa.org to mark your calendar and be sure to come visit us. Our CPC luncheon has been postponed to 2014. Our CPC Chairperson has created a committee and she is working hard on the foundation of an annual event to create awareness and educate the public of what AA is, again please stay in touch by visiting our website a westhawaiiiaa.org

Founders Day was celebrated at Hapuna Beach Park and it was a BEAUTIFUL day, great fellowship, Delegate Report was good and everyone could hear really good since we had good weather (mild wind).

Unity Day was celebrated in Hilo this year Lizby coordinated a great event and the hilo baseball team has the trophy this year. Next year we are going to be in Puna.

As the Finance Committee representative, I was disappointed about “how little” response to the announcements I replied to by showing up to business meetings. Only 3 groups wanted to see me. I expected to be wanted by popular demand.....Not...”Trusted servant” Gouveia, you’re a trusted servant and so is the finance committee. I LOVE Alcoholics Anonamous.

Mahalo,
Tami G

INTERGROUP REPORTS

Kauai – MEETINGS: We have 69 meetings on Kauai. Eighty-five percent are wheelchair accessible. We have no known deaf or blind AA members. Forty percent of the meetings are on the beaches. Most non-beach meetings pay five

dollars rent per meeting. We do not have insurance costs. We estimate we have 170 active AA's on Kauai.

TELEPHONE: Our phone system is actual and is covered 24/7 usually in eight hour shifts. There are a few complaints but overall the system is working well.

EVENTS: Intergroup funds (usually \$100-150 per event) island events on the request from the chair of the event and the vote of IG members. We have about eight major events per year. Thanksgiving is the biggest and attracts about 100 participants for Big Food, two meetings, a raffle, an Al-Anon meeting and musical entertainment.

WEBSITE: Our website is a real staple for our island AA's. It has been in operation three years, has had a total of 35,589 hits, and is now logging in 5,000 hits per month.

SCHEDULES: In addition to having the full schedule on the website, we produce paper schedules about three times a year for visitors, members, our PI racks, the Emergency Rooms of the Hospitals and a few doctors' offices.

TREASURY: Our present balance is \$3,916.

NEWSLETTER: Our Garden Island Sobriety newsletter is six pages of welcomed information containing recovery columns, meeting changes, birthdays, finances of Intergroup and District and a cherished Archives section. It is available in color with online subscriptions and in black and white from the GSR's.

LITERATURE: IG handles books and pamphlets for sale and to supply AA racks around the island. The stock is kept in a locker which is kept tidy and documented by our literature chair. Only three people have the combination to the locker.

Kauai Intergroup meets once a month, is attended by 10-14 people, and is good shape.

Mathea Allansmith, Traveling Intergroup Chair for Kauai

Oahu – (Jessica)

Happy to report we broke even for the past two months. We are in about \$8k into our prudent fund. It cost about \$90k to run Central Office annually. All cost are fixed.

Intergroup needs some volunteers: -Court DUI classes needs some help on Tuesdays and Fridays at 2:30-3:30. -Homeless shelter on Nimitz needs help carrying the message.

Upcoming Activities: -Homegroup Day will be done again this year in maybe february or march. See Herb M. (679-8690) from Saturday Nite Live and Sean M. (617-593-4358) from Grapevine for more info. -Founders' Day is already in process with the planning committees. See Josh T. from Badbrains and Kalae H. from Kalihi sobriety for more info. -December Intergroup meeting will be a 2 speaker meeting and dinner on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 6:30 pm at Palama Settlement. See Jerrylene K. from Headstart.

For more information call 946-1438 and speak to Dick.

W. Hawaii (Tommy) -- \$2500 into Prudent reserve but Big Is. Bash is donating some, so not time to worry. Website doing well. 5,000 hits per mo. Selling literature there,

too. July Fishfry brought community together. Halloween event planned. Have humans on phone 24/7.

“OUTSIDE” ENTITIES REPORTS

11:47 – Resolution of Gratitude to Al-Anon from AA (1969). Read by Bob

11:50 – Al-Anon Family Groups Presentation – Carolyn A

She suggested we read “Lois’s Story.” Also “The Forum,” and Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism. New piece: Reaching for Personal Freedom.

12:05 – Break for lunch.

1:04 – MICYPAA – David. Fun-raiser event once a month: bonfires, midnight paddling, etc.

