

Hawaii Area 17 Budget Assembly
September 9 & 10, 2023
Hosted by Waikiki District 10, Oahu
September 9, 2023
Saturday Assembly Minutes

8:00 Registration and Breakfast

9:02 Call to Order:

- Serenity Prayer
 - Host DCM Announcements
 - Reading: Concept XII: Warranty Two: "Sufficient operating funds..." (pg. C5o red A.A. Service Manual)
 - Introduction of Past Delegates – Ken K. Past Delegate
 - A.A. Birthdays
 - Voting Member: New to an assembly?
 - Establish a Quorum Sean F.
- 40 Quorum, Simple Majority 41, 2/3-53 (which is for the budget proposal)**

9:20 Area Officers Reports:

- **Secretary:** Keleka K.

Recording Secretary

Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73 Panel Summary Report:

Aloha Hawaii Area 17,

My name is Keleka K., and I am a recovering Alcoholic, Hang loose is my home group, and it is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Recording Secretary for Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73. Mahalo Nui to Waikiki District 10 for hosting the Budget Assembly.

My Duties in accordance with the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service are:

2.11 Recording Secretary's Duties The recording secretary should:

- A. Read and adhere to the secretary's duties outlined in the A.A. Service Manual.
- B. Record the minutes of all area meetings.
- C. Distribute the minutes no later than ten (10) days after each area meeting to all
- D.C.M.s, standing committee and intergroup chairs, and area officers.

- D. Assist the area chair to publish an agenda thirty (30) days before each assembly or committee meeting.
- E. Keep available all current area records.
- F. Perform such other duties deemed necessary by the area assembly.
- G. Appoint the area’s standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers.
- H. Send copies of approved area minutes to the Conference Coordinator at G.S.O.

As your Area Secretary my goal is to continue to make sure that I record each breakout group, DCM, Area Officer, Intergroup and Subcommittee report accurately and clearly. Therefore, I continue to ask for your support and ask that each report is typed out, in black and white, and emailed to Secretary@area17aa.org no later than the following Wednesday after each assembly and committee meeting in order to complete and meet the 10-day deadline.

Again, Mahalo Nui Loa for understanding and allowing me to be of service,

Keleka K.
Area Secretary

Stacey L. motion to accept ITD Meeting minutes, Matty 2nd, Motion passed.

- **Treasurer:** Sean C.

Treasurer’s Report Budget Assembly September 9th & 10th 2023

Big Mahalo to District 10 Waikiki for hosting us this weekend! It has been a while and it is awesome to see everyone. I do apologize for the delay in getting group contribution checks processed, we will work together to get them more quickly from the PO Box to the treasurer.

As of August 27th, 2023, the Hawai`i Area Committee Finances are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$39,993.92
Reserve for Computer Equipment	423.25
Reserve for International Convention	2,529.89
Prudent Reserve	5,005.60
PRAASA 2026 Reserve Fund (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly)	20,337.01
Total Cash in Bank	\$68,289.67
Contributions	\$22,778.53
Interest Income	1.87
Expenses	(31,951.24)
Net Income	(\$9,170.84)

Our 2023 expenses, by Priority of spending as of August 27th:

- 1) Delegate Expenses: \$11,141.81
- 2) Area Assembles and Committee Meetings: \$ 9,080.50
- 3) Area Standing Service Committees: \$ 1,674.48
- 4) Area Operating Expenses: \$5,117.13
- 5) Service Events: \$4,937.32.

You can see by the increase in the PRAASA Reserve Fund that we have received over \$10,000 from the last PRAASA, and I for one am getting excited about hosting it in 2026!

As of August 27th, we have received \$2,898.80 in online contributions so far, and paid \$70.44 in transaction fees equaling 2.44%.

Great news, the Hawaiian Airlines Affiliate Program is finally back up and we have 153,725 Hawaiian Airlines Miles, which is less than earlier this year, so some have expired so am working on using them up. Access the program from our website from the Air Travel Information link at the top of homepage. Please be sure to use it to book your flights. You can use this for any flights you book with Hawaiian Airlines, and you will save 5% on flight to the mainland! You will still be able to use your Hawaiian Miles Number and get credited as well.

And a reminder that when mailing in a contribution the three most important things to include on check or money order are:

- 1) *Make check or money order payable to Hawaii Area Committee.*
- 2) *Include Group Name or anonymous if individual contribution.*
- 3) *Include District Number, not Group Number even for individual contribution.*

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve!

In Gratitude, Sean C, Treasurer, Hawai'i Area 17 Panel 73

<p>Hawai'i Area 17 7th Tradition Contributions Make check or money order payable to Hawaii Area Committee and mail to:</p> <p>Hawaii Area Committee PO Box 1413 Honolulu, HI 96806</p> <p>Please include your</p>	<p>General Service Office (GSO) Contributions: https://contribution.aa.org or make check payable to the General Service Board and mail to</p> <p>General Service Office PO Box 2407 James A Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407</p> <p><i>(Please write your group number on check)</i></p>
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<p>Group Name and District Number.</p> <p>Email receipts available by request, please include email address.</p>	
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Stacey L. motion to accept, Julie 2nd, 80 members voting motion passed.

- Registrar: Sean F.

Hawaii Area 17

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service

Date: 09/09/2023

Person reporting and position: Sean Fox, Registrar

Duties:

The duties of the registrar have evolved with the implementation of Fellowship Connection. Registrars often are a crucial first point of contact for A.A. groups and trusted servant's data. Although the registrar's duties will vary by area, the need for accurate information and clear communication is the foundation of this role. Other duties may include:

- Develops and maintains records of all groups in the area, including group name, meeting location, and GSR or group contact
- Works with trusted servants to maintain accurate and up-to-date names, addresses, email, addresses, and phone numbers of the GSRs, DCMs, district and area officers, and area committee members
- Works locally with delegates and DCMs on verifying the accuracy of the data submitted and wherever necessary following up communication for corrections
- Works with the G.S.O. Operations department in keeping area information up to date
- Notify area committee members of upcoming area meetings
- Register all voting members at area assemblies and determine a quorum
- When voting, determine whether a motion is accepted or defeated
- Perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be deemed necessary by the area assembly.
- Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers

In a continued effort to keep our Area updated, I have been working diligently to ensure the information received by GSO is up to date and current. I have been working thoroughly with Member Services to make necessary corrective actions regarding our district counts. In July, the Delegate and I received a memo regarding the "Unknown Group Status". Together, with DCM's, we have managed to get our count in that

category down to 7 (we had 46 at the time of the Memo being received). The deadline for our first progress report is September 29th, we plan to be at ZERO by that time. Mahalo for all the assistance provided. Deborah L. and I have set a plan in place to train each Assembly hosting district on best practices and Q&A. We look forward to meeting with Hilo/Hamakua District 7, Mark N. and team, to continue this best practice. Finally, we appreciate the allotted time given by our Area Chair, Jeannie, to allow us all to get registered for the upcoming Inventory Assembly. These continued best practices will certainly ensure our smooth operations and much needed assistance for the Host District and its committees.

- Alternate Chair: Deborah L.

Deborah L.
Alternate Chair
Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73 Panel Committee Report
9-09-23

Aloha Hawaii Area 17,
My name is Deborah L., grateful Alcoholic, my home group is X-Factah located District 3, Waipahu. It is a privilege and honor to be serving as your Alternate Chair for Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73. Thank you, District 10 for hosting this Area 17's Budget Assembly, all the members who stepped helped make this happen and to my fellow Area Officers for your support.

My Duties in accordance with the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service

are:

7. 2.9

A. Perform the duties of the area chair in their absence.

B. Arrange meeting places and hospitality for all Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings.

C. Serve as member on the finance committee.

D. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii State Convention Steering Committee.

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.

Since our Orientation Assembly I have done the following:

- On behalf of our Area Chair, I have been attending the Oahu Intergroup monthly meetings since we last met, every 2nd Wednesday of the month and I am learning more about how they operate and what they are when it comes to fellowship, unity and inclusivity.

