

Hawaii Area 17 2022 Budget Assembly August 27-28, 2022 Hosted on Oahu Districts 1,2,3,4,9,10,17 Saturday, August 27
*Agenda is subject to change

Day 1 Saturday 8-27-22

8:15 Waiting Room Opens

9:02 Call to Order- Deborah S.

Responsibility Statement

Welcomed guests/ Past Delegates: Cheryl Past Delegate P65 and Bob H. Past Delegate P67

First time attending an Assembly introduced herself: Jennifer from Hilo

Sobriety Birthdays since April of 2022:

CONGRATULATIONS TO... Cheryl 26 years, Jeannie 15 years, Russell S.-30 years, Keana 32 years, Ernest S.- 22 years, Jason 6 years, Cliff 34 years, Len 28 years, Fred 3 years, Sean F. 6 years, Eric 24 years, Liz 11 years, and Autumn 13

years.

House Announcements (Deborah S./ Chair) All meals for this assembly is being provide by L&L, no outside food or drinks is

allowed and parking is free.

Other announcements included: Transportation by Claire and for Homestay by Teresa (THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE)

Reading by Valerie on TRADITION 2 from the 12-Steps and 12 Tradition literature

Deborah S./ Chair went over the Agenda for this morning- We will be voting on (3) items

1- Minutes for the Inform the Delegate Assembly in April of 2022 (Deborah L./Secretary)

2- Treasurers Final Report (Mike L./Treasurer)

3- Presentation of the 2023 Proposed Budget (Mike L.)

Quorum: Eric /Registrar 18 –virtual / 42 in-person = 60 total / quorum is 40 2/3rd of the votes to pass

9:15

Item 1- Deborah L/ Secretary

Minutes for the “Inform the Delegate Assembly in April of 2022: Gina motioned to accept the minutes and Cliff 2nd the motion to accept- PASSED

Item 2:

Treasurer’s Final Report (Mike L./ Treasurer) followed by questions and/or comments

NOTE: REFER TO THE AREA 17’S WEB FOR FINAL REPORT

COMMENT:

Karen expressed her concern about the additional contribution made by the area to GSO and the process with the increased proposed budget without a discussion, not objecting but just concerned about the increase at a large sum.

RESPONSE: Treasurer mentioned that there was a discussion amongst the area officers and Mike verified that there was a discussion with the area when GSO had reached out for help during the pandemic when contributions were declining and it was a one- time increase only. This was presented at the Budget Assembly in 2021 and it was added to the line item, at the time AREA 17 was able to assist and make that one-time contribution for 2021.

Julie motioned to accept the Final Treasurer’s Report and Dustin 2nd the motion- Passed

(Votes- virtual =17 / in-person = 43)

9:30 Guidelines for Discussion and Voting (Deborah S/Chair) Reading

9:45

Item #3

Presentation of the 2023 Proposed Budget: Mike L./Treasurer (Budget Proposal for 2023 available on the Hawaii Area Website area17aa.org)

Jubee, motioned to accept the 2023 Propose Budget, Lucy 2nd the motion

Open mic for questions: None

Online= 15 / In-person = 43 (there was 58 total)

online- 15- In-person 43 58

At the mic- Joe speaking on behalf of his home group – (opposed) concerned about understanding the budget proposal for 2023, it’s expenditures and the incoming contributions being that most organizations are contemplating a recession in the upcoming future.

10:04: Proposed budget for 2023 –PASSED

10:05: Break

10:45 Area Standing Committee Chair Reports (3 minutes)

Ernest- SCC, Archives

Aloha my name is Ernest and I'm an alcoholic. I serve as archives chair for Area 17 Panel 71. I'd like to the combined districts of 1,2,3,4,9,10, & 17 for hosting our hybrid Budget Assembly as well as our area officers for co-hosting.

Our Budget Assembly is an important part of our Area Business, this is where we remain transparent with the contribution from Hawaii AA to Area 17 and to assure accountability of how the money is being spent, so thank you again.

As it states in the structures and guidelines: Archives serves as a permanent repository of materials from our Area Assemblies, Committee meetings, Workshops hosted by Districts and r groups involving members of Area 17.

I've sent the documents from our Committee meeting held in May to the Area Webmaster so it can be posted on the Area Website. As we near the ending of Panel 71, I would like to ask the DCM's, Standing Committee Chairs and Area Officers if there's any work you'd like to save and pass on, to e-mail archives@area17aa.org and I'll gladly store it in a folder for Panel 71. That's all I have for my report, thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Ernest S.

Archives Chair Area 17 Panel 71

Christi N- SCC, Grapevine

Aloha, Christi Alcoholic Standing Committee Chair for Grapevine. There are a few new things happening in the Grapevine world. La Vina has a new book coming out in September, "Sobriety and Emotional." Grapevine and La Vina are having an Instagram Photo Contest. The "Carry the Message" project is still happening. I have a lot of funds available if any groups needs Grapevine books or other Grapevine Items. I can be contacted at grapevine@area17aa.org.

