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Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

Why was February chosen as the IWC conference month? See page 5.



Feed The MynaH!

Submit your articles for the next Mynah Bird Issue by **February 26, 2014**.

The Mynah Bird would like articles from our readers and trusted servants. Possible topics are anything of general area A.A. interest, 12th step work, standing committees work, District functions, service work, etc. Mahalo

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New York, NY 10163

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Upcoming Events 2014

- Feb 6-9, 2014:
50th International Women's Conference
- Feb 21-23, 2014:
Aloha Roundup, McCoy Pavilion
- Mar 7-9, 2014:
PRAASA, San Diego

Upcoming Area 17 Assemblies 2014

- ◆ Mar 1 - Committee Meeting, Kauai District #6
- ◆ Mar 2, 10:00 a.m.— Area Officers and Committee Chairs Traveling Roadshow "There Are No Emergencies in AA!"
- ◆ Apr 5-6 - Inform the Delegate Assembly, Diamond Head District 1 at Salvation Army Family Treatment Services 845 22nd Ave. Honolulu, Women's Way Chapel.
- ◆ May or June - Committee Meeting, Waianae District #17
- ◆ Aug 16-17 - Budget Assembly, Tri-Island, District 13
- ◆ Oct (tentative) - Committee Meeting, East Hawaii District #7
- ◆ Oct or Nov - Elections Assembly, Puna, District #12

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SMILE, OPEN YOUR EYES, LOVE AND GO ON

June 3, 1939—January 6 2014

Lester Richard (“Dick”) M., Jr., Commander U.S. Navy (Ret.) of Honolulu, Hawaii moved on up to the Big Meeting in the sky earlier this month. It was sudden and we miss him. Dick was a man of action serving in the USN and decorated many times, in A.A., and liked to travel. Some of the service positions Dick held in A.A., included managing Oahu’s Central Office, representing Hawaii as its Area Delegate on Panel 39 from 1989-90, and coordinating GSO’s Special Forum in Hawaii in 1994. He was also a Trustee-at-Large nominee in 1996. We are grateful to Dianne T. who will take over Dick’s duties as manager of O’ahu’s Central Office at least for the next three months.

Smile because he has lived. Open your eyes to see all that he has left. Love that was shared. Memories cherished. Happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. Dick, you are greatly missed. You are our brother, mentor, elder statesman. Our hearts go out to Anne M. (Hawaii Area Delegate, Panel 43, 1993-94) and her family.

A PRAYER...

Lord, keep me from the habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody’s affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details—give me wings to get to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of other’s pains. Help me to endure them with patience. But seal my lips on my own aches and pains—they are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all—but Thou knowest Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

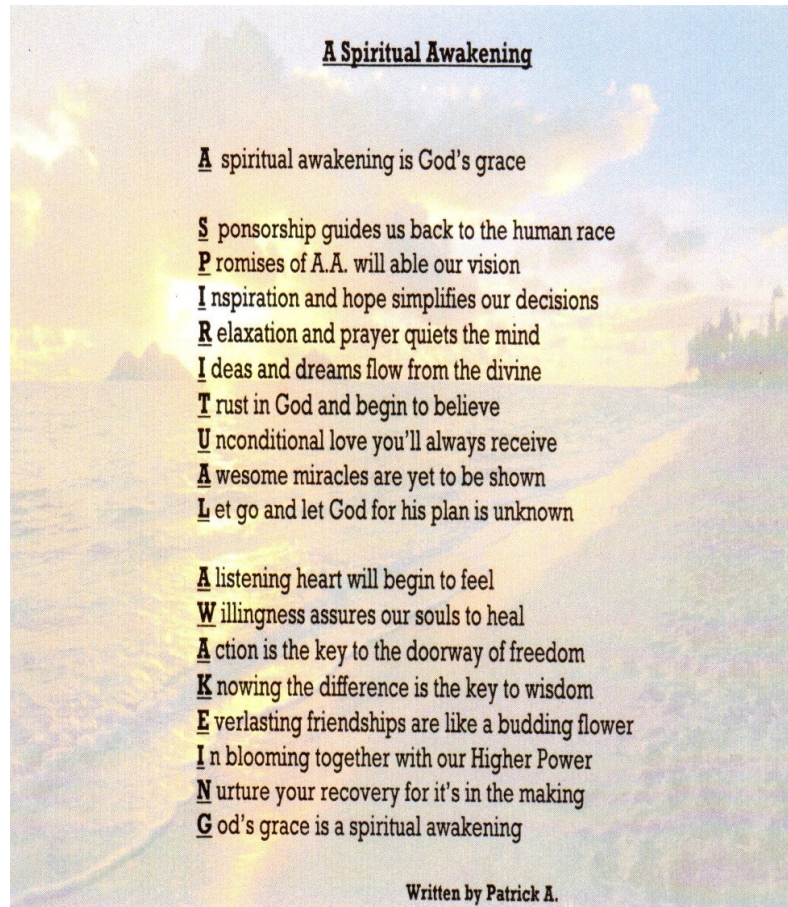
- Anonymous

taken from the Sept-Oct 1988 issue of “the mynah bird”



