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People in Alcoholics Anonymous for the Young at
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Submit your articles for the next Mynah Bird Issue by **May 6, 2014**. Upcoming themes, Delegate Reports Back, Hawaii Convention, WACYPAA.

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Upcoming Events 2014

- * Apr 26 - 9:30 to 2:00 pm, *Participating in Your Recovery Potluck*, Palisades Park, 2282 Auhuhu St. by Leeward District
- * Jun 28, 8am-5pm, *Founder's Day* at McCoy Pavilion, O'ahu
- * Aug 1-3—*HICYPAA*, Makalapa Retreat Center, Kohala, Hawaii Is.
- * Oct 30-Nov 2—*53rd Annual Hawaii Convention*, Hawaii Convention Center, O'ahu
- * Dec—*WACYPAA*, Hawaii Island, wacypaa.org

Upcoming Area 17 Assemblies 2014

- ◆ May 18 — Committee Meeting, Waianae District #17, Waianae Satellite City Hall
- ◆ Aug 16-17 - Budget Assembly, Tri-Island, District 13, Lahaina, Maui
- ◆ Oct (tentative) - Committee Meeting, East Hawaii District #7
- ◆ Oct or Nov - Elections Assembly, District #12, Puna

Upcoming Area 17 Assemblies 2015

- ◇ Jan Orientation Assembly— District #4, Windward
- ◇ Feb Committee Mtg.— District #1, Diamond Head
- ◇ Apr Inform the Delegate Assembly—District #5, Maui No Ka Oi
- ◇ May Committee Meeting— District #12, Puna
- ◇ (Optional) Oct Committee Meeting—District #11, Kihei
- ◇ (Optional) Nov Assembly— District #2, Honolulu

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Here's What to Take Back from March 1st Committee Meeting hosted by Kauai's District 6 ...

- ◆ Pacific Region Trustee – **WELCOME ROD B.—who is in attendance at our Inform the Delegate Assembly!**
- ◆ Pacific Regional Forum in Boise in July – forms are available: http://www.aa.org/en_pdfs/en_rf_pacific-flyer_jul-11-13-14.pdf
- ◆ 2015 International Convention – Atlanta, GA. September 2nd is the day you may begin registration [more information in August.]
- ◆ GSC Topic Distribution – Packets distributed
- ◆ 2015 Meeting Sites—In the past every panel started with all the districts in the hat. Year two consisted of the districts that didn't host in the first year. Over the years it has gone to just those that didn't host the previous year regardless of panel-this can be a financial burden. Decided by Consensus – All districts back in the hat for the next panel. (Results printed on first page.)
- ◆ Our SC Grapevine Chair has stepped down and we have asked Pattlyne to serve for the rest of the panel as Chair.
- ◆ There are service positions available on Oahu in treatment settings. Please call Patty if interested.
- ◆ Annual Hawaii Convention – Accepting resumes for 2015 Convention Chair (May 20th deadline.) Secretary (paid position open – resume due by June 20. <http://www.annualhawiiconvention.com>.)

Taken from Bob H.'s Blog, Hawaii Area 17 Website



'No Alcoholic Is Ever Alone'

Member's Experience Presenting at the 50th International Women's Conference

Feb-2014, Hawaii Convention Center

I was very honored to have presented "No Alcoholic is Ever Alone" with two other presenters. It was an easy topic and I had only two days to prepare. I think it went very well. I am so grateful to Alcoholics Anonymous and I caught the unity of service of being in service. It was just amazing to look around and know we may look different on the outside but we are same on the inside and we're all there because we love Alcoholics Anonymous. I caught that from the audience that we are all the same. I was nervous in the beginning. I actually shared the advice my sponsor and a service sponsor gave me when I was about to start my first assembly as the Area Chair, cause I was so nervous then, I thought about that, and thought about what a friend of mine always said, "Take God with you." When I remind myself that God is next to me, things are very different. My favorite poem is the one about the one about "Footprints in the Sand." In early sobriety, I looked at those footprints and said "Why would I believe in a Higher Power that has left me alone in all these times in my life."

