

Unapproved Minutes
2022 Inventory Assembly
January 22-23|2022
Host Waianae, District 17
Saturday-Day 1

8:15- Waiting Room Opens

9:03- Call to order| Responsibility Statement Read by all| Guests welcomed.

Past Delegates present:

Bob H. P67, Linda P61, Ken P63, and Colleen P69.

New General Service Representatives:

Theresa from the Big Island, Ryan with Bad Brains, Garret from Kauai, Derek from Maui, Eric fro, Wailuku Maui, Ann Marie from Wailuku, Maui, Julie, Molly O, and Vida from Tri-island

Sobriety Birthdays since November 2021:

Kimo 19 yrs on 12/26, Matthew 29 yrs on 1/08, Kelse 8 yrs, Theresa 3 yrs on 12/28, Nirlepa 21 yrs on 1/09, Eric 13 yrs on 1/15, Kaleka 6 yrs on Sean 32 yrs on 1/01, Michelle 21 yrs on 12/13, Joann 8 yrs on 12/08, Jubee 8 yrs on 9/18, Steve 21 yrs on 12/02, Kritiana 10 yrs on 1/22,

Ta' fa'i 5 yrs on 12/08, Dustin 4 yrs in December of 2021, and Alika 25 yrs in November of 2021.
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THAT CELEBRATED MILESTONES!!! THAT IS 240 YEARS OF SOBRIETY.

ERIC POSTED AT THIS TIME TOTAL OF 66 VOTING MEMBERS, HOWEVER THERE WILL BE NO VOTING TODAY.

9:20- Deborah S. Area Chair announced change in the Agenda – Kathy F. Class B our Pacific Regional Trustee will be checking in with Area 17 today rather than tomorrow.

Listed are what I was able to record from Kathy's presentation:

- There was 178 submissions for the General Service Conference that was submitted by 9/15/21.
- There were lots of changes, an example was with the Preamble, not going forward with Big Book language, 15 out of the 178 submissions went forward to the General Service Conference.
- 7th tradition has been good in the past year, some concerns, i.e. group contributions has gone down 40 %, a lot of the contributions are coming from individuals, areas, districts and intergroups, it is helpful, however not sure how this will be sustainable.
- Literature has not recovered, literature and hard copies are trending down
- Instagram, grapevine pod cast has been informative to the newcomer
- The AA meeting guide app has been good for AA members to connect, added is the news feature with information on the General Service Office, it helpful to learn what is happening with AA as a whole.
- The General Service Conference is looking at ways virtual online groups to have a voice in the General Service Structure, need more information not sure of online meetings will go back to physical or remain online and if any online groups are interested, there is a form that is available to submit so that the conference can look at all the data.

9:35- **Pre-inventory Roundtable**

General Service Representative, District Committee Members, Standing Committee Chairs, Intergroup and Area Officers broke out into Roundtable to discuss the Pre-Inventory questions. No report backs were requested, however Deborah S./Area Chair did ask for the groups to send to result to her at chair@ area17aa.org. For this roundtable, Deborah S./Chair assigned GSR's groups according to their districts and named each group in accordance to their districts and the story she shared behind their names. **District 8, 12, and 7 with past delegate Cheryl P65, was named "DA BIG ISLAND," District 4 and 9 with past delegate Ken P63 was named "FISHPOND," District 1,2, & 10 with past delegate Linda P61, was named "IRONWOOD," District 17, 3 with past delegate Bob H P67 was named "Opihi Rock," and District 5, 11, & 13 with Mike (treasurer) was named "Mauka to Makai."**

NOTE: Request was made by Deborah S. only email the *pre-inventory* results/notes from each group to her email only for viewing.

10:30- Break

10:45-Opened with Serenity Prayer|Area Inventory Group Assignments| **Discuss Area Inventory questions with group. Breakout rooms begins Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, General Service Representatives (Opihi Rock Group, Mauka to Makai Group, Ironwood Group, Fishpond Group, and Da Big Island Group)**

12:15- Lunch Break till

1:15- Reconvene- Everyone returned to their Roundtables to continue discussing the Inventory questions.

2:30- Break

2:45-Inventory Groups Report Back to Assembly |Summaries from groups | Followed by inventory "open mic."

Inventory Report Backs

Note: This section is combined responses from Area Officers and DCMS who had inventoried the same set of inventory questions

Area Officers

BREAKOUT ROOM: Area Officers

2:45 Report Back Area 17 Inventory Questions January 22-23, 2022

What is the basic purpose of Hawaii Area 17, and are we fulfilling these purposes?

Area Officers

Reply:

Hawaii Area is doing “anything” we can with whatever we have to fulfill the purpose of carrying the message. Continues to conduct business committee and assembly meetings, despite the pandemic- able to conduct area business through virtual platform. OIG includes information of area business, carries the message of unity, recovery, and service through workshops, activities, and events. In addition to AA literature is available through Intergroup. Meeting Schedules available on their website.

Standing Committee Chairs

Reply:

Is the area body fulfilling its purpose? Yes. The primary purpose / preamble from S&G read to the group as a reminder. Service is the primary purpose.

District Committee Members:

Reply:

Structures and Guidelines (pg i) outlines the purpose- It is service. Provides unity, cuz there are many other things that can take me away from what is happening with the area. Area 17 provides tools, a network of people, a fellowship. Blessing of this work is that we do this together. (Thank you Deborah for the story you told. There is a spirit of doing it together. There is a uniqueness to how we do Area and general service here in Hawaii.)Gets all the GSRs connected and excited to do their work. Topics are helpful in igniting a spark and helpful in sharing with their homegroups about the work they do.

Mauka- Makai:

Reply:

Bring the islands together to keep groups informed. Yes we believe these are being fulfilled

Fishpond

Reply:

Q1 & Q2-We unanimously agree that the basic purpose of HI Area 17 and it's committees are being fulfilled which is service in all capacities to reach the suffering alcoholic. Forming a sense of community, a local heartbeat of AA in Hawaii, local participation in AA as a whole, supporting our delegate who reports to NY and whom reports back to us. Question posed to our past delegate regarding Oahu Central Office and reason our Intergroups are not part of the structure as is in other Countries, like UK. He shared his experiences and mentions how GSO looks at maintaining and making changes for the betterment of AA as a whole. IG not in structure but stated in clauses. Their role is separate, and considered frontline workers. And how IG's could create a proposal and submit it to see what happens.

Opihi Group

Reply:

Discussed Area purpose being to communicate general service work to Hi. and to carry Hi message to general service and fund our delegate and be financially stable. We fulfill this.

Da Big Island

Reply:

To actively carry the message and Area is a link in the chain

What is the basic purpose of the Hawaii Area 17 Committee, and are we fulfilling these purposes?

Area Officers:

Reply:

The Hawaii Area Committees are doing what they can with what they have utilizing the Area budget, attending committee and assembly meetings, and passing information to groups through District Committee Members, Standing Committee Chairs, and General Service Committee Members to their home groups of their Districts- any matters, concerns, topics, agendas – the Hawaii Area is able to represent Hawaii Area and the voice of the fellowship to stay connected AA as a whole. An area officer shared his perspective, stating the Hawaii Area is every member of this fellowship –that is responsible for carrying the message and the Area Committee supports and provide information to members to reach out –streamlining information to the Hawaii Area.

Standing Committee Chairs:

Reply:

Carry the message.

District Committee Members:

Reply:

The Committee is always ready willing and able to help and answer questions, give suggestions, or help with problem. They are doing an excellent job. ESPECIALLY in this time of covid. (FYI: District 2 is looking at Camp Homelani for November Elections Assembly)

Mauka- Makai

Reply:

Same answer as number 1

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Opihi Group

Reply:

Talked about and self-checked how familiar our group was with info in the General Service Manual on group purpose. About half were familiar with it.

Da Big Island

Reply:

To get more people involved in service to carry the message. Reaching out and participating together.

How well have the Area Officers, Area Standing Committee Chairs, DCM's, GSR's and Intergroup Chairs been available to answer questions pertaining to standing committee work in Area 17?

Area Officers:

Reply:

Area Officers, Area Standing Committee Chairs, DCM's are available through area web email-also available via phone. Past experiences shared that if one does not have the answer, they will refer or connect with someone with experience for any questions or concerns. Responses can also come from past delegates, elder statesmen, other members. Hawaii Area Inter Groups has been helpful with concerns and questions and also resourceful. Team effort is the common ground in the Hawaii Area. An intergroup chair mentioned receiving a lot of inquiries and is able to provide information. Our Delegate keeps the Hawaii Area well-informed and is available to all on the Hawaii Area Website. Direct questions can be made via phone from all entities in service.

Standing Committee Chairs:

Reply:

Very much geared towards point of view and matter of perception. A couple of times, no response from area officers when questions are sent via email. Workshops are not getting support from area officers. Continuity and unity would be appreciated. Ditto for Intergroup Chairs.

