**Hawaii Area 17 Inform the Delegate Assembly**

**Waianae, District 17**

**Saturday November 11, 2023**

**Saturday Assembly Minutes**

**8:00 Registration and Breakfast**

**9:01 Call to Order**

* **Serenity Prayer**
* **Host DCM Announcements**
* **Reading: The A.A. Service Manual: Pg 21 Sharing Session (Pg S40 older SM)-** Lizzo
* **Introduction of Past Delegates:** None
* **AA Birthdays**
* **Establish Quorum:** Voting 30, Quorum & 2/3 20, Simple majority 16.

**9:15 Officer 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

Waianae District 17 for hosting the November Fall Committee Meeting.

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 at G.S.O.

Since our last committee meeting, I have had the privilege to attend the Budget Assembly hosted by Waikiki district 10. At the Budget Assembly I continue to make sure that I accurately record each breakout group, DCM, Area Officer, and Subcommittee report correctly so that voice of Area 17 is heard and properly documented. Mahalo everyone for sending me your reports and helping me to meet the 10-day deadline. Remember to email all reports to Secretary@area17aa.org no later than the following Wednesday after each assembly and committee meeting.

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

Keleka K.

Area Secretary

**\* Kawika K. Motioned Julie C. 2nd Minutes passed unanimously as amended.**

* **Treasurer:** Sean C.

**Treasurer’s Report November Committee Meeting 2023**

So good to be with District 17 Waianae today, mahalo for your hospitality and service!

**As of October 22, 2023, the Hawai`i Area Committee Finances are as follows:**

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| Operating Funds | $46,648.04 |
| Reserve for Computer Equipment | 423.25 |
| Reserve for International Convention | 2,529.89 |
| Prudent Reserve | 5,006.45 |
| PRAASA 2026 Reserve Fund (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) | 20,337.01 |
| **Total Cash in Bank** | **$74,944.64** |

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| --- | --- |
| Contributions | $30,839.81 |
| Interest Income | 2.72 |
| Sale of Service Manuals | 54.00 |
| Expenses | (33,088.11) |
| **Net Income** | **($2,191.58)** |

**Our 2023 expenses, by Priority of spending as of October 22:**

1) Delegate Expenses: $11,141.81

2) Area Assembles and Committee Meetings: $ 9,488.59

3) Area Standing Service Committees: $ 2,049.48

4) Area Operating Expenses: $5,470.41

5) Service Events: $4,937.32.

*And please remind all your groups to make checks or money orders payable to Hawaii Area Committee!*

Grateful to be able to serve, Sean C. Hawaii Area 17 Treasurer

**\*Mike L. motioned Eric V. 2nd Treasurers report passed unanimously.**

* **Registrar:** Sean F.

Hawaii Area 17

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service

Date: 11/04/2023

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

Since we met last in September, we were able to meet the September 29th deadline for the “Unknown” groups project set by GSO. We are, to this point, the only Area to have fully completed the project. The registration form for both the Inventory Assembly and the February Committee meeting has both been updated and loaded to the Area 17 website. Deborah L. and I will be holding the assembly training session for district 7 on November 10th. I will also soon be sending out an updated Confidential Contact List to the area before Thanksgiving. Mahalo to all for allowing me to serve.

* **Alternate Delegate:** Deborah S.

Aloha friends,

Thank you, DCM 17 Sarah-Anna and District 17, for hosting our meeting today.

According to the S&G 2.7 Alternate Delegate’s Duties

The alternate delegate should:

A. Perform the delegate’s duties in their absence. I attend monthly Oahu Intergroup Meetings reporting conference related information.

B. Maintain and update the G.S.R. Orientation Handbook and the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholic Anonymous. Following clarification, S&G will be updated and reflect as such on the area website.

C. Conduct orientation sessions for G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s, as needed.

GSR work session sessions stated:

Why do we take an inventory?

