

9:00 Call to Order with the Serenity Prayer, Host DCM announcements, Sobriety Birthdays.

Introduction of Past Delegate: Scott C (P49), Ken K (P63)

Reading: Michelle: An excerpt from the 60th Annual General Service Conference

Area Officers – Reports

Secretary: Deborah S. Minutes accepted as is; Motion Wolf; 2nd Joan

Treasurer: Mike K. Treasurer's report accepted as is; Motion Kelly; 2nd Alex
Aloha Panel 67 trusted servants,

As of Aug 19, 2018 the Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds \$30,040.76 Prudent Reserve \$5,003.58 Reserve for Computer Equipment
\$850.45 Reserve for International Convention \$1479.89 Total Cash in Bank \$35,074.04
Total Contributions and Income \$17,379.12 Total Expenditures \$18,955.08 Net Income/Loss
\$-1,575.96.

As of August 19, 2018 we are \$-1,575.96 in the red. Our income from contributions is catching up with our expenditures. Thank you to all the groups that have contributed both large and small amounts! We must keep the contributions coming in as we still have some large expenditures before the end of the year.

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. It has been a real pleasure serving so far. In love and service Mike K., Area Treasurer, Panel 67

Registrar: Rachel S.

Registration in back, you need a voting slip for today, Update you groups information going into the next panel, A new software, for the General Service database will be released in February; please keep this in mind if you are considering the Registration position in the next panel.

Alt. Delegate: Coleen A.

Thank you Diamondhead district #1 for a great ITD assembly. I would like to remind all dcms, standing committee chairs area officers and inter group chairs that our May 19 th committee meeting registration is up and please register early.

Also on the back table is our flyer for our August budget assembly, I apologize for having the wrong map on that flyer and the flyer that will be on the website has the right map. When leaving the airport first right first left on the left corner of the next right, across Hilo Lunch shop. As for the Convention steering committee we had no meeting in March and at the February steering meeting I stood as Chair of a adjacent committee to look at a process to have our convention on outer islands. Judy, Kathleen, and I have a proposal to show the steering committee at our next meeting on April 21st, Coleen and I will join through ZOOM and that has been working great, to save the convention some money. Remember November 1st to the 4th is our annual hawaii convention (The Family Afterward) please if you plan on coming register early

Alt. Chair: Tommy G

Aloha Everybody- Grateful to serve as your area alternate chair. My home group is the daily reprieve at the Kona Hospital.

Thank you everyone for coming and thank you to Hilo-Hamakua District for putting this on - great job. So happy to be here with you folks.

Grateful to serve at the Pacific Regional Forum in San Jose. Got to meet new people. Learned a lot and even more.

I enjoyed helping all the districts with your assemblies. Hilo-Hamakua was an awesome experience scheduled then cancelled and they did a good job thank you Hilo-Hamakua.

Flyers for the Elections Assembly will be available just before lunch. Place is Camp Homelani, Cost is \$35.00.

One of the fun things I did was I went to all three districts on this island to present the proposed the budget. I presented the proposed budget to 11 groups in District 8. I feel that you are well informed.

Also and a member of the steering committee on the Annual Hawaii Convention please help support our meals and room count.

Grateful to serve you as your Alternate Chair

Chair: Kunane D.

Grateful member of AA and truly humbled to serve as the Area Chair. My homegroup is Hang Loose.

Thank you Tommy for going the Forum in my place.

Working together during the Hurricane to make the right decision for all. It was necessary to cancel. Thank you Hilo-Hamakua for being so flexible. Lessons learned during the hurricane is there's going to be a lot of questions, calls, people to talk to and work with become informed so we can make the right decision and do what's necessary to be safe.

Recommends having text message-groups created to get the word out faster.

Review of the agenda.

Thank you for letting be of service.

Delegate Report: Bob H.

See report at area17aa.org

Guidelines for Discussion and Voting Kunane

Registered Voters 85

Quorum 82

What we're voting on requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ unanimous vote.

Cooperation with the Professional Committee (CPC) Confirmation

Ken K. is confirmed by area to stand in for CPC standing committee chair.

Proposed Budget Presentation

Proposed Budget Motioned in Julie; 2nd Anandji

No Discussion

Vote: 84 yes 0 no; Budget Passed\

Proposal: District 8 – Mana of the Roundtable

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.

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 AA Service Manual and Twelve Concepts for World Service, is not geared for practical application at the group level.

Submitted by:

Mark L., DCM for District 8, Area 17, Hawaii and

Ananji – GSR for Mana of the Round Table, District 8, GS# 000675563

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.

Discussion/Questions

Joey is for the proposal

Vote: 79 Yes; 3 No; Motion Passes

Minority Opinion:

Chris (Kauai) The Twelve Concepts Illustrated is already in place. If there is an issue of how things are viewed in A.A. then ask and talk about it.

Bob will submit this proposal to GSO.

Service Commitment Feedback

Deborah L.(**DCM**) Learning experience; got to meet a lot of people; got to travel; held accountable; NOT “taking a break”; you’re not alone; commitment does not interfere in other areas of life.