District Committee Members:

Reply:

Partially answered above. Someone did not have the same experience as above. Sometimes communication was not timely. Suggestions: Direct calls and texts are highly effective to enlist help with officers. One having a difficult time using Area 17 email. Feel like that is a little complicated. Pertaining to standing committee work the chairs of the committees are available to discuss. Have they alleviated the confusion of what the standing committees are doing or their work. Not sure if GSRs know what to do. There might be a question in the link in the chain of cooperation. Coop with elderly community is a concern not having a chair. They are the most vulnerable in our community. If the Chair is not active then the GSRs don't have anything to do. Standing committees have descriptions but possible revisions to include duties and commitments could be helpful.

Mauka –Makai

Reply:

They have been very helpful overall. We meet once a month. However some of the standing committees are having a lack of communication.

Fishpond

Reply: We agreed, as evidenced by personal experiences, that Officers, Chairs, DCM's, GSR's, IG Chairs are available to answer Questions. We have been able to reach these members in various ways-phone, email, text, etc..

Opihi Group

Reply:

How well the Area Committee communicates-used as example how we knew about this assembly-responses were in a variety of ways...several said through their district meeting or Facebook.

Da Big Island

Reply

Yes, great participation and feedback from everyone. We really get to see how it works, everyone is very generous with their knowledge, resources and time. We see how they ask for

help too, from previous delegates, and service sponsors. Showing us how fun and easy it can be to get connected to our fellows.

How effective is Area 17 Communication practices? What can we do to communicate more effectively among each other and our area members?

Area Officer

Reply:

Current what is available through communication the Area email, phone- texting is a good way for those who is aware that these are available and have the means to do so. Area Officers Delegate, Alt Delegate, Chair / Standing Committee Chairs have been staying connected to out-of –state meetings via phone calls and/or virtual. Here is where a lot of experiences are being shared on what’s new, what works and what is not working –information is presented to the Hawaii Area during committee and assemblies. Hawaii Area Website is resourceful for information. What can we do better?) An area officer did mention that they did not know what we were doing- perhaps Area Officers, DCM’s, Standing Committee chairs coming up with a way to help GSRs and anyone else on how to navigate through the Area Website where information, emails, upcoming committee meetings/agendas, tools are available. Come up with ways to bridge. The area has a budget for SCC to help them with resources to help carry the message, emails are being used, Hawaii area Website is a resourceful. Past delegates participating in our assemblies is resourceful and helpful sharing their experience and knowledge. Utilization of the Zoom platform and the Area Website is effective. A member shared of how some GSR’s did not know what we were doing this weekend. DCM’s is a form of resource. Also looking at ways to bridge DCM’s and the groups of their district.

Standing Committee Chair:

Reply:

There are vehicles to communicate. Lack of participation is the core issue. Can we do better? Always in need of improvement. Efforts are being made. May mean change! People do not like email... some request calls. It is effective for maintaining past conversations. Embrace the Email! Area email address needs to be on phone, computer and checked frequently! And also response! Set up chat or text groups? Evolutions into new communication methods. Notification of check your email... there is a new communication. Set up expectations! Impress upon new service people to be responsible! Area has non-profit google account, with google tools. Perhaps start a discussion about more use of those tools. Other possibilities as well. Area email accounts do not get hit with spam. Can also be set to forward to your text address! Ping to a phone of new email. Our webcaster/ Sean is willing to help at any time. Perhaps helpful for GSRs - for groups create an email for their groups to avoid spam to personal email accounts. Pwr information is passed onto the new rotation of trusted servants. Area may need tech team to help with training and passing on the value of communication. Train the trainers! Webmaster is willing to set up a workshop for area 17 service members.

District Committee Members

Reply:

Many experience good communication and quick responses. Chairs and officers have been available to answer questions. There are limits to the communications and sometimes info bottlenecks. Some prefer electronic communications. Receiving emails and fliers are helpful. Preferences vary from person to person. Some of us may want to be more attentive to our limits and capabilities.

Mauka-Makai**Reply:**

Some of us in our roles (especially new GSR's) need to take responsibility and take control of the information out there. Learn more. Best practice is DCM showing up at all meetings in the district and sharing information when they can.

Fishpond**Reply:**

We've experienced among Area 17 effective Communication practices. Members are very vocal. HI Area 17 website very informative.

Opihi Group**Reply:**

How well Area Committee members are available and able to answer questions. Most said they have received communication pretty well. One member felt we do well supporting each other, but wondered how well we're doing reaching out to the alcoholic still suffering.

Da Big Island**Reply**

We ask our fellows to show up, get involved, we encourage them to join us. To reach the silent ones, one on one communication is a great way to start by sharing with them our experience and how it has helped us to stay connected and connect to more people.

What more can we do to efficiently utilize our resources to help carry the message and educate the membership of Area 17 on General Service?

Area Officers:**Reply:**

Included in a budget for area committees to use for the work they need to do, i.e. literature and/or other AA material. Members in area service is another form of resources that helps to carry the message to inquiring members, however is seeing a number of decline, how to we or what do we

do to increase participation? Area has been self-supporting when needing resources, i.e. purchasing literature from Inter Group in our Area before having to go to GSO.

Standing Committee Chairs:

Reply:

See above! Also educational platforms. Internal and external efforts. Using approved “products”. Collect data on effectiveness. Using Social Media platforms, websites, improve messages across all available. SHOW the attraction to promote service. Challenge the area officer panel who could produce workshop on general service. Sponsors need to help with understanding and hold sponsees to be accountable to service.

District Committee Members

Reply:

Sometimes local intergroups are not communicating well with Area 17. Maybe some workshops can be scheduled alternating with other district events. There is real zoom fatigue that is happening. Some need more help and ideas to help infuse the GSRs with enthusiasm and help. There can always be improvement. But many experiences are very good. How do we explain to groups, GSR, etc. that what we are doing is exciting? We want to recruit the next GSR. How are we a reflection of area service. **Effectiveness- How can we be more productive and do a 1 day assembly. Zoom fatigue is real. GSR participation is low because it is tough for 2 days virtual. MANY Support this. There is also a feeling that we are connecting with god for 2 days a quarter. And it can give us a feeling of being high. 8 hours for 2 days on the weekend is a long time on zoom. Also, Scheduling an assembly on a sunday when people are going to church may be a conflict of interest if we are saying we are hanging with god during this time. We have money for workshops and things. A group has supported central office, bought literature, since we can't have gatherings, etc.

Mauka-Makai

Reply:

Making sure we are reporting back to the group and to the district/area. Constant learning and being of service.

Fishpond

Reply:

We commend the way in which we utilized other platforms (zoom) to continue to hold meetings during the Pandemic, wonderful transition from person to zoom- and we continue to explore and utilize other means in which to do so. We would like to see incorporation of more innovative ways to help members better understand whats involved at the Area level, through more frequent workshops, panel discussions once or twice a month instead of 1 every several months. Through long timers in AA/Sponsors who volunteered”tell” spouses to get involved and into service. Get members more excited by splitting up juicier agenda items evenly amongst groups.

Opihi Group

Reply:

Utilizing resources to educate membership-talked about area email system and website. Most didn't know about how to locate and communicate through area email. Most hadn't explored the website.

Da Big Island

Reply

Visit other meetings, come early stay after, be available. Share with others what your service position is all about, why you enjoy it and continue to give freely of your time to others

Has enough effort been made to explain the need and value of unity (12 Traditions) and service (12 Concepts)? If not, what can be done to achieve this end?

Area Officers

Reply:

Within the circle of service resources are being utilized, i.e. this is often being presented by our Delegate and past Delegates who attends area business meetings sharing their experience and knowledge, however at the same time there are members that are not involved in area service and can be disconnected. Consistent with referring to the AA Service Manual. Members involved in Area Service attend meetings leaving their stated position on the virtual platform that affords the opportunity for inquiring members- allows to inform and share experience. Includes past delegates on the agenda to provide education and experience on Area Service – referring to the AA Service Manual/ Literature.

Standing Committee chairs

Reply:

The message of unity – inside issues need to be tackled. Encourage members to STAY and not begin another group. (resentment and a coffee pot...) Also something to be said for like-minded people. Those that are not spiritually based will probably fail by wayside. Identification, not comparison should be stressed. Pg 9 in the Service Manual tells us what we need to embrace for the position. Service Sponsor. List of books with suggested reading. So many sponsors who do not know the traditions, do not know the concepts. The three S's... Surrender, Sacrifice and Service. Embody the tradition. Elder statesmen to take the lead/ not bleeding deacons. Holds the groups together. Most meetings are steps ... need more talk more about traditions and concepts.

District Committee Members

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Mauka Makai

Reply:

Need help and education with concepts to help area 17. **Let's start a workshop??**

Fishpond

Reply:

We agreed that great effort has been made toward explaining the value of unity and service and we also agree we can always put more effort into doing so- as some of us who are new, having little knowledge the Traditions and Concepts. These efforts should also come from Sponsors. Could use more workshops on Traditions and Concepts which could help achieve this.

Opihi Group

Reply:

We let our fellows know how the assemblies help us. To up time that we did not know how to fill, esp. when we first became sober. How we made life long friends coming to a workshop. We always feel better after attending, we learn alot and stay sober and we are having fun. Educate servants through things like workshops, everyone read the 11 things recommended for GSRs in the Service Manual, and if you hold a position, include personal shares.

