

Hawaii Area 17 Inform the Delegate Assembly Minutes
Saturday April 11, 2015
Hosted by No Ka `Oi District 5

8:00- 9:00 Breakfast and Registration
9:00-9:15 Call to Order with the Serenity Prayer
Host DCM announcements
Guests and Sobriety Birthdays
Reading – Concept 9: page 40,

“Now we come to the all important attribute of vision...to think at all.”

9:15-9:50 **Past Delegate’s Reports**

Vernon: Panel 57 past delegate, general service 101 review/history

Linda: Panel 61 past delegate, committee process review. Spoke about the committee “recommendation” process being considered as a motion and second on the general service floor.

Plan for the presentations:

- Panel groups meet 1½ hour
- Presentations 15-18 minutes, (2-3 presenters suggested)
- Members at the mic ≤2 minutes each
- Delegate summary 2 minutes
- 5 minutes transition time between Panels

9:55-11:15 **Panel groups**

– Meet, discuss and prepare presentations.

11:35-11:53 **Panel 1:** Corrections/ Erik T. (III Corrections A. and B.)

A. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS). Pages 95 – 101

Shortage of Male participation, how can we improve the service? More presentations/workshops, announcements on the website and home groups. Proposal is a booklet that may consolidate the information rather than several pamphlets.

B. Discuss ways to engage members in Corrections service. Pages 102-106

More announcements on the website to increase participation. Enthusiasm is the key for getting more participation. Delegate brought some pamphlets for “Corrections Correspondence”.

Summary: Educate and let people know of the need and how they can fill it. Announcements at group and area level, website. There are many ways to be of service even if you are newly released. The pamphlet is F 26 (F is for free!)

11:45-12:15 **Panel 2:** Finance- Mynah Bird/ Jim D. (IV Finance A. & E.)

A. Discuss a request to increase the maximum annual contribution that the General Service Board can receive from an AA member from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Pages 113 – 117

1957 from \$100 - \$3000 today. Committee recommended support of the motion. Not many AA’s have made the maximum donation recently. Many members shared in support of the increase. One member shared against.

E. Review Self-Support Packet pages 157–158, Advisory Actions p.28 – 37.

How does this effect our spiritual program, does it create a feeling that “someone else will do it.”?

Summary: Fairly unanimous support of increase.

Encourage home groups be self-supporting, get the information to the members so that they can be responsible for their support.

12:15-1:15 Lunch (Finance committee meets)

1:15-1:45 **Panel 3:** Grapevine/Patti Lynn (V. Grapevine D. & E.)

D. Discuss ways to increase organization-wide support for Grapevine and La Viña, such as: Pages 197 - 202

1. How to recognize and support the International Journals of Alcoholics Anonymous, Grapevine and La Viña, as fully integrated parts of AA and its service structure.

We (grapevine) represent the fellowship today; you can share topics, stories at meetings

2. How to provide concrete support for Grapevine and La Viña throughout the Fellowship and service structure, including the use and purchase of Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions, books and other items.

All are available on line, you can subscribe or to share your story with the grapevine. Have a writing workshop for grapevine stories. Applications are available here and in each copy.

3. How to put the many recommendations from the General Service Conference that encourages organization-wide support of the International Journals of Alcoholics Anonymous into practice Fellowship wide.

E. Discuss ways to encourage AA members and groups to purchase Grapevine and La Viña Subscription Gift Certificates to give to their local service Committees for distribution to help carry the message of AA. Pages 203–205

Each meeting could have a subscription and check them out to members. Many different ideas about getting interest generated from gift subscriptions. Donating subscriptions to treatment and correctional facilities.

Summary: Increase awareness through reps at group level, simple service position. Mention it at meetings, contribute, give as gifts, grapevine is our current voice in AA.

1:50-2:20 **Panel 4:** Literature Group 1 – Archives/Lauren (VI. Literature C)

B. Consider updating the pamphlet “AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic.” Pages 249 – 263

Committee recommendation through discussion came back with; a review of the G&L pamphlet was written in 1989, it has not been revised. Gender differences were defined as physical vs. mental and/or sexual identity. Being different. The gay/lesbian transgender population has gone through many changes through the years. 1% of population approx.... 300,000 people are affected. Yes the pamphlet should be updated.

Minority opinion felt that perhaps 2 pamphlets were needed rather than lumping them together and also that “the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking”.

Summary: If there is a pamphlet with a story in it from a transgender...etc. people...we are inclusive.

2:25-2:55 **Panel 5:** Literature Group 2 – CEC/Jack D. (VI Literature D.)

D. Consider developing literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues. Pages 264 - 285

Committee recommendation:

Background: *revision of medication pamphlet *2012 issue did not make the agenda * 2014 did not go forward

* New proposal, failed by small percentage. Trustees did not go forward.

Discussion was lively, proposed title that is straightforward – “ The Alcoholic with Mental Health Issues”

The committee recommended that a new pamphlet needs to be created. Pamphlet needs to be really clear, inclusive and well defined. Some people become alcoholics while dealing with our mental issues. Some felt this was an outside issue.

Summary: Strong support for a pamphlet, but also, perhaps we need to revise an existing pamphlet and be really clear on who the pamphlet is for.

Delegate’s Report: *Available online

3:15-3:45 **Panel 6:** Literature Group 3 – Website /Sue (VI Literature E.)

E. Consider producing a book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with the Twelve Concepts for World Service. Pages 286-296

Con: Currently these items are presented in separate publications. May be intimidating to the new person who comes in may need to have that evolution of growth happen in a slower process, relishing the journey, “If it ain’t broke don’t fix it.”

Pros: Easier access, good to have it all together. Make the concepts more familiar. Exposure. In Mexico they already have it all in one book. Feedback is very good.

Committee recommendation: To keep the 12 and 12 but to enhance it with another edition that includes the 12 x 12 x 12.

Summary: Mixed response with still a lot of questions. Need more information... are they going to keep the 12 and 12 or replace it. I will use the “concept” of right of decision as I decide what is best for AA as a whole.

3:50-4:20 **Panel 7:** Literature Group 4 – CPC /Tommy G. (VI Literature F.)

F. Consider updating the pamphlet “AA for the Woman.” Pages 297 - 299

Suggestions based on the Bullets proposed by Area 75

Pg. 5 Explanation of who Anne Landers is.

-Agreed with the recommendation of adding “advice columnist” to her title.

-Agreed upon by the group.

*****the group had a suggestion to possibly add the publish date to her title as a reference.***

Story starting Pg10 words Stanchion and Bowery unfamiliar.

-Stanchion: - No Change.

-Bowery: - No Change

Pg13 Wording is dated Orphanage and Kentucky Gentleman

- A) -Orphanage: - No Change
 - B) -Kentucky Gentleman: - possibly add in Parenthesis (Liquor) or (whiskey)
- Pg18 Reference to '77 and Nurse White Uniforms and Caps**

- A) -Date 1977: - No Change
 - B) -Nurse Uniform: - No Change
- Pg27 Should be replaced due to being dated.**

A) -The story has merit and should stay see Group suggestion below.
Pg35 A.A. Contact needs to be updated with website and 1-800 phone GSO numbers.

- A) -Website: - Agree
 - B) -Phone # - Agree
- ***The group suggests that the pamphlet needs to be revised with additions only to have more resent experiences for the new comer to relate to. In the standing tradition of**

Recommendation: Revision of the pamphlet to include stories of modern women

Summary: Consensus is that revision is what is needed and to add some more relevant stories so that women today can relate.

4:10 Treasurer's Report-

Aloha Panel 65 trusted servants,
 As of March 31, 2015, the Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$17619.06
Prudent Reserve	\$5,004.98
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$823.20
Reserve for International Convention	\$504.89
Total Cash in Bank	\$23,952.13

As of March 31, 2015:

Total Contributions and Income	\$8,266.62
Total Expenditures	\$13,325.76
Net Income/Loss	(\$5,059.14)

First of all, do not be shocked by the negative income for the first three months of 2015. We had our usual large expenses – the Trustee Visit, PRAASA expenses for our Delegate and Area Chair, and our contribution to the General Service Conference. Also, because of the International Convention this coming July, we have paid a large portion of our Delegate’s expenses – airfare and registration. In comparing our numbers from last year at this time, I find that the numbers are very similar – the contributions are within \$11 of last year, and last year at this time we had a deficit of \$4017 and this year we have paid International Convention expenses of approximately \$1200

Please continue to spread the word to ensure all home groups to use the current Area mailing address. The forwarding order for the old mailing address has expired. Mail being sent to the old address will be returned to the sender. We want to thank all groups and the fellowship for their continued support through your 7th tradition contributions. I want to thank all the members who are sending in checks – they all have had group names on them so I have not had to play any guessing games. Since I am still on the uphill portion of the learning curve with this job, I would like to ask those of you sending in checks add the district number on the check. I can look them up, but it speeds up my process if I don't have to do that. Mahalo in advance!!

The June Committee meeting will be June 6 and will be hosted by the Puna District. Since flying to Hilo can be a challenge, I urge you to book your flights early. The earlier you book, the better the price. Please pass on the information about the Area's code with Hawaiian Airlines. The Hawaiian Airlines Affiliate code is **HAWAIIAREA**. The term "Affiliate Program" does not imply that we are affiliated or endorsing Hawaiian Airlines. The name is their choice, not ours, and this is not something special they are offering us because we are Alcoholics Anonymous. Any group can become an affiliate group. Airline programs are used for many A.A. events, including the International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous. The earlier we book, the cheaper the tickets are. *In the spirit of financial prudence and responsibility.* More information regarding Air Travel can be found on the Area website, <http://www.area17aa.org/air-travel/>.

Should you need any assistance and/or treasurer support, please feel free to contact me through the Area email at treasurer@area17aa.org. Again, Mahalo for the privilege of service and recovery.

In love and service, Karen N., Area Treasurer, Panel 65

Motion to approve the report Mike S., seconded Tommy G. Motion passed.

4:20- 4:55 Ask It Basket/ What's on your mind?/Adjourn with the Declaration of Unity

*Proposal to have a large print version of the first 165 pages of the Big Book made for prisons.

Alternate Delegate addressed the best way to make a proposal in the proper fashion in order to get GSO to take a look at something.

- Definition of Sobriety: We are autonomous, each alcoholic gets to decide whether they are "sober" or not. There is no definition that applies to everyone.
- Addressing "Medical Marijuana". The preamble of Alcoholics Anonymous addresses that AA cannot take on problems of society. We do not have a perspective on outside issues. We are autonomous. If I say I'm sober than I am.

**Hawaii Area 17 Orientation Assembly
Sunday April 12, 2015
Hosted by No Ka `Oi District 5**

9:00-9:15 Call to Order with the Serenity Prayer
Host DCM announcements
Reading – Service Manual pg. 55 "Source of Agenda Items"

9:15-9:45 **Officer Reports:**
Secretary

Minutes were review and motion to approve was made by Debra, seconded by Mike S.

Motion to approve was made by Mike S. seconded by Tommy G.

Registrar- Any GSR's or DCM's that are not currently on record please contact the Registrar.

Alternate Delegate-

Aloha and welcome Panel 65 trusted servants,

It's a great honor to serve Area 17 as the Alternate Chair. It truly continues to be a learning experience during these first two months trying to figure out what this new service position includes. I continue to try and figure out what I should be doing and asking for help.

Since the Orientation Assembly and according to the Structures and Guidelines relating to the alternate area chair's responsibilities, I have...

- Attended the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee meetings
- Attended the Oahu Intergroup Meetings
- Assist with supporting the coordination and planning of upcoming Area assemblies and committee meetings:
 - **Inform the Delegate Assembly:** Mahalo to the No Ka Oi District 5 for hosting this great assembly.
 - **June 6th Committee meeting:** hosted by the Puna District is June 6th and will be in Hilo. Online registration for this event will open after the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Please register as soon as you can. This helps the hosting district to prepare and plan for our arrival including making arrangements for transportation and homestay. Homestay is available for Friday evening if needed.
 - **Budget Assembly:** October 3 & 4, 2015. The budget assembly will be held at the Sunset Community Center on the beautiful north shore of Oahu. Please keep this in mind. Travel to the assembly from Honolulu or Kaneohe is a hour drive.
Registration flyers are available on the table outside or please see Bogey P, DCM. We will be voting on the 2016 budget along with other exciting business. To assist with a smooth assembly, we encourage all the GSRs, DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs and Officers to send in their registration forms as soon as possible. There is no online registration available for assemblies. Registering early benefits all of us. (1) Helps the hosting district plan and prepare for us, (2) registration fees support the expenses related to the assembly, and (3) booking travel earlier than later is prudent. Assemblies do not have online registration, you must print out the registration form and send it in with your check. You may contact transportation and homestay via email. These email addresses and a phone number to the assembly coordinator is listed on the flyer.

I look forward to continue to grow in the fellowship. In love and service, Kunane Dreier

Alternate Chair – Shared about steering committee for convention, Oahu intergroup meeting. Helping to support the districts for committee meetings and area assemblies. Please register early for the committee meeting, register online only. Oct. 3 and 4 Budget Assembly on the North Shore of Oahu. Please turn/send your registration in to Bogey ASAP.

Chair- Since we last met, I attend Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly and presented in the Traditions Panel on the topic of "How Can A.A. Members Continue to Share our Message and Prevent Confusion with Other Fellowships?"

Also at PRAASA I attended the two round tables planned for Pacific Region Chairs and Alternate Chairs. As we shared, I could see that just as each group is autonomous, each area is autonomous as well. Our discussion included topics such as the various ways we plan and hold assemblies and committee meetings, address equipment concerns, financial concerns, needs specific to each area, how areas use their websites, and how to balance service, family, travel and time commitments. One thing I shared about our area is that, if someone is elected or serves as Committee Chair, we fund the travel and registration for those trusted servants. This enables anyone who is willing to volunteer to be of service, regardless of income. I attended the PRAASA Report back that the three districts in Maui County held together. They combined the PRAASA report back with an Intergroup Event.

I drafted a Proposal Form, which District 6 used for the proposal they are presenting this weekend. Hopefully this form is a useful tool for bringing your proposal to Area 17. "Live life on life's terms" seems to be a reoccurring lesson for me these days. I've been invited to the intergroup meeting and to District #5, and plan to attend. This is our second assembly, and 4th day of working together in an assembly. As we learn, we will make some mistakes, and we will also do some things well. We have two years to get better at serving Hawaii Area 17. Please use this weekend to talk with people you don't know, as well as your friends. All of this work help protect the integrity of the message, and helps us create the "We Program" we strive for. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service, Coleen A. Area 17 Chair, Panel 65

Review procedure for presentations:

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- Members at the mic ≤ 2 minutes each (10-12 minutes allotted per panel)
- Delegate summary 2 minutes
- 5 minute transition time between Panels

9:45-10:15 Panel 8: Public Information/Cynthia (VIII Public Information B 1,2, &3)

B. Review Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan Pages 348 - 377

1. Consider suggestion that the trustees' Public Information Committee explore the use of specific social media platforms and social networking platforms as potential channels for sharing information about Alcoholics Anonymous.

A comprehensive history of this recommendation was shared with the assembly. Consensus was that there are other public media platforms to explore and that there was no harm in exploration.

2. Discuss how to increase AA member participation in local public information work.

Committee Ideas include: Increase communication between committee members and group level members. Conduct a poll on how people heard about AA on a person to person basis. Group settings are difficult to get participation but that a personal level of asking may be more successful.

3. Consider exploring a project for anonymity videos produced by AA members for AA members.

Committee recommendation: Agreed there was a need to address TI growth. Suggestions: Start a new project that parallels Young people's video. Cost effective to have members do the video's and get approval. Important to have "alcoholic's" do the video's rather than outsiders.

Summary: Consensus was for exploration of social media site. #2 Communicate one on one to encourage service. #3 Consensus was for exploration of video's.

Break

10:45- 11:10 **Panel 9:** Report and Charter Group 1 – Treatment /Alan (IX Report and Charter Group 1 A.5.)

A1.The AA Service Manual, 2015 – 2016 5. Consider request to update The AA Service Manual to better reflect how the General Service Office's database is utilized for reporting and sharing group information. Pages 417 – 422

Committee recommendation: No consensus was reached as the committee was split.

Summary: Overall consensus was for the change to the service manual.

11:05-11:35 **Panel 10:** International Conventions – Annual Hawaii Convention/Debbie (XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums B.)

B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees. Pages 512 - 517

Committee recommendation: Committee was not familiar with regional forums but educated themselves on the meaning and purpose of regional forums. Need more information, post it on the website, pre-forums to generate interest and get more information. Have an information table at the state convention. Get excited and promote to your groups and districts.

Summary: Share with enthusiasm, it is all our responsibility to make this a great experience.

11:40-12:10 Panel 11: DCMs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 IX. Report and Charter Group 2 (A. 8)

A. The AA Service Manual, 2015-2016 Edition

8. Consider request to include a chart in the section “Working with Local Intergroups and Central Offices” on pages S41 – S42. Pages 430 - 432

Committee consensus: Unanimous agreement that a this chart be included.

12:15 Lunch (Finance Committee meets)

1:15-1:4 Panel 12: DCMs 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17 and Area Officers 2015 GSC Inventory Questions (C. 1.& 2.)

C. Yearlong Process Effectiveness

How can we better communicate that the Conference process is more than one spring week in New York?

How do the delegates and regional trustees support the yearlong process effectiveness? (In this case consider how DCMs and area officers support the process.)Panel 12: DCMs 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17 and Area Officers 2015 GSC Inventory Questions (C. 1.& 2.)C. Yearlong Process Effectiveness

How can we better communicate that the Conference process is more than one spring week in New York? How do the delegates and regional trustees support the yearlong process effectiveness?

(In this case consider how DCMs and area officers support the process.) In attendance: DCMS from each of the above districts (100%!) plus Area Chair, plus Delegate, plus Area Registrar, plus Alternate Chair, plus Area Treasurer.

COMMENTS:

Have workshops to communicate to the average member, Have presentations at Home Group Day

- Promote more interaction between the various intergroups and area as a mechanism to reach who may not participate (or understand) at the area level
- Pass on your experience to everyone you meet
- Make announcements where the money goes – explain distribution and why we do count. Visual of upside down triangle that keeps the doors open... push for life and right!
- Stand and recognize area service people at meetings in order to promote conversations and questions to those people
- Presentations at District meetings – provide concrete example ... “Many paths to Spirituality started on Maui.
- Hear changes to the process through the years an preparations necessary from the delegate ... that has happened to bring our own transformation of the fellowship more to life.
- In conference report-back publication there is a full section on the upcoming theme and presentation topics. It is well thought out and prepared!
- One district started a once per month meeting – not mandatory – with the sole purpose of discussing the service manual, promoting the year long process, and perhaps the concepts, to life. GSRs get to speak on agenda topics and ask questions
- We do a pretty good job overall! Rotation of positions creates stale mate & lengthens the learning curve. It really is GSR driven ... that person must be informed and exited. Perhaps conduct study or service manual readings? Time takes time for depth of understanding ... remember GSR training is #1 job!

- Misconception of what happens here – get the message out of what’s in it for them ...
- Convey spirituality of (perceived) boring area work.
- Realize that we are each a link in a chain and every link is essential! Share w/enthusiasm! Continually remind spiritual aspect is part of necessity of GSO and District to ‘carry the message’
- It took years to understand the process and the reasoning for the procedures. Typical feeling of “I am now done with my rotation and I am just now understanding” is so true!
- Example: in 1990 conversations began to reprint the Big Book. Stories submitted, reviewed, accepted ... reprint happened in 2000.... A ten year process!
- Heard at PRASSA: “It takes AA three years to make a cup of coffee!”

How do the delegates and regional trustees support the yearlong process effectiveness? (In this case consider how DCMs and area officers support the process.)

- Use area website! Point out the pertinent areas of new information (Delegates Blog, Myna Bird, etc.) DCMs read and pass it on! Encourage GSRs to do the same.
- Conduct an “evening with Area position X/ person” to bring service structure to life from the perspective from someone not in that group / district ... convey the enthusiasm... Try to capture those meetings who DO NOT have an intergroup rep, a GSR, nor contributes (and any combination of those three).
- Table and people at a table during Founders Day
- Ask the secretary of the meetings that I attend if I can make announcements and be prepared with a brief, enthusiastic invitation to get involved...and see me after the meeting with any questions about our service structure.
- Help understanding that it takes commitment to keep the doors open ... play a part!
- Find a way to get those “more rigid” old-timers that they still need to play a vital part.
- Regularly attend Intergroup meetings and carry that message.
- Convey visually the drunk to drunk is the top tier and the most important and the AA group is there to help you and the lower tiers of the triangle support all of that process.
- Delegate reports back – bring ideas to promote participation. District to promote attendance with enthusiasm. DCM to delegate responsibilities to assist with the process to each GSR.
- Make meeting announcements AFTER the GSR report so the GSR can mention appreciation for the contributions (from that group) and help understanding of what the money is used for.
- Really important to remember the primary purpose ... 1 on 1 to be excited ... and get sponsees involved is another.
- Scheduling service things in conjunction with fun things. Keep brief.
- Add ‘service speak’ into my lead/share when I am asked to speak. Carrot & the stick approach.
- BOX 459... promotion of the publication and inform that it can be found on aa.org website. DCMS need to mention at meetings and at home groups. Good stuff in there!
- Bottom line – I need to share how service has changed me and added depth to my sobriety ... discuss feelings just not agenda lists.
- Keep the spark from us
- Change the way that I share at the group level to pass on the excitement of service.

Summary: Have more workshops, convey the spirituality of service, DCM and officers need to be informed and we as servants need to be available to answer questions, please talk to us, we will answer your questions or find out the answer for you.

Lunch Break

Regional Forum Committee Sign-up sheet has been created for opportunities to serve. Alt. Delegate will be the Ad-hoc chair in charge of the mailing list 😊.

1:20 Proposal from Kauai District #6

PROPOSAL TO ADD A PARAGRAPH TO LIVING SOBER

The Happy Hour Kauai Group requests the General Service Conference consider adding a paragraph extolling the positive experience of participation in general service meetings (including business/ group conscious meetings) to the chapter on Attending Meetings in subsequent printings of Living Sober

Background information:

Proposed by "The Happy Hour" group from Lihue, Kaua'i, District #6 on February 15, 2015. The proposal was brought to District #6 committee meeting on February 21, 2015. The proposal was accepted and agreed upon by District #6 to bring the proposal to Area 17.

The assembly is asked to take this information back to their home groups to vote on and see if they agree to this proposal. We will add this item to our Budget assembly agenda.

1:30 DCM Reports

District #1 Diamond Head

Diamond Head District is really starting to shape up, we have had 3 monthly meetings so far with attendance getting better each time. Diamond Head District put out the need for a new secretary, the last one moved off island. I'm happy to report that we have filled that spot, Marilyn B. is our new secretary. We are still looking for a treasurer, the Alt. DCM has been filling in for now. Overall the Dist. Is doing well, we had 7 members attend the last meeting. We were able to give out 2 helping hands airfare tickets for GSR's wanting to be here, as their groups were unable to afford to send them. Diamond Head hosted the first committee meeting for panel 65, and the District sent me to PRASSA where I got a lot of information and was able to bring my district back a full report. We are looking forward to better days to come. Floyd Mc., DCM District #1

District #3 Leeward

Our business meeting was held on Thursday 2 April 2014. We continued to discuss topics not covered at our last business meeting in March mostly things brought back from the 2/28/2015 Committee Meeting. We then shifted our attention to planning for the June 20th Delegate Report Back which we are hosting at Kapolei Regional Park in Kapolei. I applied for the park permit which should be completed any day now as per Park Manager David. Also, we discussed and delegated certain responsibilities for GSR's in District 3 and I will further delegate more responsibilities when I see District 9 and 17 DCM's at the Inform the Delegate Assembly April 11th and 12th. They are co-hosting the June 20th event which will be called "Delegate Report Back/Family" Day from 9am-3pm. Flyers will be available at the Assembly on Saturday the 11th. Once again elections for Alternate DCM and Registrar were tabled due to not enough voting members present; however, attendance this month was better than in March. I visited most of the 14 groups in my district and had the Secretaries/GSR's personally update their contact information. This is an ongoing process which I plan to continue to work on but I do plan to give Steve what I have at the Assembly and continue to keep him updated as process moves along. I look forward to seeing you all at the Assembly. Thanks, Jay W., DCM3

District #4 Windward District

Currently, Windward Oahu has 27 active groups. Of that 27 groups we have 11 participating GSRs. Most the other groups do have contacts but do not serve in the capacity of a GSR. Today we have 7 representing the Windward Oahu District 4. Thank you.

Practices to carrying the message to the suffering alcoholic are:

- (1) We (District 4 panel) caravan to a select group, typically a struggling or "dark group" once a month. Last month we traveled to Burning Desires (bon fire) meeting. Our purpose then was to share about service. The group did fill all their service positions prior to our caravan. This month we travel to Kahaluu Discussion. This year Kahaluu Discussion celebrates 62 years.
- (2) TYG and Burning Desires currently have a planned meeting after the meeting. All are welcome...the newcomer the lost member the struggling member the defiant member don't forget the member experiencing contentment in sobriety.
- (3) Na Whine O Koolau recently started the meeting after the meeting and is doing well. Thank you Sharon.

(4) Pau Hana developed a "Newcomer" packet - for the new member only. The packet includes phone list, meeting schedule and select pamphlets. Pau Hana will give. Big book to the new comer who requests. Thank you Nick
Upcoming Group Activities:

(1) TYG - Celebrates 30 years on Wednesday, June 24, 1985. Listen for or visit the intergroup calendar for upcoming announcements of celebration plans.

(2) Hang Loose: Mother's Day Camp out May 8th - 10th.

Other Topics:

(1) Adopt a Treatment Facility: District 4 will take into consideration to adopt a treatment facility to help serve the treatments committee at the request of the Treatment Committee. The service we would provide is to maintain the literature rack.

(2) Based on new information ... District 4 will have representation at the monthly intergroup meeting. Thank you for the invitation to attend intergroup which got the ball rolling.

(3) Our treasury report is verified and supported by online banking. (Note: a comment was made at PRAASA that Treasurers ought to backup their) report with a bank statement)

Explorations: District 4 is exploring other ideas to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic such as a district picnic, also Round Table workshops with select topic discussions such as working with the newcomer, safety in (our) AA homegroup, Traditions, sponsorship etc...(2)Centralize the location of our Christmas and New Years Alcahons

District #6 Kauai

Many of our GSRs attended this months "Inform The Delegate" Assembly and have been enthusiastic about reporting back to their groups. As a district we are continuing to ask ourselves and focus on the question, "What are we doing to carry the message?". Our grapevine made the proposal and our district agreed upon giving to gift subscriptions to help carry the message. One to the Jail and one to the Waimaya canyon group.

Our new business this month was to form committees for:

a) The Area Inventory Assembly

b) The Delegate Report back on Kauai in August 2015.

We have also decided it important to have a group inventory at the district level if we are going to host an inventory. Steve Q is going to form a committee and bring information for us to decide upon next month.

District #17 Waianae

Aloha my name is Cindy and I'm an Alcoholic, I would like to thank Maui No Ka Oi Distict #5 for hosting the assembly. We held our district meeting a week early due to the Easter holiday, we discussed the topics at the last two dictrict meetings regarding the Inform the Delegate topics. Our last meeting was well attended and included two new GSR's one for Sobriety 101 and a brand new meeting Real Time, which is also looking for support it's held Sundays at 2pm at Maili Beach Park. The Point moved to 360 Strong they sponsor a potluck and volleyball. I attended PRASSA what an awesome trip I enjoyed the time I spent with my new BFF's from Maui and reported back to my district my experience. The feedback I received was very positive I am looking forward to next year already. We are planning a workshop in July and are dicussing topics around PRASSA and service. CINDY K
DCM District #17

District #5 No Ka Oi

Aloha, Since we last met , I attended PRAASA in Layton Utah. The panels, and the comments at the mic afterwards really helped me to understand the issues to be discussed at the GCS, and to better be able to prepare our District and my home group to participate in group conscious. Even better than that was the magic of hearing individual share passionate experience related to the topics at the microphone and the God-shots in between. Next began the preparations for hosting the ITD assembly, which at the time of this report, will be nearly concluded. It is our pleasure to welcome you to North Shore Maui.Moving forward, we are exploring the possibility of paying for a PI booth at the Maui County Fair, as well as planning a District/inter-district Fellowship event this summer. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. In service, Mike S.DCM No Ka Oi (D5)

District #13 Tri-Island

What Tri-Island District 13 did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous: In February, The Crossing went to Lanai to share sobriety for a weekend. The next Crossing is to Molokai on October 23-25. District paid for the DCM to attend the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) in Utah, also helped a group pay for its GSR to attend PRAASA. DCM and that GSR participated in a Maui PRAASA Report-back which happened before the Central Office Bash. Our GSRs took the agenda items and background information to their groups and prepared for this assembly. They put a lot of time and effort into their preparations. Thank you. Here at the Inform the Delegate Assembly, we have 3 GSRs who have been at an assembly before, 2 Alternate GSRs at their first Hawaii Area Assembly, and 2 Group members and an AI-Anon from Lanai. Tri-Island District is hosting a Service Fair – How AA Works on Saturday May 2 in Lahaina to inform people how service positions at the Group, District, and Area make sure AA is around for alcoholics who still suffer. We are looking forward to our Delegate Report Back from the General Service Conference on Sunday, June 21, co-hosting the event with Maui's No Ka Oi and Kihei Districts. DCM continues to attend the monthly Maui Intergroup meetings and lets Intergroup know some of what's going on in our Area. Thanks to No Ka Oi Dist. For hosting this assembly.

Other Topics: We will start planning to host the Committee Meeting in February 2016. We are looking forward to the Maui Mini-Conference on November 3, the Tuesday after the State Convention. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

District #9 North Shore (No report received)

District #2 Honolulu

Honolulu District II meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30 -7:30pm. We have been offered a new location to have the district meeting at no cost to us, but we are looking to contribute in some way or other. We have 7 active GSR's in our District listing 23 groups, 6 of which are here today. A printer was donated to our district, so we printed our set of documents from the area website for this assembly. I've had the privilege of attending two workshops within the past two months. 1st one was on the steps with some great panel speakers. I believe district 10 was involved with that workshop. The 3rd Tradition Group out on the west side from District 17 sponsored a workshop on "Working with a Sponsor". Both workshops were well attended and had great food thus inspiring district II to put on a workshop. Therefore, we are looking to do our 1st workshop within the next month or so. Our district decided that we still want to host the New Year's Eve alka-thon and so we had a GSR already commit to chairing that event. We managed to work out some of the kinks in our district meeting and were able to finish our last meeting on time and with room to spare

District #8 West Hawaii

District 8 will have our next meeting on Friday 4/17/15. We have 6 GSR's attending this assembly, amazing how this fellowship works. At the last District meeting we got a corrections chair that is working on forming a committee. We have been doing business to form our committees, which was hard due to lack of service. We have "Founders Day" celebration at Hapuna beach coming up in June, still trying to get a chair for the event. I am busy thinking of new agenda topics to put into the meeting agenda to spark enthusiasm and get people involved. I want to thank District 5 for hosting this assembly. I also was able to go to PRASSA and it was a great experience. It was run exactly how this weekend was run. I have been getting to some groups around my District who has asked me to give reports on PRASSA. Thanks AA for keeping me busy and sober. Miles, DCM

District #10 Waikiki

- Attended PRAASA – phenomenal!
- 12 Coconuts celebrated 30 years – very successful event.

- Conducted a 12 step workshop with a panel comprised of long term sobriety ... joint effort between the Daily Reflections Group, The Oahu intergroup and District 10... very well attended, approx 100+ in attendance.
- Our district is putting together a document of our own 'guidelines and structures'. We are proceeding rather quickly with thanks to Deborah/District #4 for their document which provided the basis of what we are doing.
- Our DCM and another GSR from our district regularly attend Oahu Intergroup meeting on a regular/monthly basis.
- We are finding Volunteers on Oahu to assist the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) to assist with **DUI Class participation** – speaking at non-AA meeting
 - Contact David F 808.89.0467 or dwfink1@gmail.com
- Currently contributions are not on track with past year.

Upcoming events:

- **Saturday Night Live/ Annual Mahalo Dinner** / Saturday April 25th 5:40pm /Kuhio School / 2759 South King Street
- **FOUNDERS DAY** / Home Group Day / Saturday June 13th / 7am – 4pm
McCoy Pavillion /\$5.00 tickets now for sales ... see Mary
 - Something you might consider if you are going to the International Convention in Atlanta ... they have an Awesome Tee Shirts (front has flag of Hawaii and back has responsibility prayer in Hawaiian) are for sale at \$20/each. Contact Oahu Office. I have a photo on my phone if you would like to see what it looks like!
- **Delegate Reports Back** ... We are now set with our date: Saturday July 25th This will be a joint effort from Deborah/District #4, Floyd/District #1 and Ernest/District #2 and my district #10.
- **Bill & Lois Dinner** / September 26th / more information to follow

District #12 Puna

2:10 Standing Committee Reports followed by Intergroup Reports

Grapevine, Pattilynn

Aloha my name is Pattilyne and I'm an alcoholic, I am the Area 17 Grapevine Chair and I would like to thank the No Ka O'i district for hosting this assembly. As most of you know Grapevine is having a subscription challenge this year and the state, province and territory with the highest percentage increase of Grapevine magazine subscriptions will be honored in 2016 with an issue dedicated to their state. I feel Area 17 has a good chance of winning this challenge because of the support I received from all of you has been amazing. We, AA as a whole, need to spread the word about this challenge to meetings throughout this state so we can have a chance in winning and let everyone know how much we love Grapevine. As of this morning we have gotten 3 new subscriptions and I hope that the rest of us will show our support with the Grapevine!! There are many ways that we can support the Grapevine and here are some ideas. 1) Become a Grapevine rep for your home group or district. 2) Tell your story either through writing or audio and send it in to the Grapevine. 3) Ask your home group/district to have a Grapevine workshop. If you go to aagrapevine.org you will find topics for stories, grapevine books and you can subscribe online. A hardcopy subscription costs 28.97 for a year or 54.00 for 2 years. Online subscriptions 34.97 it includes access to the archives from 1944-present and audio recordings of all the stories. For those who know Spanish we have the La Vina magazine for 11.97 for a year 6 issues and 22.00 for 2 years. La Vina is printed bi-monthly and that's why there's a difference on prices. You can also get the complete package for 49.97 and it has

12 Issues of GV print and online, 12 issues of audio recordings, 6 issues of La Viña online.

If you have any questions or would like to share how you helped the Grapevine out please email me at grapevine@area17aa.org. I would like to thank Maui's central office for supplying us with Grapevine literature that you can find at their office in Wailuku. A BIG Mahalo's to various meetings throughout Maui for their continued support with Grapevine!! I was amazed to see how much the GV is loved by many here in Maui. Thank you from the bottom of heart. I would like to end with a reading from the Daily Quotes book.

State Convention Steering Committee, Debra G.

The dates for this year's convention are October 29 to November 1 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. We are all very excited to be back at the Hilton.

Our theme is "Our Whole Attitude and Outlook Upon Life Will Change". One of the exciting things planned for this year is our Friday Night Dinner will be held outside on the lawn. We have a fire knife, fire dancer scheduled to perform. The dinner will conclude with the weekly fireworks show that the Hilton provides. After this, we will of course have our Friday Night Big Meeting inside the Tapa Ballroom.

Saturday Night is Halloween, and we will be having a Masquerade Ball.

Our counts right now are:

126 Preregistered at last year's convention

24 Early registrations

150 Total registrations

29 Friday dinners

6 Saturday Al-Anon brunches

33 Saturday dinners

25 Sunday breakfast.

The 2015 Convention Committee began having its monthly meetings in January, with lots of attendance at our monthly meetings.

Our chair, Kathleen is full of enthusiasm and excitement, and the committee seems to be sharing her enthusiasm and excitement.

Kathleen has most of her committee positions filled; however, she has left open some committee positions for Neighbor Island participation. If you are from a neighbor island and would like to serve on this year's convention planning committee please contact Kathleen at 391-4635 ASAP.

In addition, if you are from a neighbor island and would like to be of service in another capacity, other than a committee chair, please contact Kathleen as well. We are really trying to encourage neighbor island participation. Our monthly committee meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6-7 p.m. at Kaumakipili Church. Please come join us if you'd like to get into service.

In January we also began our steering committee meetings, and I am happy to be a part of this year's steering committee, focused on love and service to the convention.

We will begin taking resumes for the 2016 Annual Hawaii Convention Chair soon, and will most likely be doing interviews in June for that position. We will post information on the website regarding the requirements and resume submitting deadline dates as soon as those dates are set.

Also this year is the 3rd year of service for our treasurer Sheri, so we will be opening up for resumes to be submitted later in the year, with interviewing dates to be scheduled later. This is a 3 year paid staff position, which can be held for a maximum of 2 consecutive terms. We will post information on the website regarding the requirements and resume submitting deadline dates as soon as those dates are set.

This year our steering committee is looking at the job descriptions for our secretary and treasurer to make sure that they are up-to-date.

Next year's steering chair Judy has begun the process of finding and securing a venue for our 2016 Annual Hawaii Convention. We as a steering committee decided to be open to looking into other venues that might suit our Annual Hawaii Convention, and Judy has begun this process.

If anyone has any questions, please contact me at 726-1080.

I look forward to seeing you all in April in Maui.

In Love and Service, Debbie G.

2015 Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Chair

CEC Committee: Jack G.

Our committee evaluated the GSC question "Consider Developing Literature for the Alcoholic with Mental Health Issues". Each of the eight members received/ reviewed and asked their groups about the items in the packet. The committee forwarded a recommendation to the assembly that a pamphlet should be created to address this

population. Other activities included contacting the nine neighborhood centers on Kauai, Distributing literature, schedules and a poster made by a member (Koalaman35@gmail.com) He will supply the poster via email to anyone who requests a copy. Mahalo, Jack G., Chair

Website Committee: Sue

As requested at the last committee meeting, I updated all the names of the standing committee chairs and DCMs on the web site on their pages. This was made easy because the registrar had distributed the contact list. If I missed you for some reason, please let me know so I can get it right!

I also went back through all the service materials and made sure that the prior meetings' minutes, the current meetings' minutes, and the agendas for all committee meetings and agendas are in the service materials page and also on the event page for easy access.

The registration for the Committee Meeting is up (for committee members) for the next committee meeting, and the phone is transferred to Bernie, the Puna District #12 DCM.

For those who requested it, I created the mailing lists for the DCMs and the Standing Committees. If you are a DCM or SC chair, and you want your mailing list created, please let me know via email.

GSRs, if you think that the information on the web is too much to download and print, look at the items on line, and choose what to print. You could, for example, print only the agenda and the treasurer's report. You could read over the minutes, and only print them if you have a problem with a certain section or part. If you agree with them as written, you could just not print them, knowing that you will vote to accept them. These are examples only, but it gives you an idea of what you may want to do to make it easier to manage your information.

We are looking for an Alternate Webmaster for the rest of this panel. We are looking for someone who can take over the Webmaster duties if I am unable to attend a committee meeting or assembly, and who would be willing to stand for web site committee chair for the next panel. There is no guarantee that this person would be selected web site chair in Panel 67; however, this panel would recommend him or her if they so desired. Note that this is likely to be a two-panel commitment. If you are interested, please let me know in person, by phone, or by email, and I will meet with candidates. I would like to have someone in place by the next assembly.

Archives, Lauren V.

Hey everyone! So glad to see so many of you at the Assembly – I always love seeing everyone and hearing the message of AA through the islands of Hawaii through your service work. It really does inspire me to trudge on!

1. So I want to take this time to introduce you to the **Panel 65 Archives Challenge!** I challenge **every** district to go on a Treasure Hunt... the Treasure being either: a) a treasured old-timer from your district (old-timer is >25years) who has been around Hawaii AA and can give great personal account of their experience, strength, and hope of being sober in these beautiful islands. b) Or your treasured "oldest" group in your district – finds and collects gems from groups in your own district that has been through a few resentments and coffee pots. ***This is a great assignment for those sponsees that are just itching for ways to get out of their heads*** Guidelines and formats for both, the old-timers interview and group history forms, are on the Area Archives link at area17aa.org Submit your treasure to archives@area17aa.org to be "scrubbed" and added to Hawaii Archives. My challenge is to get at least **one submission from EVERY district** by the end of this panel... come on, you know you already have someone or some group that you know would be perfect for this.

2. The other big news we have is that Linda McD, our permanent archivist, has been working hard on digitizing our info to be available on our website. Due to her blood, sweat, and tears, we now have the minutes from Assemblies and Committee Meetings from 1975 -2002 scrubbed and up on our website. The link can be found under the Archives Link. Her next mission is scrubbing and preparing 2003-2014. Also, we are trying to come up with a way to make the documents more searchable with key words. 3. Eventually, a goal of ours would to include information from the Districts as well. We are not ready for that yet but it would be great if you get started organizing at the District level. Please promote the position of Archives Chair at the District level to

start this process. I'm sure you have a type A organizational-junkie in your District that would just love going through those binders and boxes your poor DCMs have been lugging around for years now. Try to filter out non-business related information – District meeting minutes would be a great place to start. Things that we aren't necessarily interested in are old copies of Grapevines, “drunk junk” – t-shirts, mugs, patches, etc., - thirty copies of the same document, etc.... just start with business related things and put them in order. Easy! Have your newly elected and super enthusiastic Archives Chair contact me with any questions at archives@area17aa.org. Again, we aren't quite ready to digitize this info yet but it will help tremendously if you get it ready for it to be. Thank you so much for letting me participate in this Assembly. I think I get more out of these things than I put in but you guys inspire me to do more! Thanks! – Lauren V

Treatment, Allen

1. Finally got Internet setup so you can contact me at treatment@area17aa.org
2. I received my Treatment folder from GSO
3. Talked to Steve S. from GSO and one of our past Delegates about Bridging the Gap in Treatment Facilities. Was told to contact DCM's from all Districts and ask them to bring up in their District meetings if they can take care of Treatment Facilities in their Districts. I'll be e-mailing all Districts the request.
4. Got a request for a literature rack in treatment facilities.
5. Received E-mail from some people that will be visiting the islands about doing some service in treatment facilities. I E-mailed them back requesting them for more information about who they were and what they did in their state. Then I'll see how I can help them. That is my Treatment Report. Thanks for your patience. Love and Service Alan Y.

Corrections, Erik T

We are doing our best to express our enthusiasm and attract others to participate in this awesome service. We seem to be struggling to bring AA into the correctional facilities on the Big Island. If you are connected on the Big Island and know anyone who goes into or is interested in going into the correctional facilities please contact me at corrections@area17aa.org or contact Charles B. 808-688-3376 he is looking for 6 volunteers so he can arrange a training to go into the facility. Oahu corrections volunteers are requesting more literature. I've used \$100 of the corrections budget for literature for OCCC. “Mililani Men's Stag” meeting donated 12 Big Books, “Sunday Night Promises” donated a couple dozen Grapevines. We acquired 2 new volunteers for the OCCC annex, 3 more for FDC. There will be another training June 29th if anyone on Oahu can stir up some volunteers. On Kauai we just acquired two new women volunteers to attend the women's jail soon. KCCC has a men's meeting every Tuesday afternoon. District 8 KKAA donated two 1-year subscriptions of the Grapevine and 2- La Vina subscriptions for the corrections facility of our choice. Here on Maui we have been fanning the flames of enthusiasm for the corrections work. We labored the good part of a year to finally get a volunteer orientation for MCCC. I'm proud to say that our 3 men's meetings and our 1 women's meeting per week are now well attended. We had 10 AA members show up for the orientation. I was able to use Area funds to support the Monday night men's meeting by providing 5 Big Books as requested.

CPC, Tommy G.

Worked hard with assigned committee on ITD agenda topic. Working now to connect with outer island committee chairs, hoping to get more activity in this committee for the up coming year. Working on the Big Island to create a venue for a luncheon with the professional community.

Myna Bird, Jim

Since our last assembly, the committee has communicated via e-mail to produce the February MynahBird and the issue that we distributed this weekend. In addition, two of us attended PRAASA where we distributed post-it notes to remind

participants to send in articles about their experiences in Utah. At PRAASA I attended the Newsletter and Website Round Table where most of the discussion focused on websites. We are currently working to develop ways of more direct participation from other committee members in the creation of the remaining eight or nine issues planned for this panel as well as methods to encourage submissions from GSR's or other members of area groups. Any ideas would be appreciated. Lastly I would like everyone to read the short "From the Editor" column on page three of the current issue as it outlines the direction we are attempting at the present time. We are very interested in members sharing their experience with their home groups and what makes that group special.

Intergroups:

Oahu – Chair- Kalae

7th tradition was down last month for some reason. March - \$3,484.23, Feb. - \$3,671.95, Jan.- \$5,671.59 Literature sales - \$1,742.05 Total income: \$5414.03 Total expenses: \$5,284.06 Assets left \$129.97 Expenses have gone up due to new location of Central Office.

Central Office received 973 calls: (402) meeting info (22) Literature orders (367) AA info. (18) 12 step calls

112 visits to the Central Office (63) lit sales, (31) info, (18)12 step calls. Phone volunteers are needed.

Home Group Day Event (March 28th) Founder's Day (June 13th) 7-4pm McCoy Pavillion, Ala Moana "How About AA in the State of Hawaii" (t-shirt discussion). Reaching out to groups to inspire intergroup Reps.

Maui –

We have the steering committee panel completed, including a part-time manager (20 hrs/wk) who has been in place for nearly 8 years. Attends the Kihei District 11 meeting each month, and we're improving our attendance at area assemblies. We have an office in Wailuku, open from 9-5 Mon-Fri, with people answering phones 24/7 during the week. We sell AA books and literature from the office. Our Steering Committee meets the week of our monthly intergroup to discuss upcoming issues. We have about 25 meetings sending IG reps. We host a Central Office Bash each year –Founder's Day, Gratitude night and 3 holiday Alkathons (Thanks., Christmas, New Years). We publish the Serenity Gazette each month in print and on our website. We invite all of you to visit or call Central Office when you're on Maui and visit our website at aamaui.org. Mahalo, submitted by Jeanna Thacker, Intergroup secretary.

2:50 PRAASA Reports (can be found online)

Ask it Basket and at the mic "What's on your mind?"

Debra made a motion to Adjourn, Melissa seconded. Adjourned with the Declaration of Unity