

Area Committee Meeting

May 18, 2013 Waikiki District

Aloha All,

Mahalo for the opportunity to serve as Delegate, for the experience of the General Service Conference in New York, and the memories for a life time.

Mahalo for this time to share with you the experience of the journey and hope that the information provided will help.

Thursday

We begin on the journey with a 10 hour direct flight to New York, a cab ride during the morning rush hour that lead us to a tour of Queens, and then a 4-5 hour wait for our room.

Took the advise...Get as much sleep...We went to a cheap play (movie) titled "The Croods", fell asleep in the theatre, saw about 5 minutes of the movie.

Friday

We met with my delegate buddy (Mike H. Kansas Delegate) and his family, then walked through Times Square and had dinner.

Saturday

Still on Hawaii time

We went on the "Pacific Region GSC New York Historical Tour". Well, we had asked the driver to stop and let us tour the area of the apartment of Bill and Lois "We were couple streets off", here we are taking photos of 100 year old apartment that a resident asked "Why are taking photos of 100 year old building?" finding out we were at the wrong location, he offered that he wouldn't mind if we took his picture. The rest of the tour is in the Mynahbird.

Attended the "Meet and Greet" in the hospitality room. The advise flowed from the panel 62 delegates "If you need anything let me know", "Don't hesitate", "If it gets to much it's OK to take a break"

There was also the reaction when asking or reading my name tag of the assigned committee "Trustees"....."Oooh" that reaction was based on the "The Plan" that was on our committees' agenda.

Then the 1728 Meeting, the 1728 group was formed to help Class A trustees and other interested non-alcoholics learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous program from alcoholism.

The group meets during the quarterly General Service Board weekends and the General Service Conference. We participated by closing with the Responsibility Statement.

Then the Remote Communities meeting, shared our challenges being on separate islands travel expenses, the communication by language barriers (Micronesean, Tongan, etc.), and the economic situation. Learned that in Canada the areas have a Remote Communities standing committee that considers a language barrier as remote. They shared the process of developing a relationship with the native American Indians elders for permission to “Carry the message” to the suffering alcoholics.

Then, the “Delegates only meeting” for the closing of the night.

Copies provided

9:00 a.m.

Registration

Opening Session

Orientation Lunch where the panel 62 delegates and Rod B. gave suggestions and recommendations for panel 63 delegates.

Presentations/Discussion: Spiritual Principles for World Service

Joint Trustee and Conference Committee Meetings, where we had the opportunity to meet with the trustees involved with our committee.

Opening Dinner and A.A. Meeting with guests.

9:00 p.m.

Monday

9:00 a.m.

First Conference Committee Meeting

Noon

Afternoon Session: GSB Board report, AAWS Board report, and Grapevine Board report.

Panel 63 Highlights: Northeast Regional and Western Canada

Presentation/Discussion: Finances (Around the picnic table)

Panel 63 Highlights: East Central Region and West Central Region

General Sharing Session: What's on your mind?

9:00 p.m.

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Second Conference Committee Meeting

Panel 63 Highlights: Eastern Canada Region and Southeast Region

Trip to GSO and Grapevine Offices

Delegates Dinner and Delegates Only Meeting

9:00 p.m.

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Inventory Groups: Group H

Panel 63 Highlights: Southwest Region and Pacific Region

Regional Lunch: HAWAII AWARDED THE PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM 2016!!!

Elections: East Central Regional Trustee – Bill Farnsworth Western Michigan

Southeast Regional Trustee – Chet Parker North Florida

Trustee-at Large U.S. – Robert Wilcox Northeast (from the hat)

Report/Presentation: 22nd World Service Meetings/A.A. Around the World

Committee Reports and Discussion:

Finance

Correction

Policy/Admissions

Public Information: To be continued

10:00 p.m.

Thursday

Committee Reports/Discussion:

Public Information

Grapevine

Report and Charter

International Conventions/Regional Forums

Trustees

Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

Literature

Archives

General Session – What’s on Your Mind?

9:45 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m.

Committee Reports and Discussion

Archives

Cooperation with the Professional Community

Agenda

Inventory Reports and Discussion

Farewell by Rotating Delegates

5:30p.m.- ADJOURN GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE.

Saturday

Farewell talks by Rotating Trustees

10:45