



# MYNAH BIRD

## HAWAII AREA #17 NEWSLETTER

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### **HAWAII ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**Oct 30-Nov 2, 2014**

**Be Sure to Use "PANNUAL" as the Reservation Code at the Ala Moana Hotel!**

### Upcoming Events 2014

- ◆ 25th Annual Hawaii Woman to Woman @ Queen Kapiolani Hotel, Sep 19-Sep 21
- ◆ 53rd Annual Hawaii Convention, Oct 30-Nov 2
- ◆ WACYPAA XVIII at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, Waimea, Hawaii, Dec 18-21
- ◆ Area Elections Assembly, Oct 18-19, Puna District #12

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### Send Area Contributions to:

"Hawaii Area Committee"

1253 Beretania St., #2107

Honolulu, HI 96814-1822

Please include "District #" & Group Name on check.

### Send GSO contributions to:

"General Service Board"

P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station

New York, NY 10163

Please include group service # and group name on check. Mahalo.



FOREIGN BIG BOOKS = ON DISPLAY AT JULY'S FORUM IN BOISE, IDAHO



**WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR HOME-GROUP?**

for publication in the last issue of the Mynah Bird for Panel 63 coming out in October.

Send it from your iphone's recorder to 808-861-1112 or the website above. Mahalo. Da Mynah Birds.



## A MEMBER'S TAKE ON THE DELEGATE'S REPORT BACK

I was really impressed by Ken's presentation at the Holy Nativity Church, the Delegate Report Back to the community. About the first third of the presentation, Ken talked about the experiential part, what it was like to be with the people. He was able to give enough detail, I had a feel not only of who Ken is but of the people he met. That really made it interesting for me. And then, when he actually went through the report, he was very focused. He gave enough detail but not too much detail. He spoke non-stop for that whole time—two hours. He did not even stop to take a drink of coffee or water. I'm glad I went because usually I don't go to these things. A friend had told me about it, so I went along. Usually, it's in a park and I don't go to park things, and this was in a familiar location. Thank you Ken.

*Linda T., a Spiritual Awakening*

### GENERAL AREA BUSINESS

**Note on October 2014 Area Elections in Puna**—to quote our Area Chair Bob H. —*"Now is the time to begin planning how you turn over your work and help the new willing and able servant adjust to the position. Have a plan ready. I'm sure you remember how hard it was to jump in and what you'd like to have known when you got your job. That's probably just the thing the next person in your position will want to know."*

#### **The Budget Process:**

- 2 years of past expenses were examined along with the current budget.
- \* The committee chairs were asked for input for their committees.
- \* Travel was estimated for the coming year.

The budget is based on:

- \* What we need to do
- \* What we have to do
- \* What we'd like to do

Priority of Spending:

- Delegate expenses
- Assembly/Committee expenses

*Mahalo Kunane K., Treasurer, Area 17, Panel 63*

#### **A Reminder from your Standing Committee Chairs:**

**Archives** - Please submit : -Fliers-Minutes-Group Inventories-District Histories-Long timer Histories

**Corrections** - male outside correspondence for incarcerated alcoholics - group to service Waiawa Correction facility - *Behind the Wall* newsletter online at aa.org - need more volunteers to take meetings in o speak at correction facilities

**Treatment** - support information racks, need speakers, need temporary contacts for those coming out.

**Grapevine** - get a district chair, take a packet back to encourage district reps

**Mynahbird** - distribute copies to home groups and circulate at meetings

**Webmaster** - submit updates for calendar events, notify broken links & incorrect info

**Annual Hawaii Convention** - see separate article on page 4 of this newsletter

#### **Discussion Topic at August 2014 Assembly:**

Could the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous be held on the West Coast every other year?



**REFLECTIONS ON THE PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM—BOISE, IDAHO**

**July 11-13, 2014**

**PURPOSE OF A FORUM**—to enhance communication and participation among A.A. members, the General Service Board, and staff and directors from the General Service Office and the A.A. Grapevine. Forums offer a meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the A.A. message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic. There is no registration fee as they are covered by the General Service Office.

**TOPICS** included — Why should I care about A.A. beyond my home group? A.A. History—Boring or an incredible spiritual journey? Does your home group use the A.A. Grapevine or La Vina as a Twelfth Step tool? How do I have a voice in A.A.? What do the Traditions and Concepts have to do with my home group?

The Pacific Region Forum in Boise was my third forum. Our Area Chair and Delegate have made official reports on the forum giving you a sense of the workshops and the news reported. Looking at all the displays, feeling the fellowship and unity in the room was an incredible experience that I hope many of you will feel in 2016 when Hawaii hosts the 2016 Pacific Regional forum on the Big Island.

