



MYNAH BIRD

HAWAII AREA #17 NEWSLETTER



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What is the Mynah Bird?

It is a newsletter in print and online (area17aa.org) for the members of Alcoholics Anonymous in Hawaii and produced by members of A.A. Therefore, the only people we interact with are A.A. members at Area Assemblies, Committee meetings and District meetings. We don't go to public places like our A.A. literature does. The newsletter is published, as a general rule, three to five times per year.

It is our voice, our ideas, our quotes, our sharing in writing!!!! It is passing it on.

Topics to include:

- * **ACTIONS** decided at Hawaii Area assemblies such as motions, election results, and topics to take back to your group;
- * **EVENT CALENDAR**
- * **SHARING** in general; personal articles;
- * **MESSAGES** from Area Officers;
- * **SPOTLIGHTS** from the various Districts;
- * **REPORTS** from Area Delegate, Chair, etc.;
- * **UPDATES** from your Standing Committees;
- * **SPECIAL CORNERS** for GSRs, humor, ???;
- * **A PUZZLE**

Please spread the word. Anyone in A.A. can submit an article. Anyone in A.A. Hawaii Area 17 can be a member of this Standing Committee.

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The Mynah Bird Committee is looking for YOU!
 Share your ideas. Write an article.
 The only requirement is willingness.



What to Take Back from the Orientation Assembly

Posted on **January 29, 2013** by **bobh**

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the Hawaii Area 17 Panel 63 Orientation Assembly. I know I learned a lot and hope you did too. Here's a list of things that we should all remember to take back to our groups and committees. You can copy here or click on the title line below to download it in a word processing document.

What to Take Back from the 2013 Orientation Assembly

1. DCMS/SC CHAIRS – February Committee Meeting to be held February 23, 2013 in Kihei Maui. Please check the [online calendar entry](#) for information. Register online.
2. **EVERYONE- 2013 Inform the Delegate Assembly to be held April 6-7, 2013 in Kula, Maui. Please check the [online calendar entry](#) at for more information. Register with the printable Assembly Flier available online.**
3. DCMS/SC CHAIRS – The May Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 18, 2013. More information will be available soon.
4. For all those traveling to Area events:
 - A. Please book your flights early in order to insure you do not need to arrive late or leave early.
 - B. Please check our website [Air Travel Page](#) for tips on helping out Area with air travel miles.
5. The Panel 63 Standing Committee Chairs were introduced and confirmed. Contact email information available online.
 - A. [Archives](#) – Loyal A.
 - B. [Cooperation with the Elder Community CEC](#) – Ken C.
 - C. [Cooperation with the Professional Community CPC](#) – Karen N.
 - D. [Grapevine/La Vina](#) – Heather C.
 - E. [Mynah Bird](#) – Rochelle A.
 - F. [Public Information](#) – Jim S.
 - G. [Treatment](#) – Patty W.
 - H. [Website](#) – Susan B.
6. Two Standing Committee Chairs who do not need confirmation by the assembly were introduced. Contact email information available online.
 - A. [Convention Steering Committee](#) – T. P.
 - B. [Corrections](#) – Jeannie M.
7. Linda McD, immediate past delegate, was confirmed as our non-rotating Area Archivist.
8. GSRS were selected from the hat by district to assist each of the Standing Committees.
9. Young People in AA groups were invited to report on their activities and meet the assembly.
10. An AI-Anon Family Group representative gave a report on AI-Anon and Alateen activities in Hawaii.
11. For all those giving reports at Committee Meetings and Assemblies, please write your report in advance and forward electronically to secretary@area17aa.org . Formats for DCM and SC Chair reports are available online.
12. There are many service resources specific to our Area available on the [Service Materials](#) page of our website.
13. And finally, our Area Secretary, Adina M., informed us that she must step down effective at the start of the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Please announce that there will be an election as the first order of business at that assembly for a new secretary. All are invited to participate and must be present in order to stand for the position. Please see the job description and qualifications in both our Area Structures and Guidelines (on our website) and in the AA Service Manual available in print or online at aa.org. Thanks Adina, we're going to miss you and wish you the best!