Today I know I am never alone.

Cheryl N., Alternate Delegate, Hawaii Area 17, Panel 63



2014 Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly
“Communicating our Legacies—Vital in a Changing World”

2014 PRAASA!

Energy was high Just 3 weeks prior I was informed that I was to present in front of PRAASA a 7 minute presentation on “Sharing Our Concepts with our Home Group Members.” It was mixed excitement to say the least and a tremendous honor to speak at such a rich spiritual banquet. I had a tremendous concern to bring value to this assignment. I'm truly grateful for my 15 years of personal experience in sobriety living in the A.A. Concepts. But I was even more grateful for the resources at my disposal in making a proper presentation with help from past delegates and other service companions. I can honestly say all I needed to do when they called Erik T. to the podium was read the guidance I had so graciously received. What a wonderful experience indeed. Thank you Higher Power. Mahalo for allowing me to serve. Love and Service, *Erik T.* 😊

A DAUNTING TASK

At Saturday's Intergroup/Central Office (I/CO) Roundtable, 35 of our fellow A.A. members sat staring at me waiting for the discussion to begin. Turned out quite a few of them were DCMs or past DCMs turned I/CO Managers. Most in attendance had more gray hair than me. I was anxious and feeling quite the opposite from my roundtable experience the night before when there were only 9 of us. Being not too familiar with the inner workings of I/CO, the language seemed foreign as the discussion got underway. Fortunate for me, I had attended a couple of “Home Group” inventories and envisioned in my mind the moderators job

which was to keep order and limit discussion generally to 2 minutes per speaker. I called for topics – 9 were mentioned and 5 were voted on or ~15 minutes of per discussion topics (“yikes”). The topics were 1) Generating and Relaying Information; 2) Ways I/CO can better serve the individual groups; 3) Working with GSO; 4) Selling or distributing non-A.A. materials or information; and 5) Listing “Atheist” meetings on Meeting Lists. I nodded my head when the speakers looked at me, tried to maintain a neutral look, and looked at my watch when they spoke too long. I intuitively knew they would discipline themselves and they did although the discussion got heated a couple of times. A big burly man with a loud deep voice volunteered to take notes. While the notes were very limited, he was a source of comfort, there to assist when I stumbled. Initially, it was frightening but I did it, and so can you. Mahalo to those moderators who were in service before me and showed me the way (Keith H. and Ken K.)

In love and service, Rochelle A.

PRAASA 2014 – DAY TWO

‘Overall the most important [topic] to me was the fifth topic, “Carrying the Message...” In the past few decades the world, as it has always done, has changed a lot. The internet exploded and has changed the way we communicate in ways that was only science fiction a few years ago. And yet our message of hope for the suffering alcoholic hasn't changed. Society is much more diverse than ever before, we communicate in new ways, more and younger people are

coming to AA, are we doing all we can to make sure our message is clear? That we are welcoming to everyone who reaches out their hand for help? Definitely food for thought – and action. And then it was lunch time.’

- from Bob's Blog (lots of great info!)

...from the Ask It Basket—

How to Communicate the Love of Service as GSR/DCM Effectively?

“Service had helped me open up, I made a lot of friends. As a DCM, I would just go up to a GSR, and I could see the GSR who was like me (when I was GSR) and reached out my hand, showed the love, and make him feel comfortable.” *- Ken K., Delegate*

REGISTERED AT PRAASA:

Alaska	17
Arizona	52
Southern California	62
California North Coastal	87
California North Interior	65
Central California	80
Mid-South California	128
Hawaii	26
Idaho	32
Nevada	52
Oregon	12
San Diego Imperial	224
Utah	34
Western Washington	39
Washington	13
BC/Yukon (honorary)	4
<u>Undesignated</u>	<u>899</u>
Total Registered	1830



2014 Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly: *PANEL SIX: SHARING ABOUT UNITY*

Topic Presentation—*SHARING ABOUT OUR ROLE AS CUSTODIANS OF THE TRADITIONS*

The book Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, and the chapter called “Unity: The Second Legacy” that begins on page 79, breaks down the traditions. I will give you my interpretation of these here because, in order to understand our roles as custodians of the traditions, we must first understand their traditions. Since becoming involved in various levels of service, I have discovered more about how my actions and the actions of other AA members can affect how AA is perceived by the outside world and ultimately destroy us. As has been stated in the past, it won't be from the outside we are destroyed, but from the inside.