In love and service,

Christi N.

Connie- SCC/Cooperation with the Elderly Community

QR code available for doctor's office's , also the elderly community can use to open up information of Alcoholic's Anonymous, i.e. meetings both physical and virtual. AHC wants to have a banner up during the convention

Kimo- SCC/Cooperation with the Professional Community

Has a committee of 3 members that are frequenting offices, handing out cards that consist of information on who we are, what we do, and where to find us. Looking for volunteers to hand out cards to the police department on Maui. Sharing information in his field.

Bill- SCC/Public Information-

Plans are in process to conduct a workshop possibly in November pending availability of designated panel speakers. Previous plans were cancelled due to scheduling conflicts Will keep committee updated.

I want to thank Debra S. for referring US VETS Waianae's request for AA information. The PI Committee was able to provide 2 full literature racks.

The PI Committee continues to make their presence available to the online community

Just a reminder, we are available to conduct online or in-person presentations. Please send your request to pi@area17aa.org or visit our website at <http://hawaiiarea17pi.org>

Trusted servant,

Bill M.

PI-SCC

Sean – SCC/ Website

Job Description:

Serves as webmaster and administrator of the Hawaii Area 17 website (and any ancillary services, such as email) insuring that information following current guidelines is available in a timely fashion and technical services and training are provided as needed.

First off, my apologies for not posting the Zoom link for Assembly, is now on website and I entered the calendar reminder for the Fall Committee Meeting this morning before I forget it again!

I have submitted Julie S, DCM District 13 to be considered as my alternate, thank you Julie for stepping forward.

Other than normal duties, I have consolidated the Area Business in online archive to one folder for each two-year panel rather than one for each year, and I am looking at how to display a better navigation of Archives than is currently there.

Grateful to be of Service,

Sean C, Area Website Standing Committee Chair.

Jubee- SCC/ Corrections

Aloha Family

So, grateful to be here in person. Mahalo to the Districts who put there time and effort into this Assembly.

Since we last met I've received a request from Chaplin Barbara for some literature for our members on the inside. A dozen Big books soft copy and a dozen Twelve and Twelves was ordered and Mike L. received the invoice from Oahu Central Office and a check will be sent, if not already done. Thanks Mike.

So far on the Big Island facilities are still closed for meetings. Maui MCCC is up and running.

I received an update from David F. a past voluncore member, whom I'm grateful for, Mahalo David. He informed me of all facilities that are open. They are as follow.

1. WCF
2. OCCC
3. HCF
4. WCCC
5. FDC
6. BRIGS

What a great feeling to know our members on the inside are receiving the message. Mahalo to all the Voluncors who take their time off to go in.

Mahalo for letting me be of service..

Jubee B.

Karen- SCC/Mynah Byrd –

The content of the Mynah Bird is a reflection of the vibrant and diverse A.A. community in Hawaii Area 17 and does not imply endorsement by either A.A. or Hawaii Area 17As such, for each issue I ask the GSR's who are on my committee to solicit articles from their home groups. I also ask officers, DCM's and other Standing Committee chairs for articles.

Since the last Area meeting, I sent out emails to AreaAll as well as targeted emails to the different groups – officers, Standing Committee Chairs and DCM's. I also solicited some articles from individuals in my AA circle whom I knew had had some unique sharing experiences over the summer.

I also included announcements from GSO and flyers for upcoming events in Area 17 and beyond.

Mahalo to the Oahu Districts for putting together this assembly.

Mahalo for letting me be of service.

Karen N.

Mynah Bird Standing Committee Chair

Sean-SCC/Treatment

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.

So since we last met in April, our Committee has taken a little time to focus on our other responsibilities. GSR's have continued to focus on their groups and continuing the work started with different local facilities in getting meetings in as well as picking up the continuation of moving much needed literature into the facilities through adoption by the groups. We recently met on August 13th and discussed all things leading up to this assembly and it was great to meet as always to discuss all things current.

As we always strive to do through committee, we want to recognize the members who have continued our efforts to support facilities. Since our last meeting, we want to announce that we have been able to add another facility to our growing list. Big Mahalo to Deborah L. for her much needed support and integral effect of being a liaison to help get our message into Sand Island Treatment. That is a big check off our bucket list in getting that accomplished. Also, another big Mahalo to Jamie B. on Maui for playing a big role in helping us keep Maui Recovery, BHH, and Aloha House replenished as literature is going out next week to those locations. All in all we are committed to carrying our message together as a committee.

