

Call to Order

9:13 am with the Serenity Prayer, host DCM announcements, welcome past-delegates - Scott C. (Panel 49) Ken K. (Panel 63), Cheryl N. (Panel 65). Welcome Trustee Pacific Region Joel C., Reading – Holly.

Introduction of Area Officers:

- Delegate – Bob H. : Area body is important and will have the hardest job.
- Alt. Delegate – Colleen A.
- Chair – Kunane D.
- Alt. Chair – Tommy G.
- Treasurer – Mike K.
- Registrar – Rachel S.

Standing Committee Chairs' Confirmation:

- Archives – Kathy S.
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.) – Floyd M.
- Cooperation with the Elderly Community (C.E.C.) – Karen N.
- Corrections – Lorna S.
- Grapevine – Kelly S.
- Mynah Bird – Clifford S.
- Public Information (PI) – Mare L.
- Treatment – Ernest S.
- Webmaster – Valerie V.
- Convention – Kathleen T.

Report by Pacific Regional Trustee – Joel C.:

General Service Evolution

- First named the Alcoholic Foundation Inc. w/ a Board; took care of literature, publishing, and the business.
- 1950's General Service Conference (GSC) Idea hatched.
- 1955 – International Convention – there was a group conscience and the General Service Conference became the permanent successor to the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous. The power shifted from the Founders to General Service Board.

Overview of the General Service Board

- 7 Class-A Trustees – non-alcoholic, 14 class-B Trustees – alcoholic
- General Service Conference meets once a year in New York. Attendees, Delegates, and Trustees of the Board of A.A.
- Area 17 Delegate will take area concerns and ideas to the GSC.
- Trust main component of our conference structure.

Trustee as member of General Service Board – What's happening now...

- Joel attended the 2016 International Young Peoples Convention.
- Did Grapevine writing workshops and worked with animation as new tool for A.A. Media.
- National Archives workshop - How to write area history. A book of the Area and Its Districts.
- Pacific Regional Forum in Waikoloa, Hawaii
 - Attendance 450 people
 - A.A. in all levels to be in good communication
 - Had dinner with new GSR's and talked about safety in AA. Whatever the results are always write and let GSO know of the outcome.
- Last General Service Board weekend – worked on deaf translation of the Big Book.
- Grapevine left 2016 in the Black.

- Now Grapevine app for iPhone and android
- Write to Grapevine
- Missouri won Grapevine challenge.
- In the issue of August 2016 there was information on how to excite people to subscribe
- New Grapevine Book – Our Twelve Traditions

Circles of Love and Service– Colleen A.:

- Service Structure
- Communication between the groups, districts, area and the General Service Conference

Concepts Panel:

- Ken K. – Concepts I & II
 - Inverted Pyramid
 - GSRs know each-other
 - DCM's guide your GSRs'
- Scott C. – Concepts III & IV
 - Concept III Trust those people who make the decisions
 - Concept IV Everyone has the right to participate in the process of A. A.
- Cheryl N. – Concepts V – XII
 - Concept V the right of appeal ought to prevail. The minority has a duty to report on the majority.
 - Concept XII General Warranties, Twelve Concepts Illustrated and the Service Manual are good references.
- Colleen A. – Hawaii Structures & Guidelines
 - Overview – Panel 67 Blue tablet
 - Please review and inform yourselves.

GSR Panel:

- Assignment of standing committee – Rachel S.
- Service of GSR – Experience, Strength, and Hope - Scott C.
 - Carry the message of A.A. to our group & the Alcoholic.
 - GSR Pamphlet
 - Attend all district meeting
 - Conduit (channel) to the Delegate & General service conference. Report back to your groups any outcomes
- Service of DCM – Mike S.
 - Service is the secret
 - District committee member
 - Important to get information to groups
- Roberts Rule of Order – Cheryl N. (Past Delegate)
 - Refer to section 10, Structure & Guidelines page 9 & 10. Guidelines for discussion

Roundtable Summaries:

GSR Group 1 (Facilitator Cheryl N.)

- Question/Answer: As a GSR am I supposed to go to PRAASA? Answer: depends on the group...
- Question/ Answer: Is it the GSRs responsibility to do other duties such as coffee, run the meeting or pay rent? Answer: No exact answer, depends on the group
- Question/Answer: Does the GSR run the business meetings? Answer: They can, but then they can't vote, they must stay neutral. Again, depends on the group
- Question/Answer: What is my group service number? Answer: You can find it at area17aa.org

- Question/Answer: How do we bring back to our group what happened at the assembly? Answer: Here's some ideas instead of just giving a report at your home group's business meeting:
 - Trying to convey the message
 - Go in with enthusiasm
 - Throw in some Tidd-bits in your shares
 - Throw it in announcements at end of meeting e.g.
 - Put Three bullet points on an index card and share one index card at the end of each meeting
 - Also do a written report to hand out at business meeting
 - Just do the best that you can
 - And There will be in a summary on the website you can use called "What to take back"
- Question/Answer: It is your responsibility as a GSR to stay until the end of the assembly. Answer: Make your flight no earlier than 5:40pm. PLEASE get your registrations in early!!! For home stay and transportation; you can communicate with registration via email too.)
- Question/Answer: When you're in general service do you still work with newcomers? Answer: Yes, if you feel you have adequate time for them... But it does say in the Service Manual before standing for a general service position you need to inform your family, employers, sponsees and let them know it's going to be a time consumer, make sure they are ok with it.
- Lastly It's great to have a Service Sponsor because they can help guide you through any service questions you might have and is different than a regular/program sponsor. Often it works better if your service sponsor lives on the same island as you logistically.

GSR Group 2 – Carla S. (Facilitator Scott C.)

1. Issue: Not standing up for service
 - a. "Drop it"
 - b. Announce at other meetings
 - c. Show by experience
 - d. Encourage sponsees to take a service position
 - e. Direct/guide meetings toward service
 - i. Service topic meetings
 - ii. Bring someone from service level to speak.
 - f. Video Meeting – Show Journey of Alcoholic for meeting
 - g. Fill service position while position is filled
2. GSR - GSR has a voice
 - a. District Meeting – ask questions
 - b. Group conscience
 - c. Concept 4 right of Participation but group is autonomous
3. Insurance – group (s) need to pay insurance to use church for meeting(s) due to liability
 - a. Ask to be under intergroup policy (umbrella policy)
 - i. Intergroup expanded insurance to incorporate all groups under umbrella policy
 - b. Meetings split cost
 - c. Becoming a "Rider" on Facility/Church policy
 - d. Implementing a meeting/group safety plan could reduce insurance cost
 - e. What are the consequences to the policy if a group doesn't comply to policy.
4. Reaching out to the elderly – no transportation to meetings
 - a. Oahu Central Office provides Transportation Angels service
 - b. Old-timer get a new comer to drive them to meetings
 - c. Announce transportation need at meetings
 - d. Post Sign-up sheets for rides at meetings

- e. Groups could create transportation service position
5. GSR at District level – attracting attendance
 - a. Attract GSR to attend district meetings by providing food at district meetings
 - b. Bring a GSR prospect to a district meeting so he/she can see what the district meeting is about
 - c. Take Orientation Assembly information back to the groups
 - d. DCM ought to go to every meeting in their district
 - e. DCM could put on workshops such as safety, traditions, etc.
 - f. Make GSR position interesting –
 - g. Alt GSR attends intergroup meetings 1st of the month
 - h. Area Assembly – stay one day early, stay one day late – on your own dime.
 - i. Keep groups informed by email even if they don't show up

GSR Group 3 (Facilitator Ken K.)

Topic: The duties are for GSRs.