- I have been maintaining contact with Francis, DCM10, and the chairs for transportation and homestay for this Budget Assembly.
- I have been attending and participating in the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee Meeting monthly and I am looking forward to being in service at the convention. This is my first time, so I am remaining open as to whatever help my fellow men and women will need for me to do at this convention.
- I have attended the Public Information committee meeting virtually and I thank Kimo, Standing Committee Chair, Public Information, for inviting me to sit in and participate.
- I met several times, virtually with the Finance Committee and was able to meet with District 3, District 9, and District 17 at their district meetings giving me the opportunity to present the 2024 Budget Proposal using Sean C's treasurers' narrative as a guide.
- We are having our Area Committee Meeting on 11-04-23, to be hosted by District 17, Waianae- again as a reminder, this is 1-day area business meeting, GSR's do not need to attend, everyone else and that includes Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and District Committee Members, whether you're on island or from our neighboring islands, must register online.
- I am keeping in contact with DCM 17, Sarah and DCM 7 Mark for the upcoming Committee Meeting on November 4, 23 and the upcoming Area Inventory Assembly, January 20-21st, 2024, and will be contacting Autumn, DCM9 and Jason, DCM2.

In closing:

No words can express my gratitude, when it comes to my personal growth, my duties to my fellow members, and to those that are yet to come, we each have a part in this world of Alcoholics Anonymous, it takes dedication and commitment, thank you all for being responsible today. I can relate to a past delegates report I read in 1985-1986 edition of The A.A. Service Manual that read "My AA experience taught (for me is teaching me) me in varying degrees the meaning of tolerance, patience, love over of my fellowman (and women) and humility.

Mahalo for letting me be of service.

Deborah L./ Alternate Chair, Hawaii Area 17 P73

- Chair: Jeannie G.

Chair Report / Jeannie G
Budget Assembly
Hawaii Area 17 / Panel 73
September 9, 2023

Aloha Everyone,

My name is Jeannie G., and I am an alcoholic. My home group is Waikoloa Night Owls on the Big Island, and I am honored to serve as your Hawaii Area 17 Chair. Thank you

to our Panel 73 officers for facilitating today, and thank you, Francis, DCM for Waikiki District 10, and his district members for hosting today.

I'm pleased to be here and delighted to see some of our Maui friends with us. The loss Lahaina has suffered is beyond words. I can speak for us all when I say our hearts go out to you and that we will stand by your side while Lahaina rebuilds over the coming days, months, and maybe years. Learning that many of our home group meeting locations were lost is heartbreaking. Still, Mattie, the DCM for Tri-Island, who is here today, and his district members moved quickly to establish a safe location where the suffering alcoholic can attend meetings. In his DCM report, Mattie will no doubt provide specifics on that.

With all that said, we must move forward to the business at hand...

My duties, as outlined in the Structure and Guidelines for Hawaii Area 17 General Service, section 2.8 are as follows:

Area Chair's Duties: The area chair should:

- A. Read and adhere to the area chair's duties outlined in the A.A. Service Manual: *Consult with the area committee before setting the date and time of assemblies. Make sure members of the area assembly are notified about the dates and times of assemblies. Consult with officers and committee members on the program/agenda. Keep the delegate informed about what is going on in the area. Make sure that committee members are aware of what goes on in world services.*
- B. Conduct all committee meetings: *In 2023-2024, Panel 73, I am to chair six assemblies and four committee meetings, plus two additional optional assemblies and two additional optional committee meetings, usually held in October or November when the area committee deems it necessary.*
- C. Publish and present an agenda thirty (30) days before each committee meeting and assembly. *The agenda for today was published 19 days ago on the area website. We had several items come up that needed discussion and answers, contributing to the delay.*
- D. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers. *The committee chairs were appointed and confirmed at the beginning of the panel. Currently, Kerwin, our Website Chair is no longer able to serve in this capacity therefore I am again announcing the vacancy for our Hawaii Area 17 Website Chair. We're asking all interested candidates to submit their names to be considered for this service position.*

To stand for this commitment:

- *Please read the responsibilities: Section 3, of the Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service Panel 73, Ver 73.0, pgs. 4-5 & Appendix D1- 2.*
- *Submit information to chair@area17aa.org:*
 - *(Your/Their) service experience.*
 - *A short statement of your/their willingness to serve as Website chair.*
 - *Deadline: On or before January 5th, 2023.*
- *The new appointee will be recommended to the assembly for confirmation at the Inventory Assembly in January.*
- *Questions: Contact Jeannie G. Area Chair at chair@area17aa.org.*
- *DCMs, please pass on this information to your GSRs/district contact list and announce at your homegroup and other meetings you attend.*

E. Serve as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup when invited. Deborah L, our area Alt Chair, attends in my place since I live here on the Big Island. I serve as a voting member of the West Hawaii Central Office and attend West Hawaii District 8 business meetings as a resource.

Once more, I am excited to spend time with you all, and more than ever, there is a great sense of community in Hawaii, just as there is in AA. Unity in A.A. fosters a sense of belonging and encourages members to work together towards our shared goal of sobriety.

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

Jeannie G
Area17 Chair

10:08 Delegate Report: Tommy G.

***Please see Area Website (area17aa.org) for Delegate Report**

10:35 Break

10:55 Meeting Resumed- Opened with the Serenity Prayer

10:45 Guidelines for Discussion and Voting: Read by Mathea A. IG-Kauai

11:03 2024 Hawaii Area 17 Proposed Budget Presentation and Revised Budget Narrative: Sean C., & Finance Committee.

***See Area Website (area17aa.org) for full Proposed Budget and the Revised Budget Narrative.**

2/3 Vote is 53: Mathea A. Motion to accept Mike L. 2nd. Open Discussion 70 Yay, 1 Nay motion passed.

11:45 Annual Hawaii Convention: Revision to the Hawaii Area 17 Structures & Guidelines, Appendix C: Kawika K., Annual Hawaii Convention Chair

***Please see area website (area17aa.org) for Appendix C Annual Hawai'i Convention Steering Committee Guidelines.**

11:52 Report back from Maui (regarding Maui Fire): Matty M. DCM 13 & Blake GSR, Lisa R. GSR, Liz M. GSR, Robert GSR.

12:10 Host announcements and DCM 7 announcements.

12:11 Lunch: (Finance Committee Meets)

1:12 Roundtables: Orientation for new GSRs with Alt Delegate, Deborah S., Returning GSRs, DCMs, IG/CO Chairs & SCCs meet.

2:00 Report: Area Standing Committee Chairs (5 Minutes)

- **Public Information PI** – Kimo N.

The Structure and Guidelines for Area 17 General Services states 3.7 (I) the duties of the Public Information Chair are responsible for creating an understanding and preventing misunderstanding of the AA program through the media, electronic media, PI meetings and speaking in the community groups.

The PI committee holds our meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We discuss ways of getting the message out in the community that Alcoholic Anonymous may help the next suffering alcoholic. So, we discussed putting message signs on public transportation like the bus. Maybe having some bumper sticker that says if you think you have an alcohol problem call this number to ask questions about asking for help for the suffering alcoholic, maybe making a QR code.

I found out that we cannot put AA pamphlets in the hospital at this time. I invited two members from two groups in Oahu to join our PI meeting who are doing public information work, Shay from Malia discussion and Cathy from Ala Moana Bonfire meeting to attend the monthly PI meeting. At this meeting on the 3rd Saturday August 19, 2023, we discussed more ways of getting the message out to the suffering alcoholic like taking part in fairs like a senior fair or hotel fair to maybe have pamphlets available to read.

I encourage the district PI chair to attend the Area PI meeting. Kathy from the Ala Moana Bonfire meeting attended our monthly PI meeting. Currently putting message signs on the bus and bumper stickers is being worked on. The committee also has been writing letters to schools, hospitals and public groups to do presentations. The PI committee is finding ways to get the message out to help the suffering alcoholics. Here on Maui, I have talk to the bus company to put a message on the bus like if you have a drinking problem, please call XXX-XXX-XXXX. Also, the bumper sticker can say the same

thing. In closing I would like to thank the area committee for letting me serve as your PI chair.