OYPAA – Brandon and Sam. Birthday celebration ea month; movie night. Did Relationship Wrkshp,

HICYPAA 2013 was held Aug 30-Sept 1 at Camp Maluhia on Maui. 170 people attended; 33 were scholarships. We had attendees from Hawaii, Maui, Lana’i, Moloka’i, Oahu, and Kaua’i, as well as Oregon, Arizona, North Carolina, New Jersey, and New York.

It was a huge success, and bids for next year's conference were heard from Oahu, Hawaii, Kaua’i, and Lana’i. Hawaii won the bid, and will be hosting 2014.

In Service,

Mike SHICYPAA 2013 Host Committee

1:14—STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treatment (Patty) –

Bridging the Gap Program

The Treatment Standing Committee has been getting the word out about our Bridging The Gap program. We have distributed request forms for those on the inside, 200 to Tripler and 10 to Kaneohe State Hospital. We have distributed 160 volunteer forms for AA temporary contact volunteers to 8 of the 14 districts. We have over 500 request forms on hand looking for volunteers to contact a Treatment Facility or Hospital Behavioral Health Department near them, share with them about the AA Bridging The Gap program and ask if they would be willing to share the Request Forms with their clients. We have over 140 volunteer forms on hand that we will be distributing to the remaining 6 districts as well as to our committee members. In the entire area we currently have 5 volunteer AA members willing to be temporary contacts. We are asking all members to share at meetings that the Treatment committee is looking for AA members willing to be temporary contacts for those coming out of treatment, if anyone is willing to volunteer or take volunteer forms back to their groups they can email treatment@area17aa.org or see me on the break.

Since May the Treatment Standing Committee has received 2 requests for temporary contacts. One from a California facility over Labor Day weekend, with the help of the Maui Alt DCM we were able to find a volunteer in their small town with double-digit sobriety who actively sponsors that was able to connect with her right away. The other from an Oregon facility, with the help of the Honolulu Alt DCM we were able to find a volunteer willing to reach out to them, they made 3

attempts, as of yet they had not gotten a response. Sometimes we may just be planting seeds for those who are not yet ready.

AA Meetings in Treatment Facilities

The Treatment Committee has received a request from the Kaneohe State Hospital for an AA member to find AA Speakers for their patient run Speaker meeting. We put the word out and found a member willing to be a Speaker Finder who is making announcements at meetings and asking members if they would be willing to speak and supplying their info to the Kaneohe State Hospital staff member to schedule them. So far we have been able to provide them with 5 speakers. If anyone is willing to speak at their meeting one Tuesday at 7pm please email me or speak with me on the break.

The Treatment Committee received a request from Hina Mauka for an AA member to bring a Women's Literature Meeting into the facility. We are putting the word out. If any woman is willing to bring an AA meeting in please speak with me on the break and we would be happy to provide you with guidelines and assistance.

AA Literature Racks in Treatment Facilities

The Treatment Committee was informed there was an AA literature rack at Hina Mauka that needed to be filled. We put the word out for volunteers to fill the rack. A group in the Windward district volunteered to sponsor the literature and is now filling the rack every 3 weeks.

An AA member in the Windward District volunteered to sponsor a literature rack at Po'alani Treatment Facility. They are awaiting a rack on order through Oahu central office and our committee is sponsoring them with a starter pack of pamphlets.

The Treatment Committee was informed that Queens Hospital treatment center in Honolulu would like an AA literature rack. We have been putting the word out, no volunteers as of yet. If anyone is willing to keep a literature rack stocked at Queens please email me or speak with me on the break.

The Treatment Committee received a request from Wahiawa General ER for an AA Literature Rack. We have been putting the word out, no volunteers as of yet. If anyone is willing to keep a literature rack stocked at Wahiawa General ER please email treatment@area17aa.org or speak with me on the break.

Distributed bridging the gap forms to people at several facilities on Oahu. About 200 forms to AA members. Five volunteers. Have had some success w/ alkie returning from CA facility. Spkrs for state hospital, Hina Mauka. Literature rack, too. Maui Memorial rack, too. One more rack on Oahu.

PI (Jim) – Aloha family and mahalo nui to all the volunteers from District 2 for their work in making this assembly possible.

Public Information has provided and will provide AA volunteers for several events over the past few months.