- Register early for assemblies enabling the host district to better prepare
- Full participation – such as staying for entire assembly in order to bring complete information back to your group
- Familiarity with literature, structures & guidelines to better inform groups
- District meeting attendance - inform DCM of groups status & be active in position such as taking notes
- Area website (area17aa.org) – use as a tool for area information and changes
- GSR handbook review
 - Representing group conscience vs. right of decision
 - Roberts rules use & origins
- Assembly reference materials, such as previous minutes can be found on Area17 website or in person at assemblies
- PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) – helping service members to be more effective/ knowledgeable
- Standing committees – why are GSRs assigned? Assignment is meant to give equal participation to all committees; assigned by the Registrar.
- Standing Committee Chairs are chosen by the area officers; can't be a GSR since an individual is allowed only one vote.
 - Districts can have committee representatives who are not chairs, but serve groups in district. Representatives will connect with standing committee area chairs. GSO can provide districts guidance on implementing these positions. GSRs bring information on their committee to their group to encourage interest in service
 - If groups have members with interest in committee service work use contact list to connect with area chairs/officers. Email contact information is also listed on the area17 website.
 - GSRs voting at assemblies – information on proposals are provided before assembly so that GSRs can present the information to the group for guidance. District meeting will also discuss proposal before a vote.
 - More Roberts Rules – groups not following guidance, such as 2 home groups asking for votes of those opposed, majorities & reconsideration, tabling if only simple majority reached, calling a question to cease discussion.
 - GSR facilitates discussion and presents information. Not the role of the GSR to persuade group members. Informed decisions for vote.
 - Group Autonomous

GSR Group 4 (Facilitator Colleen)

Topic: GET OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT!
GETTING STARTED AS A GROUP
GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR)

- Assemblies
 - Register early for the assembly (send to the host district)
 - Attend all assemblies from start to finish
 - Register with the Area Registrar at your first assembly
 - Check in before start of each assembly to receive a voting slip
- Read and review all the suggested literature, especially:
 - G.S.R. (Pamphlet P-19)
 - G.S.R. Orientation Informational Handbook
 - Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guidelines for the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholic Anonymous (S & G)
 - Refer to the Handbook for additional reference materials
- Make reports to:
 - District regarding your homegroup
 - Homegroup regarding your district and area
- Check our area Website (www.area17aa.org) often for area news and reports, especially before each assembly
- ASK QUESTIONS:
 - DCM
 - Alternate Delegate
 - Other GSRs
 - Service Sponsor
- Be informed
- Have fun

DCM Roundtable (Facilitator: Kunane)

- Flow – Keep channels open. Webmaster Val will give us email account information. We can communicate more effectively via email – reports and share information in other districts. We can share successes and challenges in a more effective way.

Topic: Pay for card signing

- Joe reported that group was charging for card signing
- Neil – we do not charge – but have no right or authority to mandate policy
- Debra – It is breaking traditions. Possibly write GSO to see if this has happen in the past
- Jance – Go to group business meeting possibly ignorant of AA traditions
- Freddy – Group autonomous
- Allen – Possibly what the group wants – making it unattractive to new comers
- Kunani – one group did away with court paper signing – it is a service not mandatory. What tradition is being broke?
- Betsy – Meeting become overwhelmed with court paper signing made request to court to share request with other groups
- David – how much are they charging? Selling t-shirts, cups, car wastes, possible breaking traditions in other groups

Topic: Some group's tradition 7 money is not represented in district or area or GSO. What are they doing with the money? Is this our business?

- Bryce – Ridiculous – running meeting money for profit
- Mike – dead wrong – not safe is it? Solution – invite group to become more active in service

- Eric – Tradition 4 – Groups are self-regulating – spiritual nature
- Some groups have no contribution to Area, District, or Central Office. Members need to get involved by service in-action

Sub-Topic: How can group's DCM bring this message to this group?

- Invite groups in area to have a group financial workshop – not the money but to be a part of.
- Saying thank you for their participation – how can I be of help?

Topic: Do we need committee chairs in District? What is DCM responsibilities concerning chairs?

- Have a district mixer – invite people. Explain various committees. Making it attractive to get into service
- DCMs responsibility is to inform GSRs or groups via workshops
- Communication is key - Standing committee chairs are there for support to members

Joel - Health or AA in hands of DCMs – get alternates – the more ideas the better. Get the alternates to serve the groups – host alcathons – workshops on sponsorship and traditions.

Best way is to serve - support your district, support other districts

DCM Roundtable (Facilitator: Cheryl N.)

Topic: How to get more people involved in standing committee chairs

Responses:

- Use website more often for information
- Start ahead of time planning events
 - Prioritize at least ten days ahead of time rather than waiting last minute, such as helpful to secure venue
- Go to groups – announcing
- Utilize Alt. Delegate
- Utilize area for help
- District – paying for GSRs to make assemblies – for experience
- Reiterated – DCM:
 - to bring back information – literature - What to Take Back
 - being the link
 - Better to send DCM's to assemblies and Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA)
 - Educate selves research, become informative of responsibilities, utilize GSRs and alternates – not doing this by ourselves there is help
 - Encourage with enthusiasm, feed them, they will come. When pau with all the work we going grind.

Topic: Motivate Inspire – How to motivate and inspire GSR?

- Most important: DCMs active with meetings and bringing members along – enthusiasm
- PRAASA – Got to go
- Workshops – Meet a lot
- Don't need police but to help the group
- Knowing District – Knowing what want to learn.
- Ultimate purpose – what is it that we can do to help the district
- Having an event for the district – Spirituality
- DCMs support each other
- DCMs sharing their experience – pertinent. If, but mostly – personal growth – such as having a format. Choosing (3) topics I cared about & eventually bring cupcakes to the group asking come with a giving heart
- S52 – Leadership in AA.
 - Concept 9 – Getting former officers in Area to utilize support
 - Communication – such as via text

- Switch from self-centered to other centers
- Can bring up Δ concept – asking group which area they think they need help with.
- Spiritual aspect – focusing on the positive. Sharing the importance of 7th tradition

Standing Committee RT Summaries (provided by Webmaster Valerie)

- Mynah Bird chair (Clifford S.) stated that his goal was to get out at least 1 issue of the Mynah Bird for each Committee meeting and Assembly. He is asking that all of the other chairs help to encourage their groups to contribute.
- Treatment chair (Ernest S.) is excited to be able to make his contribution to Area 17 and his goals are to get many people involved with getting the message out to those in need who are in the hospitals and treatment facilities state-wide.
- Grapevine (Our Meeting in Print) (Kelly S.) like the rest of the chairpersons is also passionate about her position and likewise will work hard to get as much involvement from her committee as she can get.
- Convention Steering (Kathleen T.) is enthusiastic about her role in the Annual convention process and is very willing to learn and take back everything that she learns at the Area level.
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (Floyd McC.) is going to work toward getting the message out to the professional people who not only work with the Alcoholic but also those who may be suffering.
- Archives (Kathy S.) believes that God has a definite sense of humor as Archives was not her first pick, however, she is also willing to bring her passion for AA to the table. She passed along a message from our Area Archivist (non-rotating) – Linda McD. stating that she is very apologetic for not being able to attend as she is having some health issues.
- Public Information (Mare L.) is making a good start with her committee as she has been given information to help with the Public Service Ads for the city buses on Oahu.
- Cooperation with the Elder Community (Karen N.) knows about the issues of alcoholism in the elder community and has ideas as to how the committee may be able to get the message out to these people. Corrections (Lorna S.) has, in the past, worked with the corrections committees both in the islands and also on the mainland. She is hoping to get the support from the islands to bring the information back to the Area and to generate more support to get the message into the prisons.

Intergroup Roundtable

Present: Oahu, Maui and Kauai. Each made a list of goals we hope to accomplish in the next year

Oahu:

- Oahu has reconstructed S & G and utilizes this
- Adhere to already suggested budget for 2017
- Increase IG sponsored activities and participation without requesting funds from individual groups
- Increase IG representative number at meeting to increase unity
- Create IG newsletter
- Increase enthusiastic flow of members to IG Oahu office for issues and see volunteer opportunities
- Build prudent reserve back
- Have members of district general service attend IG meetings

Maui:

- Increase participation to IG.
- Officers and Manager visit groups and announce what IG does
- Replenish prudent reserve
- Increase articles in Serenity Gazette
- Get groups to host established events such as founders' day and alkathon
- Keep record of phone system 12 step calls

- Develop a system for representatives from 3 districts to attend monthly OG meeting

Kauai:

- Continue 24/7 phone coverage
 - Wider distribution of minutes and event announcements to groups.
 - More IG reps
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- Bob H. our delegate was also instrumental in giving feedback on the uses of the website and how the information must be generated from the committees in order to affect the changes or additions to the website. He also encouraged all of the committee members to work together as a team and not to say, when asked, that it is not part of your job. A.A. work is the job of every member no matter what committee or passion that they have. It is a “We” program, not a “Me” program.