Concepts 3,4,5 & 12

D. Serve, either as a member or chairperson on ad-hoc committees, as deemed appropriate by the area chair.

E. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee. We will be having our wrap up meeting on November 18th.

F. Act on actions accepted by the area assembly, at the request of the area assembly.

G. Appoint the area’s standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers.

In Love & Service,

Deborah S.

Alt. Delegate

Panel 73

Area 17 ~ Hawaii

* **Alternate Chair:** Deborah L.

Deborah L.

Alternate Chair November Committee Report

Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73 Panel

11-04-23

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 17, for hosting this November Committee Meeting. All the members are graciously in service to support the Hawaii Area 17.

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.

It’s been a long while since we’ve had a committee meeting and it’s the last for this first ½ of Panel 73. There’s been a lot of lessons learned and I am looking forward to a fresh start with the Inventory Assembly in January of 2024. I have been attending all AHC steering committee meetings for the 60th Annual Hawaii Convention and let me tell you, that was an experience that I shall never forget, it was spiritual and my take away on that was the growth I experienced within, on how to practice Love and Tolerance, there were times when I just wanted to lose my mind but realized, that is not an option today. There was a lot of lessons learned and lots of room for the committee to work on to make it a smooth and fun event for those who attend next year’s 61st Annual Hawaii Convention. I have also been attending the Oahu Intergroup meetings and have missed just one of them this year due to car problems. This month I am coming up on my 27th year sober on 11-21-23 and let me tell you, there has been lot’s do to and lots to get done, especially the celebration of my mother’s passing on 9-24-23, the following week I attended a camp out and immediately signed up for service. I am truly grateful for being in service, grateful for this fellowship, grateful for my sober support that includes my fellow officers, my sponsor, sponsees and service sponsor. I don’t have much more to say, except, thank you all for being a huge part of me and being able to walk through the trials and tribulations of life because that is just life and today, we get to live life on life’s term, soberly.

Mahalo for letting me be of service,

Deborah L./ Alternate Chair, Hawaii Area 17 P73

* **Chair:** Jeannie G.

Chair Report / Jeannie G.

November Committee Meeting

Hawaii Area 17 / Panel 73

11/4/2023

Aloha, everyone. My name is Jeannie G, and I am an alcoholic. I am honored to serve as your Hawaii Area 17 Chair. Thank you to our Panel 73 officers for their assistance today, and to Sarah, DCM for Waianae District 17, and your district members for hosting.

First and foremost, being available to our local body is one of the most crucial components of my job. Our members contact me often. It is unquestionably "the bright spot" in my life. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I'm ready and eager, and if you have a question I can't answer, I'll ask someone who does.

Our officers met for our PTP, Plan the Plan, virtual meeting on October 22nd. We discussed today's agenda and plan forward for the Inventory Assembly in January. Tommy requested time on the Inventory Assembly agenda to hold an election for the 2026 PRAASA Chair and Treasurer position. He will discuss that in greater detail later today. We also reviewed the timeline in which GSO has requested to receive the names and contact information of individuals elected to Panel 75 at our 2024 Election Assembly. This new deadline will influence the date of our election assembly, which we should have soon.

I had a terrific time at the Hawaii Annual Convention. The convention steering committee and convention chair did a great job. I was pleased with Hawaii Area 17 for participating in the event; they represented us well. I had the pleasure of meeting and conversing with not only new members but also those who are actively serving in our area. I also announced the need for an Area Website Chair, which prompted Adrianna, our DCM, to pass on a lead.

I finished the 2023-24 Inventory, which we will review today. The deadline for all members to submit inventory questions for consideration has passed. However, we will take time to examine the questions, and rather than answering the questions, we are simply reviewing them today. I expect to prepare the Inventory Assembly agenda by December 20th, before the busy holiday. Please take the time today, two minutes, and register for the Inventory Assembly if you haven't already.

Because I have the duty of scheduling virtual meetings for our area, please notify me if your meeting date or time changes so I can amend the schedule.