Da Big Island

Reply:

Visit other meetings, come early stay after, be available. Share with others what your service position is all about, why you enjoy it and continue to give freely of your time to others

Are members given the opportunity to speak and/or participate at the area assemblies serving to achieve an effective group conscience benefiting our area as a whole?

Area Officers

Reply:

Yes- Open mic sessions, ask it basket and what's on your mind is always included in the agenda. GSR's representing their home groups may express and participate in their district meetings as well as in the assemblies. Any member may also utilize the area email and email the area committee directly and/or contact via phone.

Standing Committee Chairs

Reply:

Yes. Open mike is available to all

District Committee Members

Reply:

Yes. Enjoys the minority opinion that is given when we vote. There is no judgment when there is a person is giving their minority opinion and we are welcome to share what we are feeling and going through. It can give new perspective to understanding the issue.

Mauka –Makai

Reply:

Yes we are given the opportunity to participate. For example this breakout group we are currently in. We also feel we have opportunities to vote.

Fishpond

Reply:

We agreed all members are given the opportunity to speak at the mic. Assemblies are well structured in a way that gives one a chance to communicate effectively their message, and how the minority is a beautiful thing.

Opihi Group

Reply:

Opportunity to speak and participate as assemblies-YES, through breakout groups, time at he mic, voting recorded digitally, question in a basket.

Da Big Island

Reply:

What's on your mind session and also we can communicate anonymously too, when we have a question or concern and one of the officers will respond to us.

Have we well defined the scope of authority and service responsibility of our area?

Area Officers

Reply:

Yes - Orientation Assembly refers to the upside -down triangle the Structure of the Conference (U.S. and Canada) in reference to the A.A. Service Manual with AA groups on the top, group GSR's, Districts, Area Assemblies, Delegate to the General Service Conference, and at the bottom of the upside-down triangle, General Service Board. The Hawaii Guideline and Structure gives a description of the Area Committee's responsibility.

Standing Committee Chairs

Reply:

Review S&G. Regular review will keep the document and job descriptions fresh and up to date. Keep them clear and as transparent as possible. Identify expectations. Concepts talk more about authority. #1 Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship. Our Service conduit is from our Area Chair. Qualifications indicate criteria that should be met. Could do a bit better on expectations.

District Committee Members:

Reply:

Yes. God is the authority. As a service responsibility to our area it is suggested that we get a service sponsor and ask them our questions. We also ask other DCMs and Area officers questions as well. Exercising balance between authority and responsibility. So much of our service work is contingent on making sure we have given authority to our servants to allow them to make the decisions and use their inspiration to fulfill their responsibilities. Our area has a lot of support through past delegates and officers are well versed in their responsibilities to make the best and most informed decisions and actions. We have entrusted our trusted servants with the authority to what they need in accordance with concepts 2 and 3. We are missing the cohesiveness and inclusiveness because of the virtual platform. The bonding is missing and fading between groups. We need to increase this, how?

Mauka-Makai

Reply:

We don't know. More education. We can read area structure and guidelines.

Fishpond

Reply:

Yes. Concept 10. A Loving God as we understand Him our Ultimate Authority goes before us. Could use breakdown of concepts more.

Opihi Group

Reply:

Have we defined area authority and responsibility? Yes, authority is defined but sometimes not responsibility carry out. Led reviewing upside down triangle and discussion that it's up to the group's responsibility (via GSR) to direct area.

Da Big Island

Reply:

Yes, it is clear and easy to understand.

Are the area assemblies informative and worthwhile? Are the matters brought to the Area meetings made clear, so all know what they are voting for or against?

Area Officers

Reply:

Yes- Prior to each area business meeting a "plan-the-plan" meeting amongst the area officers is conducted- brought to the committee meetings prior to the assemblies affording all DCM's and SCC of the upcoming agendas for the area 2-day assemblies that can be discussed during District Meetings prior to and brought to their home groups for discussion/ voting whether for or against. What to take back is included in the Agenda at the end of a committee and assembly meeting to be streamlined through DCM's and GSR's to the home groups and members in their community. Information can also be clarified using the Area Web email and /contact numbers.

Standing Committee Chairs

Reply:

Set up expectations and communicate a better understanding of what will happen at the upcoming area meeting. The *purpose* of area meetings is established well and communicated. Timely distribution of information would be helpful. Communicate necessity for individuals to review prior to attending. Where is the disconnect ... what is happening at the district level? Sometimes GSRs often seem confused. More prep work from District with conversations to inform GSR and to set expectations would be helpful.

District Committee Members:

Reply:

Yes, they are informative and effective and worthwhile. A resounding yes. Is it too much time electronically in this time? 2-days is a lot of time electronically. There are similar Areas that have similar time commitments for assemblies quarterly. In-person assemblies are good but we signed up for this type of service and we knew what we were getting into. The area website is very informative and has the tools we need to know what is going on. Maybe as the pandemic changes us we change how we do things? Maybe more meetings and less time? Motivation has waned for some because of the at home setting of these assemblies and meetings. There is more engagement when we are on location and in-person. Area Officers are doing a great job keeping us all informed and connected.

Mauka –Makai

Reply:

Yes it's very informative. WE can take back to groups. WE have discussions prior to voting. We have the ability to reach out to DCM.

Fishpond

Reply:

Yes very much so, well explained with plenty of discussion and the opportunity to question.

Opihi Group

Reply:

Yes, assemblies are informative and we are reasonably clear on votes. Talked about the differences between in-person assemblies and ones on zoom. Said with zoom you can have materials present to be better informed, saved lots of money, but can lose focus more easily.

Da Big Island

Reply:

It's fun and there is Love and a real connection is made with each and everyone of us when we participate together

Are Area Standing Committees doing their best to fulfill their duties? If not, what are the barriers, and (what) are the strategies for addressing the issues? What's working? What is not working?

Area Officers

Reply:

Yes- Area standing committees, with the challenges being brought upon AA as a whole with Covid-19, area standing committees have been utilizing the Zoom platform for workshops, reaching out and participating in workshops in other areas, having meetings with their committees standing and Standing Committee Chairs of staying connected other areas virtually as well as through email. This seems to be a working progress with gathering information and staying connected. The Area Standing Committee Chairs are putting out literatures in various places this past year, such as court houses, institutions and treatment centers providing they are accepting of AA information. What is not working is the lack of participation or attendance from the Area 17 Officers with attending Standing Committee Workshops for support, especially that these workshops are being presented virtually rather than physical where traveling is not necessary. The Area Officers is coming up with a solution that will improve in this matter. We are aware that our Chair has been active, however, feel the need to include all Area Officers to start attending and supporting the Area Standing Committee Chairs for this second year of Panel 71 at least 2 officers will attend, and also standing committee chairs reach out inform off any upcoming workshops through the “area all” email. Area Chair will work with the area officers to find out specific area officers that will attend and support upcoming SCC workshops.

Standing Committee Chairs**Reply:**

Lack of participation, lack of response from individuals who do not read and prepare in advance ... PARTICIPATE. We also discussed ways to do to improve were discussed in the first breakout. More uniformed line of communication. (Districts) Group email address could be set into DCM distribution list as well through free google account. – Using Gmail account for the group and dissemination of information. Area level TECH COMMITTEE to assist with the process and education. Right of the decision on how to set this up for group/district. The problem is those folks who would be in service, but in no way shape or form will they allow tech in their lives. Also – those online groups who do have google accounts and helping them learn how best to leverage the full capabilities. DCMs build relationships with each member, individual calls ... do not rely solely on email communications. Feedback today from the full body will be appreciated to help guide us!

Mauka Makai**Reply:**

Sounds like there is a lack of leadership in some of the committees. Some of the chairs are stepping down. One of the barriers is covid. Another possible strategy is workshops to help keep everyone engaged.

Fishpond

We agree they are doing their best. Have seen some GSR's drop off out of their service in these committee's lack of participation, needing more GSR participation.

Opihi Group

Reply:

It is effective when past position holders teach the new one. One person shared experiencing an assembly in which each committee chair told about their job. Was effective to both inform and you learned who the person was

Da Big Island

Reply:

Barriers--overcome, pick up the phone and ask the other person how they are, that you were just thinking of them.

Write a hand written note, send an email or text. Reach out in a way that is comfortable to the other person. Give our time to help someone learn Zoom.

How can the Area increase GSR involvement?

Area Officers

Reply:

Being more creative and innovative by attracting interest, fun, as well as constant informing of the importance of the GSR to the home groups of carrying the message and being the voice of the home group in their community. I.E for this Inventory Assembly, our Area Chair created names for the GSR's roundtables linking a personal story to reasons as to why the groups named accordingly. Today's GSR groups were named by districts and it's location, i.e. Opihi Group, Mauka to Makai Group, Ironwood Group, Da Big Island Group, Fishpond Group. This has been a concern and the Area is brainstorming ways of increasing GSR involvement using the virtual platform, i.e. more workshops.