9:01am Call to order

Serenity prayer. Host DCM announcements and reading and Area Officers' Reports

Secretary Deborah S.:

Minutes were approved as amended

Treasurer's report was presented by Karen N. Panel 65 Treasurer:

Treasurer's Report accepted as written

If you want a receipt for contributions please send a self-addressed and stamped envelope to Hawaii Area Committee 1253 S. Beretania Street #2107 Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-1822

Area Treasurer can make flight arrangements for you (Standing Committee Chairs and Area Officers). Submit the name on your ID and any mileage membership account number. Please book early.

Registrar Rachel S.:

For the next few assemblies we'll be voting on various topics you'll be needing voting slips from me.

GSRs please sign in this morning to get your standing committee assignment that you will participate in for the next two years.

I am a channel of information from you to GSO and back to you.

The Easiest contact information for me is registrar@area17aa.org . Contact me with any group changes such as group name, time of meeting, location/address. Inform me if a group is no longer inactive; I can get that in-active status updated at GSO's records department.

All the information collected today will be entered into a database and sent to GSO so you can receive your information packets. This will take some time please be patient.

Email me questions. If I don't know the answer I will find the answer for you or direct you to the appropriate person. Thank you for the honor to serve as your Registrar.

Alt. Delegate Report Colleen A.:

Aloha. Although we are only a few weeks into the new panel, the work to prepare for today started at the election assembly. The area officers met and worked together to review your requests to serve on various committees, and selected standing committee chairs.

Some changes were made to the GSR Orientation Handbook, to include reminders to check our website www.area17aa.org for assembly reports, and to access information related to Hawaii Area 17. This pamphlet can be found on the website under Service Material. GSRs will also receive a copy this weekend. This handbook is a reference specific to Hawaii Area 17 and helps answer the question – What does a GSR do anyway?

Copies of the Structure and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service, Panel 67 were printed as well for GSRs, DCMs, committee chairs, intergroup chairs and area officers. Please bring these documents with you to committee meetings and assemblies.

Although this is the most comprehensive orientation session we will hold, as the panel progresses, new GSRs who are elected after today will need support too. With the help of DCMs and everyone here today, we all can all pass on what we know already and what we learn today.

The first Annual Hawaii Convention Steering committee meeting was held last weekend. The committee has been hard at work since the last Convention. It is a dedicated group working to put on a fun, fiscally responsible Annual Hawaii Convention. It takes a lot of trusted servants to make it possible, and more volunteers are always welcome including those of us on neighbor islands. Cathleen T., the AHC Steering Committee Chair will have more detailed information tomorrow.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve, Coleen A.

Alternate Chair Report Tommy G.

- Thank you for trusting me with the duties of Alternate Chair. I'm excited to work with DCMs that will host assemblies and committee meetings.
- I look forward to backing up my fellow officers when needed.
- I serve on the Hawaii State Convention Steering committee and missed the first meeting due to my mom's funeral.
- Do not make travel arrangements for the Inform the Delegate Assembly. The date April 8-9 is tentative. When plans are confirmed the information will be sent to the Webmaster to post on the Area website. We will get registration forms to all the DCMs. DCMs please get the registration forms to your GSRs.

Chair Report Kunane D.:

Aloha and welcome Panel 67 trusted servants,

It's a great honor to serve Area 17 as the Chair. I am truly grateful and humbled by the love and growth this program, and fellowship continue to give me so freely. This is our first assembly of Panel 67 and I am excited, confused, worried and ready to do cartwheels. The thoughts of what's to come fill my soul.

Since the election assembly, I have worked with the incoming and outgoing officers to try and get an understanding of just what needs to be done to carry the message and fulfill this service commitment.

According to the Structures and Guidelines relating to the area chair's responsibilities are:

Read and adhere to the area chair's duties outlined in the A.A. Service Manual: I will probably have all this figured out as we rotate out in 2018.

Conduct all committee meetings: Our first committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 25th hosted by the Leeward District. You will hear more about this from our Alt. Chair.

Publish and present an agenda thirty (30) days before each committee meeting and assembly: Here we are, agenda in hand. I learned that this is a juggling act. I am hopeful that I will be able to have an agenda that will be fruitful with business, interactive, exiting and mindful of time. The agendas and all other documents related to the assembly or committee meeting will be posted on the Hawaii Area 17 website.

www.area17aa.org

Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers: We had many members interested in AA standing committee work. The area officers met at the November assembly and over the course of the following few weeks, the standing committee chairs were selected. Mahalo for confirming the standing committee chairs.

Serve as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup, when invited: The Oahu Intergroup meeting was this past Wednesday. I wasn't able to attend, however, our Delegate was there. I will make it a point to be at future meetings.

I'm excited for these next two years. I look forward to continue to grow in the fellowship.

In love and service, Kunane D.

Delegate Report Bob H.:

Aloha Kakou! My name is Bob, I am an alcoholic, and it is an honor, a privilege, and a pleasure to be allowed to serve as your Panel 67 Hawaii Area 17 Delegate. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

So here we are at the beginning of our two year journey together. I suspect most of us don't have more than a general idea of what it is we'll be doing in our position for the next two years. You may, like me, be wondering if you are a good fit for the job. You are. In A.A. we have a grand 'small t' tradition, not of electing

the qualified, but of qualifying the elect. At the end of this panel, in December 2019 you'll know just what the next servant to step into your shoes should do; they will not.

The good news is that there's a lot of help out there to guide us. The first and most obvious is simply to ask someone else who has done or is doing your job. If you don't already have one, please consider getting a service sponsor, someone who can guide you, not through the Recovery side of our Triangle, but through the Service side. Your immediate predecessor and those before them, in your current position make great resources. My heartfelt thanks goes to several of our past delegates who've been listening to my questions, answering them, and assuring me it'll all be okay, since I was elected. Most especially I'd like to thank Cheryl N., our immediate past delegate in whose footsteps I've followed for most of a decade and with whom I've talked, sometimes daily, over the past weeks. Mahalo nui loa!

In A.A. we also have a wealth of written resources you can access any time. On our [own Area 17 website](#) we have [our Structures and Guidelines](#) which gives us guidance in both our jobs and how to conduct area business. And further, the A.A. Service Manual is available both in print and online as a PDF and is invaluable in giving us the collected wisdom of those who've gone before and really thought about this stuff.

What then is a delegate? What is it I'm going to be doing for the next two years? Let's take a quick look. From our S&G I learned (section 2.6):

2.6 Delegate's Duties

The delegate should:

- A. Read and adhere to the delegate's duties outlined in the [A.A. Service Manual](#).
- B. Serve as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup when invited.
- C. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other officers.

I'm also supposed to attend all our assemblies, like this Orientation Assembly, and all our committee meetings. I also happen to know that when our budget permits it I'm asked to attend the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA), and the biennial Pacific Regional Forum like the one we were honored to host at the end of Panel 65 in Waikoloa. I'll have more on those later in this report.

That all seems simple enough. In fact, that list is shorter than the duties for other officers so there must be something in the Service Manual to give me a clue. And then there's that title, Delegate; delegate to what? Let's check the Service Manual.

And wow, the Service Manual has an entire chapter on The Delegate (Chapter 6, S49-S54 2016-2018 Edition).

