

Hawaii Area 17 February Committee Meeting
Hosted by Waianae District #17
2/24/2018

9:08 am call to order with the Serenity Prayer
Sobriety Birthdays Kelly S (29), Alex (14), Kunane (18)
Introductions of Past Delegates Ken K. (63) Scott C (49)
Reading Deborah L. AA Comes of Age page 47

Officers Report:

Secretary Deborah S: October Minutes Approved as written

Treasurer's Report Mike K Approved (Report Handout)

Registrar Rachel S: Avenues of communication. Informal communication with intergroups.
Establish communication between Intergroups and Area.

Alternate Delegate Coleen: AHC moving forward with looking at other islands to host. ACH - but not in 2019. GSRs not aware of "Being An Effective GSR" Workshop

Alternate Chair Report Tommy G

- Thank you Deborah L. and Waianae District 17 for the great work done on the challenge of a change of venue.
- Our next assembly is April 7-8 hosted by Diamond Head District 1.
- Next Committee meeting May 19th in Puna, and looking forward to our Budget Assembly in Hilo/Hamakua District #7.
- At our Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee Meeting I stood as chair for an ad-hoc committee on looking at a BID process for outer islands to host the convention, maybe every 3-years.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Area Chair Kunane D

- Agenda Change
- Review Inventory in Roundtable / breakout session

Area Delegate Bob H: Report on <http://www.area17aa.org>

Inform the Delegate Assignments to GSRs and Standing Committees Bob H

Hawaii Area 17 Proposal to the General Service Conference

The Mana of the Round Table Group and Hawaii District 8 propose that:

AAWS design a simple pamphlet to help AA members and groups apply the Twelve Concepts for World Service at the group level.

Background Information:

Outside of members involved in General Service, our group and district feel there is a lack of understanding of the practical use of the Twelve Concepts at the group level. Even the *Twelve Concepts for World Service illustrated* pamphlet, while simplified from

the full version found in the *A4 Service Manual and Twelve Concepts for World Service*, is not geared for practical application at the group level.

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Approved by group conscience:

February 9, 2018 — Mana of the Round Table

Group February 16, 2018 — District 8, West Hawaii

Date received: February 16, 2018

Examples:

Concept III, "Right of Decision" — At the group level this could mean that trusted group servants have the right to make decisions when necessary; for instance, buying a different brand of coffee because it is on sale and will save the group money.

Concept IV, "Right of Participation" — At the group level this could mean that those actively involved in carrying out group service work should have voice in group matters and consciences.

Concept V, "Minority Opinion" — At the group conscience, minority opinion is a valuable tool to insure that groups always fully discuss their decisions and that all voices are heard.

Commentary:

We have often heard that the Twelve Steps are directed at the individual, the Twelve Traditions at the group and the Twelve Concepts are for World Service. Yet many members with long and active sobriety feel there is a value to practicing the Traditions at a personal level at home, at work, and in their relationships. We feel there is a lot to be gained from an understanding and application of the Concepts at the group level and would like to see a pamphlet that suggests how a group may utilize these principles in their service.

District Reports

District 1 Diamond Head, Oahu Julie G

- District 1 has been busy planning the Inform the Delegate Assembly which we are hosting. 4/7/18, at Waikiki Elementary School. We have 6 active GSRs. We are planning to review a proposed budget that the ad-hoc committee has composed at our district meeting this week.

District 2 Honolulu, Oahu Joey C

- Aloha Everyone, my name is Joey, I am an alcoholic, my homegroup is Architects of Adversity and I am the current DCM for Honolulu District #2.
- Since late October our district has been averaging 8-9 members at our monthly meetings and we had seven GSRs participate at the recent Inventory Assembly in Maui.