Thanks everyone and I look forward to seeing you all when we gather again!

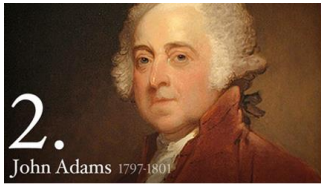
Yours in service,

Bob H



February 18, 2013, President's Day, we remember ...

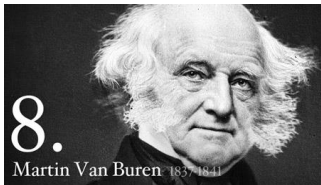
John Adams (b. 1735, d. 1826)



2nd President of the United States from 1797 –1801

When he got into Harvard at age 15, he was *regularly drinking beer for breakfast*. This habit may have subsided as went on to become the second president of the United States after serving as the first vice-president under President George Washington. Moreover, it did little to prevent him from leading our nation in its time of infancy by making good decisions in the face of almost universal hostility. He did sigh, sob, groan and refused to suffer in silence. To his shame and sorrow he confessed that he sometimes swore.

Martin van Buren (b. 1782, d. 1862)



8th President of the United States from 1837-1841

In the 1840 Presidential Election, William Henry Harrison's campaign painted Van Buren as an alcoholic, which contributed to Van Buren *losing the election*. Nevertheless, he was an active statesman until he was 77. Only about 5 feet, 6 inches tall, he dressed fastidiously and impeccably, stool tall, trim and erect. Dutch was his first language was amiable and came from humble background.

Franklin Pierce (b. 1804, d. 1869)



14th President of the United States from 1853 – 1857

Franklin Pierce might have been America's MOST alcoholic president. He drank hard for his entire adult life and kept going right on through his presidency. When the Democratic party decided not to re-nominate Pierce after his first term in office, he told reporters, *"There's nothing left but to get drunk."* He two sons died before he took office, had a colorful yet controversial career, and died of cirrhosis of the liver.



President's Day, February 18, 2013, we remember ... (continue)

Barrack Obama (b. 1961)



44th President of the United States from 2009 - present

On August 31, 2012, President Obama proclaimed **September 2012 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month**

Every day, millions of Americans with substance use disorders commit to managing their health by maintaining their recovery from drug or alcohol addiction. People in recovery are not strangers: they are our family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors. During National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, we recognize their strength and resilience. In partnership with **Americans in recovery**, let us rededicate ourselves to combating prejudice surrounding addiction, removing barriers to recovery, and standing with all those seeking lives free from substance use.

My Administration is committed to advancing evidence based recovery solutions. Over the past 3 years, we have worked to strengthen substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, and to support Americans in recovery. We have taken steps to identify and remove laws, policies, and practices that impede recovery. And as part of our 2012 National Drug Control Strategy, we are promoting early intervention and taking action to break the cycle of drug abuse and incarceration.

Drug and alcohol abuse continue to take a tragic toll on millions of lives across our country. Yet, while more remains to be done, men and women across our country are making great strides. This month, let us encourage their progress, celebrate the transformative power of recovery, and thank the many Americans who, often strengthened by their own experiences, are working to improve the health and safety of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty first day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

BARACK OBAMA



MARCH 1-3, 2013
BOISE, IDAHO AREA 18
IS
HOSTING PRAASA 2013

PRAASA - the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly - is a yearly assembly held in different parts of the Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and areas of the Pacific Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of A.A. The Assembly and the PRAASA Committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Online registration is now open at http://praasa.org/2013/PRAASA_2013_Registration_EN.PDF.
Online contact information is registration@praasa.org

Did you know....

At PRAASA, Hawaii will have 20 volunteers or more as:

MODERATORS!

