

9:00 am:  
Call to Order, Serenity Prayer, Host DCM announcements:

Sobriety Birthdays:  
Ernest S.(17), Karen N. (21), Lorna S. (13), Sheree H. (32), Betsy B. (17), Joe V.(19), Valerie V. (20), Joey C. (16), Ken K. (19), Rachel (18), Mike K. (21), Coleen A. (33), Larry W. )19)

Past Delegates:  
Scott C. (P49), Ken K. (P63)

Reading:  
Mare L.  
Leadership in A.A.: Ever A Vital Need  
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### **Area Officers Reports**

Secretary Deborah S: Report Accepted with Corrections.

Treasurer Michael K: Report Accepted (Ernest Motion, Freddi 2nd)

Aloha Panel 67 trusted servants, As of October 15, 2017 the Hawaii Area funds are as follows: Operating Funds \$26,928.72 Prudent Reserve \$5,004.78 Reserve for Computer Equipment \$600.45 Reserve for International Convention \$1,129.89 Total Cash in Bank \$30,203.16 As of October 15, 2017 Total Contributions and Income \$24,687.61 Total Expenditures \$26,187.07 Net Income/Loss \$-1,499.46 We are \$1,499.46 in the red. Contributions are starting to catch up to the expenses. Thank you to all the groups that have contributed both large and small amounts!. Please include your group name and district number on your checks. If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your contribution. Mahalo to those groups who have included envelopes with their 7th Tradition splits – it really saves a lot of time when preparing deposits. Just a reminder that our Hawaiian Airlines Affiliate code is HAWAIIAREA. The term “Affiliate Program” does not imply that we are affiliated or endorsing Hawaiian Airlines. In general, the earlier we book, the cheaper the tickets are. In the spirit of financial prudence and responsibility. More information regarding Air Travel can be found on the Area website, <http://www.area17aa.org/air-travel/>. For officers and committee chairs, if you want the Treasurer to make airline reservations for you for assemblies and committee meetings using the Area debit card, please include your full name, birthdate and Hawaiianmiles number (if you have one) in your request. That way the Treasurer won’t need to contact you for that information. Should you need any assistance and/or treasurer support, please feel free to contact me through the Area email at [treasurer@area17aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area17aa.org). . It has been a real pleasure serving so far. In love and service Mike K., Area Treasurer, Panel 67

Registrar Rachel S: Updated database sign in process. Contributions to GSO can be made online for personal and Group contributions at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) . If anyone knows who can be contacted about the Johnston Atoll Meeting see Rachel. Group Change forms and new group forms available at the registration table today. Please sign in with Rachel for today's committee meeting.

Alternate Delegate Colleen A: Since August it's been kinda slow. The treatment person (on Maui) needs help to connect with a female treatment center. Coleen gave him information to contact Ernest, Treatment Standing Committee Chair. We had the convention steering meeting last night. The convention had great speakers, great food, and people signed up for the activities. The meals didn't sell that well so prudent reserve monies were used to cover those expenses. In going to meetings I heard there is a disconnect between what area does, what they do (GSRs/DCMs). I have 40 copies of "Services Provided By GSO and AAWS" left over from the Forum. You can read about the Global presence of AA Services and all the things that get done when we send our dimes and dollars to the general service office. Please share with GSR's so they can share with their groups the bigger idea of what we're about. 2019 Convention we are looking at different venues. But it would mean a big change in our structure if the convention is held on another island. The steering committee meets monthly year around.

Alternate Chair Tommy G: Thank you windward District #4 for a great committee meeting. Last night we, Coleen & I attended the Annual Hawaii Convention (AHC) steering committee wrap up meeting. Great discussion in trying to make it pay for itself and having a better experience. The convention was wonderful, being on duty was a great opportunity to learn more about our annual convention & mingle with our AA members from all over the United States and the world.

Thanks Kunane for having Coleen and I stay with him, and for bringing us to the committee meeting. We got closer a friends and we help each other Inform our Area. Bringing up all our Agendas, our chair has all the upcoming assemblies and committee meetings on the agenda.

Please utilize that information to inform our GSRs and members so we an plan ahead and to be prudent.

Chair Kunane D: I have been looking through the archives, on-line, at past inventories, and compiled questions and information provided in the handout on the table for discussion today in preparation for January's area inventory assembly. I attended the state convention. I got to talk to people about area service and the link between the area and the convention.

With that, from now 'til January I'll be working on the inventory assembly agenda items. And with your input today

I will get a better vision of putting together our area inventory.

Delegate Bob H: Report also available at Area Website [www.area17aa.org](http://www.area17aa.org)