Love and service,
Kimo N. -PI Chair

- **Grapevine** – Karen N.

Mahalo to District 10 for hosting this assembly.

The duty of the Grapevine Committee is to keep the fellowship informed about the many benefits of a Grapevine subscription. The Grapevine can be thought of as a snapshot of the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Grapevine is available in both printed and digital formats.

Since our last Area Committee meeting, I attended a Zoom meeting for all Grapevine Chairs. The main topic of discussion was the new Grapevine App. We were given an opportunity to test it out and report any glitches in the system before the formal roll out.

The Grapevine App is now available both for I-phones and Android phones. The basic app is free, but for an additional charge of \$29.99/year or \$2.99/month full access to the Digital Grapevine and Grapevine Archive is available. I have been “playing” with it for a few days and have found it to be quite user friendly – and I am not particularly an “app user”. It is useful to have everything in one place – podcast, sobriety calendar, daily quotes, store, etc.

I have been sending the members of my committee the monthly Grapevine Newsletter and hope that they are sharing it with others.

The Grapevine is always looking for stories. The current requests are:

1. Favorite Big Book Stories or memories – what are your favorite passages and chapters and why? Deadline is October 15.
2. Why do you love the Grapevine – was there a story that once helped you? How did being a Grapevine Rep help your sobriety? Deadline is December 15.

One of the things that I learned at the presentations that I have attended is that the stories do not have to be perfect when submitted. The Grapevine editors will use their editing skills to make stories print ready. The important thing is to submit your story sharing your experience, strength and hope.

The next meeting for Area Grapevine chairs will be in a couple of weeks. I may or may not be able to attend, but the meetings are always recorded for future reference.

Mahalo for letting me be of service.
Karen N. Panel 73 Grapevine Standing Committee Chair

- **Corrections – Mike L.**

Per our Hawaii Area Structures and Guidelines, the Corrections Committee coordinates the service work to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who is confined in a correctional facility.

We had virtual meetings monthly. I missed two months due to travel (May and June.) We are inviting not only the GSR members assigned to the Corrections meeting, but also those AAs who are going into the correctional facilities. We share about what is happening on each island, who needs help, and what is working well. We meet virtually on the First Monday of every month at 4:30 – 5:30 PM. Meeting code: 820 8005 1814; Pass code: 566 874.

For those of you who are interested, September is “Recovery Month” and the people in custody at a correctional facility are presenting a virtual AA meeting every Tuesday and Thursday in September at 11 AM HST. Meeting code: 841 1036 5604; Pass Code: 223 531.

There is also an International Corrections Meeting of AA online. The first and last Sunday of each month is at 12 noon HST currently (1 PM in the winter.) The other Sundays in the month, the meeting is at 5 AM HST (6 AM when daylight savings time ends.) Same meeting information as Recovery Month meetings: Meeting code: 841 1036 5604; Pass Code: 223 531.

I have flyers for the A.A. Corrections Pre-Release Contact Information Program. There is one flyer for AAs on the INSIDE within 6 months of scheduled release and another for those AA Members on the OUTSIDE who would be willing to help get them connected with AA as soon as possible after returning to the community.

Please contact me with any questions or suggestions for the Corrections Committee.
Thank you for letting me be of service. – Mike L.

- **Cooperation with the Professional Community CPC – Liz D.**

CPC Workshop: Traditions as it Relates to CPC
DATE: Saturday September 30, 2023
TIME: 9am-10am
PLACE: Virtual Platform (see flier for ID and password)
Speakers: Deborah S. and Ann Freed
Cast: CPC Committee

- **Cooperation with the Elderly Community – Katherine W.**

Cooperation with the Elder Community Chair Report

Aloha ka kou,

I'm Catherine, Alcoholic

Mahalo to the area committee for allowing me to serve as Chair of the CEC committee. I want to thank Alcoholics Anonymous for a very full and productive life. I'd also like to apologize to this assembly for not being able to attend the last assembly and committee meeting due to the obligations and blessings of that life. A work trip and the graduation of my youngest son.

I also want to assure the assembly that the work of the committee has not suffered. Since the beginning of this panel, the CEC committee has met on a regular monthly on-line check-in zoom meeting to discuss our progress and challenges.

After PRASAA, which I did not get to attend, I was contacted by a new friend, David F. from Area 57 in Oregon who heard about the work of the CEC committee and was interested in how his Area Accessibilities Committee could benefit from our experience in reaching out to the older alcoholic. We were able to share resources and exchange ideas with them. It was a wonderful example of God's will at work through others.

The committee is currently working on a project that was suggested by Mary N., the past chair. We are creating a comprehensive list of facilities that deal with the senior population on each Island and/or district as our population dictates. (Oahu will need to be divided by district) We have had consistent participation from most of our members. The list is coming along and should be a lasting resource for this committee in the future. One committee member, Robert M, suggested that we include a contact name and number wherever possible.

District 8 in West Hawaii has a very active CEC Chair, Karen M, who has gone out into the community and made lasting relationships with folks from the "Office of Aging", "The Veterans Administration" and various county offices including the fire department to create contacts and make our literature available to them as our senior population is increasing, and we want to make sure that those professionals who may encounter someone with a drinking problem have access to the right information for these folks and their families.

Lastly, I had the opportunity to participate in a workshop that was held by District 8 and presented on the various Committees at Area level and was able to make acquaintance with the District 7 DCM who then joined our last on-line committee meeting, Mark and Julie, DCM Dist. 12, from East Hawaii, Hilo and Puna Districts who also have an enthusiastic member of their service structure that would like to create an event for the senior population. They have agreed to join forces to have an AA workshop similar to Dist. 8's after the first of the year and have invited myself and Karen to participate and present on the CEC committee. It will be very interesting to see how God uses this to continue to spread the message of recovery to the sick and suffering senior alcoholic. More will be revealed.

In love and Service

Catherine W.

- **Treatment and Accessibilities** – Christie N.

Aloha,

Christi alcoholic. Mahalo to all in service this weekend. Since our last assembly a few new things have happened. We have been able to connect with Queens hospital trauma team to have individuals come and speak to people on their floor. Mahalo Kelly R. for all of your help in getting this done. We assisted Ryse with books for a meeting they started. Our committee is also working on getting a meeting started in Waianae at the homeless shelter that is run by U.S. Vets. A member donated ASL videos to us. If you know anyone in need, feel free to contact me. If you know any facilities or individuals in need of our services, feel free to reach out to me at treatment@area17aa.org

In love and service
Christi N

- **Mynah Bird** – Mary

The September issue was posted on the area website last week and all DCMs notified. You can always scroll to the bottom of the home page to access back issues.

Perhaps a controversial topic- well live your feedback!

The chair made a bad assumption about the agenda for this weekend, had previously given the committee an assignment that we won't be able to discuss; she sent her appreciation to the committee members in attendance. The team will restart regular monthly meetings this month, so the advance work won't be wasted!

Upcoming issues are November and January

Your ideas are welcome examples if "heard at a meeting", "what is your favorite online group", etc.

With warm aloha,
Mary
SCC Mynah Bird

Mynahbird@area17aa.org

- **Archives** – Gina B.

As usual, we are continuing our efforts to gather information for the Archives.

A couple weeks ago, Sean and I paid a visit to the storage room and brought out a few boards for display, which you see in the back. I've also added a new piece of history in the book on how the pandemic affected area 17 (the state of Hawaii).

Although we haven't set a date yet for our Kupuna Day event, know it's in the possible future. We will be working on the how to's and where at's.... It all depends on money and if there's enough to host such an event.

I've also been working on an Archives website where all the archives can be digitally posted and will be linked from the Area Website. Still trying to find out how much it will cost and how it can be done. So, stay tuned.

If you've ever visited the tab for Archives, you'll notice that the years 2003-2007 are missing. I've since scanned those documents and emailed them on June 12, 2023, to the webmaster(s). We are hoping they will be uploaded soon.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service and remember.... Archives is "Sexy"!