On Kauai we tabled at the annual Farm Bureau Fair, a three day event that is very well attended, and where our large team of volunteers distributed literature and answered questions about our program. We also attended the Mayor's Recovery Forum in August. Our next event is the Kauai Mental Health Fair which takes place on October 11th.

On Oahu, in cooperation with the Honolulu Central Office, we have and will provide AA guest speakers for the DWI classes put on by the Superior Court and Mothers Against

Drunk Driving. AA volunteers also tabled at the Convoy of Hope event, which has grown so large that this year it was held in Rainbow Stadium.

The Kauai PI Committee will hold its first-ever Gratitude Luncheon on November 9th of this year. This event will have a unique format. At each table a member of the non-AA community who has been especially helpful to our Fellowship will be honored. There will be an AA and a non-AA speakers and all of the honorees will get to eat their rubber chicken for free. (Actually, it will be delicious fare, cooked by District 6's past DCM, Mo). Also on Kauai we had AA business cards printed with phone numbers and web addresses and the simple message "We've Been There - We Can Help 24/7." We bought plastic badge holders that can hold 12-15 of the cards and are easily attached to our literature racks with wire or a clip. We plan to do these cards for every District.

Plans for AA bus signs are progressing on Maui, but have stalled on Oahu temporarily, due to the high cost of their non-profit "deals." We are also interested in seeing these happen on the Big Island.

That is our report and all that is left to say is a most heartfelt thank you for allowing me to serve.

Grapevine (Pattylynn read Heather's report) –

Aloha! My name is Heather and I'm an alcoholic. If the person reading this report at the mike right now is brunette and comfortable with public speaking, it means that I was unable to attend the assembly! I apologize for not being there, and I deeply miss you all! Just a few bits of news from the Grapevine to keep you busy until the next time:

A new book from the Grapevine has been published called No Matter What: Dealing with Adversity in Sobriety. "All recovering alcoholics have had to deal with adversity throughout sobriety. The situation could be a serious illness, death of a loved one, divorce, financial hardships — perhaps the trouble is not even from an outside force, but comes from within, like resentment or anger. Despite the fear, pain or self-pity we experience when we go through these times, drinking is not an option. This collection of stories shows how AA members have worked the Twelve Steps and embraced the Fellowship to deal with tough issues." The book can be ordered from aagrapevine.org for \$10.99.

As always, the Grapevine is accepting your stories and meeting space photos. If you'd like to contribute to April's "We Celebrate the Big Book" issue by writing about your favorite passage, chapter or experience with the Big Book, please contact me or see the submission guidelines in the current Grapevine issue.

This fall, the Grapevine is launching a new quarterly email, AA Grapevine & Your Group, created to keep you and your group informed about how to share, connect with, and support the Grapevine. Sign up at aagrapevine.org/quarterly.

And lastly, we Grapeviners on Kauai will be gearing up for the Holidays, encouraging members to considering giving gift subscription to the Grapevine instead of socks and fruitcake this year. Sponsors, sponsees, friends and family in recovery – a subscription to the Grapevine magazine or the online archives is a fantastic way to support our meeting in print. Plus, the Grapevine offers gift certificates in bulk, saving 10% or more on multiple offers.

Again, I wish I could be there, and I look forward to seeing you all again at the next Assembly.

Thank you.

Corrections (Jeannie)

Hello Everyone!

So what's been happening? Let me tell you.

There was a volunteer training on Oahu for the Federal Facility – from what I understand there was a really good turnout.

A list was sent out to me for volunteer re-training @ OCCC in June, I notified those I had contact info on.

Malia Discussion has been asking for an Area Corrections update every month to bring to their monthly business meeting. Any other group interested in doing this please email me. There is not always a lot to report but it is a great way to stay in contact and be informed.

Jesse S. (takes a meeting into OCCC) stated a need for literature. I was able to provide him with 10 Big Books & 10 12x12s. Please inform me if literature is needed.

There has been interest from several women to volunteer at WCCC. So far, one has completed training. WCCC is still in need of help. Any Windward Oahu women available? Please contact me.

I received an email from a member on the Big Island concerned about another member distributing non AA conference approved literature in a correctional facility. I have been in contact with GSO & would like feedback from you all on this also. I will be discussing this further with my committee.

Thank you so much for allowing me to be of service.