In the long form of Tradition One, it is stated that the members are only a small part of Alcoholics Anonymous. However, in order for the whole of A.A. to survive, we must look to our common welfare first and the individual welfare second. It continues to tell us, in Tradition Two; that we are not in charge, that the ultimate authority is God/Higher Power, and that, in order to make things work well, we need to work as a group and take a consensus on a decision that affects the group as a whole.

Tradition Three states that we are not to exclude anyone who has a desire not to drink. That seems to be one of the biggest arguments in A.A. meetings, when people announce themselves as 'addicts'. There is this ongoing debate between those who are just alcoholics and those that believe they have two separate addictions. My opinion is that they are the same disease and that different methods are used to participate in it. I would like to see those, who announce themselves in this way, be given a gentle reminder that it is courteous to say that they are an 'addict with a desire not to drink', just as those who visit our sister programs should announce themselves as “alcoholics with a desire not to (whatever their Third Tradition states).

Tradition Four is a matter of respect. When making plans for certain matters that impact the welfare of neighboring groups, it is common courtesy to consult those groups to make sure that either they won't be impacted or asking if they would like to participate with the group in the activity. This also applies to Groups, Regional Committees, or even individuals and how their actions could affect A.A. as a whole. Any major decisions that could affect the whole of A.A. should be brought before the Board of Trustees before it is put into action.

Traditions Five and Six directly relate to the spiritual aspect of Alcoholics Anonymous. Five states our primary purpose is to take the message to those that still suffer, and Tradition Six gives us the pitfalls of money, property, and prestige that would move us away from this spiritual aim. We all seem to have philanthropic ideas of opening businesses, such as Alano clubs, treatment centers, and such for the benefit of members. I know that I do. However, as an alcoholic in recovery and following the traditions, I know that I would have to ask for someone outside of AA to manage it. I simply don't have the skills. I also know that it cannot be affiliated with AA, since that would reflect back on how our actions could affect A.A. as a whole.

Tradition Seven is simple. We don't ask for outside contributions. This could bring into play that money-property-and-prestige pitfall from Tradition Six. Unfortunately, I see a lot of fundraising that goes on to support events that use the AA name. I have also seen instances where the people knew it was against the Tradition and did it anyway.

Tradition Eight is simple. We are not a treatment provider, and - even though we counsel other alcoholics as sponsors and some of us are in the profession - we do not do it for pay. This does not mean that we can't hire people to perform tasks that could be done by those who aren't AAs.

Tradition Nine is about the rotation of leadership and never being in a position of power. This is actually the tradition that directly applies to our roles as custodians of the traditions. I, as an alcoholic, like to have control over people, places, and things. However, this tradition tells me that I have no power and must only be the communication link between the members and the trustees of the General Service Board, who are the overall custodians of our Traditions.

Tradition Ten is pretty straightforward, even though we, as individuals, have personal opinions about outside issues. Alcoholics Anonymous does not participate in events that take sides in political, alcohol-reform, or religious issues. If this were to happen, it would certainly damage our reputation and destroy us, as was the Washingtonian Society, when it became part of the temperance movement.

Tradition Eleven has come down a rocky road. In the beginning of our program, there was much publicity. At that time in history, people who were alcoholic were looked down on, and the anonymity portion protected them. Today, it seems even more important to educate everyone, especially high-profile people that the following of this tradition is to avoid sensationalism, through any type of media. Our good works are shown by our actions, not by advertising.