- At our last district meeting earlier this month and referencing our service manual and Tradition 2, I have resumed our treasurer's duties. This has me reviewing our account for the last six months.
- District 2 was involved in two events, first we hosted our annual New Year's Alkathon and second, we sent in a 7th Tradition contribution to the Diamond Head District for the Sobriety 101 Workshop held in early January. (Share Alkathon 'the meeting ran itself' highlight)

And last, thank you to Deborah and the Waianae District members for hosting today's committee meeting. Yours in Fellowship and Service, Joey C, DCM Honolulu District

District 3 Leeward, Oahu Joe V

What District 3 did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous: Plans are in the works for a family day in the next few months. Caravanning has continued with a visit to Sobriety Buzz and Inter-galactic Space Cadets. Information on area service and district was distributed to GSR's. Workshop for GSR duties and sponsorship will be set in the near future. Structures and guidelines will be reviewed at our next District meeting. Overall the district is healthy with most groups maintaining a consistent membership. This panel is fulfilling its purpose in strengthening the communication flow and simplify the manner in which it is made known. Mahalo for all the support and love shown. Yours in service Joe V.

District 5 Maui No Ka Oe Neil I

District 6 Kauai Steven Q

- *This makes me a little uncomfortable. Committees of one are really not committees. He is covering the DUI school very well and visiting treatment centers. He does not always attend district meetings.*
- *We do not have a Grapevine committee but several groups have responded to the Grapevine committee challenge (the envelopes we were given at the last assembly). One group has decided to link this with treatments and turn over their subscription to a treatment facility.*
- *We're enthused about the upcoming committee meeting in May. Thank you Deborah L and Waianae for your service.*

District 7 Hamakua, Hawaii Niven A

District 8 West Hawaii Mark L

- District Inventory
- Concepts Workshop - Good turn out from the fellowship and lost suggestions.

- Have GSRs voice group
- More district events
- Keep asking how we can help
- Keep asking help from fellowship
- How they can help District and Area

District 9 Central North Shore, Oahu Bruce W

- District meetings are being well attended.
- Suzi from 10@10 has been passing out "long timers" forms.
- Waimea Wahine's have been getting new speakers from around the Island; Patty (I) have been meeting more people at assemblies!
- Steve from Mililani Men's Stag reports lots of newcomers, military and long timers-good balance!
- Shannon from Mililani Women's' group has already volunteered to do Registration for the Election Assembly. And she also wants to start caravanning to under represented District meetings.
- The Cottages are planning a BBQ in April.
- The election Assembly will be at Camp Homelani in Mokuleia on the North Shore. If you are coming from an outer Island; and usually stay in a hotel, you may want to consider staying on site. Check out Camp Homelani on the Internet.
- Bruce made it to the last Oahu Intergroup meeting and brought back news and Flyers to our District Meeting; "thank-you Adina for reminding me!"
- Last but not least; Laura G. Alt DCM moved to the windward side and had to give up her service position. Pati (I) volunteered to take over as Alt. DCM and was voted in by unanimous vote!
- Thank-you Pati!
- I'm sorry I was not able to make it; couldn't get off duty. I will see you all at the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Aloha, Bruce W.

District 10 Waikiki, Oahu Alex M

- Mahalos to Waianae district for hosting this committee meeting. Howzit my name is Alex and I'm DCM for Waikiki District.
- We decided to schedule our Thank-a-thon.
 - Chair election will be held at the April 3rd district meeting.
- Really excited on passing on all this information to the GSRs in my district.

District 11 Kihei, Maui Betsy B

District 12 Puna, Hawaii Freddie M

- I can tell by the difficulty we have in compressing our district meeting into one hour that there is life in District 12.
- The big news is committees.

- There will be another Voluncor training March 24th. The corrections committee under Ili and Mark is going strong.
- Our Archives committee under Wendy has resolved a problem in gathering data that was lost two panels ago and there is optimism that archives will develop into a working functional group.
- Public Information under Nancy is cooperating with a long standing group with its own Public Information Chair. The group, Ho Ohana has been involved in literature distribution. We are seeking to expand and not to compete or duplicate efforts, We work to clarify our own vision of how best to carry the message within our budget.
- Our CPC and Treatment Committees are combined and are just one person.