10:55 next voting session

Treatment Name Change Proposal Presented to the area by Sean F. SCC/Treatment

REFER TO THE AREA WEB FOR SEAN F'S PROPOSAL i.e. From Standing Committee Chair/ Treatment to SCC/ Treatment and Accessibilities to be changed in the Hawaii Area Structures and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service

Mike L motioned to make the change of the title in the Hawaii Area Structures and Guidelines, Jason 2nd the motion Opened for discussion/questions

Q- Sean –speaking in favor, should this current motion pass, is there consideration to expand the structure and guidelines describing the responsibility?

Sean F.- it is to mirror GSC0 the alignment will allow for use to change our structures and guidelines-describing the responsibility, therefore, the title and responsibilities will be amended.

*Note: the area body voted to accept the amendments original motion of changing the name 43 in personal and 18 online then a motion to amend the structures and guidelines (Hawaii area 17)

Discussion on the updated motion-

Q- Karen- in expanding the description-talked about remote communities, does that mean that responsibility will be to consider remote communities? And does remote include those with disabilities i.e. hearing impaired, physically challenged, remote areas where internet is not available?

A-Sean F (3) island right now that have treatment facilities and clean and sober houses, responsibility will be to support, that will include treatment, the tri-island and clean and sober houses- we want to be able to help in the area, for example, Judy was able to start meetings and provide literature for Molokai to be more informed, want to get the entire state to be on the same level of what is available and were to go. Vision impaired, hearing impaired, whatever falls under accessibility, all accessibility issues, we want to have this information available in our area.

Kunani Commented: should this pass, we should expand, on the record whatever progress or the way we move forward that our Standing Committee Chair for Cooperation with the Elderly Community stays in tact the way it's always been because that is considered remote community, we were the first to create a CEC structure, whatever progress we create, Cooperation with the Elderly Community- stays!

Sean F- commented, he does not believe that every elderly need accessibility, - the main effort is that we work together-

Bob H- commented on his experience, he had the privilege to work with the remote community- clarify in general remote also covers, physically, culturally and linguistically – it's not think as accessibility to be a challenge, it can also include skillful listening, language could fall under accessibility.

Tommy- commented that he will be updating the Hawaii sitting this room working on a proposal Hawaii 17 guided by the traditions

(Deborah S. reiterated the Motion) current title of “ Standing Committee Chair Treatment” to be changed to “Standing Committee Chair Treatment and Accessibilities” that will include the description to be amended in the Hawaii'i Area 17 Structure and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service to reflect the guidelines and description to be the same as the A.A. Service Manual /General Service Conference

Online – 15 / 44 – in-person

Motioned PASSED , substantial unanimity

Area officer reports:

Secretary: Deborah L.

Opened with reading the Recording Secretaries Duties in accordance to the Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service Panel 71 2021 to 2022 www.area17aa.org. Aloha, thank you for being patient with the minutes being forwarded and all your reports being emailed is greatly appreciated. For anyone that is here, I will take your reports today in writing or you may send it to me via email –secretaryarea17@aa.org . Thank you for letting me be of service.

Registrar: Eric V.

Opened with reading the duties in accordance to the Hawaii Area Structure and guidelines. Today has a person that is shadowing him and is interested in standing for the Registrar position for the next panel. Registration for the upcoming Election Assembly in November will be available to register online.

Alt. Delegate: Tommy G.

*Please refer to area17aa.org for the Alternate Delegate's report

11:00 Lunch

12: 39 – back from lunch –opened with the Serenity Prayer

*Area officer reports continue

Jeannie- Alternate Chair

Alt Chair Report

2020 Budget Assembly Report

Hawaii Area 17 Panel 71

8/27/2022

Aloha Trusted Servants,

My name is Jeannie and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve as your Hawaii Area 17 Alternate Chair. I apologize for not attending in person and at times may have to turn off my video due to an unexpected medical issue. I would like to thank our officers for facilitating our 2022 Budget Assembly and all our awesome districts on Oahu who pulled together to make it happen. I want to thank Deborah, our area chair, for acting as the hosting chair for this assembly. She took on much of the responsibility for the gathering of Oahu district members to help make it happen. Such a great opportunity for the Oahu districts to foster unity. My duties as outlined in 2.9 of the Structure and Guidelines for Hawaii Area 17 General Service are as follows:

A. *Perform the duties of the area chair in their absence.* I am thankful Deborah is here!

B. *Arrange meeting places and hospitality for all area assemblies and committee meetings.*

- Lea, DCM for District 5 Maui No Ka Oi, and Brandon L are busy preparing for the Hybrid Fall Committee Meeting on October 15th. Registration will be posted on the area website at area17aa.org. I will be sending out an email with information pertaining to the committee meeting. DCMs, area standing committee chairs, and area officers will be in attendance, GSR are not required to attend.