Gina B., SCC Archives

- **Annual Hawaii Convention AHC – Kawika K.**

3:01 Break meeting resumed 3:15

3:15 Roundtable Report Backs: GSRs, DCMs, IG/CO Chairs, YPAAS, SCC (5 Minutes)

- **Donny K. – (IG/CO) Helping Sasha who is new at IG Chair for West Hawaii.**

***No Report Submitted**

- **Eric V. – (DCMs) Getting homegroup members into service.**

How do we encourage Participation at district level?

Showing GSR is fun. Vitally important Food Engagement and sharing experiences asking other thoughts. Fellowship and service sponsorship Share at end of meeting as related announcements. Constantly thinking of others. Workshop inside AA and have food and information. District service getting rid of self. The spirit of rotation Self-sacrifice in work is where we grow spiritually. Starting at home groups. Power of invitation. Bring them into the circle. Needs to be transparent Personally invite people to elections. Attraction not promotion. "You would be good at this." Listen when they share how they can best service in committees.

How are we applying traditions at district level?

Service sponsor Read traditions at each district business meeting and digest topic and share in detail. Education gets people to read traditions and concepts. Read traditions all in a row. Work the traditions. Start meetings with 12 traditions? Reading long form of traditions. Read the book and call a sponsor. Participation around tradition. Be calm, Inform and educate. Give examples of how traditions work. Apply traditions when necessary. They were created out of experience. Can I tangibly apply them. Can I

express traditions loving and tolerant. Traditions are about unity. Understanding we are self-supporting through are groups so we can carry the message. The only message is to carry the message to the next alcoholic. Can we apply traditions when groups need them? Divinely inspired? Traditions workshops? Traditions are here to save AA Host two workshops a year. 1st workshop 1-6 2nd workshop is 7-12. Make it super fun. If I see anyone go against tradition, I will kindly pull them aside and inform them.

- **Marianne F. – (GSR I) Getting homegroup members into service.**

GSR Breakout Group Notes

Meeting start: 1:20pm, Sept. 9, 2023

Marianne is Chair

Stacy, GSR, X Facta, Waipahu
Marianne, GSR, Night Owls, Waikoloa
Keleka, Area Secretary
Scotty, Alternate GSR, Malia Discussion
Griffin, GSR, Misfits, Kailua
Reed, GSR, The Cottage
Mike, GSR, Hawa'awa'a
Danielle, GSR, Kahana Sober Wahines
Kelly, GSR, Waimea Wahines

GSR Breakout Group Notes

Summary

Problems in Homegroups

- Lack of service participation by homegroup members.
- Homegroup Group Conscience and Business meetings can be more efficient / take less time.

Solutions

- Lack of service participation by homegroup members
- Share about the benefits of area service when you share at meetings.
- It's fun.
- It keeps AA going so it works to help others get sober like it helped us.
- To give back
- It keeps us sober.
- Learn important life skills, business, and organizational leadership skills.
- You get to travel.
- The camaraderie and fellowship are unreal.
- Get area service members to share (and share about the benefits of area service) when your secretary for your meeting and finding speakers.
- Encourage / invite homegroup members to go to retreats.
- Make sharing the benefits of area service and encouraging it a priority for your

- sponsees.
- Volunteer homegroup members for the positions without their consent, they'll love it! (This is a joke—kind of...)

Homegroup Group Conscience and Business meetings can be more efficient / take less time.

- Be proactive and bring these things up during group conscience or business meetings, make motions.
- If you're in a leadership position, use it as an opportunity to practice effective leadership.
- skills and maintain the integrity of the meeting structure and serve the members and the group.
- Be assertive.
- The homegroup group conscience secretary (the GSR), their leadership is critical to ensure these types of things are heard and acted upon during the meeting.
- Homegroup members, remember to communicate with each other to keep each other informed about group conscience and business issues prior to those meetings.

Problems in groups

- Problem: Lack of service participation from homegroup members (Stacy, GSR, X FACTA)
- Stacy - homegroup members not stepping up for service positions.
- Marianne - how to explain to other AA members how "fun" GSR type service is.
- Keleka (possible solutions) - sponsors can make service attractive to their sponsees.
- Kelly (possible solution) - learned about the attractiveness of service from what she heard at a retreat.
- Shannon (Offers solutions)
- Having a service position in a meeting makes her feel more like a part of that meeting, like that's "her meeting."
- Making a point to talk about service in a positive way in shares at meetings helps spread the word and get people involved in service.
- Danniele talked about being voluntold to be GSR and it turned out to be a great thing for her. She loves being in service. Says area service 100% keeps her sober.
- Griffin (Offers Solution) - Proactively ask area service members to share when finder speakers for meeting as a way to spread the word about the benefits of area service.
- Reed - it's difficult because a lot of people just don't want to do the extra work.
- Problem: Homegroup business meeting formats can be improved to be more efficient and take less time (Scotty, Alternate GSR, Malia Discussion)
- Scotty: Talked about how great service has been for him and the lessons he's learned being selfless and helping others.
- Humility
- Keleka: Offers solution - bring up suggestions / make motions for proposed changes during group conscience.
- Scotty Counters - not enough time left in new business to address motions to

- change meeting format.
- Danniele Offers Solution - The homegroup group conscience secretary (the GSR), their leadership is critical to ensure these types of things are heard and acted upon during the meeting.
- Stacy and Shannon: Offers Solutions - talk about different strategies that can be used to help during group conscience or business meetings. These basically come down to leadership and being assertive.
- Marianne - meeting members need to be informed and homegroup members should talk to each other and inform each other prior to voting on things.
- Griffin: Being in area service is a way to keep things working the way they did when he got sober paying it forward, giving back
- **Marianne E. – (New GSRs) Business Meetings**

After lunch I joined a Roundtable meeting for the Orientation of the new GSRs with Delegate Tommy. There were 14 new GSRs present. GSRs are the link of communication between our home groups and the General Service Office along with the world of A.A. The group's GSR is tasked with making sure the group's conscience is heard and fully considered at the district and the area and becoming part of the delegate's thinking at the Conference. Each GSR is responsible for informing their group on the Conference outcome. When a GSR is present at assemblies it shows the group cares about what is going on in the Fellowship and wants to learn and make its concerns and suggestions known. The GSR votes for the group. The GSR service is a 2-year commitment. Which is the same for the Panel. We have 2 Panels in the U.S. in 2023 (Panel 72 & 73) and Hawaii is Panel 73. Tommy started service at Panel 55. We follow the Guide of Life with the first tradition which simply stated is "Unity". Tommy mentioned the purpose of any A.A. business debate, whether in the home group, district, area or GSC, is to reach a group conscience. There are no winners or losers. We follow Robert's Rules of Order, when floor actions are practiced it allows the discussion to proceed in an informal, yet businesslike manner. Each GSR is placed in a Standing Committee of which there are 12. Therefore, I must report back to Lester what I learned here.

- **Bruce – (GSR II) Virtual Platforms, sharing about substances in meeting, how to help other AA members in Maui.**

***No Report submitted**

- **Katherine W. – (SCC) proposal for a social media chair, Mental health and Dual Diagnosed individuals, Meeting with committees at all the assemblies, Treatment & Accessibilities ride shares for homebound alcoholics, comprehensive list of treatment facilities.**

SCC Round Table Report back

Topics:

1. Proposal for a social media service position: Feedback- great idea, we need to progress with the times. We need to be on the front edge of technology, such as the QR

codes on the Myna Bird. Is this a PI job? Is this a technology committee, i.e., Webmaster ... response- it needs to be focused and streamlined to target the younger population. Suggestion: Since the budget has already passed for next year. Find out if anyone is interested and make sure they have a working knowledge of the traditions and trademark laws.

2. Mental health (dual diagnosis??)- some of the attendees that are disruptive, how to address it in the meetings. For home groups safety etc., should there be a guideline? It seems that there are more and more attending and that is changing the landscape of the meetings. Feedback: Pamphlet, P-87 AA for Alcoholics with Mental Health issues and their sponsors. T & A to perhaps do a workshop on this issue.

