



MYNAH BIRD

HAWAII AREA #17 NEWSLETTER

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Articles to: mynahbird@area17aa.org

UPCOMING AREA ASSEMBLIES AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS for Panel 65

(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)

Election Assembly
November 12-13
West Hawaii District #8

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION:

Pacific Regional Forum
September 30-October 2
Hilton Waikoloa
Annual Hawaii Convention
October 27-30
Hilton Hawaiian Village
(see page 6 for registration form)

PANEL 67 PLANS

Orientation Assembly
Kihei District #11
January 14, 15, 2017



See page 5 for registration information

CONTRIBUTION MAILING ADDRESSES:

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1253 Beretania St., #2107
Honolulu, HI 96814-1822
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General Service Board
P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163
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This, too, is service to AA!

Ready to Pass It On!

“LOVE AND SERVICE”

The only Love in my life was Alcohol; marijuana and my other drugs merely mistresses. That relationship worked for me, for nearly 25 years. That love affair with drugs and alcohol, forced me into a life of servitude. Thinking of drinking, working to drink, survival drinking and finally drinking to oblivion. My disease became the master of my life – making all the choices. My inner-self a servant of an insidious insane master.

March 24, 1984 I was introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous. The slogan, “Let Go and Let God” stuck with me. Taking that as my new found safety net I stopped drinking for a bit. Finding myself unable to sleep well, I started smoking pot. “Just to help me sleep.” Within a short time the drink had me again. I divorced, became addicted to Demerol and dismissed the Let and Let God solution.

Seven years later August 9, 1991, I experienced my first day sober. By Grace I was freed from the desire, need and

obsession to drink and drug my way through life. Through living a life based on Love and Service offered to me by Alcoholics Anonymous my sobriety has been maintained since that first day sober in 1991.

Tough Love in tough times, softer Love in smooth sailing, but always Love! Love for the program of recovery laid out for us in the Big Book. Love for the fellowship who freely shared their experiences in our literature and meetings. Love for our sponsors, grand sponsors, great grand sponsors and sponsees... The lineage is endless now. The Love of an honest day's work, the love of family, friends, and fellowship. Love of those who like and dislike us. Oh what a life to know Love again! Service for others what a contrast to the self-serving life lived before Alcoholics Anonymous. My first sponsor Otto had a sponsor, Johnnie Owens. His sponsor, Leroy Davis saved me many times during my first 5 years of sobriety. Leroy's sponsor, Bill Ross received the program and “spirit of AA” from Bob Smith and in short order he was helping others to achieve sobriety.

What these men passed onto me, “Sobriety.” Defined in the 1938 Webster's Dictionary as; habitually free from all intoxicants. First they showed me how to stay Sober and then how to help others to achieve Sobriety. Secondly they showed me how to be of service to a home group. Then they showed me how to be of service to our local area. Finally they taught me how to be of service to AA World Service by living the program outlined in the Big Book as best we could each day. Often it was mentioned, “We might be the only copy of the Big Book some in our world will ever see.” This Life and Spirit AA has given me, truly is a life of Love and Service. First learned in AA, my sponsor then put me to service in my Family, Community and Church. To live this Life of Love and Service in these for areas of my life give me an abundantly balanced life and for it I am extremely grateful!

Mahalo, for the opportunity to be of Service!

Bill C.

District 11, Area 17

PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM SHARING SESSION – MAUI

HEARD THE ANNOUNCEMENTS?
WANT TO KNOW MORE?
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

WE ARE HAVING A SHARING SESSION BY 4 MEMBERS WHO HAVE
ATTENDED PAST PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUMS

Shelly N. Vernon G. Keith K. Colin H.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

IAO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

(Home of the Saturday Night Speakers Meeting)

Coffee and Donuts will be provided.

AREA SERVICE

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G R A O B M T T I Q G S S A S
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ACCLAMATION
ALTERNATES
ARCHIVES
ASSEMBLY
CHAIR
COMMITTEES
CONVENTION
DEBATE
DELEGATE
DISCUSSION
GROUPS
MINUTES
MOTIONS
NEWSLETTER
PROPOSALS
REGISTRAR
ROUNDTABLES
UNANIMITY
VOTING
WEBSITE

*JUST TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THANK YOU
IN CASE THERE ISN'T ANY ROOM IN THE NEXT (LAST)
ISSUE FOR THIS PANEL!*

Faced with another blank page and a deadline to complete this issue, I have once again decided to share my thoughts

I got sober in a rehab on the Mainland in December, 2004 and returned to Kauai on New Year's Eve before the day Keith H became the delegate for Panel 55. The guy who answered the hotline phone was at my first meeting and became my sponsor. He was what I now term a "primitive service junkie," and was the GSR for the group I attended. He told me I was to be his alternate and I began attending Assemblies.