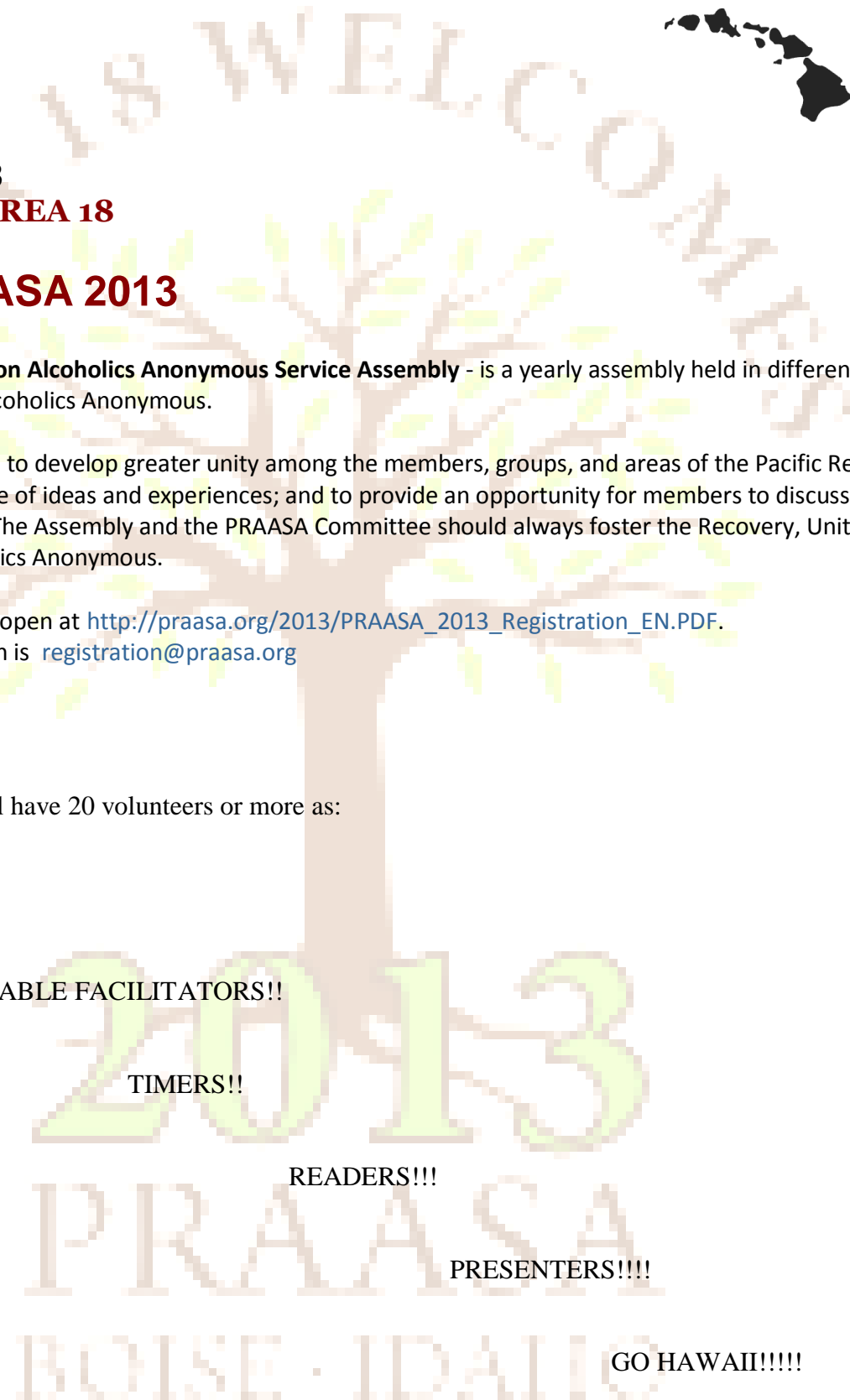
ROUNDTABLE FACILITATORS!!

TIMERS!!

READERS!!!

PRESENTERS!!!!

GO HAWAII!!!!!!