3. Ask to have meetings with our committees at every assembly.

4. Treatment and Accessibilities approached Intergroup about ride shares for hospitalized or home bound alcoholics (12 step calls), Intergroup felt that was a safety issue for drivers. There was some misunderstanding around this as it was assumed this would be random 12 step calls with people picking up strangers. One solution is to get a google number that is available to intergroup volunteers/staff for these particular folks. Or maybe staff a live chat?? That had lots of logistical issues.

5. Can we get a comprehensive list of treatment facilities that can be shared interagency?

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine W

- **Pam – (GSR III) How can we help the AA Maui community without breaking AA Traditions, how do we practice Tradition 5, How do we inform and include new members into service.**

***No Report submitted**

- **Shane H. – (GSR IIII) Budget, structure and Guidelines, virtual meetings, what to take back, group participation, unruly members.**

13 GSR's

6 districts represented (1,2,4,8,10,11)

Topics from GSR's:

Food budget Area 17, District Assemblies

Structures & Guidelines (group & district)

Virtual Assemblies

Getting more groups to District Meetings

Group Budgets/Financials

Inventory (group/district)

How to attract people to meetings

How to deal with unruly AA/non-AAs at meetings

Topics Chosen to discuss:

1. Structures & Guidelines (need at group/district level)
 - Pros- Guide meetings and set descriptions of group position.
 - Allow for “what to do” and “how to do.”
 - Based on Tradition and Concept work.
 - Inventory will help guide and allow for creation and/or revisions.
 - Traditions 4 – right to be wrong.
 - Concept 12 – not punitive.
 - Concept 9 – trusted servant/leadership with foresight.
 - Districts can do Tradition workshops.
 - Groups can provide Tradition workshops.
2. Virtual Assemblies (with Area)
 - Pros- Cost effective, attend more meeting, help with disabled persons, help groups with money send GSR.
 - Con’s- no person-to-person, can do with committee. District, and Groups (group conscious).
 - Panel 72 to Panel 73: Area 177 assemblies will be live and in person. A decision was made with the help of Concept 12, Warranty 5.
3. What to take back (From Area Assemblies).
 - Lots of info for new GSR’s, express your feelings you got, take good notes, pay attention, understand that at group level, Area service is not understandable. More work to be done by GSR to make it understandable at the group level.
4. More group involvement in districts.
 - Suggest caravan to meetings in your district, ask groups why do not attend District meetings? No GSR? etc.
 - Make service fun, keep AA alive.
 - Be responsible to the next AA.

Mahalo,

Shane

4:00 What’s on your mind? / Ask It Basket: (2 minutes at the mic)

Group Discussion

4:32 IG/CO & DCM Reports

- **Kauai IG – Mathea A.**

Kauai Intergroup
Budget Assembly
September 9-10, 2023

Kauai Intergroup meets the first Saturday of each month in Lihue at the Lutheran Church Annex. Our phone Hotline is 808-245-6677.

1. **Meetings and Schedules:** We have 50 face-to-face meetings per week and 30 virtual ones. All are on our website, "kauiaa.org". Only face meetings are on the Meeting Guide App and are on our printed schedules. Each schedule printing is about three times a year and is distributed at IG monthly meetings.
2. **Newsletter:** We have our excellent "Garden Island Sobriety", produced by its editor, Linda and which is printed monthly. It is distributed both by email and by paper at the monthly Intergroup meeting. The Newsletter contains Island AA news, events, treasury reports of District and Intergroup, anniversaries, archives, picture of Kauai meeting places and more.
3. **Literature:** Our literature is distributed by request at the Intergroup meeting and extra orders are stored in our rented shed.
4. **Treasury:** Our treasurer, is Tom R., who produces a written report plus review of the bank statement each month and pay bills. Our present balance is \$4,924.45 including \$1200.00 reserve.
5. **Events:** Our one commitment is the yearly Thank-A—Thon which is in its 19thv year. Our Events Chair is Mike T., other group-based events are supported on request.
6. **Website:** Our website responsibility is shared with District and is chaired by Aaron L. The Website has meetings, events, flyers, minutes of both Intergroup and District copies of the current and previous newsletters, Archives and more.

Mathea A. Alternate Intergroup Chair, Kauai

4:37 Wrap Up/ Host DCM announcements. Our dinner was prepared by Waikiki District 10.

5:00 Adjourn with Declaration of Unity:
Kawika K. Motion to close Stacey L. 2nd meeting adjourned.

Hawaii Area 17 Budget Assembly
September 9 & 10, 2023
Hosted by Waikiki District 10, Oahu
September 10, 2023
Sunday Assembly Minutes

8:00 Registration and Breakfast

9:02 Call to Order:

- Serenity Prayer – Jeannie G. Chair
- Host DCM Announcement - Francis/Zaylin
- Reading: 12 Concepts: Short Form – A.A. Service Manual: pg. IV - Zalyn
- Introduction of Past Delegates – Ken K. 63 panel, Bob H. 67 panel.
- Establish Quorum

9:25 Reports Intergroup/Central Office Chairs (4 minutes)

West Hawaii Central Office – Sasha B.

2023 Budget Assembly Report
West Hawaii IG/CO Chair Sasha B.

We have our business meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and the steering committee meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Both virtually. We typically have between 15-20 voting members present.

Our board has had some challenges. We had our treasurer and our recording secretary step down and got them both replaced with experienced, amazing women. Marianne (our treasurer) and Sandi (our recording secretary) have both been godsend. We just replaced Jim W. with Kimi as Hotline coordinator and now all of our positions are filled. We have 2 people doing our Webmaster position. Content manager and technical manager.

We just celebrated Unity Day/East meets West softball game @ Waimea Park. We have Halloween and Christmas parties coming up in Oct and December but the dates and locations on both are tentative.

Talks of having the Halloween party on Oct. 29th and the Xmas party 2 weeks before Christmas @ Hong Wan Gi. Jeffery, our activities chair, is checking into dates and locations and we will talk about it more in our upcoming meeting.

We currently have \$15,500 in our bank account, which is \$500 short of our prudent reserve. A huge thank you to Marianne for getting us back on track.

Our lease is up on our brick and mortar on Oct 31st and we'll go into negotiations to renew our lease hopefully very soon.

Thank you so much to Donny and Mathea for sharing your experience with me yesterday. I am so grateful for your help and am looking forward to learning from both of you.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Oahu intergroup – Donnie K.

***No Report Submitted**

9:34 2023 General Service Conference Final Report: Tommy G. Delegate
(2023 General Service Conference Agenda Items Outcome)
***Please see area website (area17aa.org) for GSC Final Report**

10:19 Break

10:38 DCM Reports: (4 Minutes)

- **Adriana G. - DCM 1**
***No Report Submitted**
- **Jason C. - DCM 2**

Report from Jason C. DCM Honolulu District 2

1. Hello family, starting from June 24,2023 We had Tommy do a delegate report Back at Kailua Beach Park. We included districts 1,2,4, and 10, We had about 30 people attending. Which is not bad.
2. On July 22,2023, we hosted a workshop/dinner/dance. Districts involved were 1,2, and 4. The workshop was a success because all of our GSRs stood up to serve. Plus, the other Districts did a great job on their part. It took all of us to put this on, the event was totally free. It was our giving back to the groups. There were about 100 people in attendance. I haven't seen this in Over 20 years. This truly is what unity is about. We are doing together what would never be possible alone.
3. Our treasurer, myself, and our past DCM. Created a proposed budget for 2024. Which will be presented at our next district meeting.

In love and service,

Jason C Honolulu District 2

- **Cynthia – DCM 3**

Aloha Area 17! District 3 continues to hold steady with 50% of groups represented. We lost one GSR to a mainland move this summer but continue to visit local meetings and strive to attract (and maybe promote, just a little) member support for District and Area. We are solvent and looking forward to planning our first big non-assembly event. We're tentatively looking at a Traditions Study in February or March. Look for a save the date by New Years. We continue to support inclusion through distribution of foreign language flyers at meetings within the district. Our GSR representing the Corrections Committee, Nicole, represents us at the online meeting at Alan Oakwood Corrections Center. Our GSR on the Public Information Committee, Stacy, continues assessment of availability of AA Literature within the Hawaii Library System in our district. And we remain open to support other lines of effort, so let us know if there's anything we can do to unite with and support your endeavors.