Aloha kakou! I'm grateful for the opportunity to be of service to you and thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Area 17 Panel 67 Delegate. I've been busy and on the move since our last gathering. I want to thank Larry W., the Windward District #4 DCM, and all the other servants who invited me to do my last Delegate Report-Back of the year on September 16th right here at the Kailua United Methodist Church. I can't speak for my presentation, but the food was great, the fellowship excellent, and I again I was especially pleased by the intelligent questions asked. It's great to know just how much interest we have in how A.A. as a whole is functioning. Two weeks after that I attended the Annual Hawaii Convention, along with many of you, and I want to thank all the volunteers for doing a great job. I was out front at my 'Delegate's Desk' answering questions about General Service and our Hawaii Area. It's great to see so much gratitude in action. Most of your area officers also participated in a Saturday morning panel using next year's Conference Theme and Presentation Topics: • A.A.: A Solution For All Generations • Today's Alcoholic: Inclusion, Not Exclusion • Participation in All of A.A. — Is My Triangle Balanced? • A.A. Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions • Attraction Not Promotion: A.A.'s Relation to the World • Group Conscience: The Guiding Force We had great presentations from each of our presenters following by a lively discussion of issues by attendees. As always both our Area Chair, Kunane, and Area Delegate are asked to take the stage briefly on Friday and Saturday evenings to welcome all our convention attendees on behalf of Area 17. I also want to thank both our Area Alternate Delegate, Coleen A., and our Area Alternate Chair, Tommy G., for their hard work throughout the convention. We had a great discussion about their participation at the convention during our last assembly and I can assure you that they worked long and hard hours in service. Having served twice on the Convention Steering Committee myself, I can assure you that serving at the convention is not a vacation. It's work, plain and simple, work we've asked them to do. Great job you guys! The week after our convention I was in Burley Idaho for their combined state convention and Area 18 Fall Assembly. I'd decided to attend because of my great friendship with Barry S., their Panel 66 Delegate. Joel C., the current Pacific Regional Delegate was also in attendance and we had a great time together. You can read all about my doings in the "Delegate's Corner" on our area website. I'll just say here that I was happy to be of service at their elections assembly at the registration desk and later in assisting Joel in facilitating their elections. I was happy to be there when their new Panel 68 Delegate was elected, Shannon C. She'll be a great asset to the Idaho Fellowship and I eagerly look forward to serving with her next year at the GSC. I'll also note that Greg T., our current General Service Office Manager, was not able to attend for health reasons. Because of that, I was asked to step in as the Saturday Night Speaker at their convention and I had a great time. Idaho does Aloha almost as well as we do. That brings us almost up to date, but I should mention a few other activities. I was pleased to attend the TYG Home Group Day on Saturday, October 15th. It was a wonderful event as those of you who attended know and I was very pleased to note that it was planned so as to include AI-Anon Family Group participation. The next weekend I attended the Waianae District's workshop on "Emotional Sobriety." It's a great topic and you might want to check out Bill W.'s letter to an old friend on the topic which can be found in the book, "Language of the Heart." I also was able to play host to

two different visiting servants, one from Area 80, Manitoba, Canada, Ian R. their current delegate, and Mike B. from Houston, Texas. I got an update on how Houston is doing following the devastating hurricane there. Mike's currently a GSR in the South Texas Area, as well as serving on the conference committee for the Annual Brazos Conference. I was able to involve both of them in A.A. service during their stay. Yes! I'll be traveling again the first weekend in December to visit Laura H., the current Alaska Area 02 Panel 66 Delegate and her husband, Torvald, a past Delegate from Alaska. As it's the first weekend of the month I'm hopeful we can make it on the monthly trip to Lanai for a meeting. Also, I'll be there Friday night through Sunday evening, so if anyone needs me for anything while on Maui, let me know and I'll try to fit it in. Perhaps I can even bring along Laura and Torvald, though it is a vacation for them I know they'll be attending meetings. And that's what I've been doing lately. I was thinking that perhaps there's a slow time for delegate's, but it seems that comes after we step down. The rest of my report will be based on the A.A.W.S. Highlights and on possible upcoming conference topics. As they are only possible topics I will only be discussing them, it's important that was they have not yet been approved, we don't spread them out there and get people thinking that they will definitely be topics. That won't be decided until the January General Service Board meeting. But it's still worth getting a heads up on what we'll be discussing next year. [AAWS Highlights – see separate document] [Possible Conference Agenda Topics – orally presented] PRAASA is really just around the corner. I've already been asked to provide names for people I'd like to recommend for service as presenters, moderators, timers, and the like. If you know you are going, please sign up today with your full name, contact information, and whether you've ever presented or been 'onstage' at a previous PRAASA. We'll be doing this again in January at the Inventory Assembly, but they've started early this year, so let's do the same. I'm already booked for Reno, how about you? I'm also gearing up to chair the Remote Communities Meeting prior to the Conference. It'll be a bit of work, but it was very rewarding to be involved last year and I'm really looking forward to it. In fact, because of you, Hawaii Area 17, I can honestly say I look forward to each new day. It's an honor, a privilege, and a pleasure to serve you. Yours in love and service, Bob H. Area 17 Hawaii, Panel 67 Delegate, Policy & Admissions

### **Draft Proposal - District 8**

Presented by Sheree. Copies of the draft proposal was provided to area committee members in attendance.

Draft Proposal: "The Mana of the Round Table Group proposes that AAWS design a pamphlet to help AA Members outside of General Service to apply the Twelve Concepts at the Home Group Level."

My name is Sheree, I'm an alcoholic. I am a member of The Mana of the Round Table. The member that I had spoken to, who had worked on this since January of this year had a wonderful idea. As he shared with me this idea. He brought it to Bob's attention and also Tommie's attention and Mark L, District Chair. They kind of brainstormed on it, and talked about it, eat it, digest it, feel it and the result of all of that is it went full forward in going ahead and

making a proposal. I'd like to ask Tommy to give a few words on what happened and where we're at today.