I'm not going to quote it all here. I will quote this though:

The delegate has a demanding job, not only because a large amount of time and work are involved, but because it is the delegate's responsibility to serve the US/Canada Conference as a whole. As voting members of the Conference, delegates bring to its deliberations the experience and viewpoints of their own areas. Yet they are not representatives of their areas in the usual political sense; after hearing all points of view and becoming fully informed during Conference discussion, they vote in the best interest of A.A. as a whole.

That gets to the heart of the matter. The delegate goes to the conference and is charged with working for the best interest of A.A. as a whole. In fact, not only does this description get to the core of the delegate's job, it gets to the core of your job here in General Service work for Area 17.

None of us can do this alone. That's a key principle in Alcoholics Anonymous. We don't even mark the founding of A.A. with Bill W.'s sobriety and insights into the steps necessary to find and maintain sobriety.

We mark our founding with his sharing that knowledge with and the sobriety of Dr. Bob, both considered co-founders A.A. Without each other, we aren't. It's that simple. We are involved in this work together. So your job is as big as mine, bigger really, because you have to let me know what we should do and how we should do it. And then you have to help me do it.

To carry on this work we do have specific duties, but the aim is the same, the good of A.A.

My specific duties include:

1. Attend the annual General Service Conference.
2. Communicate actions of the Conference to area committee members, that's you, and encourage you to pass it on.
3. Attend all area and regional service meetings and assemblies and learn to understand our area better.
4. Help our area obtain financial support for itself and G.S.O.
5. Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions.
6. Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine (and La Vina) and Conference-approved literature.
7. Help G.S.O. get up-to-date information for our A.A. directory and membership surveys.
8. Visit groups and districts in their area whenever possible. And I want to note that all you have to do is ask. If you want me to visit your group or your district meeting and we can make it happen, we'll do our best.
9. Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. And that's not just me sharing my experience with you, it's you sharing your experience with me. Let me know how your groups respond to the information we give them and request from them.
10. And more...

It sounds like a lot and you know, it is, but so is your job. I've served as an Alternate G.S.R., a G.S.R., a Standing Committee Chair, our Alternate Chair, Chair, and Alternate Delegate and all of those are big jobs. All of them require your dedication and your best. And, I promise you this, all of them are rewarding. But I do want to add a word of caution. We don't have 'degrees of service' in A.A. All service is important. Being in General Service is not special or more important than any other sort of service in A.A. It's all important and it's all service. I always like to think that the highest level of service in A.A., the biggest title we can achieve, is 'servant.' And, luckily for us, the Spirit of Rotation and our willingness to move on to the next thing insures we don't 'become the job' or become too attached to it.

At the very first General Service Conference in 1951, the late Bernard B. Smith, non-alcoholic, Chairman of the Board and of the Conference from 1951 to 1956 said this of rotation:

While the Trustees of the Foundation are theoretically self-perpetuating, the time has come to change – to adopt the basic principle of rotation which is important to A.A.'s survival and growth. It is important that there be no basic pride in office. "Even the pleasure of serving can become a proprietary right."

Let's heed his warning, do the best we can, and remember to place principles before personalities, and in two years, pass Hawaii Area 17 on to Panel 69 knowing that they, like us, will grow into the work, come to love it, and in their turn, pass it on.

I've spent a lot of time on this introduction because, here at the start of the panel there's not a lot I can report on when it comes to my activities, as I haven't had time to do much. But I haven't been idle. Here's what's been on my plate.

After our Panel 65 elections assembly I began to acquaint myself with what's to come. I've read and reread the service materials I've mentioned. I was also able to participate in a conference call with Joel C., our Pacific Region Trustee, and the Panel 65, 66, and incoming 67 Pacific Region Delegates. This is a regular practice Joel takes advantage of to stay in touch and bond with all the Pacific Region Delegates. I know many of these folks from past PRAASAs and Forums and it is a privilege to be able to serve with them.

I've also been contacted by GSO's conference desk staff member, Rick W., and been given access to the GSO Dashboard. The dashboard is a secure online tool that is used to distribute conference materials. I've been going through what's there and though it's not complete, there's quite a lot. Thank goodness there are a lot of tips and guides based on the experience of those who've done this before.

Besides being one of the 134 voting members of the 67th Conference, themed "Supporting Our Future," delegates are also assigned to sit on one or more of several committees. Those committees are:

- Agenda
- Cooperation with the Professional Community
- Corrections
- Finance
- Grapevine
- Literature
- Policy/Admissions
- Public Information
- Report and Charter
- Treatment and Accessibilities
- Trustees
- Archives
- International Conventions/Regional Forums

Most of titles are self-explanatory and many match our own Area 17 Standing Committees. I'm not on one of those. I had to double check mine to be sure I knew what it was about. I'm on the Policy/Admissions Committee. As far as I know assignments are by region and luck. It's not because someone thought I'd be a whiz on policy and admissions. What is it? Luckily the Service Manual knows:

POLICY/ADMISSIONS (no corresponding trustees' committee): Responsible for matter of policy pertaining to the Conference itself and for reviewing all requests for admissions to the annual meeting of the General Service Conference. All changes in the Conference plan, all steps in the expansion of the Conference, and all procedures affecting the cost of the Conference are taken to the Committee on Conference Policy and Admissions. This committee has the job of approving or disapproving requests for additional delegate areas.

I was amused to learn that when we, Area 17, suggested to the Conference that they consider moving the General Service Conference to different geographic areas from time to time it was not the first time the suggestion had been made. In 1956 the Policy and Admissions Committee recommended that:

The proposal that the meetings of the General Service Conference be “rotated” from New York City in even years to a different geographical section in odd years be tabled for consideration at some future date.

As it turns out, all the advisory actions, recommendations, of the Policy/Admissions Committee as well as all the other committees are easily available in printed (and PDF) form as “Advisory Actions 1951-2012.” They are, of course, available in each final conference report and that’s what I turned to for the years 2013-2016. As it turns out, the work of this committee is really quite fascinating and I look forward to diving in. Earlier in this report I suggested that in order to learn about your job you check with folks who’ve done it before. This is not, as you might surmise, an original thought. In fact, the General Service Conference takes it to heart. Hawaii Area 17 is an odd Panel; that is not a derogatory remark. It’s fact. We seat our panel in odd year conference years. This is the start of Panel 67 and we’ll vote at the end of Panel 68 for new Panel 69 servants. The conference runs every year. I’ll sit on both the Panel 67 and 68 conferences. As I’m new this year, the Conference Desk has assigned me a buddy from Panel 66, a person who is in their second year. That way I’ll have someone to show me the ropes. Next year I’ll be expected to be a buddy. I’m not sure how buddies are chosen but for the record mine will be Andrew L. from Area 45, Southern New Jersey. I bring this up because Linda McD., our past Panel 61 delegate’s buddy was also from Area 45. And what will I be doing at the Conference besides the work on my committee? It is, of course, hard to describe something you haven’t done and I’m reliably informed that until I have been there it’s hard to fathom, but I can tell you one thing I will doing, and I’ll be doing it at PRAASA too. Each incoming delegate must give area highlights and you’ve got just two minutes to do it. That means highlights only and as you can tell, being brief isn’t my strong suit. Here’s what I plan on saying, though it may change a bit before the late January due date:

From the first recorded meetings held in Hawai’i Nei in 1943 to the over 300 active groups spread across our main islands of Kaua’i, O’ahu, Moloka’i, Lana’i, Maui and Hawai’i island, the fellowship of A.A. has blossomed to include all of our ethnically diverse population in fourteen service districts. We strengthen unity throughout Area 17 by doing our best to visit each district during every panel, drawing from the hat the locations for our assemblies, three in odd years, four in even, and committee meetings held between assemblies. Our groups sacrifice much to insure their voice is heard as air travel is the only viable option for many and we have excellent participation. So too is our participation at PRAASA and the Pacific Regional Forum, keeping us in touch with our fellows in the Pacific Region and A.A. as a whole. As a capstone to Panel 65, Area 17 was privileged to host the 2016 Pacific Regional Forum, where 449 attendees, 309 of them first timers, were treated to the beauty of our Kona coast, towering volcanoes, and island-style hospitality. A hui hou kākou.

