

Treasurer's Report
Hawaii Area Committee Meeting, February 21, 2021

Hawai`i Area
7th Tradition Contributions
Make check payable to and mail to

Hawaii Area Committee
PO Box 1413
Honolulu, HI 96806

*Please include your Group Name
and District Name or Number.
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For General Service Office
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General Service Office
Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163
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on the check.)*

As of February 19, 2021, the Hawai`i Area Committee Finances are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$ 43,763.01
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$ 916.45
Reserve for International Convention	\$ 2,329.89
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.80
Total Cash in Bank	\$ 52,009.35
Contributions	\$ 3,247.18
<u>- Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 3,093.30</u>
Net Income/Loss	\$ +153.88
Hawaiian Miles available	146,102

Good News! Hawai`i Area 17 is in good shape financially. Contributions received so far this year are \$3,247, compared to \$6,232 at this time last year. Our expenses are also way down due to meeting online instead of in-person: \$3,093 compared to \$9,719 at the Committee meeting in 2020. Historically, we spend a lot of our money early in the year because there are two assemblies, a committee meeting, PRAASA, and the General Service Conference early in the year. The contributions keep coming in while our expenses are much lower later in the year.

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According to the A.A. Service Manual, "The treasurer keeps financial records for the area and reports regularly to the assembly. In most cases, the treasurer is responsible for encouraging contribution support for area and G.S.O. services." ¹ I believe the best way to encourage contributions is to let people know their contributions are appreciated and to inform people how their monetary contributions are helping to carry the AA message of recovery.

So far this year, **your Seventh Tradition contributions** to the Hawai'i Area allowed us to make the minimum required contribution to the General Service Office for our Delegate's attendance at the General Service Conference. It will be held on a virtual platform, saving our area the additional expenses for airfare, hotel and meals. **Your Seventh Tradition contributions** paid for the Area Orientation Assembly and this Committee meeting expenses like printing and mailing the Panel 71 version of the *Structures and Guidelines* handbook. **Your Seventh Tradition contributions** paid for literature and postage for the Treatment Facilities service committee to get literature to two locations. **Your Seventh Tradition contributions** paid for the storage of the area archives and allowed us to put aside money for replacing area computers and towards sending our Delegate to the International Convention in 2025. Please see the Budget Vs Actual Report for exact amounts.

In addition to the monetary contributions, your person-to-person contact helps make sure that A.A. will continue to be available to those who need and want help to stop drinking. I really liked the little notes and thank you cards that I received with group contributions, thanking Hawai'i Area for the service work we do. So I am passing on that "Thank you" to all of you.

The General Service Office had to close its doors on March 20, 2020 and the staff went to work from home. A majority of A.A. groups had to stop meeting in person. Many Intergroups also had to close their doors. Group contributions and book and literature sales dropped steeply. The General Service Board drew down money from the Prudent Reserve so the vital work of A.A. to carry the message to still-suffering alcoholics could continue. Instead of having one year's expenses in the reserve fund, it dropped to about 9.1 months. It could have been much worse, but once informed of the need, A.A. groups and individuals were able to increase their contributions. Some of the things that contributions to the General Service Office make possible: coordination of translations of the Big Book – now in 70 languages, and other A.A. literature has been translated into over 90 languages. Each year General Service Office staff responds to over 90,000 emails, letters, and phone calls, providing accurate and consistent information about A.A. So, your contributions to the General Service Office really help to make sure Alcoholics Anonymous continues to be there to help the next alcoholic. Thank you for supporting Hawai'i Area and the General Service Office. - Mike L., Treasurer Area 17 Panel 71

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