Standing Committee Chairs

Reply:

Are we giving our GSRs all the tools they need to do the job? Value is an incentive. Invest in the training. Will turn into purpose. Improve orientation. Motivate them to fully participate!

District Committee Members

Reply:

It is attraction rather than promotion. There are some people who will want to do it. Others will not. We can't force anyone to do what they don't want to do. Being voluntold can help with that. Sponsors can push or highly encourage sponsees and newcomers to take positions. Because some people need to be voluntold. Some have offered to go back to in-person district meetings. Promise meetings to be half as long. Give info before homegroup business meetings. Lots of

communication through text and emails more often instead of having to make it a long meeting. Had to tailor communication to different members. Not a lot of conversation happening between groups that are not sending GSRs. So maybe we want to encourage the GSRs to talk more about topics and what is happening. Sharing personal experience about being a GSR/DCM helps with letting people know about the experience of doing service work. Ask other people who aren't in general service to help. District agendas- asking if GSRs want to go back to in-person meetings, Have GSR report go first, Add an exciting article or detail on what is happening in General service. Let people personally know that they would be a good fit. Maybe Area has a more clear and exciting "what to take back" flier for groups about topics and controversies covered.

Mauka –Makai

Reply:

More announcements in groups for service to fill up GSR commitments. Tap them on the shoulder to help with GSR if the group doesn't have one. They need to be in service for that group and be committed to their sobriety and the group as a whole. Another example of possible workshops here to help with engagement.

Fishpond

We have seen GSR's show up at District mtgs but not at Assemblies. Share our enthusiasm in our Home groups as GSR and model it, be an example, show sincerity in participation and how we value this position may attract others to want to serve. Put on a panel discussion of past and current GSR's and DCM's to share their experiences serving in these positions to inform other members.

Opihi Group

Reply:

Figure out how to make sure GSRs are the ones contributing/talking.

Da Big Island

Reply:

Make it sound fun and make it fun. Share why you enjoy being the GSR, encourage another person to join you when you attend, Business meeting, District, ect Sponsor a person pass it on

Brief session of open mic

4:00 District Committee Members Reports (3 min)

DCM 1- TJ

Aloha Trusted Servants. We've been lucky in these times to keep the same 5 or so GSRs involved at the District level out of 27 groups. The first Thursday of every month at 5:30 pm. If you're free then, I'm happy to send you the Zoom information.

The District secured its own insurance policy for special events this year, so that we could host a wonderful Christmas Alcathon...and maybe more...stay tuned. The phenomenal Gina, DCM District 2, Honolulu, provided wonderful support by getting the word out for the half-day event. It was in-person with all distancing and mitigating precautions in place. The generosity of spirit in creating this event was like the good old days of AA.

Our wonderful Alternate DCM, who did a lot of the planning for the Alcathon, will have to step down from Alternate to pursue some other life events. He will be here in my place tomorrow, morning, however, for one last service commitment. Our new Alternate DCM, our former District Secretary, will take over on his retirement. And a past Secretary has offered to step back into service this year. It is a joy to see general service undertaken with such enthusiasm.

We hope this year to reach more of our groups who do not have a GSR. This shortcoming, among a range of others, is one I hope to improve upon this year. And we are looking forward to it.

Yours in service,

T. J. F. DCM, District 1, Diamond Head

DCM 2 –Gina

Since our last full assembly, District 2 has held a book drive called "Trick or Treatment" which we collected 61 books, all 12 Steps and 12 Traditions which we donated to a treatment facility on the west side of the island. We hosted a virtual New Year's Alcathon and had great participation from Area 17 groups as well as groups from the mainland stretching all the way to the East Coast. We'd like to thank everyone who participated to make the Alcathon a great success! There has been some confusion in our District about who is responsible for certain duties so week will be meeting soon to discuss putting together a Structures & Guidelines for our District in hopes that future officers won't have the same questions as we did. We continue to push forward despite the struggles Covid-19 has imposed open our community.

DCM 3- Cliff

We are not typically active, some meetings are virtual, some meetings are physical, and some are dormant. We are not sure how this is going to pan out in the long run. Our finances are good shape and able to make our contributions.

DCM 4- Kaleka

Aloha Area Trusted Servants,

Since our last assembly in November, our November district meeting we decided as a district to table our Christmas and new year's alkathons until fall of 2022. In our December district meeting we had 7 participants attending 5 GSR's our secretary and myself the DCM. Each home group continues to report that meeting attendance has been doing well, 2 of our home groups are still meeting live and the remaining home groups are continuing to stay virtual at this present time . Hang Loose has opened their doors again Thursday nights at the community Church of Christ 7 pm and in this coming January they will would become a hybrid meeting. Thank you for letting me be of service.

DCM 6 –Kalei

Aloha mai Kakou!

I hope everyone is having a great New Year so far. Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! I want to thank District 17 Waianae for hosting this Inventory Assembly and also our Area17 Officers and all of you for your service and love for A.A. I want to thank everyone in District 6 Kauai for their love, service and support for Alcoholics Anonymous on Kauai. We also welcome all of you to our beautiful Island, and our meetings also, both in-person and virtual, all information is on our website Kauaiaa.org. We are truly blessed and grateful for A.A. on our Island.

I attended a lot of live/ in person meetings here on our island, all are pretty well attended, except for a few. People are doing their part as far as wearing masks, social distancing, sanitizing, etc. please keep up the good work.

Our next District 6 meeting for February will be on the 19th, at 930am. Please join us and bring a friend or home group member with you. We did go over our yearly Inventory questions from each group at our December District meeting.

We are currently in need of a Secretary. please call me at 808-212-7124 or email me at dcm6@area17aa.org, if you have any questions or concerns. Mahalo's.

Wishing all of you a Great and blessed New Year 2022!

May God bless us always!

Aloha nui loa

KALEI K.

DCM Kauai District 6

DCM 7 –Len

DCM attendance to 3 hour Fall Assembly

Regular endeavors to involve non participating members in service at group and district level with personal contact by district members and GSRs. District 7 continues to be fairly stable with 4-5 GSRs in regular attendance for district service even with pandemic restriction changes and challenges. We continue to have vacancies for secretary and alternate DCM at this time.

Information from area to district continues to groups via GSRs with mailings, emailings, phone calls, and in person. Encouragement is invaluable and continues in maintaining present level of service by said GSRs. Updated GSR Handbook now available on the area website

New meeting began named Hilo 12 & 12 on Thursday nights at 6:15p. Will follow up to see if it is registered or under another meeting presently. All other meetings, both in person and virtually

are fairly stable with regular attendance by core group members
Questions distributed to GSRs in regular attendance to district meetings. Groups submitted input which was stated by other groups during the breakout sessions. Perhaps will consider making an announcement or short presentation in all of district 7 groups (business meetings) and encourage recruitment. Also, it was recommended that district officers attend other meetings than which they regularly attend and briefly (5-10 min) read and discuss a Tradition or Concept every month
Christmas Alkathon was fairly well attended with observance of Hawaii County COVID restrictions and guidelines in place. There was an impromptu gingerbread house building “contest” that was dubbed by one of the members as “Little Sober Houses” as many of the participants had never made a gingerbread house before. The New Year’s Alkathon was virtual due to further restrictions and was consequently, poorly attended with few groups participating. District 7 is in anticipation and excited to host the upcoming Winter Committee Meeting. The venue will be Malia Puka O Kalani Church’s Patio/ Breezeway.

DCM 9- Karen

Here is my report.

Hi, I’m Karen and I’m an alcoholic, DCM for District 9 North Shore and Central Oahu. Thank you to everyone who has put in the work to put on this assembly. We have been preparing for the Area meeting in May, which I have been informed will be in person. We have found a location and hopefully will not be concealed due to the pandemic. The GSRs are discussing meals with their groups. We continue to be impacted by the pandemic and the ability to get back into their meeting places. We have also been impacted financially due to the impact on people’s lives such as job losses, loss of businesses and loss of lives. But we are lucky to not have too many expenses due to Zoom meetings. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Thanks,
Karen O.

DCM 10- Teresa (Presenting the report, Alternate DCM- Alika)

My name is Alika and I’m an alcoholic and the Alt DCM for Waikiki District 10. We meet virtually the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM and our online link is posted on the Area website. All are welcome to attend.

We have a lot of groups that are in transition, trying to reopen or go hybrid. Groups trying to reopen have had a problem finding a place to meet. Groups trying to go hybrid are finding it very difficult with wifi and tech issues and just keeping it going. It’s a very difficult time for groups. They can’t go back to where they were and they are looking in other districts for a place to meet. Also, they are losing home group members because members either want to continue meeting online or want to meet in person or the location has changed, etc. Several new groups that formed during the pandemic do not have GSR’s and have expressed that they don’t want one right now. 12 Coconuts Online, which meets every day at 7 AM, is looking for a new GSR. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please reach out to Mary N.

The district created a literature distribution standing committee chair position, a new position at the district level, to help us identify ways in which the district can help carry the message to

District 10 using literature. This position will be responsible for reaching out to institutions and groups in District 10 to physically distribute literature to these organizations and directing the district on what resources to purchase. We have someone who is willing to stand for the position so we are hopeful that will be filled soon.