I'm an alcoholic and my name is Tommy. I'd like to thank Kunani for putting this on the agenda. Thank Bob for helping our member out. It's always good if you got an idea "throw it down" and ask somebody you know (like he asked his DCM), me and Bob. It was a two page proposal is one sentence today.

The member believes we can make the twelve concepts illustrated easier for people to understand by breaking down each concept into a few sentences each or a blurb. This could be more attractive for the basic homegroup member, This could encourage members to want to know more about the concepts, and making it easier for members to learn about the concepts; ultimately attract them into general service.

Discussion points/questions:

- Objective of proposal is to encourage others to get into service.
- Was the proposal passed by District 8? Or is it just coming from the group? The group passed and brought it to the district and the district passed it unanimously". It was passed because it was a good idea and so we could get it to this committee meeting. This is a draft proposal for us to look at. If we decide to go forth with it; we need to write a formal proposal and hopefully get this onto an assembly agenda - if need be.
- Is this just for our area, not the idea to pass to GSO in the future? If we allow it to become a proposal, have the motion put on the floor and passed to our delegate to take it.
- Bob this is a demonstration of how exactly motions come to the floor of the general service conference. At some point. Somebody has an idea in this case we have a member from The Mana of the Roundtable who had an idea and he talked to other people. He went to his group and they approved the idea. When he called me on and I worked with him on this it's not my job to say whether this is a good idea or a bad idea. It's my job to help shape the idea so that it can be a legitimate motion. My job was to make sure that this is something that could actually be passed. Any member can submit a proposal. But a proposal carries more weight when it's been through the entire process. Now that (we know) the district has passed they're essentially saying their making a formal proposal to Area that We discuss this. We are not a deliberative body today - the area committee. We make no decisions make no decisions whether this a a good idea or a bad idea. One of the reasons we do this is to make sure this is a passable idea. We have our eyes on it to help the district form the draft into a passable one - mainly the language of the (draft) proposal.
- Are you asking for a version like the short form of the traditions or something between the short form of the traditions and what already exists? We really don't know. He has his own idea of what he wants, but having a short form of the concepts; an easier short form such as a short blurb using "straight english" or "plain english" or "plainer english" version of the concepts.

- Are you asking for a Plain english version of the twelve concepts illustrated, so short and in current english as opposed to the previous. yes
- Regarding addendum B, is that separate or is it part of the proposal? It (Addendum B) is background information only and not part of the proposal.
- Can we get a copy to put up on the website? Yes, the final proposal.
- Would it make sense to present a rewritten version? Is there a rewritten version? Does he have something in mind what he wants it to look like or read like in the simple english version? Yes, he has an idea.
- Regarding the intent. When we read (something like) concept 1: The final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship” it doesn’t say “Our group conscience; our collective conscience -what we all agree on” so the idea is to have something in simpler-plain english as well as how does this (concept) apply at the group level.
- Do we have the authority to change the wording of the twelve concepts? We’re not changing the wording of the twelve concepts. We’re asking for a pamphlet to explain the twelve concepts.
- How much more simpler can you get than the illustrated version? A regular off the street member could understand (the proposed version) a little better at the homegroup level. That’s what he’s trying to get at.
- Is there an objective to this? It is for the regular homegroup members to learn. Inform the homegroup member more and hopefully encourage them to get into service.
- This is a very good Idea of how the concepts fit in at the homegroup level
- Did this person read the twelve concepts before? Has he studied them? The pamphlet is to excite them (homegroup members) to read the concepts. Most people don’t study it. This is to get them to study it - that is the intention of the pamphlet.
- Change in wording under History: replace resistive with resistant. Resistive is archaic.
- Where is the Letter of approval from the district approving the proposal?
- The consensus of the committee is that this is a good idea. Sheree will report that back to her homegroup.

**2030 International Convention Bid:** The General Service Office (GSO) is accepting bids for there 2030 International Convention

In case you are wondering how international conventions are decided upon, they are actually bid-on by different areas well well in advance so we can move around 50k to 60k to 70k people.

In 2001 GSO recommended that the bid process for for city site selection be moved forward from 10 to 12 years out from the event. There are a lot of things that we need to meet to put in a bid. Deadline is November 1st. We will get a general sense about whether we will go forth or not.

The minimum Criteria: Covered stadium with a minimum seating of 65k or open seating with proven statistically a minimum possibility of rain for the specified date. The

Hawaii State Convention Center meets the minimum square footage criteria of 600k gross square feet, minimum theater seating of 25k which may include exhibit halls (not sure if we meet the 25k theater seating), at least 12k commutable hotel rooms within a 20 mile radius from the Convention Center.

- We meet the minimum qualifications. The consensus of the group is to submit a bid.
- No financial commitment to the Area.
- This item will be added to the next assembly agenda to be voted on.
- Please let your GSRs know about this vote so they can carry the voice of their group back to vote whether to move forward or not.

### **2018 Inventory Planning Discussion:**

One of the main reasons we wanted to bring everyone together today besides staying connected was to have a conversation, that came up by past area chairs, about putting together the inventory agenda, questions and process.

To help with our conversation I put together past inventory information to help get your input. We want to ask ourselves, what is it that we want to know? What are we looking for? What kinds of questions do you want us to ask on this fact finding journey? Please glance through the handout of questions I compiled from past inventories and give your feedback. This will help us put together the list of inventory questions.