During Panel 57 I served as GSR for that same group and then was elected DCM for Panel 59. That was the position which really taught me about being a servant. (As Rod B, our past Pacific Regional Trustee put it, "the farther down the triangle you go, the more bosses you have!")

I served as Hospitals Chair during Panel 61 but was not elected to any position for Panel 63. The secretary position for the Area became available, however, and I took a flight to Maui for the April assembly and stood alone for that position.

I have always believed that sobriety takes discipline and the job of secretary really stretched my ability to sit still and pay attention! I am extremely grateful for that!

Again I was not elected to hold a position for this panel, but I put a note in Colleen's basket at the last Election Assembly telling her, "I'll do whatever you need."

Believe me, it was a shock when she called about a month later to tell me, "Your name was pulled from the hat to be MynahBird Chair."

To be honest, that was *way* at the bottom of any list I would have made!!

But reflecting back on my drinking career, I had no idea how much AA would help me; so it is much less of a shock to realize how much this position has enhanced my sobriety and my life!

First and foremost is the continuing comment in almost every inventory -- we need to improve communication throughout the fellowship. An already-existing newsletter is clearly one element we could easily access to accomplish this. To this end Colleen's PRAASA report was printed in full.

And the Archives Challenge was submitted and published as have been numerous articles from Kihei Morning Serenity.

It's really been a fun and exciting experience, and it's forced me to constantly look at how we function as an area to carry the message of hope.

What a wonderful experience!

Thank you all for the opportunity!

Jim D

PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM

Name

Street Address

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

City State Zip Code

Phone

Email

For ASL Interpretation please contact G.S.O.: regionalforums@aa.org

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Mail to G.S.O to Arrive by: September 26, 2016 General Service Office, P.O. Box 459,
Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163

Attn: Regional Forums

Do you need a Spanish Language Interpreter? Have you ever attended a Regional Forum?

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

2016 PACIFIC Regional Forum

September 30 - October 2, 2016

Hilton Waikoloa Village

69-425 Waikoloa Beach Drive Waikoloa, HI 96738

(808) 886-1234

Rate cutoff date: September 8, 2016

Group Code PRF

Hotel Reservations can be made by one of the following methods: • By phone: (800) 445-8667 no later than September 8, 2016

• Online: www.aa.org (Click on "For A.A. Members")

Room rates:

Single/Double: \$165.00 plus tax



“Love & Tolerance”
October 27th – October 30th, 2016

Online Registration & Information: www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com

REGISTRATION FORM

You must be registered to attend
No refunds after September 27th, 2016

Hilton Hawaiian Village:

Single/Double Occupancy at:
 \$199+\$15 Resort Fee & Taxes
 (800) HILTONS (USA & Canada)
 (808) 949-4321 (Local)

Mail to: Annual Hawai'i Convention P. O.
Box 23434, Honolulu 96823

Hotel Reservations Accepted Starting Nov. 13th – Use Discount Code “AHC”

The Annual Hawai'i Convention attendees agree to release the Convention Committee and the individual members for any and all causes of action, debts, dues, claims and demands of whatever nature that may transpire from any activity arising during the convention.

Payment for meals must be postmarked by October 7th, 2016.

Mail Confirmation To:

Name (First/Last): _____ Phone: () _____
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Registration Fees:

Postmarked by September 29, 2016.....	\$66.00	Postmarked by September 29, 2016.....	\$66.00
Postmarked after September 29, 2016.....	\$76.00	Postmarked after September 29, 2016.....	\$76.00
Children 12 and under.....	\$5.00	Children 12 and under.....	\$5.00

Meals: Check box to request vegetarian meals

ALOHA FRIDAY Sunset Buffet on Great Lawn!.....	\$71.00
“Saturday Night Alive” Dinner.....	\$70.00
Serenity Sunday Breakfast.....	\$55.00
Saturday AI -Anon Brunch.....	\$55.00

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Souvenirs:

Coffee Mugs.....	\$12.00
Travel Coffee Mugs.....	\$16.00
T-Shirt S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___	\$20.00
XXXL ___ XXXXL ___	\$25.00
Tank Top S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___	\$20.00
XXXL ___	\$25.00
Long Sleeve S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___	\$25.00
XXXL ___	\$27.00
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Cash Check*** Visa MasterCard Money Order

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Credit Card No. _____ Exp Date: _____ Cardholder Phone: _____

Cardholder: _____ Cardholder Signature: _____

Emergency contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____

CAN YOU ASSIST?

Available to Speak Available to Chair a Meeting Available for Service

***MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ANNUAL HAWAI'I CONVENTION