

Hawaii Area 17
Alcoholics Anonymous General Service
Standing Committee Report

Standing Committee: Mynah Bird

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Suggestions: Start with how your committee is carrying the message through such things as workshops, events attended, committee goals carried out, etc. Your report will be limited to 2 minutes. Please provide a copy via email or hard copy to our area secretary.

What the Mynah Bird Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

The Mynah Bird is the newsletter of Area 17. It contains articles that focus on AA topics and reflects the vibrant and diverse A.A. community in Area 17.

Before each issue of the Mynah Bird, I send out a request for articles to the Area All email list – Officers, Committee Chairs, DCM's and Past Delegates. I also send out a request for articles to the GSR's on the Mynah Committee. The GSR's are not responsible for writing articles, only responsible to make announcements at their home groups that articles are wanted for the Mynah Bird. When I request articles, I make suggestions for articles – steps, traditions or concepts of the months preceding each issue. For this issue, I also suggested "How is your group transitioning (or not!) back to meeting in person", any "gems" heard at meetings and of course stories of personal experience are always welcome. I ask for flyers for upcoming events – workshops, or in the case of this issue Founders Day.

I sent out the May edition of the Mynah Bird to Area officers, committee chairs, DCM's and the GSR's who are on the Mynah Bird Committee. I also sent it to Intergroup Chairs. It is posted on the website. It is my hope that it will be distributed throughout the Area. It is a challenge since we are not currently meeting in person. I suggested to the GSR's that copies could be made and distributed as they would be if we were meeting in person. Our committee has a budget and we can reimburse for copy expense.

I also provided information about our newsletter to a delegate (who requested information) from another area – I sent a copy of the last issue and explained my process for compiling the newsletter.

The next Mynah Bird will be published prior to the Budget Assembly – deadline for articles will be a week prior to the assembly. I'll be asking for articles about the steps, traditions and concepts, self support, and how groups are transitioning post-covid.

Mahalo for letting me be of service,
Karen N.
Panel 71 Mynah Bird Chair