Kelly S.(**Standing Committees**) Grapevine Chair; kept her commitment to personal recovery alive and the link to others there. Grown on a personal level; doing better of service; gained friends; guarantees we probably will stay sober.

Deborah S. (**Secretary**) Time to type handwritten reports. No family interference. Wanting to post the reporters “voice” as much as possible not dressing up or editing so much the assembly don’t recognize the reporter such as the “mahalos” I bet when you hear Mahalo said like that you’d think about Alex DCM 10. Write reports using programs that are readable by the Archivists program to Archive. (to me) reporting to the assembly Hawaii Area’s Business via the “Minutes” is how my position is fulfilling “our primary purpose”.

Mike T: (**Area Treasurer**) Important job, can be learned, Quickbooks is easy to use.

Rachel: (**Area Registrar**) Amazing experience, challenging - the database needed to be cleaned up and is cleaned up, the position involves a lot of time, the new software being

released in the next panel is easy to learn and user friendly, having this ohana is the biggest blessing.

Coleen:(**Area Alt Delegate**) Talking to family about service commitment; Using the A.A. Service Manual and Area 17 Guidelines to help decide a position(s) you are willing to commit to. Doing a job well is the link in the chain.

Tommy (**Area Alt Chair**): Helping our group get informed; being connected to A.A. as a whole; A.A. as a whole connected to (his) personal recovery. Of all service positions I've held Alt Chair was the most fun

Kunane (**Area Chair**): Presenting before many running a meeting smoothly as possible (principles before personalities). Learned one service commitment (at a time) is enough. Takes up enough time to be away from other areas of my life such as family.

Bob H (**Area Delegate**): Position is a big commitment in time but an amazing journey; requires a lot of reading (the general service conference material leading up to the general service conference ; learned to trust the committee process. Did his best to accept commitments to speak; ask your family about committing to a time consuming position; negotiated with work to fulfill time commitment; add fun to commitment; big commitment in effort; Concept 2 - the group conscience; if you have the time and willingness stand and let the assembly decide.

General Service Representatives at the Mic:

Nancy: Stepping into service to carry the message. Megan: lot of challenges but learned alot. Is learning what principles before personalities. Leah: Awesome experience, incorporated willingness into all my affairs is why I'm here; gained friendships; walked through fear of being in service. Robert: Stepping back into service after 30 years. Ramon: friends encouraged him to show up and don't be afraid. Richard: Roberts Rule of Order is a tool of order, the loudest voice is the majority, I do this to keep the doors open for the next alcoholic. Stacy: helps keep me sober. Joey: "if you're not in service you are robbing yourself of personal recovery. Lyle: Got a nudge from God...after 30 years sobriety I stepped into general service. Andrea: I didn't feel like doing this is why i'm doing it, service broadened me as a person, cut away he rough edges and forced me to grow. Take away from Bob H. " Service rubbed off some of my rough edges"

Reading (Patrick): Leadership in AA ; Excerpt from April 11, 1959

Roundtables "What Do You Want to Pass On To The Next Panel"

GSR RT Group 1 Megan

What is area?

Uninformed alcoholics is dangerous @ this level, came in mid-term Bob did mini training for new GSRs.

Important Home group to be connected to district and general service office flow.

Prior GSR sits down with incoming & give the low down. My pass GSR helped with the new GSR. Important for new GSR to stand up at every assembly for quick crash course and phone numbers for help.

GSR new packet at district level.

GSR workshops each meeting and promote district meeting then more involved in area.

How to attract the new GSR?

Attending orientation. Unclear what (my) role is on the service committees.

Ask for GSR report at every meeting during announcement before entered in the meeting format.

By the time your time is up you will know how to be a GSR.

GSRs learn about the standing committees.

Include your service commitment schedule with (your) family. Commitment includes home group meetings, district meetings, assemblies, etc...

Invite interested future GSR to district meeting up to 6-months in advance.

More Information for GSRs:

If you come in half way stand again for the next term (panel).

Use website tools such as “what to take back”, binders, and tab in email.

Connect with area committee sub groups to be more in-service at the district level.

What's on your mind?

Read Tradition 2 before home group business

Using Roberts Rules.

Personal responsibility; offer self to step up to the plate.

Ask for help

During assembly do round tables first; then reports make it easier for everyone especially new GS on what we are doing and talking about.

GSR RT Group 2 Jean

“Clarity of Purpose? What is holding our group back from carrying out our primary purpose?”

Addressing the need of our meetings?

Struggling with service animals

Need label on the pet service

Trained specific-duty dog

Groups can dismiss the person and pet

Follow the facility rules/guidelines.

In public/parks meetings disability vest on dogs.

Can't ask for license

Be involved with the newcomers:

Available members to sponsor

Ask facility to reach out to patients of need, alcoholics

Call administrators reaching out

Change format

Newcomer packets with phone numbers

Groups struggling numbers in size

Work on new format
Call members to come
Bossy GSRs
No coffee/bathroom usage
Voting for new GSR & Alternate GSR group conscience
Prepare alt. GSR
Members need to step up to service
Why we do panel rotation?
To give the newcomer a chance of rotation
Keep/ encourage members to learn the role

GSR RT Group 3 Patrick

“Better Understanding about Area Standing Committees”

What was most helpful for our Delegate for this Panel?