Cynthia G.

- **Eric V. – DCM 4**

Aloha Peeps,

So good to be back after a long long crazy summer. Our district has been meeting live for months now and it's amazing. We have had 4 of 10 people in attendance every month. After a few months of searching high and low for a treasurer we finally found one. Shawn has stepped up and we are so grateful. We have a new active group in our district of which their GSR is here along with 5 others from D4.

I want to thank the DCM of D2 for bringing the delegate report back to a beach in our district and it was a huge success. Also, I want to thank the DCM of D2 again and the DCM of D1 for co-hosting the workshop "Where money and spiritually mix". I have never seen so many people at a workshop. I still trip out on it. We continue our search for a location for the budget assembly on the east side.

On a personal note, I want to share something with all of you. In AA dreams come true. Dreams when I ended up here, I didn't even have. I ran into it along the way. John F. from TYG used to talk about the horrible upward spiral. A member from Maui also comes to mind. He had a beautiful home upcountry, a steady job etc etc. He sold everything, quit his job and went surfing. Years later he still is. I thought he was following his dreams. One of the things I never thought possible for me came true. My wife and I are buying our first home thanks to the fellowship of AA. Super scary and exciting. For real. Thankfully it is in D4 too so I will be able to continue serving my district in good conscience.

Aloha always - Eric DCM4

- **Brandon – Alt DCM 5**

***No Report Submitted**

- **Anastasia – DCM 6**

Aloha,

My name is Anastasia, I'm an alcoholic and DCM for district 6. I lied and did not move back to Oahu, so I will continue as the DCM of Kauai.

I believe I have 1 GSR in attendance and the Intergroup alternate chair.

There was a Labor Day event in Hanapepe that likely had a great turn out (not sure, I was working).

I was also working when Tommy came to do his report back, but I've heard really positive feedback on that. Thank you, Tommy.

There's a women's retreat and a men's retreat in the work for October 27th-29th on separate ends of the island.

Kauai roundup is being planned for June 6th-9th of 2024.

Thank-a-thon also in the works.

I wasn't able to attend the last district meeting due to attending HICYPAA in Hilo and I haven't gotten minutes from that yet. We have started working on our structures and guidelines and we've been going through 3 inventory questions per district meeting.

I've been told Kauai will likely be hosting the optional committee meeting October 2024,

so I look forward to figuring out how to host the committee for that.

Thank you,

Anastasia A.

DCM 6

- **Zalyn – Alt DCM 7**

***No Report Submitted**

- **Ray – DCM 8**

West Hawaii district 8 meetings have been well attended. For our July meeting we had Sean (our Area Treasurer) come to our meeting virtually, to present to our GSRs the 2024 Area 17 proposed budget so they can be well informed. We also had Sean (our Area registrar) come to our district meeting in August to help me express to our GSRs the importance of registering for our assemblies early and correctly.

We have had several events take place since our last assembly. On June 10th district 8 hosted our annual Founder's Day event at Spencer Beach Park. Tommy came to give us his report back from the General Service Conference. We also had a skit called "The Committee Inside Bob's Head" which was a lot of fun. West Hawaii Central Office hosted the 4th of July fish fry at The Old airport Beach Park. Lots of people came and we even had a silent auction. On August 5th District 8 hosted an "Inside AA" workshop. The

workshop covered topics such as the upside-down triangle, the home group, the district, the area, the General Service Conference, Meeting etiquette, and safety in AA. We had a skit called "AA CSI". It was about the death of a homegroup due to not following traditions.

West Hawaii District 8's standing committees have been very active. Our CEC chair continues to be in communication and providing literature to several retirement homes and assisted living facilities. Our CPC chair has a bookshelf of literature and pamphlets in our probation department and keeps having to restock the shelves due to the demand. Both CEC and CPC have been in contact with the Veterans court as well. Our Corrections Chair is taking meetings into our local jail for both the men's and women's facilities. Our Grapevine chair is planning a writing workshop in mid-October. Another cool thing that our district has accomplished is our QR code flyer. This flyer has 3 QR codes on it. One is for West Hawaii Central Office, another is for East Hawaii Central Office, and the 3rd one is for Our Meeting Guide App.

I'm so honored and happy to serve district 8 and I'm so proud of everyone in our district for carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the suffering alcoholic and making Alcoholics Anonymous attractive and fun. To all the GSRs from district 8 that are here today I want to tell you how much I appreciate you and the service you provide to our district and your home group. Also thank you everyone for being here today and for your service to our Area.

- **Autumn – DCM 9**

**Hawaii Area 17
Alcoholics Anonymous General Service**

District Report

Date: 9/9/23

District: 9

Person reporting and position: Autumn DCM

Email: dcm9@area17aa.org

My name is Autumn and I'm an alcoholic. I am the DCM for district 9 Central North Shore

Oahu. We currently meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at the Waialua Community Center.

We still have a consistent attendance with the usual suspects at the district meetings, and District 9 is still in the black with our operating expenses and prudent reserve.

The Alternate DCM and I have been working on the rough draft of the Structure and Guidelines for our district...FINALLY! I want to thank the districts that personally helped by giving us a copy of your structure and guidelines! They were super helpful! We are

excited to get this finished up and present it to the district for discussion. Next up for us is to discuss the location of where we are going to hold the February Committee Meeting. We want to be somewhere easy and accessible for the incoming members from the outer islands.

I want to thank District 10 for hosting this year's Budget Assembly, and as always I am grateful to be serving with all of you on Panel 73.

In love and service,
Autumn

- **Francis – DCM 10**

Budget Assembly

Our primary focus has been this Assembly. We temporarily shelved workshop consideration and everything else. I wasn't going to embarrass them but it can't be as embarrassed as I've been hearing, "Francis, great job!" when I did less work than any of these people getting this thing done. I didn't "delegate," they stepped up on their own. I won't mention here, at his specific request to "keep my name out of it," the GSR who stepped up to secure this location, where a Group from District 10 meets. Alan stepped up for Transport and handled that between him and Josh; Keli'i, our District Secretary and GSR from another District, took care of food and beverage coordination. Francis V. brought the might of the World-Famous Waikiki Monday Night Men's Stag, traditional Alkathon overwatch, to bear for us. The only people I asked, Kaycee for Homestay and Laurie for registration brought a surprising glad willingness. I don't know who asked Koa and Kevin to show up but, thank you.

I have inevitably missed somebody that I'll kick myself about later, just like at my wedding, but I've learned to forgive myself and resolved to do better with God's help. I love an Assembly, maybe more than anything else in AA. It's the same feeling that hooked me from my first Orientation just looking at a room full of people who, whether they were voluntold or otherwise, said, "Okay, I'll do it." And that might be the best thing about General Service.

Alohas,
Francis

- **Jimmy James – Alt DCM 11**

***No Report Submitted**

- **Julie – DCM 12**

September 10, 2023

Puna District 12 Report Area Budget Assembly
by Julie C. DCM

Mahalo to District 10 for hosting this Budget Assembly. Puna District hosted the Area Committee Meeting on 2/25/23 at the Puna Hongwangi in Keaau. We partnered with District 7 Hilo/Hamakua and East Hawaii Intergroup to host the Founder's Day Picnic on 6/11/23, featuring our Delegate, Tommy, to present his Report Back from the General Service Conference. He did an excellent presentation for over 75 people. The Founder's Day Potluck Picnic was held at the One kahakaha Beach Park. We just recently celebrated our Annual Unity Day with an "East Meets West" Softball Game at the Waimea Ball Park on 9/3/23. Mahalo to Ray B. for doing all of the barbecuing for our potluck lunch. We even had a potato salad contest! Two games were played before lunch, followed by a huge AA meeting and a third game. Around 65 people were in attendance and Yes, the East side is still the reigning champion of the softball games. Hui Malama Ola Na OIwi Native Hawaiian Healthcare System has invited us to staff a booth at their "23rd Annual Ladies Night Out" to be held on 9/22/23 from 6-9 p.m. at the Edith Kanaka'ole Tennis Stadium in Hilo. We will be partnering with East Hawaii Intergroup and District 7 Hilo/Hamakua to host our Annual Thankathon for Thanksgiving, and the Christmas and New Years Alkathons in December. We look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Inventory Assembly in January. Hilo/Hamakua District 7 and Puna District 12 will be hosting a workshop on CEC, Cooperation with the Elder Community, in early 2024.