In love & service

Jeannie M

CEC (Ken) –

- ◆ I have been working with a member from Staten Island, NY, who is heading a ad-hoc CEC Committee. Their area is thinking of making the committee permanent. I have sent them info on why Area 17 felt the need to create our committee, and have been fielding questions from members.
- ◆ I have been continuing to assist the Puna District CEC Committee in it's outreach efforts. The mailings that we had been sending to facilities and professionals that work with the elderly was hampered by the unavailability of a key pamphlet, "AA at a Glance". GSO is no longer sending free copies of this pamphlet, as it is available to download from their website. The challenge in that was the pamphlet has a dark blue background with white lettering, which made illegible if printed in black and white. I spent some time converting the PDF into a Word Document and making the font larger. I then emailed Bob H. and asked his opinion. Bob replied within 15 minutes with the original pamphlet in black and white. Thanks Bob, for doing in 15 minutes what took me all day to do.
- ◆ Due to responses from our mailings, we gave a presentation at a veterans senior center. We made it clear that we were not there to help them, but needed them to help us to locate anyone who wished to stop drinking. Afterwards, there was a question and answer session that lasted a half hour. The highlight was when a gentleman came to the microphone and said he was still alive today because of his wife and Alcoholics Anonymous.

- ◆ We have also given mini presentations to the management of “Kouka Nurses” and the Office of Social Ministry and plan a follow up visit to supply them with pamphlets and meeting schedules .
Thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

MynahBird (Rochele)

What the Mynah Bird Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

Publish the Oct-2013 MB Newsletter, Issue 4, Panel 63

Unfortunately, I forgot to “PDF” the issue and when the printers did convert the file to “PDF” some lines were squeezed out on pages 1, 3,4, and 6. Of primary concern is a typo on page one in the box for Area Contributions. The address reads ...Beretania, #1207. It should read ...Beretania, #2107. Thank you Kathleen of Black Experience for finding that typo.

A correct “PDF” version and separate notation on the typos and omissions on the paper copy will be published online via the Area Webmaster.

As for the upcoming issues, we need articles, especially since the assemblies and committee meetings are spaced close together in January, February, March or April, May or June, August and October. Therefore, the goal for the remaining period in Panel 63 is six more issues. I challenge each and every one of you to send me at least three lines.

In this issue is an article on “Volunteers Needed.” The Hawaii State Judiciary is looking for volunteers to share at DUI classes. Please contact Karen N. of CPC or Dick M., the Oahu Central Office Manager for more info. Also of interest is the information in the 50th International Women’s Conference and my favorite “Word Find.”

Mahalo to those who have done so and more to date.

Thank you also for your loving tolerance as this chair learns to be an improved chair and publisher.

Archives (Loyal) – Now in a smaller unit. Paying less. Forwarding info. Braille Daily Reflections.

Website (Sue) -- www.aa.org

We continued to respond to requests for email help and to update postings on the web.

The committee discussed the need for better response for mobile apps, but any internet app seems to work fine, so we do not think there is a need during this panel to address that. Some of our members are dissatisfied with the angry wave design, so if any of you have an innovative photo you would like to propose for the banner, please send it to me.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Sue B.

Webmaster

CPC (Karen) – good rpt.

Convention (Cheryl) – Registration goes up 10/14, so register now. Add meals up to 10/24. Thurs. still free.

OFFICERS' ROUNDTABLE

1. Facilitating round tables on Final Conf Report
2. Dates for next yr –Inventory assembly Jan 25 & 26 Dist 8
Cmte Feb 15 (6) Ken will check on topics' availability
ITD April 5 & 6 Diamondhead
Cmte Mtg in Wainae (MAY 31)
Budget Aug 2 & 3 D 13 *CAN THIS BE CHANGED ?*
OPTIONAL CMTE MTG & ELECTION NOT YET SET. (11/15-16)
3. Guests @ the end. Taking time from the productive business period.
Not a huge distraction AND they're part of us.
Chair is responsible.
We do have a special relation w/ these folks.
4. East Hawaii/ Hilo – if there is a change, it needs to be brought for a vote. If it's just housekeeping, the DCM's need to decide. NO REPORT ON THIS ISSUE YET.
5. Combine budget & Elections
6. DON't bring the Trustee.
7. 2016 FORUM – WAIKOLOA. May be Labor Day wknd

ROUNDTABLE REPORTS

1. Archives

Answered four questions; (1) What is Archives? (2) What do they collect? (3) Who do we contact to submit info? (4) Interview others (long-timers) and refer to Area website

2. Website

Had difficult time w/topics because it works so well. Want background pic changed. Some have reported issues w/ smartphones. Looking to update, perhaps in March.