Having been an alternate for position stepping into.

Having all the reports available and reading them.

Talk to person who has position last.

Has learned more about structure and understands more about what to report back.

What Would We Like to Pass on to the Next Panel?

Pass on better understanding of area standing committees. For example: corrections, CPC, PI, etc. What is the purpose?

Carry the message about corrections, CPC, etc to the groups and back to Area & GSO.

Pass the message to the different members of the group.

Reaching suffering alcoholics in those areas.

Help relay what area is doing to the person at District.

Area standing committees help facilitate the work to get the message to the suffering alcoholic.

They are there as a resource to the members.

There to brainstorm ideas to help the chair.

Positions are divided so each island is represented in each standing committee. GSR is to serve where area needs them.

What is your vision for your standing committee?

By the end of 2 years you will know what your position is.

We are serving AA as a whole.

Doing service above the group level.

Transmit the spirit of the assembly to the group – how do we do that?

Announce @ most meetings and business meetings

Incorporate in personal share

Have fun –

Take advantage of homestay

Come in 1 day early, stay 1 day late

Don't be afraid to ask question.

What would you like to see improved?

Updating assembly information more promptly on area website

Online registrations including online payments

GSR RT Group 4 Brian:

1. Proactive about registering at the completion of one assembly. This also helps district hosting assembly to coordinate the event

2. Orient new GSRs who are brought in outside of the orientation assembly rotation may not be getting as much attention and there was some discussion about how to duplicate the information gained at the assembly in a more personal manner.

Part of the issue a member suggested that the information is already provided regarding when the new GSR should be elected prior to orientation assembly.

Want to be preventative by discussing the 2 year GSR transition much earlier during the year at all events.

Existing GSR can mentor in the next GSR or alternate GSR

Can healthy groups who understand process of becoming a GSR and when the election are help those groups either without a GSR or not well informed.

District level, possibly DCM, can also help spreading the word. One member talked about the his positive experience with DCM right away getting him the information he needed to be GSR for his group and was able to go back to his group and share, which seemed to be empowering for him.

Service sponsor is a vital piece of maintaining this crucial link.

Bottom line communication needs to be improved and that this suggestion is for us personally because no one else will do the work.

3. Workshops on general topics of AA could be a solution to making GSR position attractive getting information people.

4. Suggested that at group level meetings that "service sponsors" can be identified in the same way sponsors are identified in meetings.

5. Encouraging others to step up as an alternate GSR and the ongoing challenge in doing this.

- Attraction rather than promotion

- One on one connection in approaching members in follow up to an announcement at a meeting for those that are perhaps introverts.

- The transition from the old to the new is so important in creating a smooth transition but also allowing the new person to establish some confidence in performing duties that can seem so scary in the beginning. PASS IT ON.

- Passing on our service commitment to the next person is the same as passing on the message of AA. Just another way of "giving it away".

6. Learned that there is no stupid information when communicating to group.

7. Need to find balance between holding people responsible for their position without making them so scared that it becomes a negative thing.

8. The balance of service and life require us to practice the 12 steps.

9. Step out to other meetings, get out, share your service excitement.

10. Continue to attend group conscious and participate even when service position may end to help promote the excitement and that it works.

11. When we finally get it we are done with our service position.

Area Treasurer Mike our facilitator emphasized that these suggestions and comments are for us. We are submitting this information to the AREA but we are the ones that need to initiate the change we want to see, once alcoholic at a time.

Motivating Others to get into District Service;

Standing Committee RT Ken K.

What do we want to pass on...

Team building (standing committee chairs)

Smooth transition between outgoing to incoming

Mynah Bird: post as many newsletters

Resource Folder (Area)

More workshops

Service support for the Annual Hawaii Convention

Hopefully to introduce to the assembly the Standing Committee's purpose.

Website: District Websites

Annual Hawaii Convention:

Display at the registration area

Need service support for the standing committee display area

Jeopardy – Friday 3-5 in the Hospitality Room

Request to Chair to have all information of standing committee chairs, purpose:

For members to recognize standing committee chairs for interest in standing committee work.

DCM RT Joey

What Do We Want to Pass on to the Next Panel?

Motivate our home group members to get into district service. Share how it has changed me as a DCM.

Make past delegates really work by calling them to service.

Make ourselves available as service sponsors

With thank-a-thons start the process early, constructive planning?

Best part is the DCM Roundtable, discuss same issues. We/ I get the most as being a DCM.

Having friends as DCM is where I learned.

Have a service sponsor

Get an alt DCM - Stress to get involved.

Make use of the confidential phone list. I found it very helpful.

Bring Alt. DCM to assemblies.

Encouraged self to step up into area service; sees the spiritual aspect of the fellowship.

Use Area 17 Website

Apply traditions in service such as Tradition 2.