- Gina, DCM for District 2 Honolulu, is preparing for the 100% in-person 2022 Election Assembly on November 19th and 20th. It will be held right here as well. The deadline for homestay requests is November 9th. After the deadline, a homestay will be on a first-come-first-serve basis, but there is no guarantee homestay will be provided. Also, because the meals are catered, we are asked to provide a head count by November 15th, you must be registered online by then. After the deadline, we will do our best but you may be asked to provide your own meals. So please register online at area17aa.org, even if you do not have your flights. The registration will be posted tomorrow around 10ish and it would be awesome if you register online tomorrow and also pay your registration fee for the November Election Assembly!
- I cannot express enough how important it is to register early and send in your registration fee. By doing so those who provide homestay, transportation, and meals are better prepared for you. I ask our DCMs to check their email daily, especially the two weeks before assemblies. The information sent out is important to forward to your GSRs in a timely manner.
- Hawaii Area 17 will continue online registration throughout the rest of the year and hopefully into the next panel. The spreadsheet that is generated by the online registration form has greatly helped our registrar, officers, as well as the hosting district DCMs, registration, transportation, homestay, and food chairs. All members must register online as well as send in the fee slip.

Back to my duties as outlined in Hawaii Area17 Structures and Guidelines...

C. Serve as a member of the finance committee.

D. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee. We meet once a month and I will pass the reporting on to Kawika, our Convention Steering Chair.

E. Serve as temporary group registrar, recording secretary, or treasurer if any of these officers are absent.

F. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers. That was done at the beginning of Panel 71.

Thank you all for your service, and thank you for the opportunity to serve. I am so very grateful to be such a small part of an even greater whole.

With love and service,

Jeannie G

Chair- Deborah S.

*Please refer to area17aa.org for the Chair's report. Note: The Elections Assembly is going to be 100% in person.

12:40 Delegate (Kunane D.)

*Please refer to the Hawaii Area 17 website Power point presentation of his report

Key points:

-All of panel 71 is coming to an ending of their service positions and will be supporting and attending upcoming

All of panel 71 is coming to the ending of their service position followed by a sharing of what he has been up to.

Kunani presented a power point on what he has been up to (AVAILABLE FOR ALL TO VIEW ON THE AREA WEB:

area17aa.org

Key points:

-Final reports of the 72nd Final report will be emailed at the end of this month or September- the original book will be hopefully out by October and will be available on the Hawaii Area Website.

-Attended the north south /connection forum – Mare from Maui was on a panel for the CEC talking about remote community-elderly.

-Monthly calls with the pacific region delegates

- Membership survey of what aa looks like in Hawaii- survey will be on line

-AA and he Native North American – continue to work on this and will be collecting stories, that include Hawaii

-Kunani is going to the Pacific Regional Forum with Deborah S. and Kunani will be talking on “How To Be All Inclusive.”

Asking the Area body to ask home group on what his two questions should be on the topic.

-Pacific Regional Trustee will be attending the Orientation Assembly January 21, 22 2023

-Hawaii will be hosting PRAASA 2026

-Looking personal stories for the 5th edition- there is link on even how to write out your story so that it flows-

-Big book will be jacketless, one more printing with jacket and that's it

-4th edition stories will not be moved into the 5th edition

-How do we ensure that online groups are being included in the service structure—online groups increasing and having GSR the most important this is that it is important for groups voices to be heard whether online or in person.

1350 DCM reports

Kaleka – District 4

Aloha Area Officers, sub-committees and trusted servants,

Since our last assembly, district 4 continues to thrive. AT our most recent district meeting we had 9 attendees, 6 being GSR's.

Each GSR has reported that attendance in their home groups continue thrive and grow. Hang Loose which is a hybrid group is

asking for support at their physical meeting. They meet every Thursday at 7 pm, Kaneohe Community Church of Christ. One of

our home groups reported that they will remain online. There reported that they will remain online. There has been a barrier with finding a physical space for home groups, some of the barriers are that some churches are not allowing some groups to come back since the ongoing pandemic and if so the cost of insurance that the churches were asking for was way too high. No matter what district 4 continues to keep the doors open no matter. District 4 is also planning to have our elections after the area elections so we are able to have our rotating officers to have the change to stand for area. We are also looking for a venue to have our annual holiday alkathons for Christmas and for New Years. Due to Christmas and New Year's falling on Sundays it will be difficult to use a church as a venue. District 4 will continue to discuss and look for possible alternatives.

Mahalo and thank you for letting me be in service,

Keleka K. DCM4.

Len District 7

DCM continues to reach out to points of contact and encourage their group members for service. 2 GSR's are now participating in standing committees- service to include informing both D7 and D12 at their respective district meetings, in collaborative effort in sharing information. Reading of monthly Traditions & Concepts of Service at the beginning.