We hosted our annual Thankathon November 24-25 online due to Covid. Our Alternate DCM, Alikea, did a great job organizing and it was well attended. We were able to keep it up and running for 24 hours of meetings and fellowship.

District 10 is revising our current S&Gs, which have not been updated since 2016. The committee has met and drafted a revision that was presented to the District body this month. The changes will need to be reviewed, discussed with home group members and discussed among the district body. We will likely not vote on these for a couple of months.

We hope to host a workshop in the spring. One topic that has come up is Safety in AA. With all the outdoor meetings, there have been some problems with members or non-members being disruptive, aggressive or threatening.

District 10 continues to look for ways to help the next suffering alcoholic and be in service.

Thank you for letting me be in service.

Teresa D.
DCM District 10

DCM 12 –Andi

Thank you to district 17 for hosting our assembly today. We appreciate your enthusiastic service.

District 12 continues to see participation in meetings grow. Groups are continuing to meet online and in person. Homegroups from D12 participated in East Hawaii Intergroup Holiday season alcathons and thank you to all who attended.

District 12 meetings are seeing about half the homegroups participating in district service regularly. Several groups without GSRs have representatives that are in communication with district and inform us of their happenings. We are grateful for their communication. District 12 also passed a budget for 2022.

Thank you to all D12 GSRs that are here today.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Andi C.
DCM D12

DCM 13- Julie

D13 has grown to 6 GSRs and a full committee, is well attended and input and participation is strong. We had \$7000 in our treasury and have given away about \$1500 to carry the message to MCCC, and within our district. We still have about \$5500 and will be voting for the 3rd meeting how to best target it for our primary purpose. District 13 includes West Maui, Molokai and Lanai. Mahalo for everyone that has come out to the outer island meetings and for the service provided as speakers. The Molokai fellowship is stoked and encourages more visitors and new members. A special thanks to Sean for showing up w/ no nudges, Deborah and Kunane for coming several times, and Kunane & Tommy for speaking. I am happy to share the zoom meeting link with anyone who wants it if they just let me know - 829- 8289. Molokai has

maintained 4 meetings a week, zoom and in person, and is well attended. Lanai has one meeting zoom only on Wed 6PM time and has regular attendance, from Maui, Lanai and now Molokai; District 13 monthly beach meeting in Manele Bay has large turnout 10-20 and moved to the grassy park area. Dist 13 continues to support ferry tix for those who would but couldn't otherwise attend in person. We have 22 meetings on Zoom, 35 in person (21 are the alano club). We have 2 meetings that just opened back up to in-person (Spinners & Ladies Night). All of the in person meetings are outdoor or in an open-air building. Most meetings offer a zoom option. We still are serving dinner at the club on Fri nights w/ an awesome chef.

DCM 17- Bridgette

Waianae district doesn't have any new news or changes. We are still meeting regularly with an attendance of between 6 to 10 GSR's and officers. Waianae coast women's went back to being a virtual meeting. But there is a few meetings still live and some still virtual. We spent the last month gathering our tech team volunteers and getting the information of the training for being able to host the assembly today. We got a robust amount of volunteers who were interested in service for today's assembly thanks to everyone in the district and our alternate dcm evan. Evan is a godsend as he is very tech savvy and helps motivate others by providing tech-support to the different groups so that they can participate better.

Thank you for letting me serve

Ask it Basket/ What's on Your Mind

Q. For the upcoming Inform the Delegate Assembly, when will the agenda items for the General Service Conference be available for the area?

A. Kunani- On February 15, 2022, he will have all the agenda items with back ground history that will be brought to the Area Committee meeting on 2/26/22, also will be posted on the website for everyone to see. A survey form will be created online for feedback on the agenda items.

Q. Where is the upcoming committee meeting going to be held in District 7?

A. The committee assembly will be held at the Malia Puka O Kalani Church's Patio/ Breezeway.

Q. A member questioned if anyone was part of the discussion on a possible Alano Club on Oahu?

A- Members at the assembly was asked to raise their virtual hands and get with the member inquiring later.

Announcement made by Kunani- FYI PRAASA in coming up in March, if anyone attending, they are looking for members that are interested in getting into service for PRAASA, may inquire when filling out the registration for PRAASA or email information to Kunani at delegatearea17@aa.org

Q- In this pandemic hysteria, how was the decision-making process on whether or not to have a physical /hybrid business meetings for the area?

A- The decision was developed based and to CDC guidelines with GSO committee, at this time, it is subject to change according to the numbers, if need be, business meetings will

go virtual. Physical/Hybrid assemblies is being coordinated along with the Ad-Hoc committee.

Treasurer at this time requested to share screen information regarding area finance.

Q- A member asked if the area has entertained the idea of being able to make contributions to the area online?

A- Treasurer – No we will not be making contributions online to the area at this time, for reason being that the area wants us (area) to use their system.

Announcement by Michelle with Oahu Intergroup-

OIG group received a resignation from their current Office Manager. OIG is asking for any one interested to submit a resume by February 7, 2022.

5:00 pm

Motion to adjourn –Ernest

2nd the motion –Len

**2022 Inventory Assembly
January 22-23|2022
Host Waianae, District 17
Sunday –Day 2**

8:15- Waiting room opens

9:00-Call to order| Serenity Prayer| Reading by Eric “The AA Group-The Final Voice of the Fellowship

9:15 Area Officers Report

Recording Secretary/ Deborah L. secretary@area17aa.org

Good morning family, my responsibility is record and deliver the minutes for all committee and assembly business meetings in a timely manner. I want to thank the Area for your patience with me. As a few of you know, there was a major change with my workplace that involved moving from one facility to another during the holidays, and I am happy to say we have settled in. Aside from that, I am grateful to be a part of this Ohana and being here this weekend. After yesterday’s inventory, I can say that with this service position, there is much more for me to learn and to improve on. It was a reminder that I am an alcoholic and at times, my brains can become disorganized and disorderly. I do not have much more to say, except Happy New Year and I am looking forward to growing with this Panel 71 for the remainder of this 2022. Thank you all for letting me be of service.

Deborah L.

Recording Secretary Panel 71

***Sean C. Motioned to Accept the minutes for the November 2021 Budget Assembly

Len Second the Motion / All was in favor – Passed

Treasurer/ Mike L treasurer@area17aa.org

Fiscal year 2021 has been challenging due to the continuing COVID pandemic keeping us from meeting in person. Group contributions were more than enough to cover all the expenses paid for in 2021.

As of December 31, 2021, the Hawai`i Area Committee Finances are as follows:

Operating Funds:	\$ 59,913.30
Reserve for Computer Equipment:	\$ 916.45
Reserve for International Convention:	\$ 2,329.89
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,001.75
Total Cash in Bank	\$ 68,161.39
Fiscal Year 2021	
Contributions	\$25,763.59
+ Interest (Prudent Reserve)	\$0.95
<u>- Expenditures</u>	\$9,459.42
Net Income	\$16,305.12

For details, PLEASE SEE “**Budget vs Actual**” (Needs amendment: 15.30 more Public Information and total expenses) and “**Group Contributions**” posted on the **Hawaii Area 17** website for more details.

Hawai`i Area 17 is in good shape financially. Contributions received in 2021 were \$25,763.59. We received \$0.95 interest on the Prudent Reserve Account.

Expenses were \$9,459.42.

We received \$16,305.12 more than we paid out.

Mahalo to all the Groups that continue to contribute to the Hawaii Area. Your contributions are helping to carry the AA message of recovery. Thank you for your patience. I live on Maui and get the contributions mailed to me, and I deposit them in 1-2 days after I get them. Thank you Deborah S for sending the envelopes to me from the PO Box in Honolulu.

Please note that there is a new address for contributions to the General Service Office, listed below. The reason is to streamline the processing of contributions, and saving time and efficiency for the GSO staff. All other correspondence still goes to Box 459.

Hawaii Area has **146,980** Hawaiian Miles available for award travel. Hawaiian Airlines’ Preferred Affiliate program gives one Hawaiian mile to the HAWAIIAREA account for every dollar spent by the traveler who logs in to the Preferred Affiliate website to book a flight. The traveler will be able to purchase the lowest available HawaiianAirlines.com web fares. The traveler will also get their own Hawaiian airlines miles. There is a 5% discount for flights to the Mainland. You can book at <https://www.hawaiianairlines.com/our-services/products-and-programs/preferred-affiliate>.

Thank you for supporting Hawai`i Area and the General Service Office.

Please note the new address for General Service Office Contributions:

<https://contribution.aa.org> or Make check payable to the General Service Board and mail to General Service Office PO Box 2407 James A. Farley Station, New York N.Y. 10116-2407

(Please write your group number on the check.)

For all other correspondence continue sending to Box 459

Hawai'i Area 7th Tradition Contributions: Make checks payable to and mail to
Hawaii Area Committee
PO Box 1413
Honolulu, Hawaii 96806

Please include your Group Name and District Name or Number. Receipts' are available by request.