On the Big Island, I attended Unity Day, also known as East Meets West, which was a lot of fun with delicious food, fellowship, a meeting, and friendly softball games! West Hawaii, Puna, and Hilo Hamakua collaborated to make the event successful. I also attended the virtual CPC Workshop that LiZz, our SC Chair, put on. It was fun. They presented a play, and we had a great conversation about singleness of purpose.

I attend the West Hawaii Central Office monthly business meetings as a voting member and the West Hawaii District 8 monthly business meetings as a resource.

Finally, a tremendous benefit is having a service sponsor and past delegates who allow me to share ideas and help me in any way they can. I have gained so much from their guidance and encouragement. I recommend getting one if you still need to get a service sponsor.

Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Thank you all for your service and for the opportunity to serve. As always, I am incredibly grateful to be such a small part of an even bigger whole.

Jeannie G.

Area 17 Chair

**9:45 Delegate Report:** Tommy G.

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

**10:15 Break**

**10:30 Reports: (**Area Standing Committees, DCMs, IG/CO Reports)

* **Mynah Bird:** Mary N.

Mary N /Area Mynah Bird Standing Committee Chair

Introduced the November issue with highlights on:

Online meeting security tips and reminders

Often quoted sentences / passages from the Big Book (big Book Thumpers) and where to find them / page number.

Online Survey produced 6 results. Passed out a paper copy and requested your response for use in development of upcoming publications.

Expressed a challenge for the entire body to not be a 'seat filler' and instead to be an active and willing responsible member/participant. Show up and reply to requests and complete them. Help IMUA, be a part of, and make a difference for the future of Area 17 with your particular assignments. Help others and carry the message.

REMINDER ON THE REQUEST FROM THE CHAIR: Please send to Mynah Bird email address a short overview of your year in your position. Your year-end recap could include the unexpected, the surprises, the challenges, the takeaways, and the recommendations/suggestions.

DUE BY 12/15/23 and should be sent to: mynahbird@area17aa.org, PLEASE.

* **Cooperation with the Professional Community CPC:** Lizzo D.

September 30th, CPC Committee put on a workshop on the Traditions as it Relates to CPC.

There were about 10 people in attendance, 2 Committee members and 4 non- Committee members.

Looking forward to planning another workshop in 2024 and making more contact with professionals as well.

In Service,

LiZz SCC CPC

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

11/4/2023 CEC Committee Report

Aloha Family,

Catherine, Alcoholic. Honored to serve as CEC Chair

The past few months have been slow for the CEC committee. With the tragic events in Maui an active member of our committee has been busy with other urgent matters, another member of the committee from East Hawaii has had to drop out of service due to caring for their own elder family member.

Other members and I are still working to update the comprehensive list of agencies and facilities that deal with the elderly community who may be in need of our services here in our Area. If any members from Kauai or East Hawaii are interested in helping us fill in the gap for those two places, your help would be greatly appreciated. I would like to ask those DCM’s to please reach out to your fellowship and give them my contact information.

I have had some correspondence with other areas reaching out for information on CEC work in their communities. I want to give a shout out to the CEC District Chair in West Hawaii, Karen who has been extremely active in the West Hawaii community, going to health fairs and many of our community facilities, she has been very creative in her approach to getting the word out and she is a wonderful asset to this Service.

Mahalo for letting me be of service, have a wonderful Holiday season and we will see you next year?

Catherine W.

CEC Chair

* **Grapevine:** Karen N.

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

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

The Grapevine Standing Committee has been fairly quiet since the last Area Assembly. At that time, I spoke to a member who was planning a writing workshop but have not gotten a report on that yet.

I have been reporting at my home group about both the Grapevine App and about the various Grapevine books that are available.

During the process of looking for something in our new Service Manual, I discovered that there is a lot of information about the AA Grapevine.