- **Matty – DCM 13**

D13/Update/Report

Report

-D13 meets 3rd Thursday / Currently online...Intergroup to be updated...last meeting

-Good financial standing

-Delegate Report Back

- All Island
- Cameron Center
- Successful

-4th July BBQ

-Workshops

- who is not in our rooms?
- Sponsorship
- Traditions

-Unity Gathering

- All Island event/potluck/ dance
- Celebrating the Unity of AA after the fires.... a way to bring everyone together.

-Lanai

- Monthly Saturday Meeting
- Wednesday online

-Molokai

- Strong Fellowship
- 8 meetings

-Crossing

- Matt B
- Camping/October (Tentative)

West Side Meetings

-Fellowship Connection

- Update West Side groups/meetings

-7 groups (4 GSRs present)

- 19 mtgs

-8 mtgs Molokai/Lanai

No Longer Active Groups

-Alano Ohana

Active... in New Location/Same Contact

-Whalers Group

- Monday & Saturday @ 8:00pm
- Door of Faith Church, Napili

-Ladies Night

- Thursday @ 8:00pm
- Online Platform...
- <https://zoom.us/j/3021712871...>

- Password 711460

-Can Do Maui Men's Stag Lahaina

- Thursday @ 6:30pm
- Airport Beach (Main Pavilion)

Active No Changes

-Sober Wahines

- Tuesday @ 6:00pm

-Kapalua Spinners

- Monday, Wednesday & Saturday @ 6:30pm
- Pineapple Grill, 100 Kapalua Dr, Kapalua

-No Ka Oi

- **Sarah L. (Kala'ana) – DCM 17**

***No Report Submitted**

11:30 Alt. Delegate Report (Deborah S. Alt Delegate)

***No Report Submitted**

11:44 Lunch 12:51 meeting resume

1:00 Finance Committee Report back – Zaylin

37 Quorum 74 total count 50 - 2/3

Zaylin Motioned, Catherine 2nd,

Discussion – motion to table David L., 2nd Robin – (simple majority is 38) 65 nays, motion to table failed.

Danielle Motion to reconsider Robin 2nd. 10

Motioned passed to move the prudent reserve of \$5000.00 be changed toto 20% of current year's budget to be updated at the beginning of every year beginning in 2024.

1:33 Presentations: (7 minutes each, with Q&A to follow.)

- **Importance of Service Throughout the AA Structure – Triangle: Elizabeth M. Past Delegate.**

The Importance of Services Throughout the AA Structure – Then Triangle

Our 3 Legacies

Recovery – 12 Steps (How it works)

- Sobriety
- Freedom from the seemingly hopeless state of mind and body, the pitiful and incomprehensible demoralization, the four hideous horsemen.
- Spiritual awakening as a result of these steps
- Today, we get to be a friend among friends, a worker among workers, a participating member of our families today.
- Physical sobriety, emotional sobriety
- Meetings – in TX centers, Dr. offices, Elderly Homes, Community Centers
- Inform the professionals and the community of what AA is and what AA is not!
- Sponsorship
- AA Workshops
- Step studies
- Tradition studies
- Concept studies

Unity – 12 Traditions (Why it works – Group Level)

If unity is the most cherished and valuable quality that our society has, and our lives and the lives of those to come DEPEND on unity, then the Traditions are way more than a reading we listen to while fishing out our dollars for the 7th during a meeting.

The 12 Traditions teach me, as an individual, how to function in a group setting. Started with my home group, and then branched out to District, Area, Special AA events, and the General Service Conference.

Provides me with those spiritual principles to apply when challenges arise, or if I am proactive, to apply BEFORE those challenges arise.

But what about with my family? In my neighborhood? My church? My gym? Can the principals embodied in the Traditions assist me there? Absolutely

- Unity
- Group Conscience
- Membership
- Autonomy
- Primary Purpose
- Non-affiliation
- Self-Support
- Non-professionalism
- Non-organization
- Outside Issues
- Attraction rather than promotion, personal anonymity

- Principles before personalities

Service - 12 Concepts of World service (How and why it works – World Service Level)

In 1955, the active guardianship of the fellowship was turned over to the fellowship. In "Our Final Great Decision" an AA Grapevine article which is also included in "The Language of the Heart" Bill wrote that "This irrevocable step will mark the full completion of AA's structure – Recovery, Unity and now, Service."

"The 12 Concepts are an interpretation of AA's world service structure, and they detail the experience and reasoning on which our operation stands today. These Concepts there aim to record the why of our service structure in such a fashion that the highly valuable experience of the past, and the lessons we have drawn from that experience, can never be forgotten or lost.

Final responsibility and ultimate authority – collective conscience

Conference is the actual voice and effective conscience of our whole society.

Right of Decision, Right of Participation, Right of Appeal

Accountability, Balance, Consistency, Leadership, Clarity, Respect

6 Warranties

- **Personal Sacrifice Relating to our 12 Traditions: Bob H. Past Delegate**

Personal Sacrifice Relating to Our 12 Traditions

Aloha, my name is Bob, and I am an alcoholic. I've been asked to talk about personal sacrifice as it relates to our Twelve Traditions.

I'll be honest, I'm not big on personal sacrifice. I'd much rather you sacrifice. At my worst, I'd sacrifice you myself in some way. Now I don't want to take anything away from the very obvious sacrifices made by those who went before us, and yes, even by our generation of alcoholics. But...

I think it's always good to define what we are talking about, so here goes from Merriam-Webster.

Noun:

1: an act of offering to a deity something precious especially: the killing of a victim on an altar

2: something offered in sacrifice

3 a: destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else.

b: something given up or lost.

the sacrifices made by parents.

Verb:

1: to offer as a sacrifice

2: to suffer loss of, give up, renounce, injure, or destroy especially for an ideal, belief, or end

3: to sell at a loss

4: to advance (a base runner) by means of a sacrifice bunt

5: to kill (an animal) as part of a scientific experiment

When I think about sacrifice in relation to our Traditions, I think both the noun and verb definitions apply.

A.A. as a whole has talked a lot about sacrifice. You can find references throughout our literature. In the article, Why Alcoholics Anonymous is Anonymous, Bill directly talks about sacrifice in relation to the Traditions, both corporately, that is, as groups, and personally, as members. He's a lot more eloquent than I am, so I'll just quote him here. I'm going to skip parts of the quote to save on time, but I've written all this out and you can find the whole quote in that.

"Our new book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, states that "anonymity is the greatest protection our Society can ever have." It says also that "the spiritual substance of anonymity is sacrifice."

Let's turn to AA's twenty years of experience and see how we arrived at that belief, now expressed in our Traditions Eleven and Twelve.

At the beginning we sacrificed alcohol. We had to, or it would have killed us. But we couldn't get rid of alcohol unless we made other sacrifices. Big-shotism and phony thinking had to go. We had to toss self-justification, self-pity, and anger right out the window. We had to quit the crazy contest for personal prestige and big bank balances. We had to take personal responsibility for our sorry state and quit blaming others for it.

Were these sacrifices? Yes, they were. To gain enough humility and self-respect to stay alive at all we had to give up what had really been our dearest possession—our ambitions and our illegitimate pride.

(SKIP WHEN SPEAKING)

But even this was not enough. Sacrifice had to go much further. Other people had to benefit too. So, we took on some Twelfth Step work; we began to carry the AA message. We sacrificed time, energy, and our own money to do this. We couldn't keep what we had unless we gave it away.

Did we demand that our new prospects give us anything? Were we asking them for power over their lives, for fame for our good work, or for a cent of their money? No, we were not. We found that if we demanded any of these things our Twelfth Step work went flat. So, these natural desires had to be sacrificed; otherwise, our prospects received little or no sobriety. Nor, indeed, did we.

Thus, we learned that sacrifice had to bring a double benefit, or else little at all. We began to know about the kind of giving of ourselves that had no price tag on it.

When the first AA group took form, we soon learned a lot more of this. We found that each of us had to make willing sacrifices for the group itself, sacrifices for the common welfare. The group, in turn, found that it had to give up many of its own rights for the protection and welfare of each member, a "member, and for AA as a whole. These sacrifices had to be made or AA couldn't continue to exist.

Out of these experiences and realizations, the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous began to take shape and substance.

Gradually we saw that the unity, the effectiveness—yes, even the survival—of AA would always depend upon our continued willingness to sacrifice our personal ambitions and desires for common safety and welfare. Just as sacrifice meant survival for the individual, so did sacrifice mean unity and survival for the group and for AA's entire Fellowship.

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Viewed in this light, AA's Twelve Traditions are little else than a list of sacrifices which the experiences of twenty years has taught us that we must make, individually and collectively, if AA itself is to stay alive and healthy.

I suppose I could stop there if what I really wanted to do was talk about sacrifice.

I don't.

Sounds great, doesn't it? Really? A list of sacrifices? No thanks. I agree with Bill, but it's not necessarily how I choose to look at things.

Let's take another look at the Traditions themselves.

Tradition One tells us what the problem is, unity. If we don't hang out together, we die. Plain and simple.

Tradition Two gives us the solution; the group conscience, and I like to add, the informed group conscience...but that's another talk.

The rest of the Traditions are some suggestions of what we ought not to do if we want our solution, an informed conscience, Tradition Two, to work.

But let's turn this on its head. Instead of thinking of it as a list of things we shouldn't do, what if it were a list of things we receive, of things we do get to do.

Tradition Three - Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism.

We get to be members of something! That's new for many of us, for me for sure. We get to belong. If alcoholism is a disease of loneliness, then I'm not seeing a huge sacrifice here. I'm seeing a gift.

Tradition Four - With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted.

We get to run our own group the way we want. On a personal level, when did that happen anywhere else in anything I did? Sure, there are some suggestions on how to do it, but they are suggestions. Admittedly, they are good suggestions, and we ought to take them seriously.

Tradition Five - Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose-that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

How many folks here ever thought they would belong, could be part of anything, that could legitimately be called a spiritual entity. Not me!

Tradition Six - Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim.

I'm reminded of one of our Step Nine promises: "Fear of people and economic insecurity will leave us." What I hear in this Tradition isn't a sacrifice, it's a promise. The group I belong to won't be diverted by money, property, or authority. That doesn't sound like a sacrifice, it sounds refreshing.

Tradition Seven - The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members.

It seems to me that because of this one we won't be beholden to outside influences. And really, given how much money I spent on drinking can contributing to our Seventh Tradition really be considered a sacrifice?

Tradition Eight - Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional.

Thank goodness that this isn't a job. It's more than a hobby. Bill describes it as an avocation. But it's not a job. I'm not going to get fired, I'm not going to get demoted. I'm not going to have annual performance reviews. Yay!

Tradition Nine - Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization.

That's a real gift. That's not a sacrifice. Imagine for a minute just how complicated we could make this. We know who we are. This could be a mess. It's not. While Dr. Bob wasn't necessarily referring to organization, the words from his farewell talk are apropos and apply, at least to me, as much to the Traditions as to the Steps.

Let's not louse it all up with Freudian complexes and things that are interesting to the scientific mind but have very little to do with our actual A.A. work. Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words "love" and "service." We understand what love is, and we understand what service is. So, let's bear those two things in mind.

Tradition Ten - No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues -- particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion.

We don't have to have pointless arguments. We get to talk about things that really matter to us as a group, sobriety, unity, love, and service. Let's carry the message, not the mess.

Tradition Eleven - Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity.

While it seems like we are giving something up here, I always need to remind myself that it's almost been my ego that has gotten me in trouble. I think too much of myself, too little of myself, and then I completely misunderstand what you've just said to me.

Tradition Twelve - And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice genuine humility.

I get to participate in something of immense spiritual significance. We get to do that.
Sacrifice?

So yes, the Traditions, at least Traditions Two through Twelve can be viewed, as Bill says, a list of things we give up. Or, with a slightly different perspective, they can be viewed as gifts, gifts of immense spiritual significance. Sacrifice or transcendence? They are two sides of the same coin.

Transcendence is the ability to go beyond normal limits or boundaries. Does it sound like a sacrifice to you?

All the best,

Bob H

Hawaii Area 17 - Panel 67 Past Delegate

- **Why conduct inventories at home group, Districts, Intergroups/Central offices and Areas? Scott C. Past Delegate.**

***No Report Submitted**

2:31 Future Plans

- Area Inventory Timeline
- Host 2026 PRAASA: What is the timeline?
- 2024 Dates for Committee Meetings & Assemblies

2:37 Break 2:57 Meeting Resume

2:45 Share Session: Reflections of your 1st year of Panel 73: (2 minutes at the mic)

***Group Discussion**

3:30 Ask it Basket/ What's on your mind? (2 minutes at the mic)

Q & A between area servants and area officers

4:15 What to Take back.

What To Take Back: Budget Assembly, September 9 & 10, 2023

- April 6-7th, 2023 Inform the Delegate Assembly Minutes: approved.
- August 27th, 2023, Treasurer's Report: approved.
- 2024 Proposed Budget: approved.
- Hawaii Area 17 Finance Committee Floor Action: The Prudent Reserve of \$5,000 be changed to 20% of the current year's budget to be updated at the beginning of every year beginning in 2024: approved.
- We are in need of an Area 17 Website Chair for Panel 73. All interested candidates are asked to submit their names to be considered for the Area 17 Website Chair position. To stand for this commitment:
 - Please read the responsibilities for Website Chair: Section 3, of the Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service Panel 73, Ver 73.0, pgs. 4-5 & Appendix D1- 2.
 - Submit the following information to chair@area17aa.org:
 - (Your/Their) name and sobriety date.
 - (Your/Their) service experience.
 - A short statement of (your/their) willingness to serve as Website Chair.
 - Deadline: On or before January 14th, 2023.
 - The new appointee will be recommended to the assembly for confirmation at the Inventory Assembly.
 - DCMs, please forward this to your GSRs and district contact list.
 - All members: Please announce this at your home groups and other meetings you attend.
- Deborah S., Alternate Delegate, will update the Hawaii Area 17 Structures & Guidelines, Appendix C, to reflect the changes presented by the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee Chair.
- Panel 73 Area Inventory Timeline:
 - October 12th Deadline to email suggestions of inventory questions for consideration to chair@area17aa.org. This applies to all members of the area body.
 - November 4th Committee Meeting will receive the draft inventory questions.
 - DCMs: Deadline November 8th at 5:00 PM to submit to area chair changes or additions for consideration.
 - The final inventory will go out around November 10th or 11th.
 - DCMs: Forward the final inventory questions to your GSRs as soon as possible to allow time for GSRs to get feedback from their home groups before the Inventory Assembly.
 - GSRs: Take the final inventory questions back to your home groups to get feedback and bring them to the Inventory Assembly.
- The 73rd General Service Final Conference Report: <https://www.aa.org/2023-general-service-conference-final-report>
- "Reflection on our First Year of Panel 73" Deadline is December 15th: Email your report to Secretary@area17aa.org and/or Mynahbird@area17aa.org.
- New confirmed dates for 2024: The assembly/committee meeting schedule listed here is the most up to date. Please add the new dates to your calendars...
- Lastly, all attendees MUST register online at area17aa.org as well as send in the paper

registration with the registration fee. If you register before booking your flights, you must re-register to enter your flight information. Please be aware of homestay deadlines.

**4:11 Adjourn with the A.A.'s Responsibility Statement:
Kawika K. Motion to adjourn John M. 2nd.**