3. Grapevine

Discussed how to raise Grapevine sales. (1) Group subscriptions. (2) Gifts to other groups or institutions. (3) Many books available, including longtimers' book, emotional sobriety, young people, newcomers, etc. (4) Quick fix for those who can't get a book. (5) Any waiting room. (6) Raffle the books. (7) Old Grapevines given away.

4. DCM's

Chairpeople dropping. District and Intergroup friction. Singleness of purpose; what's appropriate? "Get out of the way!"

5. Corrections

(a) Non-AA-approved literature. "Up to the group conscience." (b) Bridging the Gap— new pamphlets to add to packets. Once it gets going, it's easy to maintain. (c) Can maintain anonymity w/in system.

6. CEC.

People excited to be a part. In home nursing people are getting information. People to greet seniors, be sure they're comfortable. Workbook avail on Website.

7. MynahBird

Looking for contributions. Feature areas (GSR, DCM, etc).

8. CPC

Place an ad in business publications. Safety officers, etc.

9. PI

Find the PI people in your district, group, etc. The business card holder for public racks.

Bus signs on Oahu are still questionable; Maui is going to do it, so is Big Is.

10. Treatment

Need volunteers for Bridging the Gap. See pamphlet for qualifications. Covering many treatment centers on Oahu.

11. Intergroup

The percentage of groups represented on Kauai and W. Hawaii are about the same, but others are not. Budgets for Intergroups are much larger than districts' budgets.

Only get 7 minutes at a weekend assembly to share about Intergroup. Maybe need more communication

FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT DISTRIBUTION

Group assigned numbers from 1-10.

Dinner by Black Experience

Adjourned @ 4:40

BUDGET ASSEMBLY 1

SUNDAY, October 6, 2013

9:07: Call to order

Announcements

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONF REPORT –Patti, Host City Chair

First I would like to say “Mahalo” to Rochelle A for doing such a great job in getting our International Women's Conference (IWC) information onto the Mynah Bird newsletter.

The IWC is celebrating its 50th year here in the 50th state from February 6-9, 2014. This is the second time Hawaii is hosting it. The first was in 2001. It's a traveling conference with bids from different states and Canada.

Women from around the world attend this conference yearly; and we get to travel to different parts of the US or Canada every February.

As of this date, we have approximately 825 women registered, which is a superb amount of women. We sold out of our room block at the Hollow Mall on a hotel in August, which

means that we have over 500 rooms per night from February 5 through the night. We do have two other hotels that we added Maile Skycourt and the Aqua Palms Waikiki. Prices are comparable. Most of the women will be staying for at least a week, turning this into a true vacation.

We continue to look for women to volunteer for service. At this time we have women from Oahu, Maui and the Big Island in service. We still need women from Kauai, Molokai, and Lanai.

The men will be hosting our male visitors while the women are having their conference. Anyone that would like to help in that capacity can contact me and I will give you the man that will be chairing that.

Please take registrations home for your islands to pass to all of the home groups.

Mahalo for your time; hope to see many of you at our IWC in February!

Reading – Service Manual, “Leadership in AA,”

ELECTION OF NOMINEE FOR PACIFIC REGIONAL TRUSTEE

Job Description – Ken K

Candidate Introductions

Keith – Panel 55 delegate. 9/28/90. Young Peoples – MICYPAA; Host comm. Through 95. Five yrs. ICYPAA. PRAASA Chair, 2011.

Elizabeth – Panel 59 delegate. 4/5/95. Area secretary, Mynah Bird Chair, Alt Chair, PRAASA Hospitality Chair.

Vernon – Panel 57 delegate. GSR, DCM, Area Chair. Maui Roundup Chair, PRAASA Program Chair

Linda – Panel 61 delegate. 7/18/87. “All the pieces fell into place.” Currently working on the Women’s Conf. Semi-retired accountant.

Scott – Panel 47 delegate. 27 yrs sober. Helped re-institute tax-exempt status.

Jon – 6/4/87. Much service work, mainly in Texas and Colorado.

Hewlett/Packard international work.

Voting members: 88. Two-thirds = 59. One-fifth = 17

Third Legacy Procedure reviewed.

Jon withdrew after third ballot, but then withdrew his withdrawal. Discussion followed before proceeding to the fourth ballot.