Within the next two weeks we will figure out the twelve questions and get them out to you. We really want these questions to get out to the fellowship any way we can so to start the conversation about what we want feedback on at the inventory assembly. Give some time for the questions to be posed to the fellowship so when we get together in January, and we break out into our groups, all who are participating will be able to give responses that we hopefully got from the fellowship, our own personal experiences and reflections on our service at the Area level.

### **Some discussion points:**

- Comment: As a general rule for all of us sitting around today and when we have an assembly with the GSRs that are representing their groups; those (our) groups are probably well informed. But what about the groups that think all we do is sit around and chat or play (this weekend)? Those are the groups we need to somehow reach; people who don't know nor care about AA as a whole. Let's somehow find a question that address these issues and reaches the groups that don't participate. A list of things for us as members suggested we do before holding our area inventory.
- Suggestion: "What about the groups that we aren't really reaching or have a perception of what happens here (Area business meetings) and how do we possibly change that?"
- Question: There are Districts here today that have groups they want to be autonomous. They don't want to be involved in Area. They don't want to be informed. A DCM attending

a meeting in their district is made to feel like an outsider because group members think they are there for business reasons rather than wanting to attend an AA meeting. Groups maintain their distance and seem to have a wall up against Area. How do we reach them?

- Question: Are there communities in Hawaii that the AA message is not reaching them? Socially there are races of people that the message is not getting to them.
- Question: Are we doing an inventory of ourselves or is our group doing an inventory on us? We would like to get the twelve questions out to you so the GSRs can have these questions. Not necessarily do our inventory at your group conscience but to start a conversation on the questions so that on January 27th we are not passing out asking the body to answer the best you can. We can conversation with people prior. My hope is that people would bring back to the table that day.
- Question: Is there a way we could get the inventory questions surveyed on the Area website such as Survey Monkey? Area Chair will look into the pros and cons of surveying the questions on the Area website.
- Comment & suggestion: Most of these questions are specific to area service not the homegroup. Maybe we could ask the groups for questions we should ask ourselves?
- Suggestion: Maybe we can get into small groups to put gather questions? You could dedicate as much time in your round tables to selecting or developing inventory questions.
- Are we truly being of service and what do we need to do to make up the shortfall?
- Questions will be posted on the Area website.

### **Structures and Guidelines - Is it time to review?:**

At the last assembly after reading the structures and guidelines as it states “the minority opinion will always be heard”. Half the room looked like they wanted to throw stones at me and the other half nodded their heads following along.

In 1998, at the inventory assembly, the body voted to take out the words “that it would only be heard once”. We changed the structures and guidelines. So I must follow the structures and guidelines whether I like it or not.

- Question is it time to review our structures and guidelines?
- Comment: It’s always good to review the structures and guidelines as needed.
- Question: did we say we would review the alternate delegate and alternate chairs job responsibilities in the structures and guidelines at the last gathering?
- Do we want to review the entire structures and guidelines or specific items? We would need a motion to move forward in any direction.
- Comment: The structures and guidelines is a “voting document”. [Scott C. Past Delegate]
- Comment: Because the document is a voting document by the past body. A review of it would be checking grammar and looking at syntax (the arrangement



of words and phrases to create well-formed sentences in a language) making sure things are clear.

- Suggestion: Could we put the revised date on the cover of the structures and guidelines?
- Comment: A member must initiate the change causing a motion.

Based on the discussion we will leave the Structures and Guidelines as is and wait to hear from the fellowship. Please get familiar with the structures and guidelines because this is how we operate.

### **(Introducing the) 2018 Chair for the Hawaii State Convention:**

Flyers provided. Please take flyers back from wherever you come from. My number is on it. I'm trying to attract everyone to our conventions and not just the regular people you see every year. If you want to be in service please call me.

### **Roundtable Report Backs**

#### DCM RT:

Turned in questions to Kunane

#### Standing Committee RT:

Turned in questions to Kunane

#### Area Office RT:

Area Officers disagree with having a silent auction at the Hawaii State Convention. Committee Meeting Registration will be updated to be secured as it was when we used "Captcha". Minutes and Agenda will be posted online according to Area Structures and Guidelines. Area Officers will support International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ICYCAA) intention to submit a bid.

#### Intergroup RT: not present

### **Standing Committees**

#### Archive – Kathy S

I am off island, and have asked Arnie P. (a member of the archive committee) to attend and report in my place.

The archives committee has been working to identify last names in the currently digitized committee meetings and assemblies. To date, only one committee member has submitted redactions. Thank you Kathy L. from Hilo. Hopefully they will all be done by December 31, 2017.

The Quarterly Report from G.S.O. stated that the archives committee heard a progress report on the book project (Unity in Action: Bill W's General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970) and reviewed sample archival photographs for inclusion in the new publication. The committee will review a draft of the proposed publication at its October meeting and discuss the use of unpublished archival images in the book.

Thank you for letting me be of service. Kathy S., Area Archive Chair

#### Convention – Kathleen T

Aloha!

Mahalo to all who supported our event! David our chair, would personally like to thank all of you who came out to be in service and he gave a big shout out to AA Jeopardy! He had a blast!

Total numbers: 50 Al-Anon, 28 Children, 846 AAs, 15 Guests, and 40 Scholarships totalling 911 attendees.

