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Panel 67

Hawaii Area 17

Aloha kākou. From the first recorded meetings held in Hawai'i Nei in 1943 to 2016's 320 reported 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 locations for our assemblies, generally three in odd years, four in even, and committee meetings held in-between. Groups in Hawaii sacrifice much to insure their voice is heard as air travel is our only viable option and we do have excellent area participation. Our GSRS work hard to let groups and members on their respective islands know how important it is to keep the doors open for alcoholics who haven't met us yet. Recent area work included major changes in our area Corrections

Committee structure effecting a closer relationship between those carrying the message into facilities and the resources of our assembly. Further, to improve internal communications, our area webmaster and committee migrated our email system, eliminating a huge spam problem and providing new tools we hope to take full advantage of going forward.

Capping 2016, Area 17 was privileged to host the Pacific Regional Forum, where 449 attendees, 70% of them first timers, were treated to the beauty of our Kona coast, towering volcanoes, island-style hospitality, and the message of hope and recovery that is Alcoholics Anonymous. A hui hou kākou.