AA ARCHIVES

SOME SIGNIFICANT DATES IN OUR TIMELINE:

1841 Feb: The Martha Washington Society is founded to help support reformed inebriates.

1842 Feb: Abraham Lincoln addressed The Washingtonian Temperance Society in Springfield Illinois.

1875 Feb 10th: Carl Gustav Jung's birthday. A respected and world renowned psychologist, Dr. Jung plays an important roll in the birth of A.A.

1938: Sobriety year of A.A. Number 13, Earl Treat. His sponsor was Dr. Bob. He worked with Bill W. on the "Short Form" of the Traditions.

1940 Feb 13: The first recorded time "The Lord's Prayer" was used to close an A.A. Meeting by the "Philadelphia Group," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

1943 Feb Newspaper: San Francisco Bulletin interviews "Ricardo," a San Quentin Prison

Thank you, "Big Book Dave" Archivist, Fairbanks and Mathea A. (Kaua'i)

DID YOU KNOW?

A World Service Meeting started in 1969 and has been held biennially since 1972. Its locations alternate between New York City and a country overseas.

An exciting evolution of A.A. co-founder Bill W.'s vision of A.A. "encircling the globe," it has met in London, England (1974); Helsinki, Finland (1978); San Juan del Rio, Mexico (1982); Guatemala City, Guatemala (1986); Munich, Germany (1990); Cartagena, Colombia (1994); Auckland, New Zealand (1998); Oviedo, Spain (2002); Malahide, Ireland (2006); and in Mexico City, Mexico (2010).

Where will the next one in 2014 meet?

Inmate and active A.A. member whose group in San Quentin numbers over 100 members. Bill W. visited and spoke many times before this group.

1948 Feb: Father John Doe founded the "Catholic Clergy Conference on Alcoholism" which brought the A.A. message of sobriety to priests and nuns who were suffering from Alcoholism.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY

22-24 THE CROSSING TO LANA'I
23 AREA COMMITTEE MTG KIHEI DISTRICT

MARCH

1-3 PRAASA IDAHO
1-3 CDM (CAN DO MAUI) MEN'S RETREAT CAMP OLOWALU

APRIL

6-7 INFORM THE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MAUI NO KA OI DISTRICT
19-21 BIG ISLAND BASH, SHERATON KONA

MAY

24-27 WESTSIDE ROUNDUP MAILI BEACH PARK
27 MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC ALA MOANA BEACH PARK
30 MAUI FEST, MAKENA RESORT
TBA AREA COMMITTEE MTG WAIKIKI DISTRICT
TBA HANGLOOSE MOTHERS DAY CYO CAMP HAUULA CAMPOUT

JUNE

1-2 MAUI FEST, MAKENA RESORT
TBA FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

JULY

11-14 ICYPAA ARIZONA
27 ALOHA WOMENS LUNCHEON GRAND MANOA BALLROOM

AUGUST

2-4 WOMENS RETREAT ST ANTHONYS KALIHI
TBA BUDGET ASSEMBLY HONOLULU DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER

2 LABOR DAY PICNIC ALA MOANA BEACH PARK
14 ANNUAL RECOVERY WALK KAPIOLANI PARK
TBA WESTSIDE WOMEN IN RECOVERY MAILI BEACH PARK CAMPOUT
TBA WOMAN TO WOMAN
TBA ANNUAL MEN & KEIKI CAMPOUT MAILI BEACH PARK

OCTOBER

TBA MALIA ROUNDUP CYO CAMP HAUULA

NOVEMBER

14-17 52ND ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION HILTON HAWAIIAN
27-28 THANK-A-THONS TBA
28 MALIA'S THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION KAUMAKAPILI CHURCH

DECEMBER

24-25 ALKATHONS TBA
31 NEW YEARS EVE DANCE QUEENS BEACH
31 ALKATHONS TBA

ADDITIONAL NOTE: END OF @ MONTH, BIRTHDAY PICNIC-ARCHERY RANGE KAPIOLANI PARK, TIME TBA