As Coleen mentioned we have had to go into our prudent reserve to pay our bills this year. The deficit is due to a few things; lack of required meal sales per contract with host hotel, slightly shortage in anticipated attendees, and we ended up with a little more leftover souvenirs than anticipated. We understand that being self supportive is pertinent and are discussing ways to remain so. And are confident 2018 will be better.

If you are like me and believe that success isn't measured in money. Here's what I observed. Smiling faces, joy, laughter, new friendships, longtime friendships rekindled, fun dancing, meals being shared, service offered, excitement, teamwork, service being done and done well, time shared, great speakers, families, friends, attendees of all ages from AA and Al-anon with guests, members helping each other and carrying the message of hope. And having one heck of a good time! What a wonderful spiritual experience. A success in itself. In love and service Kathleen T.

#### Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Floyd M - not present

#### 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:

1. I set up a display at the Annual Hawaii Convention along with other Standing Committee Chairs. I had literature specifically for older members/potential older members of Alcoholics Anonymous. There were copies of a Grapevine issue which focussed on the older alcoholic, a couple of Grapevine articles and some information from Box 459 about Cooperation with the Elder Community. I also participated in our Jeopardy Game about our standing committees.
2. I continue to participate in our Maui joint committee – CEC, CPC and PI.
3. This week-end AA will have a presence at the Maui Economic Opportunities Senior Fair. Although I will not be there, a couple of our committee members from Maui will be

staffing a table with literature and will be available to answer questions about Alcoholics Anonymous

Other Topics: Although not an AA event, I felt that it would be a positive experience to attend the Seniors in Sobriety Conference this past September. I arrived in Los Angeles on the morning of September 14 after a “red-eye” flight from Maui. It was a small conference – probably less than 200 attendees, but that made it possible to make some personal connections. One of the members from Canada knew a friend of mine in Canada that visits my home group on a regular basis – wherever I go I have friends. I purchased the CD’s of all the panel discussions and I am willing to share with anyone.

Some of the high points:

1. Just because someone has gray hair doesn’t mean he/she is a long timer. There were many people at the conference who didn’t get sober until their 50’s or 60’s. I believe that the least amount of sobriety was about 6 months, longest was over 50 years.
2. Just because we are older, we still can and want to be of service. Service may look a little different, but there are many ways we can share our experience.
3. It’s never too late the get sober – one of the speakers didn’t get sober until he was 67.
4. Seniors aren’t afraid of technology – in fact it is an excellent way to keep in touch when mobility becomes an issue.
5. CEC vs. SIS – Different focus but we work together. CEC has more contact with professionals and is part of the AA structure. SIS is more about meetings and conferences. Seniors meeting seniors.
6. How has my AA Changed – Panelists reported less rigidity, more spirituality.
7. Learning to Live Again – Getting sober was the best thing I ever did.

Mahalo for letting me be of service,  
Karen N. Area 17 CEC Chair.

#### Corrections – Lorna S

All islands, Maui, Big Island, Kauai and Oahu reported AA meetings are still going into the jails reaching those behind bars. All district committee chairs have been working very hard in-putting their volunteer scheduling. They are well attended. Thank you for letting me serve.

#### Grapevine – Kelly S

Aloha,

At our Budget assembly we had booth, and provided GSR’s with envelopes to do a grapevine raffle at home groups. We submitted a photo of booth to Mynah Bird & Grapevine.

We had a display at the Convention and provided envelopes to promote Grapevine raffles.

Please take the Grapevines provided today to newcomers or doctor offices.

It would be great for everyone to purchase a Grapevine subscription for someone for Christmas.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

### Mynah Bird – Clifford S

Thank you Windward District for hosting this Committee Meeting. Issue #6 of our Hawaii Area Newsletter, the Mynah Bird, has been published and distributed. Thank you all who submitted articles. Included in this issue is the PRAASA Registration Form. Hope all of you are able to attend. I'd like to thank the Hawaii State Convention for providing a great location for the Mynah Bird Display. I had a number of inquiries and gave out a bunch of cards requesting articles. The next issue of our Mynah Bird will be published for distribution at the January Inventory Assembly. Deadline for submissions is January 20, 2018. Please submit your articles via email to [mynahbird@area17aa.org](mailto:mynahbird@area17aa.org). Thank you again for allowing me to serve. Clifford S.

### Public Information (PI) – Mare L

Video and audio service announcements are available on GSO's website home page,. PSA's can be downloaded in HD broadcast quality, on demand and without a cost to the broadcaster or the local committee. Unfortunately, we can't copy them onto cds or flash drives which would be perfect to present to radio stations.

So, I will purchase 4 PSA's on CD from GSO and distribute them to committee members, and with cover letter for radio stations.

With other committees, we presented an Area Committees Jeopardy game at the state convention - to educate AA members what area committees do. I had a display and many pamphlets were taken.

We provided pamphlets to Puna district. Maui's 3 district's participated in Hyatt Employee Health Fair.

### Treatment – Ernest S

I submitted a letter to the Mynah Bird from a special needs alcoholic Joel A. to reach out and have member's support a meeting that just Joel and Myself hold on Saturday's at 2 pm. At Leahi Hospital. Please see the Mynah Bird article and pass it on to your group.

I was able to get in a presentation at Hina Mauka October 5th and looking forward to having it be a regular thing on a two month increment basis.

Received a text from Oahu Intergroup manage Adina M. about meeting up with a member of the military.

I made contact with Steven and had ordered some literature for treatment racks and will be making a trip to drop off these literature at the treatment facilities. That's all for now.

