What to Take Back

Inventory Assembly Kauai District #6 January 30-31, 2016

Thank you all for participating in the Inventory Assembly. Here is a summary of what we worked on and shared. If anyone in your group or district would like more detailed information, they can find it on the Inventory Assembly page of our website. www.area17aa.org

1. We completed the Area Inventory.

The purpose of the inventory process was to take stock in how we are doing. We recognized the areas that are going well. We also identify issues of concern that seemed to center around communication and unity. Responses pointed to four areas that need attention:

- Helping GSRs
- Improving familiarity with service literature
- Coordinating and improving Area Standing Committee work
- Improving the Inform the Delegate Assembly process

Our goal this weekend was more about illuminating issues than resolving them. Groups did share several suggestions that are useful when helping GSRs, and improving familiarity with service literature. How to better coordinate Area Standing Committee work, and improve the Inform the Delegate Assembly process is not so clear at this time. Now we go back to our groups and districts, and ask how we can address these concerns. More will be revealed.

- 2. Share the Summary of Fall General Service Board Weekend.
 - + <u>AA Grapevine</u> is asking for organization wide support (in the form of Grapevine Subscriptions). The hope is to slow (or perhaps reverse) the trend of declining subscriptions.
 - +<u>Literature update</u>: 220 stories were submitted for three literature projects. Revise "A.A. for the Woman" and "A.A. for the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" and development of literature for A.A.s with mental health issues. The committee also agreed to forward to the 2016 Conference committee a proposal for the development of a plain language version of <u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u>
 - + <u>A new Public Service Announcement</u> "Doors" has been picked up by CNN Airport Network and is playing in at least nine major airports.
 - +<u>Trustees' Planning Session</u>: The feasibility study projects that if contributions continue to stay flat, and AA World Service and AA Grapevine sales decline, we may see significant budget deficits within the next few years. The treasurer is refining projections, and there is a desire to hold session during the conference week to discuss ways to reduce expenses, increase revenues, and/or make improvements to our structure in order to response proactively to the situation.
- 3. Share the Delegate Report:
 - +50.77% of groups in Area 17 contributed to GSO during 2015. Check with your DCM for your group's contribution history.
 - + Share the flyer: Your Seventh Tradition Contributions: Carrying Our Message Beyond Your Home Group
 - + Male Correspondence volunteers are needed for Corrections Correspondence Service opportunity. More info is found at www. aa.org

- 4. Share The AA General Service Conference Inventory Compendium 2013-1016
- 5. The Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) 2016 will be held in Spokane, WA, March 4 6, 2016 at the Spokane Convention Center. Visit www.PRAASA.org for more information. Many of the topics presented may also be General Service Conference Agenda items. PRAASA provides us with helpful background information in preparation for our Inform the Delegate Assembly. PRAASA presentations are recorded. If you cannot attend, ask your DCM if your district purchased a set of the presentations. Borrow and listen!
- 6. Our <u>Pacific Regional Forum</u> will be held at the Hilton Waikoloa Village on the Kohala Coast, on the island of Hawaii from September 30 -October 2, 2016. The General Service Office plans the conference as a way to bring GSO to us. There is no registration fee and <u>all</u> AA members are welcome to attend. This is an incredible opportunity to meet our trusted servants from the GSO, Trustees and Past Trustees, Staff Members, support staff, as well as folks attending from other areas. See the Alternate Delegates report for more details. If you'd like to be a part of the Host Committee, and volunteer in any capacity to help with neighbor island volunteers, pre forum events, guides, helpers, lei, greeters, camping, or a post forum luau, please contact Bob H. at altdelegate(at)area17aa.org.
- 7. Share what you learned during your standing committee work session.
- 8. Share the spiritual: What you saw, heard and felt at this assembly is important. Pass it on.
- 9. Share the business: What discussions/presentations were important to you? Share this too.

2016 Assemblies:

- \sim The Inform the Delegate Assembly will be held April 2-3, 2016 on Oahu. It is hosted by Honolulu District #2, Oahu. Register early so they can plan accordingly. And if you need homestay and/or transportation, please request that early (and not the night before the event). The agenda is posted a month in advance on the area17aa.org website. Other reports are posted closer to the date of the assembly. Check the website, and print/review these documents prior to April 2^{nd} .
- ~The Budget Assembly will be held August 27-28, 2016. It its hosted by Kihei District #6, Maui.
- ~The <u>Election Assembly</u> will be held November 12-13,2016. It is hosted by West Hawaii District #8 on the island of Hawaii.

Other Events:

~The <u>Annual Hawaii Convention</u> is October 27- 30, 2016 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, on Oahu. The cut off date for meal orders is October 7th.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve,

Coleen, Area 17 Chair, Panel 65