Some nuggets that I found:

1. The Steps, Traditions, and Concepts are the magazine’s guidelines and Grapevine articles articulate these unchanging principles through current experiences and informed opinions of individual members. In addition to personal experiences of gaining sobriety and working the program, articles deal with a wide array of A.A. topics, often with different points of view.
2. **Can anyone write something for the Grapevine?** Any member (or interested nonalcoholic friend of the Fellowship) can submit an article for publication.
3. **Do you have to be an experienced or even professional writer to write something for the Grapevine?** Absolutely not. The editors look for articles on recovery from alcoholism in A.A. that they believe will be of interest to the magazine’s readers. A.A. members are encouraged to submit articles even though they may think their grammar and spelling aren’t perfect.

I’m looking forward to the second year of this panel and hope to be able to encourage interest in the Grapevine. It is an excellent Twelfth Step tool.

Mahalo for letting me be of service.

Karen N.

Panel 73 Grapevine Standing Committee Chair

* **Public Information:** Kimo N.

The Structure & Guidelines for Area 17 General Service Panel 73 states as the P.I. chair, my duties are 3.7 Public Information chair and committee is responsible for creating an understanding and preventing misunderstanding of the AA program through the public media, electronic media. P.L. meeting and speaking in community groups. In our P.I. meeting we talk about trying to put a sign on the public bus one or two have not heard back from the bus company. We were thinking of bumper sticker that may say “If you have Alcoholic problem call this number”. We also put pamphlets in clinics and doctor’s offices. The hospital still does not allow us to put pamphlets in the hospital. At the monthly P.I. meeting we talk about doing a workshop on Public Information in February having 3 or 4 speakers who in the past held the position of P.I. chair. I would like to thank District 17 for hosting the November committee meeting also the area committee who let me serve as the P.I. chair.

Love and Service,

Kimo N.

* **Corrections:** Mike L.

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

The Corrections Committee meets online the first Monday of each month at 4:30 – 5:30 PM. Meeting code 820 8005 1814; Passcode 566874. The GSRs on the Committee and several of the AA Members who are going into correctional facilities have been attending the meetings. We discuss common problems and things that are working well.

On the Neighbor Islands, there is a common problem finding out when volunteer training is scheduled for people interested in going into the correctional facilities. On Oahu, the VolinCor Trainings are scheduled for November 10 and 12 and December 12 and 14.

The National Corrections Conference is next weekend November 10-12, 2023, in Oklahoma City, OK.

There is a weekly online International Corrections Committee meeting on Sundays. It happens at 1 PM HST (6 PM ET) on the first and last Sunday; at 6 AM HST (11 AM ET.)

At the last Assembly, I distributed Corrections-related materials to the GSRs on the committee and to some other people who are interested in going into corrections facilities – the Corrections Workbook, pamphlets, and sign-up sheets for Pre-Release Contacts and Corrections Correspondence programs.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

- Mike L

* **Annual Hawaii Convention:** Kawika K.

Aloha Area 17,

It has been a pleasure and honor serving as the Chairperson for the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee. Since my first attendance to the convention, while it still resided at the Sheraton, I’d been told by my sponsor, Joe S., that I’d be in service for the convention from then on. Aside from when I had a heart attack and had to step aside, I’ve been blessed with the allowance of giving back through this venue.

The convention has made a remarkable comeback since COVID, and we look forward to a promising future. We have received remarkable and inspirational feedback from the fellowship and look forward to the upcoming year with Bill M. serving as the AHC Steering Committee Chairperson in 2024.

In 2022 after COVID settled down, the committee embarked on recovery efforts with much success. We were able to achieve financial stability by minimizing cost and operating in a very prudent manner (ex: postponing Thursday free night, cutting cost on sound and space, Erin S. volunteered as the Treasurer “and” Secretary, Out-ofstate participants volunteered their time and financial resources to speak at the main meetings, etc.). The recovery of AHC is directly attributable to everyone getting into action, joining in and being of service, no matter the means. I’d like to recognize and thank those who served on the 2022 committee and registrants who stepped forward to assist with AHC’s recovery efforts.