### Webmaster – Valerie V

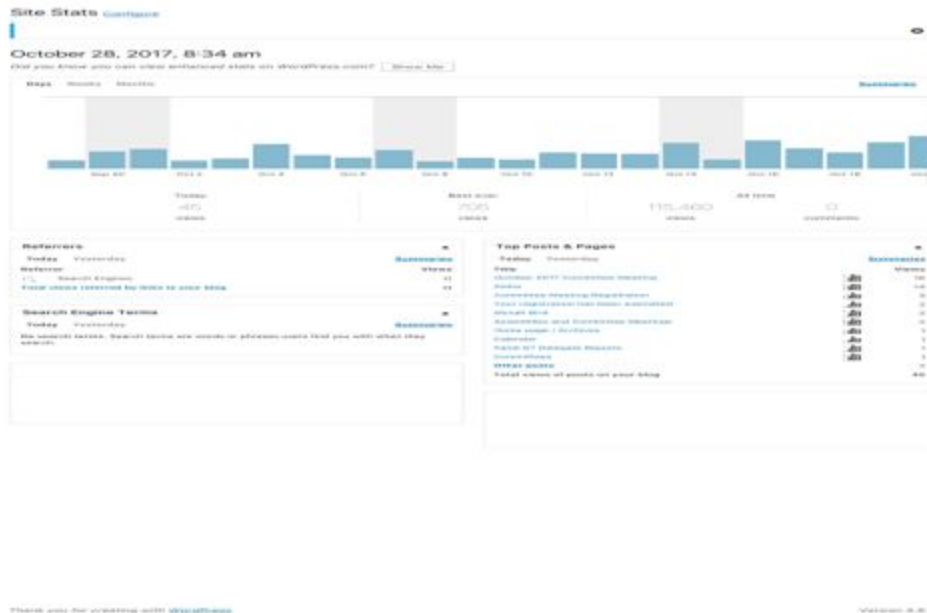
Aloha Everyone:

I must apologize for the problems with the registration form. We were having issues with some very weird and sometimes pornographic so I took it down and then got sidetracked in putting it back up. I will strive to be more diligent in the future.

I have been traveling in the last month and was able to get to GSO. I will be putting pictures on my webpage for those who are interested. They are of the great scenery out the

windows of each office. Sorry no pictures of the various people that I met. It was fun getting lost on the New York subway.

Attached are the current statistics for the website use.



Yours in service,  
Valerie V. - Webmaster Area 17

## Districts

### District 1 Diamond Head, Oahu Brooke C - DCM Alternate

Mahalo Windward District for hosting. We generally have 5 GSRs in attendance. We have a location for the Inform the Delegate Assembly, April 7-8: Waikiki Elementary.

We are working on food and the rest of the labor involved. We are also finalizing details on what we hope will be an annual workshop put on collaboratively with Waikiki and Honolulu Districts (Mahalos Alex & Joey) - January 6th, Central Union Church, Sobriety 101 (theme-driven panel: Meetings/Sponsorship/Literature/Steps/Service). Happy holidays, and mahalo.

District 2 Honolulu, Oahu Joey C

What District 02 did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous  
Aloha Everyone!

Since our June Committee meeting, we have 5 new GSRs from the following groups; Came to Believe, Hawa'a awa'a, Kam IV, Kane Ali'i and Grapevine. Two new Alternate Delegates were from Kalihi Sobriety and Malia Discussion.

We also have a new Treasurer in August. The process has been very slow as we have not had an approved Treasurer's report since our August district meeting.

We had two GSRs getting involved in their standing committees; 1) Renee S (Grapevine) committee has started her GV project where members donate \$1 to win an annual subscription to the GV and 2) Richard K (Public Information) brought over and helped set up materials for the PI table at the Annual Hawaii Convention.

There are two events that our district is hosting or being involved in;

- 1 - We are hosting the annual New Year's Eve Alcathon. It is currently under the planning stages and our chairperson has a number of locations for us to hold this event.
- 2 - We have been invited by the Diamondhead District to team up with them and Waikiki District in a 'sobriety 101' workshop for the newcomer to be held on Saturday January 6, 2018 at the Central Union Church. Our district decided to go for it at our last district meeting.

Before concluding, thank you to Larry W and Windward District for hosting this event today. Joey C. DCM Honolulu District

District 3 Leeward, Oahu Joe V

What District 3 did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

District 3 continued with caravanning to support meetings, Sobriety Buzz was much healthier from our last visit. They had been having group conscience and elected a GSR and had made a commitment to District and Area.

At our last district meeting we made plans to caravan to Sunday Night Promises and to encourage more support throughout the holiday season.

Val submitted an article in the Myna Bird sharing her past trip and gratitude for AA.

The district is healthy and have made contributions to GSO, AREA and Intergroup. Wolf F. has stepped up as the alternate DCM.

In the spirit of love and service may we grow in appreciation for what has been freely given to us by giving it to those in need. Yours in service, Joe.

District 4 Windward, Oahu Larry W

TYG hosted a homegroup day. Alcathons 2018 will be held at Christ Church Uniting Presbyterian, church just before Castle Hospital town bound.

My Alternate DCM will be going to the next assembly. We do tradition and concepts at every district meeting.

When my term is up we have some good people that will be standing.