District 7 continues to be fairly stable with 3-4 GSR's in regular attendance for district service. We continue to have vacancy for alternate DCM at this time. Information from area to district continues to groups via GSR's with mailings, emails, phone calls, and in person. Several GSR's commented on their new insights of general service and the importance of group inclusion with a GSR regular attending district meetings.

This DCM continues to attend meeting other than home group and make known that district is the ready and willing to support groups whether structured or not. District 7 has a handful of meetings that want to be just meetings and not registered as groups. We remember to thank the groups for their 7th tradition contributions.

Some groups have transitioned back to in person meetings as most of D7 groups added a virtual access to their meeting- some remain "hybrid."

New Webmaster for the East Hawaii AA meetings schedule. Changes have been made to facilitate easier interaction and accessibility to meetings listed on the schedule, always keeping the newcomers in mind.

Successful collaborate even with D7, D12 for Founder's Day Event at the Onekahakah Beach Park with GSC report back presentation by Delegate Kunane D., cookout (burgers, and hotdogs provided by Intergroup), games and fellowship with approximately 60 + attendees. Many members made requests for more events/activities.

Close working relationship with East Hawaii Intergroup with continued Teleservice volunteers needed

Circulating working relationships with East meets with West softball game on 10 , Sept., at Waimea Ball Park. This event will have lunch (burgers, hotdogs, to be provided by Intergroup), other potluck items, the game, a meeting, and fellowship. Bring your glove and come.

Bridgette K- DCM/District 17

Aloha,

We are trudging forward in this changing world

1. We have many meetings returning to in person but a few holding on to the virtual platform: 3rd tradition, mosquito junction, makakilo hillclimbers
2. We really enjoyed our delegates report back and had about 6-8 in attendance for his riveting report
3. Makakilo Hill Climbers who is was meeting hybrid had to return to the virtual platform.
4. Evan and I will be attending sob. 101's group conscious today to help guide them in the process of contributing to the pie, as they have funds they are asking help on what to do with them.
5. We still are without a treasurer but look forward to elections in November as we have some potential people looking for service.
6. We started a new meeting in the Kai'ulu Waianae Civic Center Shelter on Thursdays at 6:30pm. X factor did it for August and 3rd Tradition is taking it in September. Happy to help those suffering find the rooms.
7. They also got a literature rack from Bill, thank you!
8. We will be changing our district time as my new job has me working consistently late on district night so I will be moving it so I can continue to support district.

That's it mala pit!

Thanks,

In Love and Service,

Bridgette K.

Lea – DCM/ District 5

My name is Lea and I am an alcoholic and the DCM for District 5. We co-hosted the Delegate Report Back with Kihei & Tri-Isle District and had about 35 people in attendance. We found a chair for the Fall Committee Meeting and the facility, which will be the Haiku Community Center. We have 6-7 GSRs and continue to meet on the second Tuesday of Every month at 530pm in person at Pookela Church in a hybrid format. We usually have about half in person and half virtually. The Hana Group GSR has been attending virtually so that has been a plus with the hybrid format. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Theresa D-DCM/ District 12

My name is Teresa and I'm an alcoholic and the DCM for Waikiki District 10. We are still meeting 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 about 8-10 people attending our district meetings each month. We have several new meetings in Kapiolani Park, and we had two new GSR's attend district meeting - Kuku Hele Po and Solutions groups. While we have two new groups at our virtual table, we have one leaving the district. The group conscience at Bad Brains decided to move to District 1. Although we are sad to see them go, I know they will be a wonderful addition to District 1.

Solomon K., our literature distribution standing committee chair, has been hard at work to help carry the message to District 10 by placing literature in the Waikiki district. He has gotten AA literature in a couple of hotels, the library and working on the police station and other places. Solomon will also work with the Area's PI committee chair and keep the chair in the loop on what we are doing in District 10 regarding literature distribution to the public. Mary put together a virtual literature rack that can be used anywhere. D10 is supporting by offering to print flyers and easel back cards that will be used at the upcoming Hawaii convention and in areas in the Waikiki district.

District 10 is still working to revise our Structures & Guidelines and we are almost done! It's been a slow but mindful process as we are building a foundation for future panels.

District 10 will host its annual Thankathon, live and in person, at Unity Church on Nov 23 & 24. We will have 24 hours of back-to-back meetings starting at 4 pm and running through the night until Thanksgiving Day at 4 pm. We will serve Thanksgiving lunch from 11 am - 1 pm on Thanksgiving Day. We are looking for groups to host a meeting time slot. Solomon is our meeting schedule chair. Alike M is the overall Thankathon chair and can answer any questions. Look for the flyers that will be posted on the Intergroup website, Facebook groups, and the Mynah Bird.