SCOTT elected on fourth ballot, with 58 of 84 votes (more than 2/3).

BREAK

Mynah Bird handout on the literature table. Gwenivere.

Ask-it basket

FUTURE PLANS

End-of-year reports requested from all servants for year-end summary. Due by Dec. 1.

Pacific Regional Forum, 2016. (Ken)
Hilton Waikaloa will be the site. GSO will do most of it; we just have to host.
Cheapest rms are \$165/night. Probably September.

Role of the GSR – Cheryl

“The vital link.” Service Manual and GSR Handbook. Also The AA Goup.

A thank-you from the Intergroup Reps. (Matthea)

Ross: Post-convention get-together invitation (on Maui).

Dick: Oahu intergroup has about 25 participants. Operating in the red. Groups are asked to reach out to those groups who are not contributing.

Lizby (DCM#7): Hilo-Hamakua district now. (Name change)

Carol (Hana Like): “Let’s be friendly with our friends.”

Linda (Archivist): Area met monthly at one time. Concern re. fewer meetings.

Ken (CEC): Wants to have another skit in February.

Colleen: Inventory Assembly flier will be on website. Please register.

Andy: 40th anniversary of Men’s Stag. Stayed away from general service because of prior experience in which there was much animosity. Glad to see the change.

Tommy (W Hawaii Intergroup Chair): Check the splits for your groups. And be sure there’s an IGR.

TYG Homegroup Day

Hilli: 5th Annual Eh Eh Retreat, October on Kauai.

Kunane: Book now for Kona, Jan 24 & 25. Hang Loose is now in triangle church.

LUNCH

ROUNDTABLES: Discussions re. GSC Final Rpt. Ten groups.

Group 1 –

Anniversary Edition of 1st Edition. Explanation of how Advisory Action works and Additional Committee Considerations. Overall felt more information would be helpful

Group 2--

CPC changing the language re. court papers. Discussion about change was positive, keeping in mind the autonomy of each group.

Group 3 --

International Conventions. . . . Why not have it on Oahu?

Group 4

Literature. “Spiritual Not Religious.” We support further development and not too concerned about the title.

Group 5

Public Information. “At the level of press, media and films.” More education may be helpful.

Group 6

Public Information. New technology for lit. Android phones can now get everything AA prints. Who pays? And whom do they pay? More questions than answers.

Group 7

Appeals brought by members of the Conference level on the inverted triangle. This allows appeal process to happen when things are introduced at the Conference level. This might be useful when materials are not available prior to the Conference.

Group 8

Request to add “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” was not accepted. Agree w/ process.

Group 9

Primary chair can only serve as an alternate chair of another comte if there are no other available candidates. “If you’re breathing you can serve, so it’s unnecessary.”

Group 10

“THE PLAN” (for interlocking Boards for AAWS and Grapevine). There really wasn’t enough time to come up with a consensus. Further development may be useful.

STUMP THE DELEGATE

How are sites selected for International Conventions? There’s a committee.

Concept 5 applies only to conference members? The Board, Board Members, etc.

Money questions. Financial pages reviewed vigorously.

Most shocking story? Vernon: It was interesting to see they’re just like us and they have the squabbles, etc. that we do!! Backstabbing, etc. Scott: Committee couldn’t reach consensus so Scott when asked said, “No, I don’t want to answer that!” “The Conference is not a mystery! It all boils down to helping those who still suffer.”

ASK IT BASKET.

Would my sobriety be enhanced by attending The Crossing? Sue: “I went on the Crossing and my sobriety was enhanced.” Ross: Register at aamaui.org.

WHAT TO TAKE BACK

- 2014 Budget passed
- Scott C is candidate for Pacific Regional Trustee
- Jan 25 & 26 Inventory in W. Hawaii
- Feb. Cmte Mtg still tentative
- April 5 & 6 in Diamonhead
- May or June Committee Mtg Distict 17
- Aug. Budget assembly tentative
- Oct Mtg tentative and optional.
- Nov election assembly, Puna, tentative for third wknd.
- Conv 11/14-17. Register early; price goes up 10/15. Meal cutoff 10/24.
- District 7 now “Hilo/Hamakua District”
- HICYPAA on Hawaii in 2014.
- Regional forum 2016 @ Waikaloa
- Year-end reports due to Chair by 12/1.

Motion to adjourn: Cheryl, Mike (3:06)