District 13 Tri-Island David B

- District 13 has made splits to send half of excess beyond prudent reserve to Intergroup, Area, and GSO. Other funds will go to support bringing 12 new big books to our jail on maui MCCC, and new outreach effort to Molokai.
- Our district is flying our DCM and paying part of travel for one GSR to attend PRAASA.
- Lanai Crossing is coming up March 16 to
18:<http://aamaui.org/flyers/Lanai%20Crossing%20Flyer%202018.pdf>
- Maui Mini-Conference will happen November 6th, the Tuesday after the State Conference.
Best regards, David B., DCM district 13

District 17 Waianae, Oahu Deborah L

- District Meeting held 2nd Sunday of the month at Honoka Hale park 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
- Hosting this Area Committee Meeting 2/24/2018.
- Events since we last met
 - (x2) new GSRs
 - 3rd Tradition Group Activity: Softball 3/17/2018 at Ma'ili Elementary. Open to all. Open meeting with Grapevine.
 - Planning on, hopefully, if groups allow, for district officer to utilize their meeting time to talk about Area; its purpose, What is GSR, etc... Budget allowed for workshop depending on how many groups participate. Cost will be divided amongst the groups that are willing to participate. Thus far, there is (1) group in district 17 willing to let district committee members in.

Standing Committees

Archive – Kathy S

- The committee continues with redaction of phone numbers and last names in the previously digitized archives.
- We will be finished by the April assembly.

- I received one group history.

Convention – David L

Aloha,

- Thank you for the list of GSRs (11).
- Inventory Assembly (7) GSRs were present. We exchanged contact information. I have emailed them and called the few that don't have computer access.
- Our convention treasurer has closed the books, paid all the bills for 2017. Profit-Loss for the 56th AHC is a net loss of \$16,866.56. Although not as successful financially, it was a great convention.
- Thanks to our prudent reserve we were able to cover our shortfall.
- We are working together to make 2019 more successful financially.
- This year we return to November 1st - 4th . Also we have the Great Lawn on Friday evening for dinner, entertainment, and fireworks.
- Preliminary budget for 2018 has been drafted. We continue to cut cost where we can. We are pre-selling T-shirts, you can sport one and be advertisement.
- We would like to thank Area 17 for all their support. We had the honor of having support and guidance of Ms. Colleen (Alt Delegate) & Tommy G (Alt Chair).

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Floyd M

- I would like to start my report by thanking the Registrar Racel for giving me a complete list of people who are on the CPC committee, Thank you.
- Changes are still slow but there is still some movement, I will be doing some follow-up with this list of people that I know I have on my committee.
- I have recently had a few phone calls from people interested in helping to move this process along. I will be following up with them as well as try to get some material to them.
- After today's roundtable, I heard a lot of good ideas. I think i would start to look into trying to make some of them happen.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC) – Karen N

- What the Cooperation with the Elder Community Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:
- I updated our GSR list and sent updated contact list to each GSR on the committee.
- At our meeting at the Assembly it was reported that representatives from West Hawaii sent out letters, a copy of the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous for the Older Alcoholic" along with the Grapevine article "Better Late than Never" to senior facilities. The letter was based on one from the Hawaii Area CEC Workbook. Others on the committee thought it was a good idea and will be trying that on other islands.
- I continue to look for events that focus on health care for seniors. As an example, there is a Community Education Series for Seniors and Caregivers given monthly at the Aiea

Public Library. I signed up for the email newsletter and will forward any information to members on Oahu.

- I plan on attending PRAASA and will attend the Senior Topics Roundtable.
- I continue to attend our Maui Information and Cooperation Committee – PI, CPC, CEC working together.
- Mahalo for letting me be of service, Karen N. CEC Chair

Corrections – Lorna S

Aloha,

- Happy new year everyone. Here's the 411 for us in the 808.
- Area 17 currently have AA approved literature and meetings getting carried into the men and women jails. Each island has a different procedure to send or hand carry any of our literature for inmate's exposure. Our willing district chairpersons have been working patiently through the new protocols (barriers) of getting our big books, meeting schedules, and other (inmate) requested material to the inmates. By having book orders sent directly from AAWS to their librarians We continue to carry the AA message in jails and learn of the changes we must follow to steadfast. More will be revealed.
- On the other hand, we have "Orange & Pink envelopes" that will begin to circulate in our groups island-wide to encourage member donations. A solution to help build monies for the district committees who are actively serving "members behind bars" with little to no capital.
- Wrap: I was blessed to have attended AA First National Corrections Conference held in St. Louis back in November and it blew my mind. The AA speakers, retired correctional officers (that spoke on panels), and the many experiences shared throughout the conference by attendees was for me a super, suppah charge-up. It was like a "google search" where everyone exchanged information, solutions, and proven ideas that help resolve a situation people may be challenged with. My wish is to ask our state convention committee to consider inviting speakers from the pass conference. I have names and numbers.