I was most moved by the Foreign Translations table. Early in my sobriety I was grateful to be sober but didn't begin to understand all the acronyms, what they stood for and what the various entities did. One of those was GSO. Learning that stood for the General Service Office in New York, I still wondered what GSO does for me and the alcoholic still suffering in Hawaii? They are almost 5,000 miles away. There are almost 65,000 registered groups in the U.S. and Canada.—surely GSO gets enough support from them and doesn't need to be part of the split from the Seventh Tradition of my group. Right? They say a picture is worth a thousand words and the picture from the forum of the foreign language translations of the Big Book answered my questions. Did you know???

- The Big Book has been translated into 69 languages?
- AA literature is available in around 100 languages.
- The Braille Big Book is 7 volumes. Other literature available in Braille—12 Steps & 12 Traditions, Daily Reflections, and more.
- The newest language translation of the Big Book is Navajo.

Were it not for the pioneers of AA and their commitment, AA would not have been around when I got sober a few years ago. For me, the Declaration of Unity says it all-

**This we owe to AA's future:**  
**To place our common welfare first;**  
**To keep our fellowship united.**  
**For on AA unity depend our lives,**  
**And the lives of those to come.**

And like the Responsibility Statement says, "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. Mahalo for my sobriety and a life filled with light, love and laughter.

*Cheryl N., Alt. Delegate, Area 17, Panel 63*

Ken K. was leading one of the second workshops on "Giving Freely without Recognition" and I'm sure it was great, in fact I heard people complementing the workshop as I met him after things were over for ice cream and a chat, but I went to the workshop on the Grapevine.....*Bob H.*

So Ken, Ami, Rod and I were graciously given a ride to Boise's Midtown Meeting. This was a really good literature based meeting with lots and lots of sobriety. Let's just say I felt a bit like a newcomer in the room. Everyone was happy to us as visitors and all of us were called upon to share during the meeting. The topic was the Third Tradition and we all gave our heartfelt thanks that AA existed and that the Third Tradition meant we could join. Imagine all the membership rules we could have, and don't, that could and would spell our death.

After a bit of post meeting chatting we were then given a ride to dinner. I didn't know quite what to expect but it turned out that over twenty of us were to have dinner at a great little Mexican restaurant in the area. This was a wonderful example of a meeting after the meeting.

The gratitude expressed by the Boise members at being able to host the Forum was really overwhelming. They were overjoyed to see folks from our General Service Office who work so hard to make sure that we can continue to carry our message of hope. I have to say that I feel the same. Come to the 2016 Forum in Kona and I promise you'll feel it too. Honest. *Bob H., Chair, Area 17, Panel 63*



## 53rd ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION

53rd Annual Hawaii Convention  
October 30, 2014 – November 2, 2014



*These were revolutionary and drastic proposals, but the moment I fully accepted them, the effect was electric. There was a sense of victory, followed by such a peace and serenity as I had never known.*

Hawaii Convention Center  
1801 Kalakaua Ave.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

### SPEAKERS

Thursday Evening—  
Chrissy P., Hawaii  
Donnie K., Hawaii

Friday Evening –  
Danny B., Texas

Saturday Al-Anon –  
Craig M., Nebraska

Saturday Evening AA –  
Estella W., Georgia

Sunday Morning AA –  
Hector E., California

*Looking for volunteers  
from all islands as well as  
entertainment volunteers.*



## AA Archives

**MISSION**—The mission of the Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office Archives is to document permanently the work of Alcoholics Anonymous, to make the history of the organization accessible to A.A. members and other researchers, and to provide a context for understanding A.A.'s progression, principles and traditions.“

Every one of the new and unexpected developments (in A.A.) has, lying just underneath, an enormous amount of dramatic incident and experience-stories galore....It isn't hard to prepare a fact sheet of what happened—that is, dates when people came in, groups started and so forth. The hard thing to lay hold of is the atmosphere of the whole proceedings and anecdotal material that will make the early experience alive.”  
Bill W.

My name is Judy C. and I am an alcoholic and truly grateful and honored to be of service as your 2014 Annual Hawaii Convention Chair. I would like to invite you to come and celebrate the 53rd Annual Hawaii Convention. It's getting closer and we are coming along with the planning of this year's convention. Be sure to visit the workshops facilitated by our neighbor island fellows as well as those in Area service. We have been working very closely with neighbor islands to be a part of our convention. Workshops will be conducted by those involved in Area service. I am so excited! My most heartfelt gratitude to each and everyone who are in service and all the attendees; this will be a huge success!