If you want to see if I can keep that under two minutes in a “production setting” join me and many of our fellows at PRAASA, the [Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly](#). It will be held Friday March 3rd through Sunday March 5th in Sacramento, California, hosted by Area 07, California Northern Interior Area. PRAASA is a super opportunity to bond in unity and fellowship with others across the Pacific Region, learn more about A.A. service, share with others in the same service position as yours or one you’d like to know more about, and become part of A.A.

The purpose of PRAASA is to develop a greater unity among the members, groups and Areas of the Pacific Region, to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity

for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. The Assembly and the PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of A.A

If you haven't been to PRAASA I encourage you to attend. I can honestly say I wouldn't standing here as your delegate if I hadn't fallen in love with PRAASA For more information check out PRAASA.ORG. PRAASA is seeking people to be in service as presenters, panel moderators, timers, readers, roundtable moderators or roundtable secretaries and have asked me to submit a list. This is a great opportunity and I hope many of you will step up to be of service in this way. You must be registered at PRAASA to serve in one of these positions. I'll be submitting it shortly after this assembly so please, if you want to take part and are registered, or are going to register very, very soon, use the signup sheet I've provided.

Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve. The next two years are going to a challenge for us all, a fun challenge. We'll all have opportunities to grow, to excite, to encourage, and most of all to serve as we carry the message of hope and recovery that is A.A. here in Hawaii and into the fellowship as a whole.

Bob H., Delegate

Panel 67, Area 17

10:15 Break

10:30 Standing Committee Reports:

Webmaster (Valerie V.)

Goal is to become paperless because all the reports on the area website www.area17aa.org

Please use your email accounts. Will teach those interested in Google Docs how to use the program. Email any questions to webmaster@area17aa.org

CEC (Karen N.)

Aloha my name is Karen and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is September 26, 1996 and my home group is Kihei Morning Serenity here in District 11. I am really excited to be the Standing Committee Chair for the Cooperation with the Elder Community for Panel 67. I was hoping to be chosen for this committee because I was 50 when I got sober so I fall in the category of the Elder Community.

There are a couple of areas I see our committee being concerned with. First is the alcoholic senior who is a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. There are meetings where seniors live – senior housing for example – as many seniors have accessibility issues

The other area to address is that alcoholism can be a hidden disease in the older population. There is shame associated with alcoholism and alcohol can be a problem when combined with other medications. We hope to reach out the professional community, clergy and family members.

The CEC workbook has many suggestions about where to get started – participate in health fairs, sample letters to the medical community and clergy are included in the workbook and making sure that appropriate literature is available.

I see our committee cooperating with the Public Information Committee and the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee.

PI (Mare L.)

The Public Information informs the general public about our AA program, getting in touch with schools, media, service agencies and other organizations. We're familiar with the pamphlets for the non AA person.

We speak at non AA events. We get meeting schedules, big books and pamphlets to Hotels, libraries and high schools. Ordered pamphlets and workbooks for this panel (67). Initiatives for Panel 67 – Will learn how to conduct self when communicating with the public and have a clear understanding of the traditions, especially traditions six, eight, eleven and twelve. Will brainstorm and strategize how we can help our districts' and area. Maybe we'll cooperate with other districts' PI committees, CEC and CPC. Prepare a dual workshop on public information.

CPC (Floyd M.)

- Will reach out to those who have done this before
- Learn some of the things that worked and didn't work
- Seek district liaisons to be in contact with communication CPC needs
- Create new strategy to carry the CPC message and service work.

Treatment (Ernest S.)

- (Will) Identify treatments and hospitals currently having AA meetings at their facilities
- Will be reaching out to DCMs via email for help with Treatment committee needs
- Please contact Ernest (via email or phone) if your group is taking a meeting into a treatment or hospital facility.

Mynah Bird (Clifford S.)

Thank you members for your confirmation and confidence to serve as Hawaii Area 17 – Panel 67 Mynah Bird Chair.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Mynah Bird it is our Hawaii Area 17 newsletter. Members of our Fellowship submit articles. It also contains upcoming dates of Assemblies and Committee Meetings, a Word Search puzzle, and any other information relevant to our sobriety. The Mynah Bird is scheduled to be published and be available at all area assemblies and committee meetings.

With the help of Jim D., last panel's chair, our first Panel 67 Issue has been published. I have distributed 10 copies to each DCM for distribution to GSR's and any other interested member of our Fellowship. It is also posted on our Hawaii Area Website. Go to area17aa.org and click on the Mynah Bird icon.

With all of your help, I look forward to doing my part in carrying the message to our members.

Please submit your articles via email to mynahbird@area17aa.org.

Grapevine (Kelly S.)

I look forward as serving as your Grapevine Chair. I challenge you to participate in Grow your Grapevine Please have your home group Participate and return by 2/15/16. We have ordered one Grapevine for each of you to pass on. We are waiting for them to be delivered. If not today at next assembly. I look forward to our committee meeting to plan the next two years.

Corrections (Lorna S.)

I served on Corrections from 2007 to 2009 at the Kearny Mesa Juvenile Girls Detention Center. I served District 8 (4) years taking meetings into HCCC, (2) years as District 8 Chair. I will do my best. Eric did a fantastic Job. Thank you for letting me serve

Archives (Kathy S.)

Immediate past Archive committee member for panel 65. Read about the importance of recorded area history in Archives Booklet sent from GSO. Contacted Non-rotating Area Archivist Linda McD for insight of her goal as Archivist for Panel 67. Linda McD reports that her current goal is to gather and digitize AA group old-timer stories and group histories. Linda stressed although you may have updated group history information in the past its' important that new long-timers coming to your group get their history recorded if not already recorded and group history not yet recorded they have knowledge of. Group History form will be available in every issue of the Mynah Bird going forward for panel 67, and is also available on the archives page on the Area website www.area17aa.org . Old-timers report will be in the next Mynah Bird issue and posted on the area website on the archives page.

Documents we do collect are from Groups, Districts and the Area they include minutes, treasures, delegate reports from any Area hosted region events.

Needed volunteers to scan

Kathy will visit Archives' physical site on her visit to Oahu for the Committee Meeting.

Annual Hawaii Convention (Kathleen T.)

We will host our state convention at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki, a month earlier, from September 28th-October 1st. You can register through our website www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com or by the flyers provided. Please take as many flyers as you like (I don't want to bring any back to O'ahu). In 2016, in hopes to possibly attract more attendance at our Brunch, the Steering Committee, voted to change the name of the Al-Anon Brunch to the "Recovery Brunch". Please know that this brunch is still hosted by Al-Anon and ALL are welcome.

The Annual Hawaii Convention holds an inventory every 3 years, thanks to Scott C., and those who participated, we were able to conduct an inventory in an orderly and timely fashion, and found we have some work to do to better serve our attendees. Mahalo Scott C. for your time and guidance.

We would like to welcome Coleen and Tommy to the Convention Steering Committee. Just as the position I hold for convention affords me a service position here on your Standing Committee, their positions here in Area afford them a position, as voting members on our Convention Steering Committee. We look forward to serving the next 2 years with you both.

I'd like to extend to you, an invitation of sorts, if you or anyone you know, has ever expressed interest in applying for the position of the Convention Chairperson, we will gladly accept any and all resumes from now until the beginning of May for the 2018 Convention Chair. The more applicants we get the better. Some of the things I hear in Alcoholics Anonymous is, if I qualify, I stand, if I have a passion for, I stand, or, if I don't like something and want to affect change, or simply want to see something different, one of the things I can do is get involved, and get into service. Qualifications for Chairperson, among other things, are outlined in Appendix C in our Structures and Guidelines, please feel free to look them over and if applying is something you are interested in, you can submit a resume to secretary@annualhawaiiiconvention.com . Along the same lines, the Convention Secretary position, one of the 2 paid positions of our convention, will also conclude its 3 year term at the end of this year. If you are interested in this position, please direct any inquires to the above email address or our website. We look forward to hearing from you.