Thank you for letting me be of service.
- Mike L., Treasurer
Hawai'i Area 17 Panel 71

***Motion to Accept the treasurer's report- Sean C.
***2nd the motion- Len- All in favor –Passed

Registrar/ Eric registrar@area17aa.org

Aloha Peeps,

Not much has happened since November. I have been doing data entry for new GSRs as usual. If all the new GSRs could please send me your GSR change forms so I can get you into the system and get your workbooks sent to you.

Aloha
Eric

Alternate Delegate/ Tommy altdelegate@area17aa.org

Aloha Area 17 Trusted Servants,

Thank you Waianae District 17 for hosting a great assembly and thank you for the great support from your tech team – good job.

Per the Structures and Guidelines of area 17 and the Alternate Delegate duties, it has been an honor to work with Kunane, our Delegate, who has always been present and we work together closely in case I need to help step in for any circumstance.

Our newly revised GSR Handbook has been uploaded to the Area 17 website with minor changes to bring information current and looking forward to have a draft DCM handbook out by the end of Panel 71.

I look forward to always working with new GSR's on orientation to the area and I stand ready to help all DCM's with any of their needs.

Also serving on the Annual Hawaii Convention steering committee has been an adventure, challenging at times but an honor to work with dedicated people devoted to the Annual Hawaii Convention. I can't wait for all to hear the good news our Annual Hawaii Convention steering chairs report.

I really want to thank Panel 69 outgoing treasurer Rachel S. for working so hard in helping Area 17 adjust its finance portion of our Structures and Guideline to bring us into 2022 and help the area committee to stay true and honest. Great job everyone for attending the first ever fall assembly in November to help pass two (2) proposals to make that happen. The new revised Structures and Guidelines will be posted by our February committee meetings.

With love and service,
Tommy G.

Alternate Chair/ Jeannie altchair@area17aa.org

Aloha Hawaii Area 17,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as Panel 71 Hawaii Area 17 Alternate Chair. This year has stretched me well beyond my comfort zone and with that came much growth.

When my name was pulled from the hat to serve as Alternate Chair I was excited but I must confess, frightened! Lucky for me, within a week, Deborah S, the Panel 69 Alternate Chair met with me virtually to clarify exactly what the duties and responsibilities would be in my new position. She was very encouraging and did an amazing job at passing the baton. I was extremely grateful to her for easing my mind and I am grateful to be surrounded by fellow members and especially Cheryl N, my service sponsor, who give freely of what they have learned in area service. I never serve alone.

After being invited to attend officer meetings before stepping into my new position I knew I needed to get a better understanding of the A.A. Service Manual and did so by attending a couple 12-week virtual study workshops on the service manual and the traditions presented by the past trustee Billy N. There is still so much to learn!

My main objective as Alternate Chair is to support our Area Chair in running smooth assemblies and committee meetings and perform her duties in her absence. Here is a summary of my first year as Area Alternate Chair:

- Supported our Area Chair in working with and meeting with tech teams twice before each assembly and committee meeting.
- Participated in Plan-to-Plan Meetings with area Officers.
- Attended Finance Committee Meetings during lunch at assemblies and committee meetings.
- I served as the Big Island Finance Committee representative and presented the area's proposed budget to districts and home groups as requested.
- Attended the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee Meetings once a month as a voting member as well as attending the monthly Annual Hawaii Convention Committee meetings as a voting member.
- Supported the area Registrar by creating online registration for four assemblies and three committee meetings.
- Helped review the revised GSR Handbook.
- Facilitated roundtable discussions at assemblies.
- Attended PRAASA virtually in March.
- Attended Central Office and District meetings in West Hawaii.

I know I still have much to learn and that keeps me coming back. I am blessed to have a Chair who supports me and includes me. In 2022, I will have an opportunity to stretch my wings in the

world of hybrid meetings. This will give me an opportunity to work more closely with the hosting districts. Currently I am working with Len, the DCM for Hilo/Hamakua District 7, who will be hosting what will hopefully be our very first hybrid committee meeting in February. This seems a bit intimidating at times but again, it's part of this never-ending opportunity to learn and grow.

Thank you again for blessing my life and giving me a great purpose. Thank you to those who have supported me in this amazing journey, what a gift to be a small part of the greater whole in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In love and service,
Jeannie G.
Alternate Chair
Hawaii Area 17/Panel 71
12/05/2021

Chair/ Deborah S. chair@area17aa.oarg

Refer to the area's website for the area chair's report, at **area17aa.org**

9:45 Delegate's Report / Kunani delegate@area17aa.org

Refer to the area's website for the area delegate's report and power point presentation, at **area17aa.org**

10:25 Standing Committee Chair and Intergroup Chair Reports

Oahu Intergroup

CENTRAL OFFICE MANAGER

- first order of business was to regrettably inform you that Adina the **Office Manager has tendered her resignation.**
- We will be forever grateful for the way that she has set up Oahu Intergroup to be more efficient, successful and with systems in place to keep the office running in her absence.
- Since Adina has accepted this position she has poured her heart and soul in to improving the Central Office operations.
- She has implemented systems, policies, training programs, procedures and processes that were desperately in need.
- She has gracefully agreed to stay on until March 31st or until we can hire and train someone to assume the position
- **VICE CHAIR CHANGE**
Our previous Vice Chair Johnna P. stepped down and we elected Donnie K. as the new Panel 71 Vice-Chair

BUDGET

We did end in the Red for the year end of 2021. We need to be mindful of our 2022 budget in a very unpredictable and unprecedented time.

2022 MEETINGS

- 1) We will continue virtual meetings until otherwise noted
- 2) Our goal for 2022 to encourage participation unity and respect for each other OUR Intergroup meetings.
- 3) Big Thanks from Debra for being our biggest advocate
- 4) Stay on topic to avoid disruptions heated meetings and comments on social media towards the end of last year.

UNITY

- Will continue all island intergroup Coalition
- Still need volunteers – continue to offer curbside recovery
- Will caravan to increase more attendance in activities

Kauai Intergroup/ David

Kauai Intergroup is alive and well, has a website. Issues did come up from home groups requesting handouts, literature to pass out with phone numbers for pass out for newcomers. Meetings in person as well as virtual meetings are listed online, but nothing is like seeing the fellowship in person. Hot line is active.

Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee Chair –Kawika

Aloha,

My name is Kawika Keala & I'm an Alcoholic, the Malia Discussion is my home group. I'm honored to sit at the Chairman for the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee 2022. We're also honored to introduce Bill M. as the AHC Chair for 2022, who is in the process of building the committee to help in hopeful fruition of a convention this year. There will be a Committee meeting on the 25th of this month and anyone interested in getting involved is invited this meeting, which will be held via Zoom and I'd be glad to forward that information during our next break or after the meeting. We have accepted an agreement with the Marriott Hotel, where the convention is schedule to be held October 28th, 29th, & 30th and will be working out the details with them as we go. Erin R., our Treasurer, is working on the budget and I'll be glad to share those finds at our next Area Assembly. On-line registration will open upon an agreed financial outline and anyone that has previously registered, and rolled over their registration will be automatically re-registered and need not re-register. So honored to be in service with you folks and I look forward to continued interaction and support from you all. In God's love,

Kawika K.

SCC-Treatment / Sean F. treatment@area17aa.org

According to Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines, Treatment Standing Committee Coordinates the service work of A.A. groups and individual A.A. members who carry the message to alcoholics in medical and treatment settings. Sets up means of "Bridging the Gap" from treatment to A.A. and works to clarify what A.A. can and cannot do, within the 12 Traditions, to help alcoholics in medical and treatment settings.

Year one of Panel 71 is in the books and while we didn't quite make our desired goal of three workshops, we still felt it was an informative success. We put together two workshops, Bridging the Gap and Traditions and Treatment Pt. 1. We have established a major footprint within multiple facilities and clean and sober houses. Our contact has stayed strong and we have been available to them upon request. We will be opening up our Committee meetings to everyone interested and through communication with OIG we will begin posting our meetings on their website. Interested in what the Treatment Committee does and want to be a part of it? Now all will have access to come and participate.

I would like to thank Ryan S. (GSR-Bad Brains), a newly appointed committee member, for jumping right in and opening the doors of communication with our local V.A. (Veterans Affairs) at Tripler Army Medical. He has been working with a few VA social workers in an attempt to open a new meeting for Vets struggling with alcoholism. Big mahalo to Ryan and stay tuned for more information coming soon on how to help and get into service regarding this. The Committee will again set a goal of trying to complete 3 workshops this year. The first will be Part 2 of Traditions and Treatment, so look for that in March. We are forever grateful to serve and be of service!

Website Chair/ Sean C. website@area17aa.org

Aloha Fellow Trusted Servants,

Aside from the usual activities of uploading Assembly & Committee Meeting information and reports and assisting with email and account setup, I added a password to the Website Credentials doc which I sent to the Chair and Alternate Webmaster, added PRAASA logo, registration link and homepage link to homepage and added link to the Mynah Bird on homepage.

I will also confer with the Area Officers concerning which reports should get posted separately on website on reports page as well as being included in the Area Minutes as some area committee member do not send me reports.