Thank you for letting me be of service.Lorna S.

Grapevine – Kelly S

- Our goal is to increase grapevine subscriptions by 100 new sign-ups in 2018.
- Grapevine currently has a challenge to increase subscriptions.
- West Hawaii is hosting their 1st Grapevine Party March 31st, noon till 3 pm. Games, stories, bring a photo of your homegroup.
- (at) Our next assembly I will have envelopes for groups to host Grapevine subscription drawings.
- I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Mynah Bird – Clifford S

- Thank you Deborah and Waianae District for hosting this Committee Meeting.
- Issue #8 of the Mynah Bird, has been published and distributed. Thank you all who submitted
- articles.
- Those attending PRAASA next weekend, please share your experience with an article.
- As always, I am open to suggestions/comments on helping to improve our Newsletter.
- The next issue of our Mynah Bird will be published for distribution at the April 7-8 Inform the
- Delegate Assembly. Deadline for articles is Saturday, March 31st.
- Please submit your articles via email to mynahbird@area17aa.org
- Thank you again for allowing me to serve.
- Clifford S.

Public Information (PI) – Mare L

- Working with Islands Public Information.
- Districts chairs, encourage them to keep going.
- Working with standing committee members to provide workshops
- Emails from districts providing materials for presentations such as High Schools on Oahu., and Judicial on Maui
- Staying in touch with GSRs on PI committee
- As Karen mentioned sub committee on Maui including PI, CPC, CEC,hospitals

Treatment – Ernest S

Webmaster – Valerie V

Aloha Everyone:

- There hasn't been a lot of activity from the Districts to post on the website. I have set up the registration page for the May 2018 Committee Meeting. As for the February Committee meeting the May Committee Meeting is password protected. Get your pens and paper ready here is the password: (given verbally via Alt. Chair - Tommy) or for those that know your Big Book you should be able to get the answer. The Registration form for the Budget Assembly is also on the site and this means you can get your travel taken care of early.
- For the May 2018 Committee meeting there has been a flyer added for the standing committees. This can be downloaded and distributed to the groups for information. I have also uploaded the information given to me from the Convention Steering committee. The standing committees will be staying afterward in Puna for a workshop and we hope that all of you will participate.
- I would encourage everyone to send more pictures and events to add to their district pages. It is important that we get information out to all of the islands.
- I am always available for your comments, suggestions and, help with the website and your email. Thank you for letting me be of service to Area 17.

Your Area 17 Webmaster,Valerie V.

Roundtable Report Backs'

DCM RT

What we discussed mostly was Education Deficit among members as to what Area Does.

- Several Suggestions:
 - Consolidate our experience as DCMs and GSRs and come-up with some concise, clear explanations of what Area and Standing Committees do.
 - Cheat-sheet, for standing committee members at Area level and making sure District committee chairs have information.
 - Take-over a meeting as a workshop.
 - Table-top poster with Structures and Guidelines, what GSO does,.
 - Visit groups.
 - Concisely say where the 7th tradition is spend.
- Always room for improvement.
- Being prepared, as a DCM, with information for GSRs

Standing Committee RT

- After seeking help from Area, Area did not respond.

Solution

- Lorna will be creating a flyer to provide all DCMs with Area Committee Chairs with Chairs emails and phone numbers. This is information for anyone in Area service.
- Confusion about Standing Committees
- A strong effort will be made at the cross over of panels.
- As Chairs we will provide a summary of our experience during Panel 67, as well as reaching out when committee chair is selected, then reaching out again in January 2019.
- We would like to do workshops the Sunday after Area committee meetings in that district.
- We have created an Ad-hoc committee: Mare, Karen and Ernest to reach out to Puna District 12 for May 20th. If successful will continue to collaborate & work on Bridging the Gap of Committee work to our fellowship.
- We believe we have created Unity.

Meeting Adjourned followed with the Responsibility Statement