We had a great 2016 Convention. I hope some of you were able to attend. We budgeted for 1000 guest and we had a total of 1050, so that was great! We did exceptionally well in our food and beverage, and made our required room block for the hotel, exceeding our numbers in both areas. We were able to pay all of our bills, and I'm sure the majority of our guests had a really great time! There were ample opportunities for service and meeting new friends. It was great, can't wait to it again this year.

Going forward, this year's Chairperson, also David L., is excited, and has really "hit the ground running". This year instead of a Diamond Head Hike, we will be doing a Makapu'u Hike which more people will be able to participate in. All of our meals this year will be buffet meals, yes, that's right, buffet meals, so no matter what meal you decide to purchase, you will be able to go back for seconds!

Our committee meeting location and day of the month has changed. We will meet @ 6-7pm, January 18th at the NEW LOCATION: Saint Elizabeth's Episcopal Church 720 N. King St Honolulu, HI, 96817 (right next store to Kaumakapili Church). Beginning in February, committee meetings will be held every FOURTH WEDNESDAY of every month for the duration of the year. Please help pass the word. And we hope to see you there. For our neighbor island fellows, please contact David if you would like to get involved, we need all the help we can get.

10:50 Standing Committees with GSRs, DCMs, and Area Officers Roundtables

Noon Lunch

1300 Host DCM Announcements and Work Session Report Backs:

Corrections (Brian):

- Bridging the Gap through intergroup and corrections correspondence program
- "working group" is designed to identify gaps or possible improvements in how we carry the message or communicate resources available through AA
- January 31st, February 1 – Maui Training
- How can we improve corrections service in your area?
 - Improve communication about service participation in prisons and jails, especially for those with prior convictions such as how and when they can participate
 - Concerns about Reintegration programs such as "Going Home" that assist inmates as they transition out. "Reintegration is an issue regarding lack of employment which add to the cycle of recidivism. Local 625 and Hardware Hawaii Hires Inmates
 - Need more "local ex-convict" A.A.s to attract inmates upon release, advocate, cheer them on to get them involved and help Bridge the Gap
 - Committee chair requested for District liaisons to help improve communication about Corrections service
- Committee members want to know what is the difference between an area corrections standing committee member and a district corrections standing committee member
 - "We're not taking on a new position in the sense of going back and trying to start all kinds of things with corrections. We are (just) a vehicle of communication and that if there is an existing standing committee doing corrections that they continue to do that and that we are just the informational channel that brings the information back and forth.
- Need more articles in the Mynah Bird or other publications to promote and bring excitement about corrections
- Suggestion to have a Hotline for inmates only in addition to the 24/7 help desk

PI (Michelle)

Homework: Find out who is your district P.I. Chair. Watched AA PSA "Doors" available on the area website or YouTube Let people know about the P.I. committee and what the committee does. Get meeting schedules and pamphlets into the libraries. Find PI committee chairs at the district level and people to help. Library books stay on the shelf for one year only unless they are borrowed. Ads in Local "free" newspapers and on Buses. Get information to Hotel Concierge. Presentation at DVR classes. Workshops and scripts for people to present in public. Work with CPC and CEC. Reach out to Therapist and Counselors. Worked on Tradition Six and will cover them all at future meetings. No tradition Breaks

Website (Cynthia) Report broken links on the area website to webmaster@area17aa.org. Chair is looking for an alternate Webmaster to train. Webmaster can post event flyers on the area website for DCMs preferably one month in advance. Using Google Docs for reports can be shared. Do not use AA emails for personal correspondence. Website's purpose is to distribute information from DCMs, Area Chairs to AA as a whole.

Archives (Holly)

We gather information of our history/past with AA and archiving it. Archivist is currently digitizing what is stored and seeks help to do this. Solutions can be found in Archives. Long-timers questionnaire is on area website. Committee is looking for help with keywords to help search within digitized information.

Mynah Bird (Cynthia)

What is it? Contains information and stories. Area 17 meeting in print.

Goals:

- 1% from each island to serve as co-chair or committee member
- chair should be editing
- increase participation with submissions/carrying information on Mynah Bird

GSR role:

- Carry message to your district
- Ask for articles
 - Articles: on experience of any kind recovery, service at different levels
 - Next deadline for submission is Friday, February 17th.
 - Can submit cartoons/ alternative messages within scope of 12 steps, 12 traditions
 - Jokes one-liners
 - Okay to submit district, area service events. Group/Intergroup events not typically included
 - Submission length – approximately under one page – no strict minimum/ maximum
 - Current issues on Area 17 website – look for Mynah Bird Icon
 - Okay to submit via email mynahbird@area17aa.org or on Area 17 website –
 - Computer program available for word searches – choose words and auto scrambles

Feb, April, June, Aug before every assembly & Committee meeting.

DCM Roundtable (Deborah L.)

•Getting GSRs more enthusiastic in standing committee work at the group level inspiring others to get into service.

- Suggestions: Using the website more often for information www.area17aa.org
- Plan ahead prioritizing at least a few months in advance.
- GSRs getting more involved in the community and learning the community's needs.
- Participating in Intergroup
- Making announcements at groups
- Utilizing the Alternate Delegate to help out with some of the responsibilities

- Asking Area for help
- District pay for GSRs to attend assemblies so they can be the link and carry the message
- Attend PRAASA
- Unitizing past delegates to do concept workshop
- Committing to taking back 3 things from assemblies
- Knowing about your district by going to meetings

CPC (Patti)

We work with the professional community such as Doctors, Lawyers, Pilots, Bus Drivers, Teachers, Police, etc...

Initiatives and work in place –

- Contact businesses to see if they are interested in AA literature. Educate employers about the disease by providing literature racks and big book
- Reach out to HR departments
- Bring in AA meetings (open) to business officers
- Start a database of which communities have been contacted and their responses
- Waiting on CPC packets and literature. Will be available next assembly
- Find out budget and report back at next assembly
- Maybe a booth at Attorney Convention
- Find out how members such as police, doctors, pilots, etc. found out about AA
- Educate College professionals by visiting college campuses
- Work with Public Information when needed
- Possibly create cards for handout to all businesses, cab drivers, bus drivers
- Chair would like to have CPC representation from each district
- CPC Chair will visit each district meeting to update on current CPC work and initiatives
- Find out if Unions have the support and education they need from A.A.

Grapevine (Chris)

Joel C. sat in on this group

Hand out GV to the Judges or judicial officers that mandate people to A.A.

Correspond with the CPC committee, hospitals, and psyc units and ERs

CEC (Matea)

- Karen plus seven people. Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Kona represented
- You can find the CEC handbook on the Area 17 website
- Discussion on goals or possibilities to do:
 - Karen will look on www.seniorsinsobriety.org website for convention of “seniors in sobriety”. Effort for CEC started May 2006 by Marian & Stan B. of Kona. Karen will try to go
 - Send letter to senior housing and neighborhood centers offering to give a presentation
 - Making presentations – if you can get permission to do so, which is not always easy or welcomed
 - Get table at Health Fair with literature and a welcoming face. Health Fair is for hotel employees whose employers want them to be healthy
 - Stamp each released pamphlet with island intergroup Hotline number
 - Establish AA meeting for seniors. There are senior meetings on Kona, Maui. Maybe not Oahu, Hilo and Puna.

Treatment (Karen)

- Purpose of the treatment committee is to Bridge the Gap between the Treatment and A.A.
- Identify which medical facilities currently have meetings and who has the need.
- Those currently having meetings find out if the meetings are working or not and how the committee can help
- How do you introduce someone from treatment to A.A.?

- Create a standardized format
- Identifying predatory behavior and having Chaperons
- Bringing meetings into hospitals and treatment facilities maybe refused due to confidentiality issues.
- Long term A.A. treatment clients lead the meeting to maintain separateness in the facility
- Committee members return to your districts to make district members aware of the committee and their initiatives.