Register early, ASAP for assemblies and committee meetings

Past DCMs make ourselves available to new DCM hosting assemblies & committee meetings

Make use of homestay and transportation; fun fellowship and food.

New DCMs reach out to groups that have no GSR or send contributions to district.

Before Standing Up for next Panel:

Check with your family
Let God decide
Ask self if I can make the commitment?
Trust your heart and Higher Power will do the rest.
I plead the 5th amendment.

What's next?

Just started as Alt DCM. Wants to shadow his DCM to see how it works. Maybe DCM next panel.

Likes to stay in service but not sure who is next DCM. Has two GSRs interested.

District Reports

District 01 Diamond Head, Oahu Julie G.

District 1, in conjunction with District 2 and 10, hosted a delegate report back in June. We conducted a district inventory June 16, facilitated by Scott C., past delegate panel 49 with 7 people in attendance. We got some good insight into what we do and why we do it. We donated a literature rack filled with pamphlets at U.H. per her request. We decided to host a Christmas alkathon, after not holding one last year, even though most of our GSRs and district committee will be off island. We are concerned that the Honolulu Area wouldn't have a Xmas alkathon this year since Intergroup is not putting one on. Alkathon will be held at St. Andrews Cathedral in Honolulu. We still get only 3-5 GSRs at our district meeting and are keeping our fingers crossed that groups and individuals will step up to fill service positions. District Elections will be held in November.

District 02 Honolulu, Oahu Joey C.

Aloha Budget Assembly attendees!

Since the Inform the Delegate Assembly last April, the following events took place in our district;

- On May 5th, our district with the help from Central Office and approval from our current Public Information Chairperson, we were able to staff an AA Information Booth at the annual TCOYD Health Convention at the Hawaii Convention Center. The event annually draws around 1,200 attendees.
- On June 9th, I was able to represent our district by participating in a Traditions & Concepts themed meeting during Founder's Day hosted by Oah'u Central Office.
- At our June district meeting, our district welcomed a new GSR from the Kane Ali'i Group.
- June 23rd, the Honolulu, Waikiki and Diamond Head Districts again, co-hosted the annual GSC Report Back by our delegate, Bob H. This event was attended by 18 members including 3 past delegates
- On August 11th our district hosted our much anticipated 7th Tradition Workshop. The four panel workshop was attended by 20 members including the current and past area delegates. The event was also attended by members from Northern California that shared their experience on the tradition of Self-Support. As DCM, I will never forget how our GSRs got together to suggest, plan and serve to make this workshop possible! A full workshop report is found in the August 2018 issue of the Mynah Bird.

➤ And last but not least, our district held elections at our September district meeting as suggested by the service manual. I am happy to report that all positions; DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer and Recording Secretary have been filled by our current district trusted servants! Thank you to the Hilo/Hamakua District for your last minute efforts to reschedule and make this assembly happen! Joey C/DCM

District 03 Leeward, Oahu Joe V.

District 3 is searching for an assembly location for upcoming Orientation Assembly set for the 12th and 13th of January 2019. Tentatively we have made arrangements with Waipahu High School. Will know for sure the first week of October and if approved will provide flyers at upcoming elections assembly. Have caravanned this past month to two meetings. Sobriety Buss in Waipio and Head Start in Pearl City. Even though participation is sporadic the groups all seem to be healthy. Valarie, Wolf, Mona, Jerry and myself were in attendance the past district meeting. Morgan and Cynthia checked in via phone. This Assembly has inspired an idea of providing a concept workshop in the upcoming weeks. Mahalo District 7 for this beautiful venue. May the love of the fellowship flourish. Yours in service, Joe V

District 04 Kailua, Oahu Larry W.(Report by Lisa B. GSR TYG)

Elections - Incoming DCM John M.

Alcathons: December 24, 6 pm - December 25, 6 pm and December 31, 6 pm - January 1, 6 pm at Christ Church Uniting near Castle Hospital, Kailua. TYG October 13th Homegroup Day at Kailua Beach Park. District held a workshop in July "Service, Not just for Breakfast anymore". Service in A.A., At home, In our community.

District 05 Maui, Maui No Ka Oi Neil I.(Reported by Brandon Alt GSR)

Aloha,

District 5 has about 30 groups and we get about 5 GSRs to the monthly District meeting. We have 3 of those GSRs present at today's assembly. District positions that are actively filled are: Hospitals, CPC, Treatment, and Remote Communities. Open positions are Secretary, Archives, Corrections, Grapevine, Cooperation With The Elder Community, and Public Information. After our September District meeting we held a district inventory. We have not yet reviewed the inventory data as a group or come up with action items as a result. We will probably discuss this at our next meeting. Our elections are being held at our next meeting Tuesday October 9th.

In Love & Service,

Brandon

District 06 Kauai, Kauai Steve Q. (Reported by Brian K.)

Thank you Navin and all of District 7 for hosting today's assembly...Here is what Kauai district 6 is doing to carry the message...At today's assembly, we have 5 GSRs, our CPC committee chair, and our intergroup chair...