#### District 5 Maui No Ka Oe Neil I

GSR attendance at District Meeting has declined slightly • Financially, first time in the black since start of this year, helped by splits from group that previously hadn't made splits and an anonymous donation from the fellowship • Have attended and made announcements at meetings not participating in General Service, goal to attend all before end of year • Multiple districts on Maui have members attending a Maui Community Information & Cooperation Committee (CPC, CEC, PI): not much participation in this type of service in an individual district, can gain a little momentum by combining efforts • 4 District Chair positions filled, 5 open • Need an alt-DCM and members to take a few more positions for January Assembly • Disconnect between understanding of work now being done under name of "CPC" and "PI" and 12th step work original members did to practice their own recovery in the 12th step within District 5, maybe a workshop or just communicating through GSR's is solution • 12th Step work being done by committee chairs and their subcommittees • Hospitals and like organizations regularly have pamphlets stocked • Maui County Correctional Facility have regular meetings being taken into men and women's pods weekly • Phone calls being made to professionals, doctors, religious organizations to let them know about AA, part of the Cooperation with Professional Community work, need more people to do that • Rehab within the district has weekly meetings brought in by AA members and members of the fellowship show up to give rides to AA meetings • Thank you and acknowledgement to those members doing the 12th step work that we focus on outside of meeting level In Love and Service, Neil Irwin District 5, DCM

#### District 6 Kauai Steven Q

Thank you to District 4 for hosting the committee meeting October 28th. Here's what District 6 is doing to carry the message.

-our finance committee got together and created a proposed budget for 2018, presented it at the October district meeting for the GSRs to take back to their home groups, and will be voted on at the November district meeting.

-our alternate DCM is in the process of sending the Area registrar Rachel the information for our new Committee Chairpeople, and any GSR's that don't have information packets that are available from the GSO office.

-in preparation for the assembly in January, and to improve the way our district is carrying the message, District 6 is in the midst conducting a group inventory in which 14 questions were taken from other districts around the Globe, distributed from the hat to everyone in attendance at the last meeting, to be brought to the home groups for their input, and will be discussed at the next meeting in November. A summary will be written and printed in the Garden Island Sobriety newsletter, as well as posted on our website [kuaiaa.org](http://kuaiaa.org)

-our Corrections Committee reported that the inmates at K Triple C are now allowed to have their own big book, and grapevine literature is now allowed into the jail.

-the website committee reported over 12,000 hits on the Kauai website for the month of September.

- in January 2018, the Princeville/Hanalei group is going to host a speaker jam in which 4 speakers from all sides of the island will be invited to the podium to share their experience, strength and hope in a open meeting format.
  - the Public Information committee submitted a proposal, which passed vote to host a gratitude luncheon in November 2018. In the past, this was a successful event, giving thanks to all the invited public officials who support AA's function in the community.
  - our CEC committee continues to reach out the the elderly population using AA approved literature in attraction based methods.
  - the Sunrise Sobriety group is involved with 2 retreats. The men's retreat on the weekend of October 27-29, and a women's retreat being organized for May 2018.
  - Saturday Third Tradition is offering a coffee maker commitment, and a literature commitment.
  - Strong attendance at Hui O' Hana.
  - Daily Reflection in Kapaa states that everything is ok, and would like to increase their treasury. How fundraising goes along with AA's Traditions has been discussed.
  - Koloa Aloha is sending their GSR to PRAASA in March to experience the tremendous weekend of dedicated AA service.
  - Na Wahine Pono has implemented a new format for the meeting which includes "what to do if there's a disturbing person at the meeting"
- Mahalo, Steve Q

#### District 7 Hamakua, Hawaii Niven A

So we as a district, District 7 is still standing on the good side. It's still an up and down attendance at our meeting.

We just had our Unity day last month with East vs West in Softball. It was a beautiful day with fellowship. The food was good, the games were good, and the meeting was good also. Sad to say, the East side won both games.

So the only big thing that we are going through is preparing for our assembly. Thank you and Mahalo.

#### District 8 West Hawaii Mark L

How's it everyone! I would like to apologize for not being able to make it to the committee meeting due to work situations.

At this time, I would like to introduce to you, District 08 Alternate DCM Sheree H. District 8 is going strong.

Just finished Unity Day, East meet West softball tournament. East side won. It was a much success, big turnout from both sides of the island. We had such a big turnout and lots of fun. Both sides agreed and decided to hold the event every year in Waima located at the halfway point between the east and west of the island.

We're getting ready for the Holiday Season starting with the halloween dance, thanksgiving lunch, christmas party, alcathon and New year's. Since we pau our Traditions Workshop and was successful, we are now planning our Concepts Workshop for next Year 2018.



Our Budget Assembly held in Kona was another success, many of the DCMs and GSRs attended and enjoyed new ideas that were given throughout the weekend. Thank you to all who were in servc making this event another success.

I wish all of you a safe and blessed Holiday Season.

Letter from District 8 Treasurer

To the Officers of Hawaii Area 17: West Hawaii District 8 is pleased to enclose a check for 416.00 made payable to Hawaii Area 17. This check represents monies collected over and above our expenses for hosting the 2017 Budget Assembly.

It has been a tradition that if west Hawaii District 8 ends up in the black after hosting an assembly or committee meeting, we prorate the amount and return all but west Hawaii District 8's portion to Hawaii Area 17.

Unfortunately, we barely made our expenses after hosting the 2016 election assembly and were unable to share with Hawaii Area.