Hawaii Convention Steering Committee (Kalei)

- Introductions, exchanged personal contact information and “it was good we all represented each Island well”
- Received copies of 56th Annual Hawaii Convention registration forms to take back to groups and Islands
- There is an opening for a paid position
- Discussion about the way convention was organized and how to negotiate better. The food was not good and very expensive and also the room price
- Possibility of moving to another venue or another Island in the future and putting a cap on attendance
- Adding a sharing session to the convention program
- Improve the music with DJ playing oldies music from 60s, 70s, 80s or open requests
- Role of GSRs and Committee members is to announce convention event and service needs on each Island, home groups, and district meetings

1330 DCM & Intergroup Reports

District 3 – Leeward, Oahu (Joe)

Leeward, Oahu (Joe) Two new GSRs at Orientation Cynthia from Head Start and Morgan M. from Eatin Meeting. Also in attendance is Wolf N. and Valerie V. Will caravan to Ka Hui Mo’olelo on January 23rd. During the upcoming months we will revisit Leeward district structure and guidelines as well as the 12 concepts. It is a privilege and responsibility to serve and carry the message forward.

District 11 – Kihea, Maui (Betsy)

- 1) It has been a privilege to host the ORIENTATION ASSEMBLY!
- 2) Our new GSR's are in the same boat as me. We don't know what to do. But we all threw ourselves in with a high purpose because of the Assembly. I couldn't be more honored by anything then to serve with this group for 2 more years!
- 3) One goal as a District will be to create Unity with the other Maui Districts: No Ka Oi and Tri-Isle District and do caravans to the meetings in those districts and work together with Neil and David, the DCM's.
- 4) I have learned that AA service is like a voyaging canoe. I am privileged to have so many selfless paddlers in Kihei District and I am committed to carrying everyone's paddles and paddle with you!

District 10 – Waikiki (Alex)

- Present today are: Zeke J. representing Saturday Night Group, Michelle K. representing Bad Brains Group, Solomon K. representing 12 Coconuts, Frank C. representing Happy Hour Group.
- At this year’s first district meeting we passed the 2017 budget for district 10.
- We’re still in the process of switching names on the districts bank account.
- We started the process of working on our annual Thank-a-thon.
- We need to talk about logistics on hosting the June committee meeting.
- District Treasurer Position is OPEN
- Looking forward to PRAASA.

District 01 – Diamond Head (Julie G.)

I'm Julie, sober alcoholic. My home group is Serenity in Honolulu. We had our first district meeting of this panel 1/5/17. We have all our district officer committee positions filled. We had 2 GSRs in attendance. James from the Pioneer Group is here for the Assembly. Our outgoing treasurer gave a report on the Christmas alkathon. We are working on switching the names on the bank account. We distributed district one structure and guidelines that we've used in the past and hope to vote in and use these in the future to conduct our business more efficiently.

We would like to talk more about what we would like to do as a district, such as facilitate workshops, study the concepts or traditions, and implement a budget with a priority of spending, caravan to groups. I'm looking forward to going to PRAASA. I've gotten a lot of great new ideas here that I look forward to sharing with the district.

District 02 – Honolulu (Pamela)

Grateful to serve you as DCM District 2, Honolulu. We are a little slow getting started. My plans are to meet with all the groups to see who is active and non-active.

District 04 – Windward, Oahu (Eric V., Alternate)

What happened since I was elected alternate DCM - Larry W. DCM was unable to attend so he asked me to show up for this which I did gratefully – our new Treasurer is Tami H. former GSR for Grippers, the Secretary position is open.

Windward district has been having Alkathons for years. We had one again this year successfully. I am the outgoing district Treasurer and we had a bunch of money and spent that money on our district alkathon at the YWCA Kokokahi. It was a fabulous event, we had great food, and a great time. Isaac was there cooking food and as he always does he put up the volleyball net. We had a really good time and we spent our money which is great. We don't have a lot of money. We're not supposed to.

We have a new group in Hauula. No name yet. They had their first meeting last week. I could not attend but Larry (DCM) was the speaker.

Larry and me got sober and went to treatment at the same time and now we serve as DCM & Alternate DCM together. One of our goals is to go out to the groups. One of the most important things a DCM can do is go out to your groups and to meet the people in your districts. Our district spans from Kahuku point to Makapuu point.

Larry will be attending PRAASA

Lastly, I lived in Oregon for six years and served as DCM and Alternate DCM for that Area. Since I moved back to Hawaii about six years ago and before moving to Oregon I have been in service to the Windward District. I've been involved in Area and District service for about 18 years. Being in service these past two years has been unbelievable. Our outgoing DCM-incoming Area Secretary did a fabulous job – she came in enthusiastic and went out enthusiastic.

District 17 – Waianae (Deborah L.)

- Hosted an Alkathon from 6 pm on the Eves of both holidays to 6 pm the following day. 16 out of 18 district 17 groups participated. This year the district committee increased the budget from \$100 to \$200 which was sufficient. We collected a \$163.77 from the 7th tradition which also indicated this alkathon was successful.

- 3rd Tradition Group hosted a home group day long activity at the Water Park on 12-10-16. The activity was open to members of the fellowship and their families. The activity included a Grapevine meeting held at a secluded area on park grounds, potluck lunch in the parking lot, fellowshiping and fun in the park. There was a special rate of \$10.00 per person and required a certain amount of participants. Approximately 30

members and their families participated. Due to the activities success, Third Tradition is considering making this an annual event.

- Our first meeting for this panel had 7 GSRs present, some new and returning. The district treasurer position is open.
- District 17 sends their DCMs' to PRAASA on odd years, so I will be attending PRAASA.
- In the works is the planning of an upcoming workshop. We are awaiting responses from our GSRs with topics that their Homegroup would like to discuss.
- January 29th, Third Tradition is hosting a "Fishing at Lake Wilson" day. Activity will open with a Grapevine Meeting, Followed by a potluck lunch and a day of fishing for Tilapia. Meet at 10 am.

District 05 – Neil (Maui No Ka Oi)

- I'm an alcoholic my name is Neil. I serve district 5 Maui No Ka Oe, Central North Shore goes around to the West Maui Mountains.
- We had our first district meeting last Tuesday and it went smoothly.
- What I'm hoping to do and what I'm hoping the GSR will help with is strengthen the district and get a little more participation from GSRs and get GSRs for groups do not have GSRs.
- The biggest thing I'm taking back. There's a lot of things I will take back to do and resources for both DC
- Take-Aways' from DCMs on Maui and off Maui trusted servants with time are Things to do, resources and support.
- A group contributions is not necessary to send GSRs to assemblies and to participate in general service.
- Send someone to Maui to attend the district meeting once a month to carry the message. In return Neil can carry their message to the area.

District 06 – Kauai (Steven)

Aloha Everyone, I'm an alcoholic and my name is Steven, DCM for District 6 Kauai. Step to Freedom is my Homegroup.

In attendance (this weekend) we have (6) GSRs, (1) Alternate GSR, Panel 65 Secretary, Panel 67 CEC Chair, and Alternate DCM.

District 6 is in sound financial health. Currently two designated officers have access to view online bank statements providing financial accountability and confidence.

Most recently we held a GSR workshop which provided a roundtable forum for the 10 people in attendance. District 6 has 23 groups and 71 meetings which can be found on www.kauaiaa.org. Our website also provides announcements, calendar events, district and intergroup information, our Garden Island Sobriety newsletter, literature and hotline information.

District 07 – East Hawai'i (Nivan A.)•

Aloha everyone, my name is Nivan A. and I'm an alcoholic. I represent Hilo/Hamakua district 7 on the Big Island as their DCM. We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Holy Apostolic Church in Hilo at 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. In district service is Uncle David B. – Treasurer, Kalei K. of Ho`omanawanui - Recording Secretary, and Charlie B. - Alternate DCM.

- Our District provided our correctional facilities with Grapevine subscriptions. We supported intergroup with AA events.
- We have a good amount of groups but only a handful are registered. I am looking for suggestions on how to get home groups involved in general service.