AHC, having recovered enough financially, started 2023 by interviewing and selecting individuals for the Treasurer and Secretary positions. Cathy S. was gracious enough to volunteer her time and return to serve on the steering committee. The steering committee also welcomed the new alternate Area Chair and Delegate thus making the AHC Steering Committee complete.

Revisions to Appendix C Hawaii Area Structures and Guidelines commenced and the final draft was presented to Hawaii Area 17 Assembly in September 2023.

The 2023 Convention Chair assembled her committee by soliciting chairs and individuals who were eager to serve. The 2023 convention started on October 26th reinstating the Thursday “free” night and closed on Sunday October 29th with the announcement of Gary K. as the 2024 Convention Chair.

Most of all, we’d been blessed with reinstating the activities and utilization of available spaces used to conduct previous conventions. The 2023 convention ended with meaningful and heartfelt feedback and recommendations that we are already in the process of evaluating. Efforts are currently in the works to consult, establish and implement new and exciting ways to make the AHC much more attainable, efficient, affordable, responsible, and fun for everyone.

We’d received a bid from Hilton Waikoloa which virtually matched the obligations we’re having to meet in O`ahu event sites, if it had not reached us only 3 months before our 2023 dated timeline, I may have signed on the dotted line. We have started discussions and searches about the possibility of having the convention on a neighboring island, to include requesting an updated bid from Hilton, for 2025.

We are soliciting resumes for the 2025 Convention Chair starting in January 2024. For interested parties please send your resume to: [secretary@annualhawaiiconvention.com](about:blank).

Albeit next year I’ll be in my 6th year of service on the Steering committee, and my placemat will read “Out-Going”, please know that every action, response and communication I may have, will be that of the eager newcomer, who just wants to be a part of, because I am blessed to have been allowed that opportunity.

With more love than you know,

Trusted servant, Kawika K.

* **Oahu Intergroup:** David L.

November 4, 2023

Aloha everyone,

My name is David, and I am an Alcoholic. My Homegroup is Black Experience and I stand here as your Oahu Intergroup Vice Chair.

Financially, OIG is a solvent and is running in the black, thanks to many homegroups that continue to contribute! The 2024 Budget was passed unanimously.

OIG Christmas Activity, which consists of a meeting, dinner, Santa Claus, gifts for every child, ugly sweater contest, dessert contest and photo booth will be held on December 09, 2023, at Palama Settlement beginning 5pm to 10 pm. This activity is free and is put on by OIG.

Founders Day will be on Jue 08, 2024 at Palama Settlement from 9am to 5pm. A chair has been selected and she, Adrianna G. from Bad Brains, will be looking for members to get into service in all areas to make this event a success.

Mahalo for allowing me to be of service,

David L.

OIG Vice-Chair

* **DCM 1:** Derrick D.

**\*No Report Submitted**

* **DCM 2:** Jason C.

**\*No Report Submitted**

* **DCM 3:** Cynthia

**\*No Report Submitted**

* **DCM 4:** Eric V.

Aloha Peeps,

All is going well in the district. We were able to get our signers changed for the treasury, which was a huge challenge, but we got it done. We have got our location for the assembly in sept 2024 and are just waiting on the insurance documents from Area to complete the transaction. Hopefully that is coming this week. We are talking about making a motion to change the amount of seed money the area gives districts for assemblies at our district as times have changed and the amount that we will be given will not cover the cost (which is not a problem for us but may be for other districts). More to come. Our alt DCM is working on a location for our Alkathons and hopefully will have something locked in this month so look for a flyer. Thanks again D17 for hosting.

Aloha

Eric V.

DCM 4

* **DCM 5:** Neil I.

**\*No Report Submitted**

* **DCM 6:** Anastasia A.

Aloha,

My name is Anastasia, I’m an alcoholic DCM of Kauai district.