Our west side Waimea canyon group which some consider to be in a remote community has a new GSR that has brought a fresh enthusiasm to the group and its small membership has doubled with those attending on a regular basis stepping up and calling the meeting their home

group. They are taking steps to rebuild the relationship with the hospital community through Public information and Cooperation with the professional community.

The Hui Lokahi men's group has recently moved into a bigger facility due to the 30-40 members that attend on a regular basis.

Our Sunrise sobriety group in Poipu who is known for their taco breakfasts where they serve cheeseburgers is holding a men's retreat at the end of October at Malahapu beach and will be using the 12 steps as their topic for the weekend...

They will also be hosting their annual New Years eve alkathon, a tradition for many years on the south shore.

The public information committee is hosting a gratitude luncheon November 10. This is an event that encourages our home groups to reserve a table of 10 seats, with each group inviting a member of the community, recognizing their relationship with AA on the island in carrying the message of recovery. As of today, there are 5 groups involved, totaling 50 members that will attend, including the invited members of the community.

The Hui O' Hana group is holding elections next month and has implemented a two year time frame for the commitments of the officers, their GSR, and alternate GSR, and 1 year commitments for all other service commitments. They are also at the final stage of the process in which they looked over, and are updating their structures and guidelines for the group.

I want to thank bob for acknowledging the Happy Hour group's proposal that made it to the literature committee in New York. it proves that even the smallest groups have an important voice that is paramount, and above all else in our service structure.

Finally, district 6 held a speaker jam in August that invited 4 speakers with different lengths of sobriety from around the island to share their experience strength and hope, in which food was served to the 45 people in attendance.

District 07 Hilo Hamakua, Hawaii Nivan A.

So as of today our district stands strong and did a brilliant job to make this assembly happen. Stress and precision made me happy.

This month we also had East Meets West, and Yes East wins again. It was a good event and the fellowship was on point.

We are trying to branch out more to the districts of the island to be as one.

Unity is better than separation. We are driving to bring more in to service as the numbers are slim.

I know all will be good so go get'em.

Aloha

District 08 West Hawaii, Hawaii Mark L.

Thank you District 7 for hosting the Budget Assembly. We just had a Unity Day East meets West softball - Eastside won. We are continuing to have our monthly concept studies. We'll be having our elections on October 12 for New Panel (69).

As DCM I learned a lot and meet new friends. I've been asked what's next for me? I don't know we'll have to see, about my job and time. What I like do, may be the for me to do. Thank you DCM District #8 Mark L.

District 09 Central North Shore, Oahu Bruce W.

Elections Assembly registration is \$35.00. The assembly is at Camp Homelani. Cabins available \$26.00/night, bring own bedding. Don't have to be interisland to camp. Bonfires and Archery planned. Registration forms should be online soon. DCM telephone number is live and corrected emails to go live soon. Any transportation help from attendees passing the Airport would be great; email transportation@area17aa.org

Thanks DCMs from District 9 Central Northshore and DCMs of the Roundtable.

Thanks Bob H. (Delegate) for Delegate Report Back, Deborah L (D17) for presenting the Proposed Budget and Hilo-Hamakua for the Assembly.

District 10 Waikiki, Oahu Alex M.

Aloha my name is Alex and I'm an alcoholic, DCM #10 Waikiki.

Mahalos again Hamakua District for hosting the Budget Assembly. Today we have 3 GSRs from Waikiki attending are Patrick from Bad Brains Group, Alan from Twelve Coconuts Group and Teresa from Sunday Breakfast Meeting.

Waikiki District is doing well. Waikiki District Elections will be held at our next district meeting (in October) this coming Tuesday. In November Waikiki District will not be meeting at the usual place, Paki Hale, due to renovations. We will be meeting at Kapiolani Park Archery Range instead same day and time (first Tuesday of the month 6 pm to 7 pm). We are putting on a Thank-a-thon at Unity Church - corner of Monsarrat Ave & Diamond Head circle, November 21, 4 pm to November 22, 3 pm. We just purchased the insurance fo that event. (A) Workshop is in the works for December, hopefully we secure a facility. That's all I have to report.

District 11 Kihei, Maui Betsy B.

1) We have 9 active groups with GSRs in Kihei... including a new GSR getting active and involved right now. She reminds me how to be a DCM!

2) Held a workshop about the Spiritual Principles of our Program. 110 people Attended for the Pancake breakfast... 90 folks stayed to the end to discuss which S.P. 'S they choose to live by in sobriety. Skits, fun, fellowship!

3) We have District elections in November in Kihei. We have established a new District standing committee to provide 12 step outreach to young people on Maui. And a lot of alkathons ahead... best of all, we have another crossing where we camp out and carry the message of hope and recovery to an outer island in Maui County. Next crossing is to Molokai October 26. DCM has expanded my comfort zone... I'm very grateful for the privilege to serve in AA. I didn't think I would stand for this... I ended up at a forum on the big isle, and I made a U Turn into DCM. I am so glad I did!