Please keep in mind that Thursday is the free night with a dance after the meeting. Whoohoo, Friday night is Halloween so come dressed in your favorite costume and enter the costume contest followed with a dance that night. And then, on Saturday, please join us in an “Enchanted Evening” when we all dress up to impress.

Please come and join us in the fellowship of the spirit—four days of fun, food, and fellowship. And remember, we will be having meetings throughout the weekend or you may go on a hike, go golfing, play volleyball, or just enjoy the sunset or a walk on the beach. Please register soon as the prices do go up on October 8th. If you would like to be in service, you may contact me at [chair@annualhawaiiiconvention.com](mailto:chair@annualhawaiiiconvention.com) or you can call me at 628-8072. See you in October. In Love and Service,

*Judy C., 2014 Annual Hawaii Convention Chair*

### In A.A. and A.A. in Hawaii History...

**March 30, 1941:** Bill & Lois signed the contract for their home which would become known world-wide as “Stepping Stones.” The price was \$6,500 and \$40 per month payments at 4% interest! Today the home is a non-project organization and a museum kept as authentic and homey as when Lois and Bill were alive. A.A. members from around the world visit “Stepping Stones” year after year, 365 days a year.

**In April 1977,** Harry Lake reported on the Public Information meeting held at the Lanakila Health Center...Harry underscored the urgent need for public information by citing the 1971 General Service Office Survey which showed prevailing public attitudes toward A.A. Of 13,000 respondents: 25% knew a member of A.A.; 58% thought A.A. members were weak and unhappy; 54% thought A.A. members were neurotic; and 50% thought A.A. members were sensitive.

**PRAASA '99**—A memory. Yes, PRAASA '99 is a memory, or a series of memories...and from all that we've heard.. Very Good Memories!! The attendance was just over 700, and was all the committee had hoped for (it was in Kona). The really special reward was that over 240 Hawaii Service-Minded AA Members were in attendance. Giving so many, their first experience at PRAASA....I want to thank all those who in their own special way serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

*Aloha, Scott C., Area 17 Delegate, Hawaii*



**WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY HOME GROUP....**

**ALOHA SUNDAY...**

There's a lot of good long-term sobriety. It's also the oldest meeting on the island. It used to be Uncle Herb's original home group. And anyone who has 58 years of sobriety - I will follow very closely because I hope to make it there. It's a friendly group which I find very warm and welcome...Kathleen W.

**Aloha Sunday meets at the Richardson Law School on Sunday mornings at 11:15 to 12:15.**

**AS BILL SEES IT...**

*It's a small group, an outdoor meeting and the tourist come. We have pizza when birthday's come. It's along the beach with tables. There are 4 of us regulars and the rest are tourists. Although it's a small meeting, 7 years ago the group sent me to Kauai as their GSR (to an Area Assembly)...Bruce A.*

**ABSI meets across from Burger King along Waikiki Beach. @ Friday at 8:00 pm, picnic benches**

**NEW FREEDOM...**

*It's both men and women and I'm married to a wonderful husband and I had a twin brother. And, I understand both sides sometimes and being married, I need to understand both sides. Hope to see you there some day.*

*Aloha, Terry H.*

*I enjoy my home group members and location. We keep it simple.*

*Rachel T.*

**NF meets at the Waikiki Community Center, Rm 203A @ Monday.**

**BAD BRAINS...**

**We Show Up!**

**@ Wed., 7-8:30 pm, Waikiki Baptist Ch. 424 Kuamo'o St.**

**HAPPY HOUR...**

It's easy to get to, convenient to my home...it's loose but has time constraints. If you can't spit it out in 4 minutes, go practice and come back and try again tomorrow. Anybody shows up there, from the well heeled to the no heeled. I like that it's in the park where drunks pass out where the rain washes away the urine and vomit. It's close to God under the trees and sky. The location is beautiful but I like that it's loose. It reminds me of the scene in Tombstone where the cowboys are firing their guns into the ceiling. Sometimes it's deeply spiritual. Sometimes I see fist fights. It is A.A. at its finest. It holds a place in my heart because it meets every single day rain or shine at Miller Time...Francis K.

**Happy Hr. meets @ day at 5:30 under the Banyan Tree across the mauka tennis courts at Kapiolani Park.**

**A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING...a long-timer's perspective...**

The best thing is that the group has got quite large and continues to be a very diverse group, a good cross-section of society in general, people from all different walks of life with different amount of time in sobriety. We have a good mix of men and women. To me that's a good perspective of the other side. I'm always amazed by the young people.... The diversity of the group, people come and go, we've moved to different locations and everything else. But the basics of all, here we do the prayer and we do the literature. That's been the foundation. Much as I like to say that I read the Big Book at home, I don't. I come here, I get a chance to read literature every single day. I think it's a great foundation for everyone.