Tradition Twelve is, according to Bill Wilson, the one vital principle that the entire future of Alcoholics Anonymous hangs on. In order for our program to survive, the “Spiritual principle of Anonymity” must remain the foundation upon which A.A.'s Traditions are grounded. Bill states, in Comes of Age: Second Legacy of Unity: “The entire future of our fellowship hangs on this vital principle.” The principles of the Traditions and Concepts should always outweigh the big-shot personalities that make us look bad.

In conclusion: We alcoholics are the custodians of the traditions, and we need to share and teach those that come after us. In my experience, it is up to the fellowship people like you and me - to make sure that those that come after are educated in the proper definitions of the Traditions. These are the principals that determine the survival of this program. Our Declaration of Unity says it all: “This we owe to A.A.'s future, to place our common welfare first, to keep our fellowship united, for on A.A.'s unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.” —Presented by Valerie V., DCM, District #3 Leeward



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PANEL FOUR: LIVING IN THE HEART OF A.A.

Topic Presentation: SHARING OUR CONCEPTS WITH OUR HOMEGROUP MEMBERS

“Aloha my name is Erik Thoren I’m an alcoholic. My Homegroup is Friday Night Young People’s in Kihei, and I currently serve as the DCM for Hawaii Area 17 District 11, on the island of Maui.

I find it obvious in my Homegroup that the concepts are enacted. I’ve been a Homegroup member there for 7 years now. We are well supported by members that have participated in the Area Service structure. We even have a Homegroup member that has named his son PRAASA. When I moved to Maui from N.Y.C. I was married to a very service-oriented woman and I, myself, was becoming deeply involved in the service crowd. I learned more about the concepts than I realized from that crowd in N.Y.C. The first thing we did when we landed on Maui was to join this Homegroup; my wife at the time became the GSR and I became the Alternate GSR. I would guess that it was at that time I was taken by Concept 12 and the first time that I can truly recall seeing that we need substantial unanimity and not just a simple majority ensuring we all work together in carrying the message to the new alcoholic. It is truly impressive to see the minority, no matter how small, get to express themselves and possibly turn the majorities’ decision -- that no position in AA holds more authority than another.

This program of attraction caused me to love with this process. Through the actions of these trail blazers in the service structure, my Homegroup knows the importance of rotation in all our service positions and it is always tempting to hold onto a position once I’ve served for two years or whatever required time. This concept was foreign to me prior to finally serving as the GSR for my Homegroup. I felt it awfully risky to give so much responsibility in AA to such inexperienced members....similar to PRAASA asking me to stretch my thinking further and to better share the Concepts with my Homegroup. Over the 7 years at Friday Night Young Peoples, I’ve participated in two inventories with the Concepts checklist. Although I suffer from the tendencies of a bleeding deacon, I suppose by attending all the business meetings, I continue to keep an eye out and learn from these able AA leaders, trusting them to serve Concepts 9 and 1.

After we’ve finally figured out how to work our service positions in AA, it seems its time to rotate out and its always a temptation to keep the qualified people in those positions at the Homegroup, District or Area levels. One of the questions in the Concepts checklist for Concept 9 --- do we sometimes give a position to someone because it would be good for them? I’d have to answer yes!! Good for them and the future of AA. We practice rotation in all our service positions. We’ve also voted to pass a second basket to send our GSR to PRAASA. Hopefully the GSR and I will return to our Homegroup and show the value of this investment.

An action brought about at our District meeting was to have a member give a brief explanation of a Tradition each month for the first year of that panel and a brief explanation of a Concept each month of the second year. This plays a part in my Homegroup as well as the other Homegroups that send a GSR to our District meetings. One of the groups I attend not only puts up the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions scroll, but it also hangs a 12 Concepts scroll as well. As a district, we also choose a meeting to attend each month where we caravan to say aloha from our District. In the process, we are sharing the Concepts with our Homegroup members.

We are blessed with these Concepts and Traditions. Once having experienced the blessings of properly fulfilling service positions in AA, I see how I could have served better in hindsight. It is always a great challenge to practice Concept 12.