Mahalo in Love & Service

Public Information Chair/ Bill M. pi@area17aa.org

2021 closed with completing our goals and objectives (see area website PI Committee page) and within our available budget.

Details to our 2021 Final Report available on Area website PI Committee page. Click on the report link.

Plans to determine PI goals and objective for 2022 by February 2022 with implementation as early as March 2022 and throughout the year.

For more information on our strategic plan for 2022 please visit our PI page on Area 17 website.

Trusted servant,

Bill M.

PI-SCC

Mynah Bird Chair/ Karen mynahbird@area17aa.org

Alcoholics Anonymous in Hawaii Area 17.

Members of the Standing committee have asked for and have submitted articles from members of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 17. These articles have included personal experience in practicing the 12 steps and 12 traditions. Other topics have been “favorite passage from the Big Book”, “heard at meetings” and experience in getting sober using a virtual platform.

I had asked for reflections on the first year of the panel and received a couple – I had hoped for more.

I have also requested flyers and announcements of upcoming events in Area 17 and in Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. I have published the ones that I have received and also ones that I find by looking at Intergroup websites.

For future issues, I will be asking Area Officers and Standing Committee Chairs for a short description of their positions – what is the best part, what is the hardest part, and what advice would you give to the next person in that position.

I plan on publishing a Mynah Bird prior to each Assembly and Committee meeting. It is my hope that when I email the current Mynah Bird to officers, committee chairs, DCM’s, committee members, past delegates and Intergroup chairs that each member shares with another member.

Distribution is a problem – when we meet in-person, issues are distributed at each Area Assembly and Area Committee meeting.

Mahalo for letting me be of service

Karen N.

Mynah Bird Committee Chair, Panel 71

Grapevine Chair/Chris N. aagrapevine@area17aa.org

Aloha everyone,

The AA Grapevine has a number of things available to the fellowship. There is an audio project, where they are collecting stories from the fellowship in the form of audio recordings. If your audio story is accepted AA Grapevine will publish it in the form of a YouTube playlist or another media platform.

There is also an AA grapevine Podcast. It is the AA grapevine half hour variety hour . Each week, long time AA member's Don and Sam interview a different member about their experience strength and hope in a casual meeting after the meeting manner.

There is also the 2022 Carry the Message project. You can find more information on all this at aagrapevine.org .

I have not been very active in the past few months . I look forward to meeting with the GSR's this coming year. My goal is for us to reach out more to the fellowship to educate them on what The AA Grapevine has to offer.

In love and service

Chris N

Corrections Chair /Jubee corrections@area17aa.org

Aloha family

I apologize for not being able to attend the last Assembly. Hope all is well and staying safe throughout this outbreak.

Not much to report. A little sad news MCCC as of the 1st week of January has closed its doors once again. Due to the huge outbreak of covid. Once again they are on stand by until further notice. So as of now all facilities are closed.

Recently there was a class conducted for new comers and old Voluncor members to renew or get cleared so that they can take the meeting into the facilities. That went well.

That's all for now. Mahalo for allowing me to be of service.

Jubee B CSCC

Archives Chair/Ernest archives@area17aa.org

Aloha my name is Ernest and I'm an alcoholic, I serve as Area 17 Archives chair. I'd like to thank Waianae District 17 for hosting this virtual area assembly and our Area officer's for co-hosting. Archives serves as a permanent repository of materials pertaining to Hawaii AA, area 17, it's districts and the history of the group. Therefore, I'll be archiving materials from our area assemblies, committee meetings and workshops hosted by districts that involves area 17, its officers and or committee member's. I've sent the documents from our Fall assembly to the webmaster to upload on the area website. I've also created folder's and filed documents from districts meetings, district events, and other material regarding Area 17. I want to thank our Webmaster Sean C. for putting it together on the website. You can go to the Area website and click on "Area Committee" then click on "Area Standing Committee" then "Archives. Scroll down to the link "Archives – AA Across the Islands and there you'll see it.

I've also received an e-mail from Mathea who serves on the archives committee for Kauai. She has established the Kauai archives on Kauaiaa.org website under the "More" tab. I encourage you to check it out as she did an awesome job. The chronological order of AA meetings on Kauai dates back from the 1960's to 2008.

Our area chair had ask for a summary of the first year service of our two year commitment and I believe at the end of this year we'll be submitting our experience report of our service position. I would like to ask that you CC Archives@area17aa.org so the incoming service person can have something to view. Lastly when submitting your reports to the Secretary please CC Archives as well.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

11:25 Lunch Break

12:05 *Standing Committee Works Sessions, Officer meet, DCM meet, Intergroup meet*

1:05 Work Session Roundtable Report Back

Area Officers

Opened with serenity prayer.

Past delegates present. Discussed results and when to submit report backs to the body. Deborah wanting feedbacks on workshops, shortening virtual business meetings, ending early and still conduct business.

Responses:

Cheryl- feels ending early is so much more feasible, everybody always want to end early and with being virtual it's possible. Also commented on a lot of people not being familiar with traditions, there were comments outside issues, reports from outer islands.

Deborah S. – Deborah S. Questioned if it would be AREA 17 or Chair to suggest hosting a workshop of traditions, virtually?

Cheryl – an example was the Alano club, totally outside issue.

Bob- Agreed with Cheryl, lets talk about ending early, even in physical meeting people wanting to end early, like making flights. Bob spent a lot of time attending a lot of meetings, with hybrid coming up may be able to combine couple of things and shared what Idaho does, might be able to take on that model and ask questions for an hour or two , Idaho 18 has been able to do 1-day assemblies considering the Friday 1 for an hour to ask questions. The biggest thing that came out of his roundtable, lots of people had something to say, part of the failures is what we have been doing, part of it is covid, is educating GSR on SCC/ service structure, asking of they have ever heard about SCC. Learning about Traditions/Concepts is great but that really goes along with sponsorship. We can't spoon feed people they really have to see this in action. Need to encourage on self –education. Ongoing thing is people no understanding why they were assigned to a Standing Committee. Need to have a consistent message, doesn't seem to have enough information on what the standing committee does, and in the structure and guidelines preamble needs to be corrected.

Kunani-expounded on the idea of Hybrid- recalls when area chair tried to end by 3 pm it's the same with Zoom, do think that on the agenda mentioning ending 3 o'clock on Sunday. Could still plan for 3 pm and to do a hybrid for the ITD assembly may be beyond our expertise, and maybe for April doing the assembly virtual... some people requested hybrid. Last year we had a extra committee, but this year we may not have that extra committee.

Deborah S.- confirmed we will be virtual that we are leading towards

Tommy – I will be handling the hybrid part, his recommendation is to go virtual, roundtables will be complexed with talking about the topics, back ground.

Mike L.- with hybrid, 425.00 is seed money to start off for committee /assembly meetings. /

Bob H. applaud the idea of having hybrid assemblies, it will be a good experience.

Cheryl- we had west Hawaii district meeting, yes of you are a GSR is welcomed if not a GSR not welcomed? Encourage members to attend whether GSR or not..welcome members to be able to see the structure

Eric- the next committee meeting is in Hilo.. still has a confirmation for a committee meeting and found out it is expired. –

Kunanai – may have to write in using key words, because of pandemic and may be able to reuse.

Bob H- recalls everyone is welcome, however may not be able to have a meal or said to registrar so that have a meal count

Jeannie- it is going to hybrid so can get count on meals. For committee meetings GSR to registrar and let them know they don't need to require.

Kunani –redirected that discussion from logistics of upcoming committee meeting

Deborah S. – does the DCM and SCC need to do a report? Deborah says yes and to continue these reports on the Agenda- Today sees less enthusiasm with the Ask it Basket. Deborah S. asked herself is the AREA's responsibility with hosting a workshop of traditions/concept workshops, may be skit? Area officers do have a plan the plan prior to assemblies to discuss agenda

Bob –holding workshops is good, referred to the preamble does not think this is a question, it's doing anything within the scope of what we can do. If want to hold a 90 minute time to learn of what we do a t a n assembly- Bob is willing to volunteer as a past delegate.

Tommy – agrees with that idea. Don't need a long lunch being virtual – maybe more breaks.

Cheryl- in her group couple new GSR's, explained but also referred them to the Website aa.org or area17.org, likes the idea of doing something on Friday in terms of orienting, agrees with the fatigue. I was asked to help with a flyer and was discouraged with lack of participation, need to make sure of getting information out.

Bob- don't think we should move to a 1-day assembly, that orientation prior to assemblies may be helpful.

Deborah S- Area officers – tommy suggest we put out everything and what we are going to implement- can announce today.

Archives Committee Roundtable

Breakout Group- Ernest from Archives

In group- Josh, Ernest, Jason

Opened with serenity prayer.

Chose a couple topics for discussion.

How can we attract more people into General Service?