In love and service,

Betsy B

District 12 Puna, Hawaii Freddie M.(Reported by Lyle Alternate DCM)

November Elections Meeting: Potluck and workshop on District/Attraction for more participation. May: Workshop with Area Standing Committees. New Alternate DCM Lyle. Treasury is building. Archives working on how to store archives. Corrections doing well. Participants to get volun-core training and working with West Hawaii.GSRs report monthly; despite being displaced due to lava, all is well. Big thank you to all who helped with May's committee meeting.

District 13 Tri-Island, Maui, Molokai, Lanai David B.(Reported by Jubee)

District is doing well. We have good ties with our other two districts on island. First Saturday of the month: Fellowship to Lanai has been growing; we sponsor 2 round trip ferry boat rides to Lanai; we have a potluck; fellowship wrapping it up with a 12 o'clock meeting. Upcoming Events: October 7 Traditions workshop which Bob H. Hawaii Area Delegate will attend. October 13 Sponsor/Sponsee Workshop; to outreach to Molokai Community. October 26-28 Molokai Crossing. November 5 Maui Mini Conference potluck, chili cook off AI-Non speaker and A.A. Speaker.

District 17 Waianae, Oahu Deborah L.

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

Since the beginning of this Panel 67, although attendance for this monthly district meeting has dwindled down as far as attendance goes, we are grateful that there is a core group of at minimum of 5 to 7 members that consist of myself, the alternate DCM, secretary, treasure and 2-3 GSR's that had remained committed, showing up at the district business meetings, to pass on whatever information that needed to be passed on to their homegroup in our district.

A few months ago, the District decided to ask permission from the groups to see if the District officers and GSR's would be able to use a time slot during their meeting for allowing the panel made up of district officers/GSRs to share their experiencing having done service at this level intended to hopefully motivate members to think about participating their services in AA and the importance of staying connected through their GSR's. The responses from the homegroups supportive of this, however the difficulties highly motivated and they were going to let us in.

Overall to happen homegroups in the district that allowed for this Coast Men's Stag Meeting and X-Factah, the turnout for both groups were at least 30 to 40 members.

We will be having our yearly Holiday Alkathons at the Waianae Coast Satellite City Hall that will be overlooked by the Waianae Coast Women's Stag this year.

We have new meeting in need of support: "Na Mana O Ekolu, Thursday 6:30 pm located at the Waianae Seventh Day Adventist Church in Waianae. They do have a GSR and will be going through the process of being registered with AA as whole. Information will be provided to the Area Registrar.

July 14, 2018 District 17 (Waianae) supported District 3 (Leeward) for the" Delegate Report Back." Whomever was there to support this was exactly who needed to be there, thank you Bob and thank Goodness for masking tape or whatever it is he needed to hold his stuff to the pillar at the park.

We will be going through District Spirit of Rotation in November of 2018.

LQBT – Now pushed to March of 2019

Standing Committee Chair Reports

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Ken K.

Thank you Kunane for asking to serve as CPC Chair. And Thank you to the floor for confirming my position. You're keeping this alcoholic sober. Thank you.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC) Karen N.

What the Cooperation with the Elder Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous

Mahalo to Hilo/Hamakua District for being willing to host our delayed Assembly. Mahalo to Oahu committee members who got information about the Senior Health Fair on Oahu.

Unfortunately because our Assembly was postponed, I didn't have a chance to meet with members on Oahu to staff the event. I have kept the information that was gathered and I sent an email to the contact person saying that we would be interested in receiving information next year – I will forward any information that I receive to the Panel 69 Cooperation with the Elder Community chairperson.

I have requested a table for Alcoholics Anonymous at the Maui Senior Fair. We participated last year and will again this year. Those who staffed the table felt it was a worthwhile effort.

I have sent copies of our CEC workbook to a couple of Areas that have requested it.

The Accessibilities Coordinator (CEC is part of Accessibilities) is requesting shared experience in how committees and members are carrying the message to alcoholics in underserved populations or remote communities which are difficult to reach because of accessibility or culture – the Elder Community often falls in this category. Deadline is November 15.

Although not officially a part of Alcoholics Anonymous, I continue to receive information about the Seniors in Sobriety conference and will forward any information to the next CEC chair – the next conference will be in May 2019 in the Reno/Sparks area.

Mahalo for letting me be of service

Corrections Lorna S.

Howzit Everyone, Time's a ticking....the spirit of rotation is coming up around the corner and my term of serving as Corrections chair will get passed onto the next lucky member. It is because a clear path has been established within the Hawaii Area 17 service committee for those trusted servants who come willingly. It has been truly a privilege to have served in this position. Also a super fun way to grow up in sobriety. Thx. . On the other hand we have had accomplishments, special projects, and will still ongoing projects during panel 67. Lets not forget that we (all island district chairs) also discovered many hiccups along the way. Progressing in our recoveries by learning and practicing our traditions and concepts of A.A. Take a look.