Our examples are what I believe to be truly “sharing our Concepts with our Homegroup members”. Thank you or as we say in Hawaii Mahalo for asking me to share this experience here at PRAASA, Aloha”

- Presented by Eric T., DCM, District 11, Kihei, Maui



More 2014 PRAASA
Town & Country Resort, San Diego, California

**“The 7th Tradition is not about materiality.
It is about Spirituality.”**
Rod B., Pacific Regional Trustee
One of my favorite stories from a Canadian Trustee – “I had travelled to Mongolia with our General Manager. We watched as the pamphlets were distributed to the five rows of [Mongolian] delegates. They said “Wow in Mongolian.” They knew that this was a gift given to them through you. That’s where the money goes. Now I have the privilege of being there, and you get the gift of knowing that it was given in your name.”

“We are a melting pot of the world, coming from different cultures and backgrounds in a place we call “Paradise”, where we commonly ‘carry the message’ in English, Local Pidgin, and the Language of the Heart. *Love You and God Bless. Aloha, Ken K.*”
- por. of Ken K. ’s presentation as 1 of 16 Pacific Region Delegates

“It’s not important who does what.
It’s important that the job be done.”
Past Class “B” Trustee Julian R.

“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.”
In case you were wondering, this **Declaration of Unity** was written for the 35th Anniversary International Convention held July 1970 in Miami.
Taken from Area Chair Bob H. ’s Blog - Day Two at PRAASA 2014

- * The most important job in A.A. is making people feel welcome in our Fellowship, like we do in our home. Worst offense is treat people rudely when they come into A.A.
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 - * I want to hear the A.A. preamble so the guy next to me who puked on my shoes knows what A.A. is about, not to heart the format on no texting. Etc.
 - * I want to thank our co-founders Bill W. and Dr. Bob for the lack of structure.
- Paul C., Past Class “B” Trustee*

“Everything I am is because of A.A.”
Rod B., Pacific Regional Trustee

My favorite quote came from Linda H. of Area 2 on Avoiding Doctrines and Dogma:
**Let’s keep AA a place where someone who hates AA
and doesn’t believe in god feel welcome.**
Taken from Area Chair Bob H. ’s Blog Day One at PRAASA 2014

I want to read a quote from Dr. Bob, hoping that I will be known as the kitchen table trustee -
“Alcoholics Anonymous was nurtured in its early days around the kitchen table. Many of our pioneer groups, some of our most restful meetings and best programs have had their origin around that modest piece of furniture with the coffee pot handy on the stove. True, we have progressed materially to better furniture and more comfortable surroundings. Yet the kitchen table must ever be appropriate for us. It is the perfect symbol of simplicity. In A.A. we have no V.I.P.’s nor have we need of any. Our organization needs no title holders, no grandiose buildings that is by design. Experience has taught us that simplicity is basic in preservation of our personal sobriety and helping those in need. Far better it is to understand the meaning and practice of thou good and faithful servant...
God grant that A.A. be ever simple.” *Rod B., Pacific Regional Trustee*



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 1935-1938 *Excerpts taken from aa.org aa time line.*

1935: Joining the fold... - An alcoholic from New York has a vision of the way to sobriety and is introduced to a like-minded doctor from Akron. Their first meeting will lead to the creation of a Twelve Step recovery program and a book that will change the lives of millions.

Bill and Lois join the Oxford Group — Following Bill W.'s spiritual awakening at Towns Hospital (late 1934), he and wife Lois join the Oxford Group — a nondenominational movement whose tenets are based on the "Four Absolutes" of honesty, purity, unselfishness, and love — and begin to attend meetings at Calvary House, behind Manhattan's Calvary Episcopal Church there. Bill is inspired by the charismatic rector Rev. Dr. Samuel Shoemaker (right), who emphasizes one-on-one sharing and guidance.