Summary- Recovery, Unity and Service are the three sides of our triangle. However, it seems like at the group level most of the focus is on the recovery side. Having one of the meetings at the homegroup level focus on service may increase interest. We also talked about service POD casts, having all of our people in general service and on the mainland GSO share at the homegroup level about their experience in service. If they are not available, the secretaries can stress the importance of unity and service to the speakers if it's a speaker meeting and the readings if it's a book study. It can be difficult to get people to volunteer for positions so, at the homegroup level, our experienced members could be recruiting and grooming newcomers for positions where appropriate. For those of us in service, it's important to represent service as fun, interesting, and inclusive. Smile. Talk about what's going on in AA and maybe those around you will listen in and get interested. If we all share at each other's home groups and are seen together it might attract newcomers. Announcing our group conscience the whole week before it happens and getting excited about it might attract more voting members. Group inventories once we have a working group conscience is a good way to keep everyone informed. Workshops are also a good way of getting information out. Spirit of rotation must be observed as well so those service junkies stepping up to the plate all the time don't get burnt out and catch a resentment to the group. When people do complain at the group conscience level, ask them "What are you doing to change it"? Getting our long-standing members more excited about this would be helpful as well. Also, since we do have some adjustments to make due to COVID and we have a longer reach, should we ask other countries how they are handling the same situations or if they are even having them.

Ernest -Recovery, Unity and Service are the sides of our triangle. However, on the homegroup level, we focus more on the recovery side. The unity and service side needs to be more addressed at the meeting setting. It might help get people excited about being of service. He said he didn't even know this part of AA existed until 10 years in. Once he was GSR, he got more plugged in. So, if groups would have one meeting a week focus on service it would help a lot. Keep an eye on the people in your home group in order to keep them informed if they seem like a good fit.

Recruiting and grooming is a good idea. When he was GSR nobody wanted to do the position, and it might be because nobody was doing that. Being aware of your surroundings. Painting a good picture of what we are doing is our best route. Group conscience was not that big, only the ones in service would stick around. The rest of everyone takes off. Make sure you announce that the group conscience is going on after the meeting. It's our pitch that is very helpful. Burnout over holding up a group can cause resentment and put a negative outlook on service itself. Spirit of rotation must be observed.

Jason- It starts at the home group level. Bring it up at the group conscience and group inventory. Workshops are the way to go to get people familiar with the service manual, concepts, structures and guidelines. Make it so anyone can come and if home groups get involved the whole set of islands would catch on. Volintold, is the best way to go. The group conscience gets heated. Don't forget to smile! The best way to learn any of this is to get involved so we need to make sure people understand this. AA comes of Age is a good book to get people into. We also have less people at the group conscience. "What have you done to change it?" He puts himself out there first. Brought up the fact that many of the service people are getting burned out. His first attraction vs promotion was to be the greeter. They would run up and hug the dirtiest person that showed up as a group. Some people are also having trouble with the tech part of the service online. Excite the old-timers. What the hell are they doing these days? Donnie is setting the example.

Josh- It would be nice to make it elitist or something to be achieved instead of painted as a burden. More involvement at the home group level. If our GSR's could bring back to the home group level and have our secretaries have the speaker come in. Having the GSR, DCM's and others share on service at each other's meetings. Highlighting the things that happen to us during service as personal experience. POD casts about service experience. Brought up the fact that we are going to have split service online and in-person. Why are we not asking other countries how they are handling the service shortage. Showing that we all know each other and are in service might cause some attraction. If you want to complain about it, come fix it. Maybe going back to some old stuff might get the old timers involved.

How important Archives is

Ernest-Didn't understand how important this side was. He has someone ask about when their group started. The info was never submitted to archives so he didn't have an answer. The minutes from the meetings need to be kept and detailed enough to go back and check when and where things were decided. Technology these days makes it easy to keep records from the group. It's on the group how well these are maintained. GSO, you can go back as far as the records submitted to them will go. This is helpful for each group to make decisions or to not re-make decisions. The names are kept anonymously at the GSO level. He now understands why it's so important to have and keep information. Information about workshops and alcathons can be looked back upon to see what services the groups have been doing in the past. Please send Ernest all information to be archived. He is only responsible for what is in his area. Take back to the home groups what is going on with archives. Minutes are all done their own way. The most important thing is keeping the date.

Jason- It's good to keep a history so we can go back not make the same mistakes. Melia discussion has a very good history kept already and always had it important.

Josh-I keep copies of both the physical and digital copies of our meeting minutes. Perhaps a template of important information for the minutes.

Mynah Bird Committee Roundtable

Report back from Mynah Bird Standing Committee round table

1. We had a couple of new members, so introductions and a reading of the description and purpose of the Mynah Bird.
2. One of the members commented how helpful it was to have a link to the Mynah Bird on the Area 17 homepage. It will help with distribution especially when we are not meeting face to face.
3. One member asked if copies of the Mynah Bird were available at Central Offices – they are emailed, but I don't know if any are printed out. I will contact Central offices and ask that a couple of "hard" copies be made available.
4. In keeping with purpose of the Mynah Bird – to reflect the vibrant and diverse community of Area 17 – one of our new members suggested that a feature called "You speak my language" where a short selection in another language -- for example Tagalog or 'Ōlelo Hawai'i – to make all feel welcome.
5. Short discussion about event flyers to be put in Mynah Bird – AA related are ok.

CEC Committee Roundtable

No facilitator present. Kona has seniors in sobriety, newcomers are given information on Website to download CEC information. Connie GSR for district 6 able to join Retired Senior Volunteer Program and receive training on a phone app. This is to be matched with a alcoholic senior. Article written anonymously in their Newsletter explaining experience of recovery. Respectfully submitted

Connie S., District 6 GSR Na Wahine Ku Pomo

District Committee Members Roundtable

DCM – Meet Notes– 1-23-22

Go over pre-inventory questions for DCM – How can we serve better.

1 – Found this difficult as Some group not meeting, in transition, found it difficult to reach out to new groups and new people.

Possible solutions

Reach out to others and ask for help. Don't have to do it alone.

Registrar gave contact info for each group that is registered. Try to contact those groups. Sometimes people reach out and give information. Can't force people to be linked to area/district service. Try to just give info and have them contact us.

One DCM does check-in on people. The groups that follows the Traditions tends to stay and those that don't tend to dissolve eventually. Connection to General Service tends to lead a group to success and stays. Older literature tends to now be relevant again during this time.

One DCM tries to find strengths in people and find ways for the to be involved. Helps get individuals fired up.

2 – Try to talk to people about general service and use certain general service words, example Delegate – and people don't know what is being said. How share information with people with mixed backgrounds.

Possible solutions

One DCM doesn't show up to business/home groups unless invited. If asked to share at a meeting, then they make sure to add information about service or their experience with service. Also tried to explain that home group/business meetings are not about politics, that it is about how we make decisions.

One offers and asks if the group would like them to attend their meeting.

3 – One member reviews a Tradition each month the first year of the Panel and then the second year review Concepts.

One member found great information at takethe12.org.

One member takes one person through the whole service manual, not really a DCM things, but a sponsor thing. Another member shares links or quotes or other random info on their agenda. New service manual has headings for the bylaws.

4 – Alt DCM is new to service work and has a busy job and getting the Alt to participate is a struggle. DCM is struggling to help get them involved if they want to be involved. Doesn't feel the Alt will be ready to take over next panel.

Another member had a conversation with their Alt to say hey maybe if you can't do the job you should stop down and the Alt actually stepped up and has done a better job.

Another member is having same issue. Has sent Alt to Intergroup Meetings, and they don't have clear cut who is responsible to do what. For them the Alt is responsible for workshops, alkathon, and intergroup, but feels that is too much. They are going to work on what all the responsibilities are. One member asked if anyone can share their Structures and Guidelines.

5 – One member tries to explain any positions as simple and make them sound easy as much as possible. One DCM feels they aren't as good in making sure the GSRs had the Inventory questions and having the GSR be prepared for the Assembly.

One DCM makes sure she has the GSR send in the change form, then makes sure they have the dates for assembly and district. Then tells them what they need to have to be prepared for assembly. Tries to give them a checklist so to speak.

One went over the inventory questions at their district meeting and explain what is kind of expected of them in how to go over them. Discussed called each GSR for the inform the Delegate to explain how it works and to let them know the DCM is available if they need help. Can also ask Delegate, Alt Delegate, Chair, etc to attend or come and give presentation.

6 – One DCM likes the What to Take Back for Area to help discuss things. A what to take back for District would be helpful. One does do a mini what to take back – which helps keep them connected. One hasn't encouraged GSRs to bring other members and will have to start to do that. Ask them what was their favorite part of the assembly?

2:00pm- Ask It Basket/ What's on your mind/ What to take back

No aske it basket and no What's on your mind

What to take back:

1. This weekend's assembly had 107 registered, 61 attendees, 41 forum
2. Actions for this Inventory to be brought back to the upcoming Inform the Delegate Assembly
3. Bill M- announced 2022 AHC convention chair
4. Kimo-confirmed new appointed Cooperation with the Elderly Community Chair
5. Area is looking for a permanent Archivist

6. Oahu Intergroup looking to hire a new office manager
2:15: Motion to adjourn- Josh, 2nd the motion – Gina , all in favor -, meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by: Deborah L. Panel 71 Area 17 /recording secretary.

**In Love and at your service
Deborah L/secretary**

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