- Achievements **2017 was the first year Corrections Committee chair selected by Area officers. Clarity is the gift. **A resuscitation of Puna's district 12 corrections committee. Dormant for years. They are on fire!!! **An Area 17 corrections Resource folder was created to inform, introduce and inspire and passed out to all active Round table members/ District committee chairs. In it, history of correctional services back in 1941 San Quentin, copy of 2016 Proposal to

dissolve, inmate Pre release and correspondence forms. GSO guidelines for Corrections Chairs & Cooperating w/ Court,,DWI & similar programs. Most of all a current list of active AA volunteers and a list of Statewide correctional facilities address and contact numbers serviced by AA members. Correspondence information and pre released connect pamphlets. Pen pals
**Area 6 sent 13 incoming members into Area 17 using “bridging the gap” program. Our Round table members on all islands stepped up to connect incoming member with local AA meetings and inter-groups. Don’t forget our local “bridging the gap” that helped those interisland. **A super wonderful accomplishment is the great rapport Alcoholics Anonymous has with correctional facilities statewide. Agnes & Bruce \ Kauai Librarian \ Chaplin Mike \ Alexia.

- Special \ Ongoing Projects.

***Sharing a common idea to active coordinators/chairs the importance of establishing a clear path for the next member wishing to do service by connecting with a district(s). Maui coordinators now sends an activity report to all 3 DCM’s which has lessen the struggle to connect AA members willing to serve and committee. Oahu still has a huge struggle based on connecting members willing to serve with “a go to person” on district level. Where is our willingness (Oahu) to create a clear path for those to come seeking to do service. Brian S stepped up to do his best to fill that position.

**Flyers (were and) are available for members how to get into service and a call for volunteers.

**Hawaii Youth correctional facility: we have not been able to take meetings in just yet.

- Highlights

**I had the opportunity to attend the 2017 First National Corrections Convention held in Nov. 2017. I was privileged to bring back a wealth of information on “informative speaker CD’s. Sharing common hiccups including how to recruit volunteers, how to start meetings in facilities, Judicial speakers, what if we’re the only show in town with much, much more. All will be passed on as committee resources. The 2018 Convention flyer is available on the table. --Both round table & district chairperson/ coordinators have a contact list available to exchange ideas and solutions with each other island-wide. Great for communicating when the committee unifies their voices as one. **2018 we have been given a green light to hand carry AA tiny big books/12x12’s directly to inmates recently. On Big Island, Maui and Kauai. Not confirmed in Oahu **”Let’s Cultivate our Sources” May 19,a Team effort workshop held in Puna. It was a success. .Members wanted and needed to see a clear path of service in Area standing committees who & what we do. Super fabulous :)! Let’s do it again.

- Hiccups:

With the many changes in government departments re: relocating OCCC, and taking literature into the jails. We were at pause at times but pushed through. “we paused for a minute” and we just had to be patient”. And so we continued with a single of purpose.....and kept carrying the AA message to those still suffering behind bars. Then back in April 2018 we were given the green light for pocket size to be given directly to inmates.

Oahu members who go into the jails in the name of AA. still needs to find a reason to unite. For the purpose of our newcomers that seek to serve this special type of service. If not for the newcomer, then for those who get burnt out with no one to fill their place because a clear path cannot be found. My last attempt to ask servants please unite together somehow, somehow.

Thx.

All islands were impacted as we were slowly making progress bringing AA literature into jails. Time was key. Patients was the gift in the end.

OverallHawaii Area 17 may have hiccups, and disconnections about the Area, yet AA meetings and literature are currently getting taken into our County/State/Fed facilities. Thanks to everyone who gave of themselves to make this service panel a wonderful team. Our hope is to reach & serve Hawaii Youth CF soon.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Lorna S. "Meke aloha e Pumehana"

P.s. I am ready to turn all CD resources, contacts and Resource folder to the next chair.

Grapevine Kelly S.

Grapevine provided materials to HICYPAA in Maui.

Our Grapevine challenge is going very well, we have 76 new subscriptions our challenge is 100. With the holidays coming please consider purchasing a subscription for a sponsee or sponsor, provide as a raffle at your district holiday parties.

Attended rural caravan to Oceanview this past Tuesday.

Provides copies of the Grapevine to meeting chairs to provide to members.

They expressed Gratitude that we continue to bring caravans to the Kau area and provide literature.

Grapevine has just mailed One Big Tent newest book.

This shares stories of Atheist and Agnostic stories from our members.

I know several of you have been waiting to order.

Continue to pass on your old subscriptions to new members and offices that you are waiting in waiting area.

It is a easy great way to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It has been a privilege being Grapevine Chair, I look forward to these last few.

In love and Service

Kelly S.

Hawaii Area Convention Steering David L. (Reported by Berta AHC Chair)

Aloha my name is Alberta. My homegroup is Hangloose. I am currently the 2018 Annual Hawaii Convention Chair. My experience at the convention started at 8 months sober. I was very attracted the convention because I met people; I was in service at the information desk doing service and met someone from Indonesia. I never met someone from Indonesia but I got sober and I got to meet someone from Indonesia and that attracted me. I went back every single year to be in service to the visitor and newcomer.

Today, is the Last day for \$69.00 pre registration is today. Meals are still available for purchase. Please support the convention. Book a room using our event code. We're going to have rockin 2018 Annual Convention.