A business trip to Akron - A short-term job opportunity takes Bill to Akron, Ohio. In the lobby of his hotel, he finds himself fighting the urge to join the conviviality in the bar. He consults a church directory posted on the wall with the aim of finding someone who might lead him to an alcoholic with whom he could talk. A phone call to Episcopal minister Rev. Walter Tunks results in a referral to Henrietta Seiberling, a committed Oxford Group adherent who has tried for two years to bring a fellow group member, a prominent Akron surgeon, to sobriety.

Bill's group within a group—Bill is asked to speak at a large Oxford Group meeting at Calvary House. His subject is alcoholism, and after the meeting Bill is approached by a man who says he desperately wants to get sober. Bill invites the man to join him and a small group of alcoholics who meet at nearby Stewart's cafeteria after the meetings. Bill is unsuccessful in his efforts to reach these alcoholics. Eventually his ability to help alcoholics grows, after he seeks counsel from Dr. William Silkworth of Towns Hospital. Dr. Silkworth suggests he do less preaching and speak more about alcoholism as an illness.

The meeting at the gatehouse -Henrietta Seiberling, daughter-in-law of the founder of the Goodyear Rubber Company, invites Bill to the Seiberling estate, where she lives in the gatehouse (right). She tells him of the struggle of Dr. Robert S., and the meeting of the two men takes place the next day — Mother's Day, May 12, 1935. In the privacy of the library, Bill spills out his story, inspiring "Dr. Bob" to share his own. As the meeting ends hours later, Dr. Bob realizes how much spiritual support can come as the result of one alcoholic talking to another alcoholic.

Forging friendships in Akron—Bill joins the Smiths at the weekly Oxford Group meetings held in the home of T. Henry Williams and his wife Clarace, both particularly sympathetic to the plight of alcoholics. Soon, at

the suggestion of Dr. Bob's wife Anne, Bill moves to their home at 855 Ardmore Avenue (right).

Men on a mission — Dr. Bob lapses into drinking again but quickly recovers. The day widely known as the date of Dr. Bob's last drink, June 10, 1935, is celebrated as the founding date of Alcoholics Anonymous. Dr. Bob and Bill spend hours working out the best approach to alcoholics, a group known to be averse to taking directions. Realizing that thinking of sobriety for a day at a time makes it seem more achievable than facing a lifetime of struggle, they hit on the twenty-four hour concept.

Bill's return to New York—Bill returns home to New York to seek a job, but his need to help other alcoholics is no less urgent. He begins to look for prospects at Towns Hospital, where he finds Hank P., an ambitious businessman who becomes his first success from Towns. Another success is Fitz M., a Southerner and the son of a minister. Both become Bill's close friends and allies.

"The man on the bed" - Eager to carry the message, Bill and Dr. Bob search for another person to help. After a slow start, their call to Akron City Hospital yields a prospect — Bill D., a lawyer. During the visits of Bill and Dr. Bob, Bill D. takes their message to heart and promises never to drink again — a vow he keeps for life. Now remembered as the "man on the bed" (right, as depicted in a painting by an A.A. member), Bill D. becomes the third member of what will eventually be called Alcoholics Anonymous.

Weekly meetings at 182 Clinton - In an effort to strengthen his prospects' chances for recovery, Bill welcomes alcoholics to his home at 182 Clinton Street in Brooklyn. The Tuesday night meetings soon give way to temporary residency for some participants — the kind of "way station" arrangement that Dr. Bob and his wife Anne have pioneered in Akron. hospital, where he could treat alcoholics, conduct his meetings, and share in the establishment's profits. At the Clinton Street meeting that very evening, Bill tells his group of the offer — but the members object, insisting that spreading the message for money would violate its integrity. Below: Bill's admission slip to Towns.

1936: An offer spurs "group conscience" - Charles B. Towns, owner of Towns Hospital suggests that Bill move his work to the **Action in Akron** — Oxford Group meetings for alcoholics continue at the large home of T. Henry and Clarace Williams (right), with Dr. Bob sometimes joining Mr. Williams to lead meetings. The recovering alcoholics of the group refer to themselves as the "alcoholic squadron of the Oxford Group."