Teresa D.
DCM District 10

Kerwin DCM/District 8
(Refer to the Hawaii Area Web for the Budget Assembly 2022 DCM Report area17aa.org)
Gina B- DCM/District 2

Since we last met in April (May for others), Malia Discussion Group held a workshop on the structure of the Area. It was a great success and hope to see more groups follow their example. District 2 held our own hybrid workshop on the three legacies and balance. It was the best experience in learning the technical side as well as forming new relationships and building unity within our community. Thank you to the Area for showing up and supporting us with the hybrid part. I know I was especially glad you were there.

District 2 now has a Structures & Guidelines in place and as the DCM, I'm eager to hand it off to the incoming Panel. Our hope is there will be no question(s) from or for our future servant leaders as we hope most of the answers will be included.

Planning for the elections assembly happening in November has already begun and most positions have been filled. If any of you would be interested in getting into service, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

We welcomed a couple of new GSR's in our district. One of which is an online group. We hope to keep the doors open for everyone who wish to be a part of this wonderful organization.

We thank you for your continued support and service!

Delores DCM 1

Cliff - DCM/District 3-

Have been making rounds of Leeward Oahu. We have very few groups that have been participating at the District level. On the other hand, we have a few healthy groups and have grown a little. The newest meeting, we have is a resurrection of 209 Big Book Study at the Radford Terrace Community Center on Friday night at 7pm. HUGS (Navy Housing –formally Hickam's Traditions) is actively meeting there at 8pm on Wednesdays.

Mahalo for letting me be in service.

Karen-DCM/District 9

"I'm Karen and I'm an alcoholic-DCM for District 9 Central and North Shore O'ahu. Participation in meetings has increased. Most of our meetings are back in person. We are discussing if we can hold our annual New Years Alcathon. We need to find a venue for that. My alternate moved away so we are looking for an alternate DCM. Thank you to everyone who helped put this assembly together. Thank you to Gina for coming and giving a budget presentation. It was great. Not only did she get ripped off but the rest of you got ripped off from having a presentation. Thank you for letting me be of service."

In love and service,
Karen
DCM 9

Lucy GSR –presented her report for Marylynn- DCM/District 11

We have resumed live/hybrid district meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Those that cannot join us live, are on speaker phone to participate. Mike joined us at our district meeting in July to present the proposed budget. Thank you for your service, The information you provided and the opportunity to ask questions gave me the ability to report to my home group for an informed group conscious to take to the budget assembly. Kunani traveled to Maui in July to present the Delegate Report Back. This live gathering was jointly hosted by Kehei District, Maui No Ka Oi, and Tri-Islands, We had an attendance of approximately 35, mahalo, Kunani. We are discussing ideas to have a live workshop in December- our one and only for Panel 71, Mahalo for the opportunity to be of service, Lucy B /GSR for Kehei Morning Serenity.

Mattie presented her report for DCM/District 13
(Refer to the Hawaii Area Web –for District 13’s report)
2:30 break

2:45: Presentation: Spirit of Rotation + Q & A
Deborah S.- did a reading on “Tradition 2” page 77 in the 12 and 12
Tradition 2 page 77 in the 12 and 12.

Comments:

Fred -Past year always trying to have an alternate or a back- up person as part of being groomed and exposed to the responsibility preparing for the spirit of rotation

Bill – the whole concept of spirit of rotation is important, over the years what he has observed is the ego takes in even if we don’t see it at first, for himself, home group is an outdoor group, during pandemic, some of home group members started the virtual meeting, then meeting is back physical, some stayed online, making mistakes is okay, still doing same position two years later, sharing his mistakes with others so that they may not make the same mistake.

Evan- it’s been a privilege to see how area works, think it’s sad that those that will not be able to participate in person at the election, because some persons still prefer virtual

Eric – easy does it, don’t need to take self so serious

Sean S- Stand for something that never stood for before... rather pick and choosing, accept whatever is next whatever that may look like

Gina- letting go, starting new staying connected

Sean F-have fun

Questions:

Bill-

#1 Assemblies (all in-person?)

A- Next Panel of officers will make the determination of whether assemblies/committee meetings will be online/ in-person/ or hybrid

#2 Online contributions for the area or not?

A- Mike open to online contributions- getting a sense of people who would be interested- observed to be more than ½
3:30 Ask It Basket/ What’s on your mind? None

Theresa entertained a motion to adjourn.

Lea 2nd the motion to adjourn.

3:45pm Meeting Adjourned – closed with the Serenity Prayer

3:45 Adjourn with the Serenity Prayer

4:00 Dinner Served.

Day 2: 8-28-22

8:00 Breakfast

8:15 Waiting Room Opens

9:03 Call to Order (Deborah S.)