Al A. ("a living treasure," to some of us in the Fellowship)

**ASA meets @morning, 6:30-7:30, New Hope Kahala/Holy Nativity.**

**JUST FOR TODAY...**

...has been my Home Group since I moved to Honolulu 25 years ago. Our venue has changed four times over the years but the loving spirit I feel from the ladies in our group has never changed for me. There's a warmth that fills the room and my heart every Wednesday which is why I am honored to call Just for Today my Home.

Yours in Gratitude, June M.

**JFT meets @ Wednesday, 11:45-1:00, Waikiki Community Center, Rm 203A**



## WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY HOME GROUP...

### ***THE MALIA DISCUSSION GROUP...***

When I think of my home group, I think this — I have never felt comfortable in my home group. Today, I realize this is a good thing. This is because the group always challenges me to grow in every aspect of the A.A. program.

My Anniversary is 9/8/92. I joined Malia Discussion in 1993. Before this, I went to various meetings. I had been in treatment and was told to find a sponsor and get a home group. I found my sponsor then set out to search for a step study. I was introduced to “Big Richard” from Malia and adopted Malia as my home!

Prior to entering the rooms of Alcohol Anonymous, I had a God of my own understanding. Then I found the 12 Steps and the two came together for me. I was elated! Excited! Life finally came together for me beyond anything measurable. What a discovery for me!! I truly was set free from all past bondage and today enjoy a new way of living life.

Back in the days, Malia’s meetings were huge and filled with long timers, spiritual giants. I felt intimidated in their presence. I dared not squeak and followed directions. The group as a whole had strong sobriety and recovery, strong principles as well as strong personalities. This saved my life! Service was something that everyone did without exception to stay sober starting with broom and mop. Initially, I didn’t understand the whole meaning of service. As I kept doing service, I came to understand.

The Malia family has molded me in so many diverse ways—physically, mentally, and spiritually. I have a home, family, and real good solid friendships. I hope I never get comfortable or think that I got it! I never want to stop growing with my family. I am always challenged because of my disease of alcoholism. My disease is likened to a mirror which reflects back what I need to grow up in or work on to be an example of an alcoholic woman in Recovery, Unity, and Service.

Mahalo. The Malia Discussion Group,

A hui hou, *Pamela A. GSR*

***Malia Discussion meets @ Thursday, Kaumakapili Church, 7:45-9:30 pm, 766 N. King St.***

### ***KALIHI SOBRIETY...***

My home group is service oriented. We help each other. What I like most about it, we’re like a family that comes together it’s not really about us as individuals, it’s about us coming together. We are like a family. We have a pot luck @ last Sunday of the month. It’s really great. We have nice music. We have a very nice time. We have a lot of really good people who help pull it together. But the thing I like the most is that when I first started they helped me. They taught me what I needed to do, learn and grow.

Lauren B, GSR

***Kalihi Sobriety meets @ Sunday, 6:00 p.m., Fern Community Park Rec Center, 1201 Middle St.***

### ***EATING MEETING...***

What I like about my homegroup because it’s a good time, a good way to start my weekend. I’ve been at this homegroup ever since I moved to Ewa Beach, probably about 11 years. And I just like the people that come to the meeting. It’s just a good group and a good way to start the weekend.

Janice M.

***The Eating Meeting meets @ Sat. morning, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Joy of Christ Church in Pearl City across from Zippy’s.***



COME GET WACY WITH US!!!

DECEMBER 18TH-21ST

HAPUNA BEACH PRINCE HOTEL ON  
THE BIG ISLAND OF HAWAI'I..

S0 much fun, it should be illegal...

## **WESTERN AREA CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA**

*Registration and Hotel Info available at [www.wacypaa18.org](http://www.wacypaa18.org)*

### -HOTELL INFORMATION-

\$150 PER NIGHT (MENTION WACYPAA WHEN BOOKING ROOM)

ADDRESS: 62 KAUNA'OA DRIVE, KAMUELA, HI 96743 **PHONE:** 1(888)977-4623

\*PRE-REG IS \$35

PRE-REG FOR WACYPAA XVIII \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOLARSHIP DONATION \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTACT US AT: [info@wacypaa18.org](mailto:info@wacypaa18.org) (ask to be added to the WACYPAA Facebook there)



“THE PROMISES,” BIG BOOK, PAGES 83-84

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