1937: The office that will go down in A.A. history—

Bill begins to commute to a small office at 17 William Street, Newark, New Jersey (right), joining Hank P. to raise money for a new business venture — Honor Dealers, an attempt to create a cooperative program for gasoline dealers in northern New Jersey. The office secretary is a young woman named Ruth Hock.

Plans for the future — In late 1937, Bill pays another visit to Dr. Bob in Akron. Comparing notes, they are astonished to find that at least 40 of the many alcoholics with whom they've worked have stayed sober for two years. This discovery leads to exciting possibilities: Bill and Bob discuss developing a chain of hospitals dedicated to the treatment of alcoholics; employing salaried workers who would spread the word; and literature — especially a book, meant to carry the message far and wide.

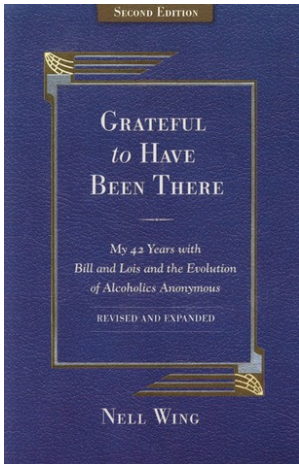
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1938: Rockefeller's stance — Frank Amos (right), who attended the December meeting and is a close friend of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., agrees to assess the Akron group and explore the possibility of opening a small hospital for alcoholics. In February 1938 he spends several days in the city. Impressed by the recovery rate of Akron group members, he proposes a recuperative facility to be run by Dr. Bob. To Rockefeller he recommends a sum of \$50,000 for the early work, but Rockefeller thinks the Fellowship should be self-supporting. The philanthropist does, however, contribute \$5,000 toward Bill and Dr. Bob's basic needs. The Alcoholic Foundation - Frank Amos and others who had attended the December meeting offer to confer with Bill, Leonard Strong, and various members of the New York group to consider how the movement can be given an organizational framework. As a result, the Alcoholic Foundation is formally established on August 11, 1938, with Dr. Bob as a trustee and Bill on the advisory committee.



Have you Heard?

“Don't keep coming back...STAY!”



Grateful to Have Been There

Nell Wing was Bill W.'s secretary and shares 42 years of her involvement with the Fellowship in this book.

(As an aside, “Dutchess” or Ruth Hock was Bill W.'s first secretary who resigned in Feb -1942 to get married.)

Daily Reflections, Kona Hospital

My Home Group is awesome! We put on an annual Christmas party. About 250 AA members attend. This service and coming together really strengthens our unity as a home group. We are like family. We are really there for each other. In A.A. I learned love is an action. *Guenevere J., GSR*

“Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.

Don't walk behind me, I may not lead.

Walk beside me and be my friend. “Carlton”

Submitted by Guenevere J.

“We are here to save drunks, not souls.

Fellowship of deeds not creeds.

Open hands, minds, hearts....”

Unknown

Heard at a meeting....

New woman in sobriety shares, “Now that I am in recovery I eat better but I find myself gaining weight.” Another member commented, “No one ever got arrested for fat driving.”

From the book Living Sober

SICK & TWISTED

Sick & Twisted is a great meeting, Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at Unity Church in Waikiki. It is a “Young People's” meeting, but the attendance is very diverse. Young People means Young at Heart, and that definitely comes through. About half of the attendees are under 30 and there are quiet a few members in their teens or early 20s. There is a lot of “in and out,” but we are planting seeds.

John H., GSR

“Once I know,
I cannot unknow.”

Kaipo P.

From a Medicine Man—

“Everybody has to answer three questions:

Who am I?

What am I?

Where am I going?”

Rod B., Pacific Regional Trustee



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BIGBOOK	TWELVEBYTWELVE
TREATMENT	CORRECTIONS
TRADITIONS	ELDERLY
HOSPITALS	ANONYMOUS
PROFESSIONAL	WEBMASTER
MYNAHBIRD	GSR
DCM	COOPERATION
HOMEGROUP	GAP
BRIDGE	

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