Serenity Prayer

Past Delegates: Bob H. P67

Reading: Craig – Unity the 2nd Legacy From AA Comes of Age

9:04 Intergroup Chair Reports

Donny Oahu Intergroup:

- Intergroup steering committee chair expressed their gratitude for area to hear their vote
- OIG is in the process of looking for a new place, the lease is up. *
- OIG have an established finance committee- 2 members from the fellowship.
- Elections is coming up and looking to establish a whole new committee.
- intergroup is moving forward, has a new office manager-Georgette and becoming more aware and in tuned of the office, using quick book to help with the management- Oahu intergroup is moving forward.

9:10 – Kunani did presentation “Unity = “You and I,” and his experience at the GSO of how there was a lot of disunity, everyone was coming to the mic to express their passion, he also heard someone go up there saying “I will vote for it as long as it calms everyone down.” The item did not pass but the growth was significant amongst 135 members- we don’t go back to stir or create disunity in our area- we shared our personal growth and the spiritual experience. How to do we stay in unity with the fellowship? This happens in our home groups, like people getting upset cause we bought the wrong coffee cups- so they go off a start another group the unorganized organized fellowship. (Please refer to the Hawaii Area Web at area17aa.org for Kunani’s sharing on “Unity.”)

9:29- Q & A no questions

0945: Breakout Sessions Facilitated by Area Officers (GSRs, DCMs, Intergroup, Standing Committee Chairs) Topic: Unity

11:02:

Bill M- Annual Hawaii Convention Report Back

Really excited to be chairing our first in-person convention. This Tuesday, at 6:00pm is our first hybrid meeting at the Waipahu facility, 94-830 Hikimoī street, we are about to finalize the program. Some members meeting with the hotel manager at the hotel, we are at the cap and will be working on that. The committee is planning on meeting more because the AHC is right around the corner. If anyone is on waitlist we are working on the numbers. We are still looking for people that are interested in getting into service, please email Bill or leave something in the chat box .

11:08 report back on breakout sessions

Mike /Website:

Earnest talked about all of us together, working together for the greater whole. Bill M. shared- unity is bigger than all of us, mixed emotions about the decision making in the area today, it’s about going with the times and difficult with being okay with it. Karen shared- being on the same path with the same goal, fellowshiping between the area assemblies disappeared during Covid, unity is about our common welfare. Sean shared- principles need to come before personalities, traditions must come into plan, egos need to stay out.

Delore- Alt GSR:

Something Tommy said, there’s nothing worse than a misinformed alcoholic, took it to heart, agreed we all come together for the greater purpose of the common welfare, we can’t give something that we don’t have, and we need to understand unity, having the foundation, sponsorship, we learned about unity and discipline first through the steps and being guided into service through our sponsors, sometimes we hide in service to hide our face, being in service is not about saving our face, we come here and do our best transmit hope being the best we can to be a better person.

Craig- Fishpond district 4 and 9

On the topic of unity- everyone shared their experience- first speaker laid out 3 things, we come together, we learn together and listen. Key elements kept coming up, we carry the message, common welfare, coming together, how does that manifest itself, we need the forum to come together, also understand we need accessibility, whether online or in person, in coming together also mean people need to be in service in order to be in unity- need to be humble right size enough to listen, whether it is a newcomer, long timer, we can all learn, the final, with communication, be respectful, look for the similarities not the difference, we have a common bond and that is what holds us together, step/tradition both have the same solution and that is higher power

Stacy: Unity or disunity, no matter what we show up and representative what we represent, we have that opportunity to learn or wanting to learn, all inclusive, not exclusive. Service, helping another, for me it started with the home group- starting with reading the literature “Home Group, Where it all Begins, “ the meeting after the meetings, the meeting before the meeting- coming to an unanimity.

Eric: Mauka/Makai- discussion on unity each got to share and their experience, starting with the homegroup, service helped her to get to meetings which made her feel the unity and this has helped her to trickle into her life, together we stand together we fall and during the pandemic how unity shined that meetings was needed at the time and seeing people staying sober during this time, Lucy- talked about UNI first 3 letters in the word, never was a follower –being in service- experienced unity in the fellowship- during one of our votes she was able to change her mind on a vote through the unity of the group – Eric- want to stay home isolate but being in service allowed him to be a part of a larger whole.