Thank you for allowing us to host and be of service to Hawaii Area 17! Marianne F. Treasurer, West Hawaii District 8

District 9 Central North Shore, Oahu Bruce W

District Meetings attended by 7-9 GSRs and Alt GSRs; mix of about /2 from Central Oahu and ½ from North Shore. Voted on location for Election Assembly - Camp Homelani in Mokuleia.

Waimea Nooners will be having annual Thanksgiving party after Nooners' meeting.

Alcathon planned for 1800-1200 (midnight) New Year's Eve at St Peter & Paul Church Waimea.

District 10 Waikiki, Oahu Alex M

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District 11 Kihei, Maui Betsy B

Aloha to All,

Presently we have 10 active GSR's from the groups in our District. And 5 standing committee chairs. And Intergroup representation.

What contributes to this unity and enthusiasm? Staging conversations at district meetings with questions like:"What creates Unity? What destroys it? What ideas for future District workshops will educate our group members?..." This is creating enthusiasm... each district mtg has the spirit of a GSR Roundtable to it.

We discuss and study a Tradition each month. The GSR's rotate to present that, usually with some content from the Illustrated pamphlet included. In January we will start 12 Concept discussion.

We voted as a District to have the Finance Committee propose a new budget for 2018. The committee is providing more Unity and clarity in this effort to make our Treasury numbers more transparent.

It is a privilege to serve in District 11 as DCM. We continue to deepen the spirit of Tradition Two by practicing the process of the Group Conscience!

One group conscience we held was done by ballot on colored post it notes to brainstorm ideas for future workshop ideas. The catch was this: you must put your name on the back of your idea and be willing to be on the committee to design the workshop if your idea is chosen by popular vote. In love and service, Betsy B

#### District 12 Puna, Hawaii Freddie M

Thanks Windward District 4 for hosting and feeding us so well.

Puna is plugging along. I believe we're moving ahead, making gains. We have a new Treatment/CPC Chair. We have had another change in the archives chair, but I'm confident we will fill the post at the next meeting.

We have had more observers as of late and I've been welcoming them and hope to recruit them into committees that have chairs but no one else. Lonely chairs can stagnate, not crumble.

We are incrementally gaining financially. We rejoice in no more travel expenses this year.

On the whole, I'm very positive about the progress of District 12. The committees in place are enthused, telling newcomers that long term sobriety is not required to get involved, that "belonging" is so important to healthy, long term sobriety.

#### District 13 Tri-Island David B - not present

#### District 17 Waianae, Oahu Deborah L

What District 17 did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

- August 26, 2017 3rd Tradition's Fishing Day at Electric Beach successful, they opened with a Grapevine meeting, fishing, and a potluck BBQ; approximately 10-15 members participated.
- September, 2017 – 3rd Tradition held "Train Ride activity," Prior to, opened with a Grapevine Meeting, and ended with fellowship and a potluck lunch; approximately 10 members participated.
- 10-28-17, 3rd Tradition hosting a Hike to Maile Pill Box, will have a Grapevine meeting at their destination @ 3 pm followed by a potluck sunset dinner at the beach park.
- On 11-04-17 3rd Tradition is having a "Putt-putt golfing activity will open with a Grapevine meeting and end with Pot Luck lunch in the parking lot (Pearlridge)
- This month's district meeting consisted of 3 district officers and 5 GSR's one of which is a new GSR for sobriety 101.
- I was included in an emergency group conscience for Eroquis Point Meeting and was honored to be able to share my understanding with the 7th tradition and the 4 pieces of the pie and how this is vital to AA as a whole. They eagerly requested the addresses to begin making their contributions.
- Workshop for October 21, 2017, on "Emotional Sobriety", went well with

approximately 38 members in attendance. I was happy to know that there were several newcomers that caught the bus from town to attend this workshop in addition to our Delegate, Bob and Deborah our area Secretary being there as well. Thank You. • A DCM that I have met at PRAASA Jen DCM 5 (California), while on vacation was a guest speaker on 9-04-17 @ Xfactah (Honokai Hale Park) to share her experience on unity , recovery, and service. Attendants on that day was extremely high in numbers that afternoon, there was at least 40 members present, and I was overjoyed seeing several officers from the area present and past, including a DCM from another district, thank you for your support. • “Rainbows of Sobriety” (LBGTQ) did not start this month and I was told that this meeting postponed to start in January of 2018. • District 17 will be having their annually round-the-clock Holiday Alkathon or both Christmas and New Years. Other Topics: NON- AA related, November 3rd, 4th, & 5th 2017, Men and Keiki 20th Annual Camp-out facilitated by men in recovery at Our Lady of Kehau’s may register up to the day of this event.

Intergroup: No Intergroup in attendance

#### What’s on Your Mind?

What’s next for inventory questions? We spend the next two months getting feedback from Area group members about what they want to know through the Area inventory process.

DCM shared about District Treasurer not following the process.

Who do we send a copy of district meeting minutes too? Send it to the Webmaster if you want it posted on your district page.

Coleen will print 20 GSR pamphlet to hand out at the next assembly.

#### What to Take Back

District 8’s draft proposal consensus is good. The district will tweak the wording and present at the next assembly.

2030 International Convention: Yes we want a team to put in a Bid.

Structure and Guidelines: If it’s not broke then don’t fix it.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm**