**Hawaii Area 17 Inventory Assembly**

**January 01/20/24**

**Hosted by Hilo district 7**

**Saturday Assembly Minutes**

**8:00 Registration and Breakfast**

**9:01 Call to Order:**

* Serenity Prayer
* Host DCM Announcements
* Introduction of Past Delegates – Cheryl N. panel 65, Bob panel 67
* A.A. Birthdays
* Voting Member: New to an assembly?
* Reading: Our Great Responsibility: Bill W’s talk-1963 pp. 61 - 62
* Establish a Quorum Sean F.

**Simple Majority – 53, 2/3 – 69, Quorum - 53**

**9:20 Area Officers Reports:**

* **Secretary:** Keleka K.

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

Hilo District #7 for hosting the Inventory 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 c

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 have combined everyone’s reports and the minutes from our Budget Assembly in hopes that nothing was missed. 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](about:blank) 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

\***Eric V. Motioned Catherine W. 2nd the motion = motion passed with unanimously 82/82**

* **Treasurer:** Sean C.

**Treasurer’s End of Year 2023 Report**

Thank you District 7 Hilo / Hamakua for your diligent work putting together this assembly and getting all the pieces to work together! I know how even more challenging it is post-pandemic to arrange for facilities, homestays, food and all the details.

Wow, the first year of the panel is over all ready and we are rocketing into the next! I am looking forward to seeing what our inventory reveals and how it helps us to be even more effective in helping the hand of A.A. to reach the still suffering alcoholic.

**As of December 31st, 2023, the Hawai`i Area Committee Finances for year-end are as follows:**

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| Operating Funds | $43,753.72 |
| Reserve for Computer Equipment | 423.25 |
| Reserve for International Convention | 2,533.62 |
| Prudent Reserve | 5,003.73 |
| Interest | 4.00 |
| PRAASA 2026 Reserve Fund (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) | 20,337.01 |
| **Total Cash in Bank** | **$72,055.33** |

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| Contributions (total online contributions $4,895) | $34,765.46 |
| Sales of Service Materials | $54.00 |
| Interest Income | 4.00 |
| Expenses | (39,954.78) |
| **Net Income** | **($5,131.32)** |

**Our 2023 total expenses, by Priority of spending are:**

1) Delegate Expenses: $11,100.36 against a budget of $10,450

2) Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings: $10,584.50 against a budget of $22,497.00

3) Area Standing Service Committees: $4,705.56 against a budget of $7,500

4) Area Operating Expenses: $7,536.13 against a budget of $6,870.00

5) Service Events: $4,937.32 against a budget of $5.680.00

Expenses exceeded income in 2023, this was intentional to help disperse excess operating funds, hence the additional $7,200 sent for the Delegate’s General Service Conference expenses, however there are some variances from budget and missed unentered expenses to report on. In reviewing all statements for yearend reporting, I discovered I had missed one credit card expenditure for assembly airfare and one for delegate airfare for a report back, totaling $214.20. The biggest variance was for airfare as flights were much cheaper than anticipated this year and so we were $11,122.41 under budget reflected in the Assemblies and Committee Meetings total expenses. Standing Committees overall were $2,794.44 under budget.

We ended the year in good financial standing, with more than adequate funds to start the new year.

Yours in Service, Sean C., Hawaii Area Committee Treasurer

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| **Hawai`i Area 17 7th Tradition Contributions**  Make check or money order  payable to **Hawaii Area Committee** and mail to:  **Hawaii Area Committee**  **PO Box 1413**  **Honolulu, HI 96806**  Please include your  **Group Name** and **District Number.**  Email receipts available by request  **make online payments at**  [https://area17aa.org/7th-tradition](about:blank) | **General Service Office**  (GSO) Contributions: [https://contribution.aa.org](about:blank)  or make check payable to the  **General Service Board** and mail to  **General Service Office**  **PO Box 2407**  **James A Farley Station**  **New York, NY 10116-2407**  (Please write your group number on check) |

**\*Kelii D. Motion to accept the 2023 Budget Summary, Kala’ana L. 2nd the motion = passed 81/82**

**Treasurer’s Report Inventory Assembly January 20th & 21st 2024**

Here is a quick look at our finances to begin this year with:

After transferring $5,339.07 to savings for the new prudent reserve calculation of 20% of budget bringing prudent reserve to $10,342.80, increasing reserve for computer equipment by $750 to $1,173.25 and reserve for international convention by $100 to $2,629.89, and entering beginning of the month expenses, we have $37,158.91 in operating funds as of January 7th. This is over 70% of this year’s budget, so we are in great financial standing.

The 2026 PRAASA funds will soon be given to our 2026 PRAASA Committee.

We have 155,268 Hawaiian Airlines Miles in our affiliate program account.

Please use the affiliate program to book all your flight with Hawaiian Airlines by clicking Air Travel Information link at the top of our homepage. 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 and also please include this information when using online contribution system.*
3. *Include District Number, not Group Number even for individual contribution.*

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve!  
Sean C, Treasurer, Hawai`i Area 17 Panel 73

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**\*Cynthia W. Motion to accept the 2024 January Treasurers Report, Tracy M. 2nd the motion = passed unanimously 82/82**

* **Registrar:**  Sean F.

**\*No Report Submitted**

* **Alt. Chair:** Deborah L.

Alternate Chair November Committee Report

Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73 Panel

1-20-24

Aloha Everyone,

My name is Deborah L., I am a recovered Alcoholic and still your Alternate Chair for this panel and honored to be here today. My home group is X-Factah, on Mondays @ 5pm on Oahu. Thank you District 7 for hosting this assembly. I know that there was a lot of effort and planning that led up to this execution, thank you.

My Duties in accordance to 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 last Assembly, I was present for the 2023 60th AHC and experienced what it meant to be a part of this event and I looking forward to being a part of the 61st AHC for 2024. I attended our first Oahu Intergroup Committee Meeting of this year on behalf of our Chair, Jeannie, and to the best of my ability, have been in contact with the hosting DCMs for our upcoming Committee and Assembly business meetings. As your Alternate Chair, I hope to continue keeping the flow of communication going by phone call or email. Your response is greatly appreciated. Tomorrow (Sunday –Day 2) I will be fulfilling.

E. of the HI S & C which is to “Serve as temporary group registrar, recording secretary or treasurer if any of these officers are absent,” that is, I will be your recording secretary for tomorrow, so please for all your reports make sure to email them to [secretary@area17aa.org](about:blank)

In closing, the online registration for our (2) day Assembly Meetings will no longer be required. During Covid, it was a time when registering online was necessary, however, during in this past year, we realized that there were issues, therefore made a decision to go back to paper registrations. The ghost emails for the assembly registration chairs, homestay chairs, and transportation chairs will remain the same, including the ghost phone number for the hosting DCM to keep the flow of communication open to the hosting district. All General Service Representatives, District Committee Members, Standing Committee Chairs, Central Office, Intergroup Chairs and Areas Officers are required to attend Area Assemblies. Committee Meetings will continue to remain online, General Service Representatives are not required to attend.

As Bill W. mentioned in Concept 12, Warranty 6:

“We of AA believe that our freedom to serve is truly the freedom by which we live.”

Mahalo for letting me be of service.

Deborah L. / Alternate Chair, Hawaii Area 17 P73

* **Chair:** Jeannie G.

Chair Report / Jeannie G

Inventory Assembly

Hawaii Area 17 / Panel 73

January 20 & 21, 2024

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, Mark, DCM for Hilo/Hamakua District 7 and his district members for hosting today and those from Puna District 12 for lending a helping hand.

We have many new GSRs and Alt GSRs with us today who may not know what our officer's duties are; therefore, my duties as your Area Chair, as outlined in the Structure and Guidelines for Hawaii Area 17 General Service, section 2.8 and are as follows:

The area chair should:

1. 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. Ensure 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 know what goes on in world services.*
2. Conduct all committee meetings: *In 2023-2024, Panel 73, I am to chair seven assemblies and four committee meetings, plus one additional optional assembly and two additional optional committee meetings, usually held in October or November when the area committee deems it necessary.*
3. Publish and present an agenda thirty (30) days before each committee meeting and assembly. *The agenda for today was published exactly 30 days before today. It's not always an easy task, especially since I have procrastination down to an art form, but I suffered the consequence of losing sleep on this one. Sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly.*
4. 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. We have a website chair that we will confirm this morning.*
5. 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.*

Gosh, the panel is over halfway through. I would like to say this year will be a piece of cake, but I made that error after my first year as a DCM for West Hawaii District 8. COVID season happened in my second year as DCM, and everything was turned upside down. Looking back on the challenges, I learned no matter what happens, we do not serve alone. We seek guidance from those who have gone before us, and we have a higher power that will provide us with strength, insight, and numerous chances for personal development. They say, "If you don't grow, you go." Thank you all for sharing this journey with me. We are going to have a great year!  Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Love you all.

Jeannie G

Area17 Chai

**10:01 Delegate Report:** Tommy G.

**\*Please see area website Area17aa.org for Delegate Report**

**10:32 Introduction and Confirmation of Website Chair Mike G.**

**10:40 Break**

**10:55 Meeting called to order.**

**11:00 Inventory:** (Written) Readings: alcoholics Anonymous pp. 63-64 & Twelve Traditions, Step 10, p.8 The Area Inventory Questions will be handed out, and everyone will be able to provide written comments to be included in the Area Inventory process.

**11:30** Inventory – Service Position: A.A. Comes of Age: p.2311, 1st full paragraph: *Bill W’s Words: “In the years ahead…”*

This time is set aside for trusted servants to inventory their individual participation in service.

**12:00 Lunch:** (Finance Committee will meet on Sunday only.)

**1:00 Area Inventory:**

**\*Group Discussion**

**2:36 Break**

**2:50 Area Inventory:** Continues

**4:22 Inventory Summary follow by “open mic.”**

**Summary provided by Chair –** Jeannie G. **\*Group Discussion**

2023-24 Hawaii AREA 17 Inventory Questions

1. What is the purpose of Area? Are we fulfilling that purpose?

• Pass on GS info, elect delegate, establish contact among district & groups of different islands; train new GSRs

• Priority of spending; GSC interface

• Helping Hand of AA reach alcoholic still suffering SCC do workshops on various islands

• Deal w/ service problems that crop up& keep delegate well informed

• SCC work w/ GSRs to get cooperation among districts

• Provide structure to promote unity & pass group voice to GSC

• Encourage more GSRs from outer islands to attend by providing airfare

• Group members don’t know what area is; create unity among districts; umbrella of unity and accountability

• Not fulfilling purpose—newcomers don’t know what area all is about. Have area officers come talk about issues like corrections,

• Inform GSC via delegate—doing well but lots of groups not represented so we don’t have a complete view of area.

2. How effective is the Area communication with the groups, districts, and the rest of the service structure as a whole? How can we do better?

• As a whole, area relies too heavily on email vs power of invitation to individual members—inviting them to attend

• Need to address disinterest or uninformed members.

• Please prioritize emails—things get lost

• Area needs personal outreach to groups/islands

• Things getting lost between district and groups, create more robust website w/ google doc access

• Set up separate Gmail accounts for each subject

• Delegate forwards docs to area, they to DCMs, they to GSR, they to groups. But members are not interested.

• Ask webmaster to create groups for sending email blast

• DCMs’ responsibility to disinterested groups—hard to go cold call. Look for solutions for a better approach.

• Give out info & make sure it’s heard—transmit in a way they can understand

• Go to different group meetings to share knowledge/support AA as a whole Page 1 of 7 2023-24 Hawaii AREA 17 Inventory Questions

• We’re still recovering from pandemic when participation in service structure declined, move forward to look at what will serve us best

• Unified message to share w/ all groups/all meetings so everyone especially newcomers hear that message repeatedly

• Give GSRs more time—every group wants to rush through group conscious

• Great if districts met as a group e.g. east side vs west side volleyball, dance, BBQ, etc.

3. Is the Area making general service more attractive to the fellowship? What more can Area do?

• Area came to Maui to show support to Lahaina—lasting effect/increased awareness. More events like this

• We need GSRs—create a meeting around what is service; maybe zoom; describe committees & position duties

• Those interested in service always welcome newcomers not getting involved. Need online feature to make it more available. Go forward, not backward.

• Explain what a GSR is & what they do—make it attractive—new GSR orientation to see what & how it works. Does not work if the GSR is not there.

• Communication gap—not everyone reads material. Have Area/district officers randomly visit groups to spread message.

• If a speaker seeker, invite someone from area to spread experience strength & hope include Q&A

• Better interface w/ Intergroup—IG a natural transition to general service

• Attraction measured by participation. Trust god; trust the process. Newcomers don’t necessarily need to understand before getting involved.

• Service night every service rotation so people see what’s involved & can be fun

• People in area service are enthusiastic & committed—makes service seem doable to new GSRs • Speakers’ topic— talk about what service did for me.

• Invite members to come to district/area meetings so they get a better understanding

• Area assemblies formal—have informal meetings w/ speaker, food, workshop, dance—make it fun and informative. Page 2 of 7 2023-24 Hawaii AREA 17 Inventory Questions

4. Is our “Area Structure and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service” booklet a helpful service tool? Does anything need to be amended, added, or changed?

• Need ad hoc committee to review/update outdated obsolete info; add newly available info

• Need clarification/process outlined to have proposal initiated & approved at are assembly.

• Add qualifications for SCCs—e.g., prior service as GSR or equivalent position —does is fall in line w/ concepts re effective leadership

5. When Area 17 meets, do we get work done in a timely manner? Do we need more time? Less time? How could we improve?

• Very timely, maybe too timely—encourage more participation in making motions/having discussions. Encourage GSRs to get involved; don’t make it too complicated.

• What can I do better as a GSR: more microphones around room, Hard for some to come to front of room.

• Consider written reports from SCCs, officers, DCMs; only have people come up to mic if they have something new to say.

• Find out why so many people are not here—streamline process: no need to repeat responsibilities as part of report.

• how imp is it to be at group conscience—spread word, that’s how we are informed.

• Looking like timeline for inform the delegate: over 260 groups; 30 d to disseminate info

• Assemblies tend to be info overload—take 3 days w/ breaks so we can take time to process info needed for decision making.

• We do a good job processing info; send ask-it basket & takeaways vis email for more thoughtful processing—everyone tired by Sun afternoon

6. Is the Area providing the GSRs with the proper orientation & tools to help them in their service position? How can the area attract more GSRs to attend the Area Assemblies?

• Area officers attend additional meetings to share experience strength & hope,

• Talk about duties for new GSRs at start of assembly—open to all Page 3 of 7 2023-24 Hawaii AREA 17 Inventory Questions

• Encourage service sponsors; bring sponsees to area assemblies so they see what it’s about

• Workshops & training—e.g., what is service—GSR, etc.

• Being new to service: it’s a process

• GSRs given appropriate training & tools—as I meet area chair, I asked questions. Use same concept w/ sponsees. Create transparency—being a link in the chain, Informed alcoholics are healthy alcoholics.

• Ambiguous question—so good to ask/talk w/ others

• Share service experience one-on-one

• GSRs can talk to each other; share/reach out beyond immediate circle.

• Caravans to other meetings, let them know what we do. Lineage

• People offering orientation can have a list of frequently asked questions— people sometimes too afraid to ask.

• Provide airfare to groups’ GSRs who can’t afford to travel.

• Read Structure & Guidelines’ Glossary of terms: Area means all of us, everyone w/ desire not to drink—we are all responsible for making area service attractive.

7. Do we emphasize the importance of Service Sponsorship? How can we do better?

• My step sponsor was also my service sponsor—got me started

• Ask at each assembly who has service sponsor & who is available to be service sponsor

• Sharing experience strength & hope as service sponsor/sponsees & attraction rather than promotion

• Carry message from district & area meetings to sponsees

• Attend concepts & traditions study every Sunday night

• Groups can have workshops

• Ask your sponsor if they have gone through the traditions & concepts —if not, need different person for service sponsor

• Read Service Manual 30 min/week w/ service sponsor/sponsees

• Every 6 months, service night at Black Experience. Had to qualify to move on to the next position. Regular group inventory— Allows people to learn about commitment & staying committed.

• How to do better: have a separate breakout table for service commitment Page 4 of 7 2023-24 Hawaii AREA 17 Inventory Questions

• Be careful with overload—need balance. When do we introduce these things to newcomers.

• Section on service sponsor in AA brochure on sponsorship/p 25 in Q&A

8. What is the overall purpose of our Area Standing Committees? How effective are the Area Standing Committees? Are our Area Standing Committees set up and functioning in ways that are helpful for all districts in Hawaii? How can they improve?

• Have standing committees meet as a panel at @ assembly. Review workbook and/or relevancy pamphlet for needed review. This is how change is started through GSC.

• Do we have no area members on standing committees—so much work/ outreach needs to be done.

• Fill in the gaps & build bridges. We need bridge builders. Communication is key.

• Different area chairs—can they come quarterly to each island—work together,

• Excess funds in area: send SCC to islands for workshops. Up to them to request additional budget funds to do this.

• Responsibility not just Area & GSR—ask groups to get involved.

• People bringing meetings into corrections facilities are encouraged to attend Monthly Corrections Zoom 1st Monday 4pm zoom ID 820-8005-1814 paw =566874,

• If you want more service positions in your group. How many people are involved in area service and/or standing committees.

• District SC & GSRs need to work with area SCC

• CEC having workshop at Puna Hongwanji March 23rd. More will be revealed. Catherine W is willing to help others put on CEC workshop in their district.

9. Do all members understand minority opinion and its importance to the Area?

• Read rules of assembly at each session. Page 5 of 7 2023-24 Hawaii AREA 17 Inventory Questions

• We do well at area assemblies but not with those who don’t attend. Consider how our decisions affect them, especially when they’ve had no input.

• Communicate how important a minority opinion can be.

• Concept V Right of Appeal, Minority Opinion, Redress of Grievances; see charter provisions (2/3 majority) & Roberts Rules

• Don’t be ashamed to get up and say something—minority opinion can effect change.

• Read supporting documents—Guidelines for Discussion. Also read in Hawaii Structure & Guidelines.

10.What could we accomplish with the excess funds that the area has accumulated, and how should we use those funds?

• Workshops, workshops & more workshops,

• Help pay for GSRs, DCMs, Area SCC to attend PRAASA. Liability insurance for groups.

• Travel for GSRs whose groups don’t have funds; send area officers/SCC to outer islands.

• Workshops at district level

• Fund equipment for area zoom meetings.

• How to get other people besides us to workshops—food/entertainment/etc.

• Made assemblies more fun—maybe once a year have a venue where GSRs can bring significant other/family.

• More travel for delegate to speak to districts re: items important to them (preconference); new souls’ system & more mics, Budget for treasurer or someone from finance committee to travel to districts/groups for Proposed Budget review/clarification.

• Kick up delegate’s conference contribution.

• Spend funds needed for website design—consider a paid position— continuity beneficial.

11.Is our area website easy to navigate? What changes would you like to see?

• Build a new one. Ad hoc committee to determine what’s needed on homepage, tabs, etc. Don’t confine travel to one airline.

• Event calendar like intergroup, including workshops across state.

• Consider/determine who your target audience is first. Page 6 of 7 2023-24 Hawaii AREA 17 Inventory Questions

• When we know how to navigate the website, we will find what we’re looking for.

• Add keyword search bar.

• Digitize archives to make them available to all.

• QR code to intergroup/other site for buying literature.

• See our website guidelines—do we have alternate and 2 other members for website committee.

• Is title webmaster or website chair—different functions.

12.Do you have additional comments, suggestions, or feedback? What would you like to see the area do in 2024?

• When we have assemblies, find someone from the local meeting of hosting district to share experience.

• DCMs allow groups to have access to their email account.

• Difficulties finding assembly venues.

• Do we need to revamp Structure & Guidelines

• Have area revisit use of technology—e.g. use offsite gathering locations.

• If 1 representative from every group came up to share on inventory questions — all the same people almost every question

• Give SCCs more time at mic—why they spend more or less money than budgeted. Give them more time to discuss their service work to improve GSR understanding.

• We need more young people involvement. Outreach committee.

• Show assembly attendees proper way to speak at the mic

• Increase GSR attendance by 10-15% at area assemblies in 2024

**4:42 Wrap up/ Host DCM announcements:**

**4:46 Alt Delegate Report –** Deborah S.

**\*Please see area website Area17aa.org for Alt. Delegate Report**

**Kelii D. Motion to close Catherine W. 2nd the motion –** Meeting Adjourned

**4:54 Adjourn with Declaration of Unity**

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**9:10 Review Area Inventory with written comments submitted.**

**9:30 Work Sessions:** GSR’s with Standing Committee Chairs, DCM’s, Intergroup/Central Office Chairs, and Officers.

**Archives Rountable:**

Archives: 1/21

* + No Questions to start.
  + Workshop: Archives April 27 @12:30 Workshop starts at 1:30-3pm (one hour for closing) online and in person. Two-hour workshop.
* Why and what?
* How did AA start.
* Inform ppl how AA started in Hawai’i: one speaker for each island.
  + - * What was it like at the time when it started?
* How exciting or not?
* How many mtgs?
* Pioneers of AA in Hawai’i
  + - * We want ppl to feel how hard, fun, extraordinary it was to be a part of the new
      * mtgs in Hawai’i
  + Format for the workshop: Gina will type a format at a later time.
* Each person will discuss what goes on in their island before they introduce the speaker.
  + Poster is not available yet. -Want to gather information first.
  + Need security for Zoom bombers: Francis (Sick and Twisted) and Linda (12 Coconuts) have volunteered. 🡪 approved by committee.
  + Should other islands not lock in location: the workshop will solely be on Zoom for that island. 🡪 Deadline to find a place Feb 15, 2023
* They are still responsible for securing speakers BY FEB 15-the deadline.
* The workshop will be in person on every island and on zoom.
  + Whatever spot each island secures the Area will pay?
* The area will provide insurance for each island.
* Policy in place for the area.
  + Locations:
* Oahu: Susana Wesley center:
* Maui: Cameron center in Kahului
* Big Island: Jim to seek confirmation for locking in location for workshop.
  + - * Hopefully it is cheap at the Alano club.
* 15-minute speakers: Deadline for speakers Feb 15, 2023
* No food provided: there will be snacks, $200 proposal.
  + - * Maui: beach mtg will potentially sponsor coffee and snacks.
      * We will hear from them after their business mtg.
      * Jessi will ask for updates on Jan 22 after assembly.
* Re-discussing Agenda items: clarifications.
* Gina will make a new WhatsApp group chat for the archives committee.
* Next mtg for Archives: Feb 9th at 5:30 on Zoom

**Convention Roundtable:**

Convention Steering Committee Meeting Notes

by Mike K., GSR, Hawa'awa'a

* talked about making sure everyone understands the process of reporting back to the delegate.
* How agenda items get dispersed and that once that happens, we'll set a time to meet and discuss
* Double checked that we were all present and had correct contact information.
* Talked a little about the Hawaii Area convention and how:
* It’s back in the black from being in the red from losses experienced due to the Covid shutdowns.
* Brought back Thursday nights which were cut out to cut costs for the previous 2 conventions.
* Revised ticket pricing strategy so that ticket costs won’t go over $70 and there won’t be any late registration fees.
* Word on the street is that this next convention's speakers are going to be really good, stay tuned
* One of our members, Donnie, mentioned how he hasn't missed an area convention for the last 36 years, but it's the International Conventions that really excites him and bring the purpose of conventions into focus with around 70,000 attendants.

**DCM Roundtable:**

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Topics:

How to streamline communication of agenda items to District GSRs

Last year and going forward.

Cynthia 3

Emailed, hybrid discussion.

Good participation

Items can get lost in email overload.

Anastasia 6

Forward email, text

Surprised by participation and preparedness.

Tracy 11

District drive accessible by all District.

Email notification.

Discussion, pre and District meetings

Video call with Sean and Tommy

Sarah 17

Solid District officers

Announcing upcoming in person

Jason 2

Forward to (very capable) District secretary

Effective dissemination

Ray 8

Do the same as last agenda distribution.

Email “District-all”

Phone confirmation.

Questions, physical copies available

Stress timeline.

Francis 10

Eric 4

Email is effective.

Forwarded to personal email.

Bad with paper

Julie 12

First year as DCM

Last year GSR got nothing from DCM.

Like idea of District website (Drive)

Have a meeting website but would like repository for GSRs.

Derek 1

Business meetings

Review and discuss.

Email outside of Business meetings.

Feedback prior to Business meetings

Autumn 9

See District meetings at regular AA meetings.

Distribution, discussion at District meetings

Mark 7

Forwarded email from Tommy.

3 GSRs out of 28 District meetings, 2 go to assemblies.

Met physically with new GSR for document review.

Seems to be apathy in general fellowship.

Don’t take it personally!

They are satisfied knowing that District continues to meet, and that door is open.

Matty

Don’t like email but I forward them.

Like doing in person follow up

See GSRs in person daily.

In person ITD discussion

Regular District meeting

Will put ITD discussion on agenda.

Danielle alt13

Discussed full range of agenda items.

More than just GSRs showed up interested in relevant items.

Brandon 5

Printed physical copies for tech challenge.

1. Distributing surplus money

Anastasia: Area money is Area money.

Julie: Area is supporting CEC workshop in District.

PRAASA scholarship?

More microphones, a system accommodating more mic inputs would increase efficiency.

1. What are other Districts’ issues, weaknesses and strengths?

Increasing participation

Jason: Groups have difficulty with surplus 7th Tradition money.

Cynthia: Meetings that don’t want to be GSO-recognized Group.

Ray: “You’re autonomous but lack representation in decision making.”

16 participating

Derek: (Strengths)

Good engagement, participation.

Going to Groups asking for participation

Engagement in committees

Invitation to non-GSRs

Julie

Difficulty getting GSRs to Assemblies

Sarah: revisit Hybrid

Eric: Technical difficulties: ineffective wi-fi

Matty: Area helped with money toward GSR participation.

1. Increasing participation

Danielle: outreach Young People’s standing committee

Eric: 20 years ago: moved to create Young People’s standing committee.

Brandon: in another Area had a YPAA liaison.

Jason: Increased participation by showing up at their meetings.

Sat in on their Group Consciences

People show up for food.

Matty: sponsorship includes all three legacies.

Paula alt17: physically brought people to District.

Sarah: echo sponsorship three legacies

90% of work done by 10% of people

“Service is like a football game: 22,000 people who could use some exercise watching 22 people who could use some rest.”

* From AA Grapevine

**Mynah Bird Roundtable:**

Mynah Bird Round Table

Present:

Mary N. – Chair

Jasmine – District 10

Cullen – District 2

DeLori G. District 8

Topics we discussed were as follows:

* Inclusivity
* Exclusivity
* Reaching adolescence
* How to get people to respond to requests
* Who has access to the Mynah Bird?

Inclusive/Exclusive

* Mynah Bird is a great way to reach people. (DeLori G. to submit article by 1 April to Chair)
* Remember the guiding forces of Love and Tolerance
* Have any other districts done research on this topic? Let’s go find it and use the resources.
* Use and announce the QR code for the virtual library.

Reaching Adolescence

* How do we use social media to our advantage? How is it a disadvantage?
* Utilizing other 12 step fellowships
* Have any other districts done research on this topic? Let’s go find it and use the resources.

Getting people to respond to requests.

* Out of 100 voting members, only 4 responded to a Mynah Bird submission request.
* Re-emphasize the QR code and url link to pamphlets and virtual library.

Committee Members takeaway:

Personalize the message and point it back to the audience. Each member will submit an article by 1 April 2024. DeLori G. – Path to promise (inclusive/exclusive), Cullen – Surrender, Jasmine – Love and Tolerance

Next virtual committee meeting 10 Feb 2024 @ 5:45-6:30pm

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tourist areas

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certain schools and churches. Also, a struggle to communicate with certain organizations.

**Website Roundtable:**

Mike G. – Chair

6 GSR’s

Debra S. – (Alt Delegate) Facilitate & Introduce Mike G.

1 new GSR – Roderick

* Reviewed the past year’s process for the Inform the Delegate 04/06 - 04/07.
* Communicate & meet more.
* Established dates/times that work for all: (Website committee).
* 02/25 distribute passcode for phone/WhatsApp to be discussed with board.
* 02/27 1st website committee meeting (5:30 pm) zoom platform, codes and password from Mike.
* 03/12 2nd meeting to get names, phone numbers, emails for website committee members.
* 04/12 3rd meeting (All GSR’s & Groups should have group input from G.C.) GSR’s to compile and have: Committee recommendation, add consideration, no, we do not want item on Agenda.
* 044/06 Assembly (1 hour to finalize for presentation.
* Committee to discuss website business after 04/06 Assembly.
* Establish Chair – Mike G., Note taker – Shane H., Presenter – Lesia
* Remember concept 4 Conference speaks after group speaks.
* Do a better job as committee to meet (dates set on zoom). Mike to get contact info from registrar.
* Deliver an informed message to groups and assembly for delegate to take back.

**CPC, CEC, Corrections, Grapevine, Treatment & Accessibilities Roundtables:**

**\*No Reports Submitted**

**10:30 Break**

**10:45 PRAASA 2026 Elections**

* Election of PRAASA Chair

**2026 PRAASA elected chair Kunane D.**

* Election of PRAASA Treasurer

**2026 PRAASA elected treasurer Pam M.**

**11:45 Inform the Delegate Agenda Items process/Timeline: Tommy G.**

**12:15 Lunch:** (Finance Committee meets)

**1:15 Two Proposals:** Sean C., Treasurer: See attached document.

Area 17 Proposal Form

(Used for documenting proposals/motions for consideration by Area 17)

Choose one: This is: A Formal Proposal/Motion

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To read:

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Background information:

The Finance Committee discussed this section and agreed it needs to be updated to reflect actual practice as most checks are now being sent by BillPay and do not require signature. Also, the bank does not require two signatures for any check amount and does not monitor this for us, and this requirement can inhibit the Treasurer from carrying out duties in a timely manner.

(Please submit in writing to the Area 17 Chair)

Submitted by: Sean C. Hawaii Area 17 Treasurer

Date received:

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Remove the sentence “Two (2) signatures are required to transfer any funds from this account.”

Background information:

The Finance Committee discussed this section and agreed it needs to be updated to reflect actual practice as any transfer of funds from savings to operating account is done electronically and does not require a signature. The savings account is also used to hold funds accumulated for special events that we are hosting such as PRAASA.

(Please submit in writing to the Area 17 Chair)

Submitted by: Sean C. Hawaii Area 17 Treasurer

Date received:

**\*Both Proposals postponed till further notice.**

**1:45 DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, Intergroup/Central Office Reports**

**DCM 1:**

-Xmas Alkathon was a success, our GSRs and district came together to put on a beautiful event filled with love and service.

- We voted for a new recording secretary as our former moved to GA.

- We did have some plumbing issues at our Alkathon location, we almost used our insurance policy you've all been hearing so much about, but we ended up not needing to because a member in our fellowship took care of the issue through their plumbing company free of charge to the district.

 -March district meeting is "bring a friend" district meeting to encourage participation in the district.

- May will be our second tradition workshop to go over traditions 7-12.

- District 1 will have representation at PRAASA and will be of service at the assembly.

- We voted to implement a tradition and concept reading and share during the first 10 minutes of our meeting done by our district members.

Mahalo,

District 1

**DCM 2:**

**\*No Report Submitted**

**DCM 3:** Cynthia G.

Aloha Area 17! District 3 continues to grow in this Panel in size and participation. We had one group, who closed during covid, re-open last month and they have already identified GSR! They’re not here today, but we remain optimistic. We had another group, previously in-person but not active with District 3, join us just this month. We have more than doubled our participation from 2022, with 6 GSRs and 2 non-voting members consistently active. We consistently visit all meetings in the district through caravans, in hopes of encouraging participation from the 4 meetings that choose not to be groups at this time.

We will be having lunch, a beach party, and Traditions Workshop at White Plains Beach on Saturday, February 17th from 11am-2pm and welcome all! We continue to provide non- English pamphlets to meetings to increase inclusion. We are looking at dates for our District inventory and will likely meet in March to review the Inform the Delegate questions as a group. We always welcome members from other Districts, and I hope to have a date confirmed and, on the Oahu, Central Office website before the next committee meeting. As always, please let us know how we can support you in District 3!

Cynthia G.

**DCM 4:** Eric V.

District 4 DCM Report inventory assembly

Aloha peeps,

I want to thank Hilo for hosting this assembly. Awesome job. We are 2 assemblies away from district 4 hosting. I will be starting to really move on this in the following month. I am going to do a sight inspection in the next week to figure out logistics for food. I already know parking is not an issue at all. It is 20 minutes from the airport FYI. Last night at dinner we were talking about the Sat dinner, and I will be adding to our flyer a box for if you are staying for Saturday dinner as many people leave and I don't want too much food waste.

We have 5 GSRs here this weekend. Yay!! One of the GSRs is from a newly formed.

**DCM 5:** Alt DCMBrandon

8 active GSR’s, still need a number of districts standing chairs for moving 12th step work forward.  The rehab in our district has weekly meetings with speakers brought in, mccc as well and the DUI school has AA coverage. 

**DCM 6:** Anastasia

Anastasia, DCM for district 6 Kauai

Most GSRs since I’ve started this term are here at the assembly, I have 5 here! Yay!

Kauai district is still running. I’d like to thank everyone that’s come from Kauai.  South side hosted some Christmas and new year’s events. There’s been discussion of signs on buses. Our district guidelines have updates that have yet to be typed out. I’ve been informed of new meetings popping up that have properly registered, also yay! Grateful to see more participation from the Kauai district.

Love and service,

Anastasia

**DCM 7:** Mark N.

**\*No Report Submitted**

**DCM 8:** Ray B.

At our last district meeting we took an inventory of the district. The meeting was all in person when it is usually a hybrid. Our meeting was a little less attended than usual. We had a total of 16 people attend and 12 of them were voting members. We had the honor of having our current delegate, Tommy G. as our inventory facilitator. We discussed various ways we can improve on carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic and who aren’t we reaching. We also discussed ways to improve our participation in our district. Also, it was nice to recognize some areas we are doing well in.

Our Central office hosted the Christmas Alkathon and a holiday party which were both very successful. West Hawaii Central office is currently in the process of moving locations. One of our home groups hosted the New Years Alkathon.

Our CPC chair continues to work with the probation department and provide them with literature. Our CEC chair is very enthusiastic and really thinks outside the box in covering all areas she can in the elder community. She spreads our literature and fliers anywhere that they will allow. Our Corrections chair is taking meetings into our local correctional facilities. Our Grapevine chair had a writing workshop awhile back. Our PI chair brings a panel into the DUI classes and has an ad in the West Hawaii Today newspaper. He is also interested in getting an ad on the radio soon. Our treatment and accessibilities chair takes a meeting into the psych ward weekly and brings a meeting into one of our local treatment centers. Our website liaison has been doing a wonderful job in making all the awesome fliers for all our events and activities in our district which is very helpful in keeping us informed.

We have made progress in getting new updated paper meeting schedules for west Hawaii. It was brought up in our district inventory that our district would like to see more workshops. So, it is my personal goal to try and do a couple of workshops this year.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

Ray B.

**DCM 9:** Autumn Z.

**Hawaii Area 17**

**Alcoholics Anonymous General Service**

District: 9

Person reporting and position: Autumn DCM

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 hosted a very successful New Years Eve Alkathon on the North Shore. Great turnout, speakers and yummy food. I am grateful for the participation from the GSRs that got speakers and organized the whole thing.

We also got a spot locked down finally for the Feb Committee Meeting!! This took longer than I was hoping for, but we got it ironed out and are moving forward with the planning of it now. I don’t know how you other DCMs plan 2-day assemblies!

BIG NEWS FAM! District 9 has Structure and Guidelines now! We are super excited to have gotten this accomplished last year! District 9 is also starting a birthday meeting on the North Shore on the last Sat of every month to help celebrate the anniversaries in that month. It will be held at Haleiwa Beach Park, at 12pm with cake, food, and fellowship after. Hope to see all you Jan babies at our first one on the 27th!

That’s all for now, we are just focusing on the committee meeting coming up, then after that we will sit down and see what kind of workshops we want to plan for the end of this panel.

I want to thank District 7 for hosting this assembly, and as always, I am grateful to be serving with all of you on Panel 73.

In love and service,

Autumn

A poster with flowers and text

Description automatically generated

**DCM 10:** Alan

Sunday, January 21, 2024

DCM10 Report

Present today is four out of our seven GSRs who usually attend our District meeting, which includes an online Group, whose GSR resides off in America, and from a new Group, Waikiki Wahines Way. Thanks, Sean.

Waikiki District successfully completed its traditional hosting of Thanksgiving Alkathon at Unity Church by enthusiastic participation, not only from its Groups. Interesting experience at the end: we have typically wound up with more food than the final survivors can consume. This time we announced during the last meeting that anything left on the tables after 4pm would go straight in the dumpster, which brought an immediate, energetic response. Cleanup time was greatly reduced, and all the food went. We are currently discussing caravan to Groups not currently participating at District/ General Service and potential workshops. I’ll be asking Adriana, Derek, and Jason what they’re doing, workshop-wise, seeing if we can combine efforts in this direction, and checking Central Office to avoid scheduling events in conflict with others.

I’m personally fired about the upcoming General Service Conference, highly interested in the topics, and just hoping to do my job in timely dissemination of the topics.

**DCM 11:** Tracy

**\*No Report Submitted**

**DCM 12:** Julie C.

Puna District 12 now has 20 Groups who meet regularly. My goal is to meet with all of them in order to update their contact information and encourage them to elect GSR’s (if they don’t have one) and to attend the District and Intergroup meetings and the Area Assemblies.

The Annual Holiday Alkathons, sponsored by East Hawaii Intergroup for District 7 and District 12 were a great success. Almost all of the time slots were filled by groups from both Districts. A big Mahalo to Intergroup and all of the groups who volunteered for two-hour time slots.

I would also like to thank all of the district 7 and District 12 members who volunteered for the many jobs to put on this Area Inventory Assembly, especially DCM 7. Mark N., and Alternate DCM, Zalyn. We have two new GSR’s from District 12 in attendance.

Thanks to my District, I’m so excited to be able to attend the upcoming PRAASA in San Francisco the first weekend in March, as a new DCM. I look forward to learning as much as I can about my new position and the inner workings of Alcoholics Anonymous.

On Saturday, March 23, 2024, Puna District 12 and Hilo/Hamakua District 7 will be hosting a CEC, Cooperation with the Elder Community Workshop at the Puna Hongwanji from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Our CEC Committee Chair, Catherine W. and Marianne F. from West Hawaii District 8, will be facilitating the Workshop.

**DCM 13:** Matty

DCM REPORT  
  
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 Matty  
 1/21/24  
  
 -Meeting on 3rd Thursday of the month online…possibly switching back to in person for February meeting.  
  
 -ADCM/Danielle  
 -9 Groups/6 GSRS  
 -26 Mtgs a week  
  
 \*Gold Diggers/Emotional Sobriety  
  
 -Unity Day  
 -Kapuna Day  
 -PRAASA/5ppl/2 Rooms.

**Grapevine:** Karen N.

January 20, 2024, Grapevine Standing Committee Chair, Karen Nelson

**What the Grapevine Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:**

Mahalo to District 7 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.

I am looking forward to reconnecting with Grapevine Committee members and connecting with a couple of new members to the Committee. I will adjust my mailing list to include the new members.

I attended most of the meeting for Grapevine Committee Chairs and Grapevine Staff (via Zoom) on Thursday before flying to Hilo. Some of the key takeaways that I would like to share are:

1. Grapevine has a YouTube channel with several videos that will be helpful to Grapevine

Reps. Here is the link to our YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/aagrapevine](about:blank)

1. There are 121 episodes of the Grapevine Podcast
2. There is a FAQ document on the Grapevine website that answers questions about the Grapevine App
3. There are some features on the Grapevine App that are free, but to access the full App, it is necessary to subscribe – $2.99/month or $29.99/year.

I sent out a brief survey to Area17all to gauge the support that Grapevine receives from our Area. I am hoping to see that there is a lot of interest in the Grapevine. I may have some work to do!!

I hope to begin to meet monthly with committee members and hopefully come up with some ideas to spread the word about the Grapevine. After the Inform the Delegate Assembly, we hope to have a Grapevine story workshop.

Mahalo for letting me be of service.

Karen N. Panel 73, Grapevine Standing Committee Chair

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**Treatment & Accessibilities:** Christie N.

Aloha ...

Mahalo District 7 for hosting our Inventory Assembly. So much has happened since we last met. We continue to bring meetings into Hina mauka in Kaneohe, Ryse and Queens hospital, on the trauma floor, as well as Women's Way. There are a few new meetings that are in process. We will begin having meetings at Castle Hospital, on the 3rd floor, in Kapolei, with U.S. Vets and We are looking for home groups or individual women to take meetings into ATS.

We were given literature and pamphlets in numerous languages. In Chinese, French, Thai, Russian, Spanish and more. If you know anyone in need, please reach out.

I am eternally grateful for the people who step up and get into service with our committee. We fill in the gaps, and we build bridges, but we need bridge builders.

We have been able to provide pamphlets and books to numerous facilities. I was able to use the whole budget for 2023. There will be a few workshops this year. I have done the footwork to secure a location on Oahu, date and time to be announced. I would also like to do one on one zoom so that all islands may participate.

In order for treatment and accessibility to function well on all islands my vision is to have a representative, for each island in our committee that is actively participating, so that we can serve our communities well.

Mahalo for letting me serve,

Christi N.

**Website:** Mike G.

**\*No Report Submitted**

**Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):** Lizz

Looking forward to putting on 1-2 workshops this year and reaching out to a few professionals

(UH School of Social Work and possibly Human Service Non-Profit HR Departments).

In Love and Service, LiZz

**Corrections:** Mike L.

Thanks to our area officers and everyone here on the Big Island who put this Inventory Assembly together.

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 meet virtually on the First Monday of every month at 4:30 – 5:30 PM. Meeting code: 820 8005 1814; Pass code: 566 874. Our meeting is not only for the GSR members assigned to the Corrections Committee, but also those AAs who have been going into the correctional facilities, and those who might be interested in service to alcoholics who are in custody.

There are some challenges we need to deal with. There has been a problem on Big Island getting AA volunteers approved to bring in AA meetings. Big Island and Maui still have trouble getting training scheduled for those who want to take meetings into their facilities. If anyone has suggestions, they would be most welcome.

On the bright side, I learned yesterday that Kauai is having Volincor training this week. On O`ahu, there are a few people who bring in a meeting to the federal facility at Ford Island.

Our committee works to communicate with the correctional facilities staffs in the state of Hawaii to maintain a good working relationship so AA members may continue to bring in AA meetings, supply literature, and inform persons in custody of the Corrections Correspondence and Pre-Release programs.

You may have seen on the news that as of January 1st, 2024, Hawai`i has a new Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation which is now separate from law enforcement. The aim is to focus on providing services to help people in custody get the resources they need to successfully come back into our community and avoid re-offending. AA can certainly help those who have problems with alcohol.

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

**Annual Hawaii Convention:** Bill M.

**\*No Report Submitted**

**Cooperation with the Elderly Community:** Catherine W.

Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee Report Jan. 2024

 Aloha Family,

I’m an Alcoholic named Catherine, honored to serve as CEC Chair. Thank you to Mark and District 7 for hosting us all this weekend. It has been an amazing experience of discovery for me and for our panel 73. I want to thank the Area Chair for making all the inventory paperwork available to us before the assembly and with some chagrin I want to admit that this was the first time I have done a searching and fearless inventory on my service position. I found some glaring areas of growth for myself like still struggling to ask for help and procrastinating like a champion, but one thing I noticed was that I forgot to put down my assets. The reason I bring this up is that some of you might do that as well. Please remind yourselves that you are here, being of service and showing up for the still struggling alcoholic, and you are all miracles because as an alcoholic, I never put a priority on serving others. We don’t have to do this perfectly; we just need to be willing to do God’s Will in our lives.

The CEC committee has not had an opportunity to meet on zoom for several months, that was my Kuliana, and I have many excuses and justifications but basically, I dropped the ball. In October/ November, I was able to share the new workbook with an Area in California who was interested in expanding their accessibilities service to the older alcoholic. We are now busy planning for a CEC workshop in East Hawaii, working in cooperation with District 7 and District 12. On Saturday March 23, 2024, from 1:00-4:00 we will have several presentations around the purpose, history and next steps for the CEC and how to serve the elder alcoholics in that community. I once again want to remind each of the districts that if you would like to do something like this during 2024, please reach out to  [CEC@area17aa.org](about:blank) and let me know how I can support you. At our committee meeting here at the Inventory Assembly we had lots of excellent discussions and members are excited and have great ideas to adopt a slogan for our committee. Aloha Kupuna to fight against the negative connotation of “Elder” often referenced as “elderly”. I will be working on a proposal from the committee to perhaps revise the wording in our structures and guidelines. Other ideas included: a button on the website if homebound folks need a meeting, some physical buttons for members to wear to meetings to remind groups of the people who aren’t there and creating QR codes for each of the districts to use in flyers.

Catherine W.

[CEC@area17aa.org](about:blank)

**Archives:** Gina B.

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

WE HAVE A DATE PEOPLE!!!! Mark your calendars for April 27, 2024. 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Kupuna Day is happening!!! So far, we have Oahu and Maui on board with a location and we are waiting to hear what happens with Kona. We are attempting a multi-island workshop on the same day and time with hybrid capabilities. We are extremely excited about this new venture.

Last reported that I was attempting to create an archives webpage and have since abandoned that idea, for now.

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

**Kauai Intergroup:** Mathea A.

Kauai Intergroup

Inventory Assembly

January 20-21, 2024

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, “kauaiaa.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 meeting.

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, Tom R., produces a written report plus review of the bank statement each month and pays bills. Our present balance is $5035.53 including $1200 reserve.

5. EVENTS: Our one commitment is the yearly Thank-A-Thon which is in its 19th 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

**West Hawaii Central Office:**

Aloha! So sad that I couldn’t be there to do this in person, but I couldn’t get out of work.

  Central Office is in the process of moving. We are officially moving out tomorrow, Monday the 22nd at 9 AM to our new location in the Kailua trade center. We are excited for the move and really love space.

  Our Christmas party was a big success. But after, our activities chair resigned due to some controversy. We voted for the new activities chair at our last business meeting on Wednesday, January 17 and are looking forward to working with Chaz.

  We are still under our prudent reserve at around $13,000 but hopefully this year that will turn around.

Our next event is Saint Patrick’s Day. And our new activities chair is looking for some more activities to put on the calendar.

  Thank you for letting me be of service,

  Sasha B.

**3:00 Break**

**3:15 Ask it Basket/ What’s on your mind?**

Group discussion.

**3:35 What to take back:**

What To Take Back: Inventory Assembly: January 20 & 21, 2024

● The 2023 Budget Assembly Minutes: approved.

● The Treasurer’s Report Inventory Assembly for January 21 & 22, 2024: approved.

● The Treasurer's End of Year 2023 Report: approved.

● Confirmation of Website Chair: Mike G, appointed by the Area Chair in conjunction with the other Area Officers, was confirmed by the area body as our new Area 17 Website Chair.

● The assembly members completed the 2024 Hawaii Area 17 Inventory.

● Tommy G, Delegate: presented the process/timeline for the upcoming General Service Conference agenda items.

● DCMs: you will receive the 2024 Inform the Delegate Agenda items at the February Committee Meeting. Please distribute to your GSRs as soon as possible and support them in getting feedback from their home groups in time to bring to the Inform the Delegate Assembly. ● Area Treasurer Proposals: the two proposals were withdrawn for further clarification.

● PRAASA 2026 Chair was elected: Congratulations Kunane!

● Suggested topic for discussion: Anonymity/social media: Tradition 11 & 12, Understanding Anonymity pamphlet.

● Mark your calendars! ○ New dates determined: Election Assembly: October 19 & 20, 2024. ○ NO October Committee Meeting (Kauai) ○ September Budget Assembly: One of the past agendas had an error. The date is September 7 & 8, 2024.

● Thank you to all the members who attended. We couldn’t do it without you. We appreciate all your help, patience, and participation. We completed a lot of business and fostered much conversation. It was great! Thank you all for your service!

● Past Delegates: Thank you for attending the assembly. Your guidance and sharing of your knowledge and experience are greatly appreciated!

● DCMs, Area Standing Committee Chairs, Intergroup/Central Office Chairs: I look forward to seeing you all at our February Committee Meeting on February 24th, 2024!

**3:40 Adjourn with Declaration of Unity**