Kaleka – DCM /Intergroup

12 in the group- thought about the human body- all function has its own purpose but they work together- follow tradition 1 and step 1- swallowing the pride- putting my hand into your hand- can’t do it by myself. Theresa talked about acceptance, comraderies with deep friendship and support. Donnie talked about how do the group go through problems y swallowing selfishness and self-centeredness in order to practice unity. Following tradition one and Step 1 2. Gina- unity doesn’t necessarily mean we have to agree, accepting the group conscious even though my opinion may not agree, that is still unity. Nicole- putting my hand in our hand cause I can’t do it by myself, spoke about geese flying in a V-formation, flying in V-together helps them to glide through the air without having to flap their wings so much, Karen- the importance and the process of the group conscious in order to let unity take place. Kunani- open heart, open mind, having an open mic session allow unity by letting everyone to share their view, opinions and ideas. Len- Unity allows us to be a part of something. I get to take something away from when I play for

the willingness, with unity I get to be a part of something beyond my prayers. Kerwin- what does disunity look like? How things are going to be or being done. What are we doing to keep our primary purpose, how does effect the newcomer and what is my part. Allowing voices of the group conscious, How am practicing unity, am I being part of disunity. Cliff – First experience was being of service, making coffee, going to meetings the meeting after the meeting, Taking suggestions and finding the pack, talking with the pack on things and the pack would keep working on it till it gets done.

Note from the secretary: there were a few more groups, however I did not receive the report through the email

11:35 open mike at this time sharing on unity

D-ann /GSR- Shared this is her first live assembly on Oahu- and gave an example on her past experience, where people flew in to attend at this sharing session that she went to and made food for people to come.

Karen- It's important that there is communication- structure and guidelines

Jim- shared experience with unity and read something from the big book –

11: 48 Lunch

12:46 back from lunch opened with the Serenity Prayer

12:48 Deborah S.: Sharing Session: Passing the Baton happens way before 12-31-22, stepping out of the positions currently in-walking someone through the process, informing of the area websites, intergroup website, passing on information, experience, training the replacement.

Dustin: Shared his experience with getting into service-leading by example and encourages

Tommy: Passing the Baton is important, we all know that it is wonderful, I have learned that this is healthy, expect to go to a few district meetings, it's how we pass our service and keep your district strong- and when you get the position, help them out, stick around, share what you are doing, an informed group is a health group

Kunani: Pass the baton thing, raised in service, raise your hand if you qualify, God will put you wherever he sees fit not where we think we belong- reaching out and asking for help, guidance, peoples experience, strength and hope, I don't do this alone. You have experience, strength as a GSR, we are responsible for staying available and stand for service whether it's here in the area or in home group, where that may be.

Eric: Passing the baton, as GSR was given the GSR handbook, once in service- we write a report with our experience, how did we do our service, what went well and what could be better. Things are changing and when I pass the baton, will be experiencing

Karen- when first moved to Hawaii, the first service position was coffee maker, my initial thoughts was I got 10 year's sobriety and this is for the 30 day people, as far as area position, I suggestion if had the qualification stand and stay. Some of the most exciting things happen at elections, don't think that someone else is going to get it, you never know.

Lucy- Got a call last December 20, 2021, was asked to stand for GSR and was told she would get help, end of the panel, got on the plane to come here, I was not ready to pass this on, other GSR's shared their experience, felt like I did not have any of that everything was on zoom, thinking about passing the baton but I am not ready to pass the baton, thinking how can I get into service thinking about of my home group- but if I don't get out of the way, the next personal will not get to experience this, what do I get to bring back to my home group- not about what I did not get, I am going to share my GSR experienced to the next GSR-most on line

Karen: being a past DCM was so helpful for me, so I am going to do the same for the next DCM- past DCM always would remind me that I am not doing this alone- it would be my hope to passing it on.

Sean Treatment: Been in area service for 4 years – this is the first full position I have served- got a bin, going back to panel 65- it matters how this transition going to go- all should be willing to stand for treatment & accessibilities- I will be there, will never have the opportunity if you don't stand- we may not be able to do all the positions but we are willing-purpose carry the message the best way I can.

Jeannie: over 6 years ago, was told to get into treatment resistant too political- someone told me that I was a GSR- asked what is that and they told me you are it- once someone, alt chair helped her to understand the tradition, so grateful to be a part of this whole thing and if you are thinking about standing- have not died from fear yet, I shake a lot when I speak and it's okay and come to terms with that.

1:23 What's on your mind/Ask it Basket

Scotty: Thank you for this experience in the past 2 days, a lot time I would think what happens at this, saw the principles of the people here over the weekend- it sparked my curiosity- this experience made me want to get more into service

Mike: t's been a pleasure and opportunity pass- how we accurate-

Deborah S: Communication through the structure- Waianae shelter having a need- literature –to start with information- it came to pass – at this time- there is a meeting going at this time-

What to take back:

- Approve budget for 2023 –approved passed
- Treatment proposal –passed (Original states- I propose Standing Treatment Chair- to change to Treatment and Accessibility Chair- title changed – in addition amend area 17 structure to mimic aa structure and guidelines
- Orientation assembly D8 January 21-22, 2023 Kona District 8
- 2026 PRAASSA hosted by Hawaii

3:15 Adjourn with the Declaration of Unity

We need to vacate the property at 5 pm. Please stay to help put away tables and chairs. Thank you in advance for your service