HAWAII AREA 17 DELEGATES

<u>Panel</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Delegate</u>
13	1961-1962	Hap T.
15	1963-1964	Ben S.
17	1965-1966	Butch C.
19	1967-1968	Wayne W.
21	1969-1970	Fran R.
23	1971-1972	Pete P.
25	1973-1974	Bob A.
27	1975-1976	Harry L.
29	1977-1978	Vic B.
31	1979-1980	Herb W.
33	1981-1982	June B.
34	1983-1984	Jack H.
35	1985-1986	Pat W.
37	1987-1988	Greg M.
39	1989-1990	Dick M.
41	1991-1992	David E.
43	1993-1994	Ann M.
45	1995-1996	Charlie N.
47	1997-1998	Tanya E.
49	1999-2000	Scott C.
51	2001-2002	Jeanette F.
53	2003-2004	Don A.
55	2005-2006	Keith H.
57	2007-2008	Vernon G.
59	2009-2010	Elizabeth B.
61	2011-2012	Linda M.
63	2013-2014	Ken K.



HAVING HAD AN AWAKENING. . .

Something happened during the election of our candidate for Pacific Regional Trustee from which we might all learn.

Our delegate read the qualifications outlined for the candidate, the second being experience at the Conference. The candidates presented their experience and all but one mentioned Conference experience. On one ballot that candidate received just under 40 percent of the vote (37.9%).

Are we that defiant, or are we just not paying attention?

If we are striving for an informed group conscience, we all have to pay attention to the little things, because little things are what make up the whole!

Jim D.



AA Archives

*The Months of Nov/Dec/Jan
in AA History:*

Jan-2-1896: Harry Morgan Tiebout born in Brooklyn, New York. He becomes the first psychiatrist to publicly recognize and uphold the work of A.A. Dr. Tiebout was solely responsible for bringing the philosophy and principles of A.A. to the psychiatric world. A close personal friend of Bill W. He also served on our Board of Trustees at GSO from 1957 until 1966 when he passed away.

Jan 1914: Ebby T. took his first drink of alcohol. It was a glass of beer at the hotel "Ten-Eyck" bar in his home town of Albany, New York. He was 19 years old.

Dec-10-1918: Neil Wing was born near Rochester, New York. She was Bill W.'s aide and executive secretary for 24 years since 1947 and served A.A. for over 40 years. The first archivist at the General Service Office, she published the Archives A.A. Newsletter "Markings" and wrote a book in 1992, Grateful to Have Been There.

Jan-1920: Prohibition begins-an ill-fated social experiment drinking control based on moral and religious concerns vs. a medical condi-

tion invited the intervention of the social reformers which divided and tore this country apart for years.

Jan-1940: The first A.A. meeting not in a home begins at "King School". This will become Dr. Bob's Home Group and we can still visit it in Akron.

Jan-04-1941: Bill and Lois saw their future home which they will name "Stepping Stones" for the first time, on a drive-by while spending the week-end with Ruth and Burt S. They will purchase it and spend the rest of their lives there.

Dec-1940: There are 1,500 active members in A.A. in 50 groups and 3,000 copies of the Big Book have been sold.

Nov 1957: Al-Anon bursts into public awareness when its story is featured on T.V. "The Loretta Young Show."

Nov-30-1968: The first international conference of "Young People in A.A. was held at Niagara Falls, New York.

Jan-24-1971: On this date, at 11:30 pm, our co-founder Bill W. moved on up to the 'Big Meeting'. Memorial services were held all over the world in the next few weeks. Ten days after his death,

on page one, the New York Times printed Bill's obituary. In newspaper history, which can be traced back to before the Civil War, an obituary had never before been printed on the front page!

By 'Big Book Dave', Elected Archivist, Interior Alaska

~ Submitted by Mathea A.

Jan-25-1915 Dr. Bob married Anne Ripley. "She was a rock, a comforter with God's help-truly a person who went placidly amid the noise and haste." She passed in Jun/1949 followed by Dr. Bob in Nov/1950.

Jan-25-1976 Hawaii's first Area Assembly was held on the Kaneohe State Hospital grounds. Its purpose is "to explore statewide problems and issues and to make recommendations to Harry L., our delegate..."

Nov-7, 8, 9-1975: 14th Annual Hawaii A.A. Conference at the Ilikai Hotel. Special guest speaker is Lois W., widow of the co-founder and herself co-founder of Al-Anon comes from New York to share her life experience and intimate involvement in the creation of our fellowship.



ONE ON ONE—AA SPONSORSHIP IN ACTION

In this collection, AA members write about their experience with sponsorship, including:

- how to choose one;
- getting the courage to ask someone to be a sponsor
- sharing their past and present
- working with those having trouble staying sober;
- dealing with the loss of a beloved sponsor, and more....




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The Area 17 PI Players Present:

YOU'RE AN ALCOHOLIC, CHARLIE BROWN!



A Light-hearted look at the many service opportunities found in the committees within the Alcoholics Anonymous community.
Followed by the Area 17 Officers in:

There Are No Emergencies In AA!