Jeopardy – Friday 3-5 in the Hospitality Room

Saturday Hawaii Area Officers will share on the next years 71 languages of the Big Book 2:30 to 3:45pm.

Program is posted on the AHC website. Call me, email me, text me I'm willing to answer any questions you have.

Mynah Bird Clifford S.

Thank you Nivan and the Hilo/Hamakua District #7 for hosting this Assembly.

Issue #11 of our Mynah Bird has been distributed. We have one article but there are two Workshop summaries, a reply from GSO to Happy Hour Group of Kauai District #6, and a great PI Flyer. There's also the usual Word Search puzzle.

We have one more issue of the Mynah bird to publish for this panel and if you were wanting to write an article but haven't done so yet the deadline for the last issue is Saturday, October 13th. One week before the Elections Assembly.

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

Thank you again for allowing me to serve.

Clifford S.

Treatment Ernest S.

I received an email sometime in May as well as phone call from Oahu central office regarding a couple of military members who will be leaving treatment from Salt Lake City, Utah and will be relocating to Hawaii. I was given a number to call and I Spoke with a Rick V. the treatment chair who gave me their info. I then called and spoke with one of the two who would be coming to Hawaii. I gave him my number and shared a little bit of our fellowship and the meetings here and asked him to call me once they get settled in at Barbers Point. I was not able to speak with the other person who was coming over, but I had his info. A week past since their transition has taken place and no call. I called the number I was given but no answer. I tried calling the number for the other person and that number turned out to be another recovery center and was told, due to confidentiality they could not confirm or deny if he was there. I left my name and number and the reason for the call. I did not hear anything from either one yet and I hope they use the number when they're ready.

Colin Blake of Hina Mauka called and asked me to come and do another

A.A. presentation for the clients. I go and give the presentation and I see there's a lot of alcoholics who's been there before and there's also a lot of first timers in treatment. I let them know in my presentation that there's

A.A. outside of treatment and it's basically where the journey begins.

I get another email from Oahu central regarding the treatment chair from Georgia, who said a marine from treatment in Georgia is now in Hawaii at Kaneohe Marine Corp and is looking to get connected. I contact the individual and arrange to pick him up and take him to a meeting but before i'm done talking he says that his problem is more with drugs than alcohol and wants to go to an N.A. meeting instead. I contacted a friend who is an active member in N.A. and passed on his info.

Outreaching to the military is a little more challenging because it's federal and security clearances need to be met for base access. I asked my sponsor who do I contact about reaching out to alcoholics in the military. Well, my sponsor is a retired Marine and works as a substance abuse counselor at Kaneohe Bay Marine Corp. I knew that about him but couldn't figure out how that one got passed me. Anyway, he set me up to come in once a month and

give a presentation on Alcoholics Anonymous. I did (3) presentations so far and dropped off a literature rack with literature.

The treatment chair from Georgia contacted me again via email about another military person coming to Pearl Harbor. She was asking for the DCM in the Pearl Harbor area hoping to connect this individual with the fellowship. I forwarded her e-mail to Joe of District #3 and ask if he could assist. Later spoke with the treatment chair who said she was able to get this person connected with someone from A.A..

I get a text from a person name Terry who's asking for help for a friend. Terry gave me this person's number and asked me to see if I could help him. I called this person on multiple occasions and made plans to meet up with him. Unfortunately, he canceled every time and so I let him know, whenever he's ready he can call me.

Adina the central office manager on Oahu informed me that a meeting held at Tripler Army Medical Center needed their literature rack filled. I re-ordered literature from her and refilled the rack. I also restacked the literature rack at Salvation Army ATS.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service! Ernest S.

Website/Webmaster Valerie V.

Aloha All,

I hope you are all well. KUDOS, to Hilo Hamakua for their ability to be fluid in the scheduling of this Budget Assembly. I did my best to get all the information on the website for your viewing. I was traveling for the last 2 weeks in the United Kingdom, specifically Scotland and Ireland. I apologize if you tried to contact me, it is an 11 hour time difference between here and there. I have started the set up for the Election Assembly and have the phone number set up to contact Bruce. As soon as I receive the flyer today, I will finish setting up the calendar. We will be setting up the calendar for the January Orientation Assembly soon.

I have enjoyed being the webmaster for the last 2 years and have learned a lot. I wish to let you all know that it isn't as difficult as you think and I have taken copious notes. I hope that you will step out of your comfort zone and volunteer for the position. I would remain available for help and training.

In love and service

Valerie V.

What to Bring Back to the Elections Assembly? Kunane

Ken K confirmed to fill in for CPC for the rest of the panel

Budget was approved

Proposal by Mana of the Roundtable was approved

Next Assembly: Oct 20-21 Registration is online.

Assignment to Officers, DCMs & SCC

Next assembly is our last assembly - Elections Assembly

Provide Final Reports (3 min)

(Area) if there is something that could be beneficial to our meetings/ agenda, please let Kunane or an Area Officer know. It could be included in the upcoming assembly.

PRAASA update (Bob H): Marriott Ervin discount code is PRSA March 1-3

3:50 Adjourn with the Responsibility Statement