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**We look forward to seeing
you in Atlanta!**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW LEADERSHIP. . .

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This, too, is service to AA!

UPCOMING AREA ASSEMBLIES AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS for 2015

(Please purchase tickets early and use the Area's code for Hawaiian Air if you purchase air travel from Hawaiian. It can be found at Area17aa.org)

April 11 & 12 -- Inform the Delegate

Maui No Ka Oi District #5

May – Committee Meeting

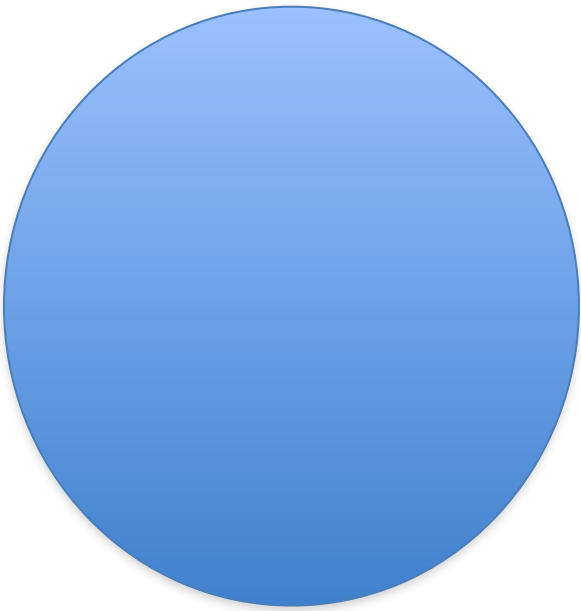
Puna District #12

October 3 & 4 – Budget Assembly

Central No. Shore District #9

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A CONFERENCE VIEW FROM A FORMER AREA 17 DELAGATE.....

I am honored to have attended the 61st and 62nd General Service Conferences as the Panel 61 Delegate from Hawaii. I was not at all prepared for the magnitude and the impact that the conference would have on me. The Conference is a big deal, but the conference members are not. We are individuals who are entrusted with the responsibility to make decisions regarding the future of A.A. based on the voices of our areas and our experience, strength and hope. I was struck by the amount of work and dedication of the Class A trustees. Moreover, I was awed by the knowledge and passion in the GSO Staff members who served on each conference committee. I found the conference brutally tiring while, at the same time, raising my spiritual awareness to new heights.

Linda McD, Panel 61

**NOW AVAILABLE . . .
517 PAGES OF EXCITING AND
INFORMATIVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION
ON THE UPCOMING GENERAL SERVICE
CONFERENCE TOPICS!!**

**BE THE FIRST IN YOUR GROUP TO DISCOVER THIS HIGHLY
INCITEFUL INFORMATION . . .
AVAILABLE NOW FROM YOUR DCM IN FRENCH, SPANISH AND
ENGLISH1**

MY HOME GROUP

Our membership is small but attendance has grown since I first became a member 16 years ago. We started at the Christ Lutheran in Mililani but have since moved to the Presbyterian Church. We have lost two of the founding members and some other regulars. Others have drifted to other meetings and still others had to go experiment some more. At the Orientation Assembly Joel spoke of harmony and how it makes things work. From listening to our Home Group members you would think that there was a lot of disharmony; however, we listen to one another and help with not just the set-up and breakdown of the meeting but the everyday problems that happen in each of our lives.

Like others, we all know that our lives would have never crossed in our alcoholic lives. God brought us together and I think we are all better people for it. There is always someone there to make sure the meeting takes place. I hope that you will join us one day.

**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION TOPICS for the 2015 GENERAL SERVICE
CONFERENCE: OUR COMMON WELFARE THROUGH GRATITUDE IN ACTION**

- Diversity in A.A. – Our Heritage of Inclusion
- Safety and Respect – Practicing the Principles Begins in Our Home Group
- Safeguarding our Traditions through the Evolution of Technology

THE CONFERENCE

C A D N E G A O D C O T L N S
 A O A L T E R N A T E T O C U
 U G N A M R I A H C C I Z L B
 D R Q S B O A R D O T U T F S
 I A A H I N H K R A R R F Y T
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 R E P R E S E N T A T I V E N
 U V L I L C E R T S M Y N T T
 S I Z V T M A M A I C C K T I
 T N F I M H E U N T K I J I A
 E E O O C N X A F B I L Z M L
 E N C T T X N A C T I O N M L
 S E M G M U O Q N U W P N O P
 R J G E R U T A R E T I L C P
 A R C H I V E S E C N A N I F

ACTION	FINANCE
AGENDA	GRAPEVINE
ALTERNATE	LITERATURE
ARCHIVES	POLICY
AUDIT	RECOMMENDATION
BOARD	REPRESENTATIVE
CHAIRMAN	STAFF
CHARTER	SUBSTANTIAL
COMMITTEE	TREATMENT
CONSIDERATION	TRUSTEES
CORRECTIONS	UNANIMITY

FROM A MEMBER . . . STAYING IN THE LIFEBOAT

I'm drifting... Not doing well at all... Feeling as if I might shake apart at any moment. All I can do is writhe in an unfamiliar bed. It was unbelievable that I was in the hall with people that I barely knew and they were caring for me as one of their own; feeding me, giving me vitamin B 100, fish oil and fresh juice. It would be five days before I could make it to a meeting and literally that was all I could do in the beginning.

The woman who was to become my sponsor instructed me to get phone numbers from women, make five calls a day and ask for rides. I was mortified! But I did what she said. I was too scared at what I had become not to. In between meetings, she surrounded me with literature that she wanted me to read. At two weeks sober, I started working the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and after a few months my life was markedly better. Repeatedly I heard in meetings to stay in the lifeboat and keep in the middle of the program.

So I started doing service work as secretary for our local group, which kept me coming back even when I didn't want to. Consistency has always been challenging for me and it felt good to follow through with that commitment. I have a few other positions which keep me informed and definitely in the lifeboat. Through the steps and service I have developed a relationship with my higher power that I'm learning more every day to rely on. Now I get to participate in my life and not just have life happen to me. I now have a wealth of friends when I came from a place of dark isolation and loneliness. Now I'm in the lifeboat that is drifting in the Sunlight of the Spirit!