Join us at 10:00 AM, March 2nd at the Lihue Neighborhood Center for these engaging and entertaining skits which will be followed by question and answer sessions with the Area 17 officers.
Find out how your AA works and how you can be a more active player in the AA community.

THE FOUR ABSOLUTES

“the only yardsticks” Alcoholics Anonymous had in the early days—Dr. Bob

- * Absolute Honesty
- * Absolute Unselfishness
- * Absolute Purity, and
- * Absolute Love.

Did you know that The Four Absolutes is one of the topics presented by a panel of three members at the 50th IWC ?

Why was February chosen as the IWC's conference month?

1. because it is traditionally the month of love?
2. to celebrate Bernadette of Kansas' birthday? or
3. because it seemed like a welcome break from the winter doldrums?

Answer—all three of the above.

Ladies—please join us for a lifetime experience!



Have you Heard?



“If God is going to scare people out of A.A.,
then alcohol and drugs are going to
scare people back into A.A.”

“I am, because we are.”



When challenged by controversy, “I did what A.A. taught me—to tell the truth and be myself.”

“LIFE BECOMES
EASIER WHEN YOU
LEARN TO ACCEPT
AN APOLOGY THAT
YOU NEVER GOT.”

Names of A.A. Groups in N.J.:

- * Booze U Lose Wednesday
- * Haven of Hope
- * Time Takes Time
- * How & Why of It
- * The Great Fact Group

There comes a time in life when you have to let go of all the pointless drama & the people who created it & surround yourself with people who make you laugh so hard that you forget the bad and focus solely on the good. After all, life is too short to be anything but happy.

In life, you will realize there is a role for everyone you meet. Some will test you, some will use you, some will love you, some will teach you. But the ones who are truly important are the ones that bring out the best in you. They are the rare and amazing people who remind you why it's worth it.

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My New Year's Resolution is the same as the last year's.

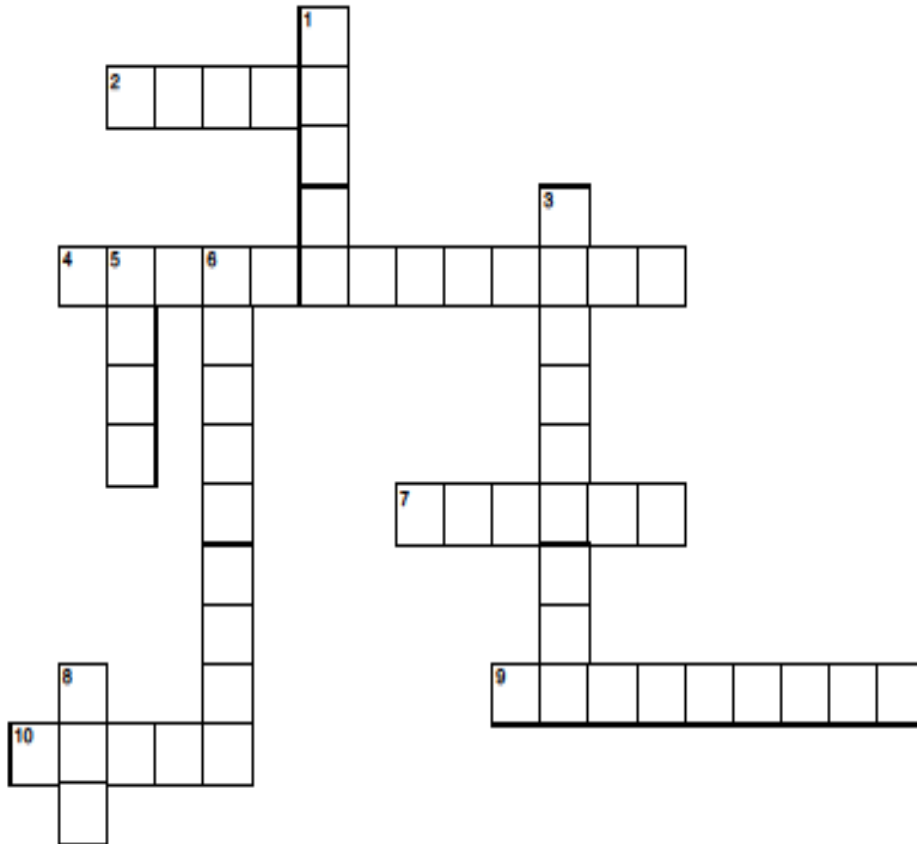
And that's to make every yesterday dreams of happiness and every tomorrow visions of hope.

Happy New Year and wishing you the very best 2014 has in store for you.

Ernest S.



Stepping Away



ACROSS

- 2 Think..Think...
- 4 After principles.
- 7 What group is AA said to have sprung from?
- 9 It seems easy to hang on to these defects.
- 10 Be searching and fearless when taking this inventory.

DOWN

- 1 City where AA was first established.
- 3 This doctor had an opinion.
- 5 First name of Bill Wilson's old drinking buddy who presented a way out to Bill.
- 6 An awakening of sorts.
- 8 Dr. Bob's first name.

MAHALO ANDY C. for the above submittal.