District 09 – Central North Shore, Oahu (Bruce)

We have not had a district meeting yet. I was asked to stand for DCM and accepted the nomination. If you need any help from District 9 please email us at dcm9@area17aa.org I will get the information to the GSRs to help you get what you need.
Glad to serve and I look forward to the next two years.

District 08 – West Hawai`i (Carla)

My name is Mark L. I am an alcoholic. Our panel is eager to get started to help unite, inform and work with our group's GSRs and intergroup. As in the past we are working with our neighboring districts with getting the message the alcoholic.

Upcoming activities:

February 11th: Come Meet your New District 8 Panel and Tradition workshop.

June 10th: Founder's Day Camp out and Delegate Report Back at Spencer Beach Park

District 12 – Puna (Freddie, Alternate)

The new District 12 Panel is: DCM is Nathan, Alternate DCM is Freddie, Secretary is Holly, and Treasurer is DJ. 2 GSRs present

We are excited to have the opportunity to serve.

Our vision for (this) panel 67 is:

Fill our standing committee positions

Get every group registered

As in the past, currently we have no prudent reserve. We have less than \$25.00 in our account. Explaining to groups about the importance of 7th Tradition contributions will be paramount. We are a district structure worthy of donations.

District 13 – Tri – Island (David)

Hi my name is David, your Tri-island District 13, and DCM here on West Maui. We have our district meetings every 3rd Thursdays and our first one will be this coming week.

Thank you Mike L. for working hard these last 2 years, leading and building up our district. We have many positions filled, still have standing committee Chair positions available. Jubee is our Alternate DCM. Julie is our treasurer. Vida is our Secretary. Ian is our literature chair. We have several new GSRs and are excited to all work together for the groups and AA.

Our district's Outreach to Remote Communities has a new committee for panel 67. They put on the annual Crossing event to Lanai and Molokai. Jubee is the Chair. Page is food and beverage, Nick T is co-chair, Brandon S is treasurer. Lanai Crossing will be Feb 24 to 26. Jubee has more flyers. Flyers are also available on the Area 17 website calendar.

Lanai has started a monthly meeting every first Saturday of the month at noon at the beach park. We support it by encouraging members to take the 9am ferry from Lahaina and attend. There has been between 3 and 15 off island visitors each month. If you would like to attend, you can email 3islands13@gmail.com to help Outreach to Remote Communities committee with a head count.

We are excited about the upcoming AREA ASSEMBLY April 8th, 9th. We've had people volunteer already for being in service for the assembly. We will be confirming the date and location this Thursday at our district meeting.

*Jubee is securing location and home stays.

*Page is going to help with transportation.

*Matty will work on food.

*I will do something too

Maui Intergroup – (Michelle)

- Maui Intergroup sponsored 7 events
- Thank you members and groups for contributing
- Alkathons went great. Able to stay sober and help another alcoholic
- Mynah Bird: Clifford – important information area events such as upcoming assemblies and committee meetings
- Gazette – Flyers welcomed
- Maui Island Campout of Young People in A.A. (MICYPAA) crossing February 24-26
- Garden Island Gathering of Young People in A.A. (GIGYPAA) Campout – March 24-26

Kauai Intergroup – (Matea)

- The Kauai Intergroup is one of (5) five in Area 17. Kauai's is the only one out of the five without a physical office. We serve 71 meeting in 23 groups. We meet monthly at the Lihue neighborhood center on the first Saturday of the month, 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Usually there are 12-14 attendees.
- We have a 24/7 phone call system by volunteers in 4 to 8 hour shifts, managed by phone service chair Kelvin. We print 2500 meeting schedules (all of which are 6 pages-findable) twice a year, and somehow we use every schedule.
- Our newsletter "Garden Island Sobriety" is popular and well-read in the paper form though available on-line.
- Website, www.kauaiiaa.org, got 10,000 hits last month.
- Our treasury runs about \$3000.00 for most of the year.
- Would like more, elected by groups, intergroup representatives to increase the spread of information throughout our island.
- Otherwise, Kauai Intergroup is doing well.

Oahu Intergroup – (Adina)

- Oahu central office is thriving due to the tireless work of our volunteers. They have gone out of their way to help those who suffer from alcoholism and renewed my enthusiasm for Alcoholics Anonymous.
- In December we hosted the Holiday Dinner and Dance. It was attended by over 200 and profited \$1,700 dollars. Oahu Intergroup was honored to host a 2016 New Year's Eve Alk-A-Thon. We received over 700 in contributions. The contributions helped to cut the loss to only \$166 dollars for this phenomenal event. At the high points it we filled the room with upwards of 60 members and in the wee-hours a 1/2 dozen. We had an awesome group participation feeding us breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- In 2016 the Oahu Central Office was able to help coordinate 55; twelfth step calls. The after Hour Phone Angels fielded over 3,000 call.
- In 2016 Oahu Intergroup hosted 6 successful events. Even though contribution were less than expenses in November and December we need the year in the black.
 - sold \$22,000 in literature for a profit of \$6,000
 - created a prudent reserve which currently has 1/3 of our goal of 3mo. Operating cost (\$7,500)
 - created and approved an OIG panel 65 structures & Guidelines
 - Amended by-laws to add the Volunteer Coordinator to the Steering Committee and to change corporate name: Oahu Intergroup of Hawai'i Inc. Don't panic we just removed AA from the name as only AAWS owns the AA name.
 - Added the Meeting Guide app to our website. Allowing folks to find meeting in Oahu based on their current location.

-Created a new Transportation service to help visitors, new comers and those unable to get to meetings on their own. We have been able to help 25 since its inception Oct 2016.

•In 2017 we are hosting the Sweet Tart Meeting and Dance on February 11th at Palama Settlement meeting from 6-7 and Dance to follow. Cost \$5.00. On March 25th @ Ala Moab's beach park we are hosting the 2017 Homegroup Day. Please visit the website www.oahucenraloffice.com for more information or to see how you and your group can get into service.

1415 Break

1430 First-timer Introductions at the Mic

Cynthia District 17 the Point

James District 01 Pioneer Group

Whitey District 04 Search for Serenity

Ananji District 08 Waimea Roundtable

Frank District 10 Happy Hour

Morgan District 03 Eating Meeting

Cameron District 11 New Beginnings

Bill District 06 Hui Ohana Group

Brian District 02 Aloha Sunday

Fabienne District 04 TYG

Cindy District 02 Malia Discussion

Virginia District 04 Na Wahine O Ko`olau

Kalei District 02 Kapaa 3rd Tradition

Renee District 02 Black Experience

Richard District 02 Downtown Lunch

Craig District 11 Can Do Maui Men's Stag

Kalei District 07 Ho`omanawanui

Steven District 09 Mililani Monday Night Men's Stag

Trevor District 11 Kihei (Friday Night) Young Peoples Meeting

Corina District 06 Kapaa Young People's BYOBB

Kenny

Michelle District 10 Bad Brains

Alan District 08 West Hawai`i

Clair District 11 Happy Hour

Solomon District 10 Twelve Coconuts

Rich District 11 Maui Sunset

Chris District 06 Kauai Hui Ohana

Kathy District

1500 What to Take Back

- Minutes will be posted on the website 10-14 days
- As a GSR discover what your group wants to hear. What does your group care about – jazz it up and take it back to them.
- Circles of Love gives us a good picture of what the service structure looks like.
- Standing committee chairs were confirmed by the body this weekend.
- Contact information for all the standing committees is on the Area website.
- PSA Doors is on the Area website.
- The Annual Hawaii State Convention will be held on September 28th to October 1st. 2017.

- Area information such as minutes and reports are available on the area website www.area17aa.org
- GSR packet links are available on the area website
- Committee meeting coming up on February 26th, Sunday. Those who should attend are area officers, DCMs and Standing Committee Chairs
- Do not book your tickets for the next assembly yet until we get you more information.
- PRAASA please let Bob know if you're attending PRAASA 2017. There is a sign-up sheet for those who want to be in service.

1515 Meeting Adjourned