I was in Ireland during the last district meeting and have not received minutes for that meeting. I believe a majority of the members were not able to attend. I have met with the alt DCM to update our structures and guidelines, but we haven’t amended the structures yet due to their only being downloaded photocopies of the last structures and guidelines. While attending a meeting, I was informed of a new GSR, so I’m excited to get that person looped into service.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

* **DCM 7:** Zaylin L. Alt DCM

**\*No Report Submitted**

* **DCM 8:** RayB.

**\*No Report Submitted**

* **DCM 9:** Autumn Z.

**Hawaii Area 17**

**Alcoholics Anonymous General Service**

District Report

Date: 11/4/23

District: 9

Person reporting and position: Autumn DCM

Phone Number: 928 554 5548

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 our incoming contributions from groups are picking up a little bit more.

Currently we are working on getting a spot locked down on for the Feb Committee Meeting. Its been tough tracking down people or even getting a call back from some of the locations. I got a hold of the person that runs the Wahiawa District Park and sent him the info he needed and am still waiting for a reply from him to let me know when I can look at the building. This one is for sure in our budget, and we are hoping to get this locked in ASAP. Sorry for the delay and thank you area for your patience with this.

At our last district meeting, we discussed the Structure and Guidelines, and I updated the draft with the changes the district had. Hoping to get those voted in at the next meeting. We are also looking to start a monthly birthday meeting on the North Shore. Someone said to a GSR that the North Shore is boring for meetings and things to do, so the GSRs are wanting to change that! I will email out any information on this when we get it finalized.

I want to thank District 17 for hosting this committee meeting, and as always, I am grateful to be serving with all of you on Panel 73.

In love and service,

Autumn

* **DCM 10:** Francis K.

Fall Committee Meeting

Waikiki, District 10 was greatly relieved to have survived the Budget Assembly. We breathed for a second and shifted focus to the Thanksgiving Alkathon/Thankathon, which we’re traditionally responsible for. We selected committee chairs and secured Unity Church for the event. I was personally happy to see nigh total enthusiastic participation in the district. After some internal debate, the Thankathon Chair decided to listen to his sponsor and go ahead and post the flier on the Facebook “Friends of the Fellowship” page. The flier is currently on the Oahu Intergroup site (oahuaa.org). As with all such events, with many hands, work is easy. You know how to reach us.

Personal note on the Holiday Alkathons: there was a point where I wondered whether we were spending an excessive amount of money on these parties for ourselves. The next morning, a girl stood up in a meeting, counting her days, and on Thanksgiving Day, had been ready to step in front of a bus. She went down to the Alkathon and flipped clear around. Just in case anyone else forgot what it was like. Someone told me that “The General Service Office is not worried about you. You have the solution. GSO is concerned with a guy behind a dumpster, or a girl in a hotel room thinking that stepping off the balcony is looking like a better idea, who doesn’t know.” That’s a sacred trust and responsibility.

Thanks, and alohas,

Francis

* **DCM 11:** Tracy Ann M.

**\*No Report Submitted**

* **DCM 12:** Julie C.

Puna District 12 is growing! Nooney Tunes is back! They meet at the Church in Nanawale on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon till 1:00 p.m. to study the 12 and 12. The home group members hope to elect a GSR in time to attend the upcoming Inventory Assembly in January.

District 12 staffed a booth at the 23 Annual Ladies Night Out at the Edith Kanakahele Tennis Stadium on Friday, September 22, 2023. We displayed AA pamphlets and made earrings with the attendees. Over 400 women attended the event.

We also staffed a booth for the Revitalize Puna Event at the Pahoa District Park Gym on October 21, 2023. About 150 people attended the event.

Of course, we have the Annual Thankathon coming up on November 22nd and 23rd at the Puna Hongwanji which is sponsored by Intergroup, District 7 and District 12. The Christmas and New Years’ Alkathon’s will be held at the Church in Hilo (on the corner of Kinoole and Puainako).

Hilo/Homakua District 7 is hosting the next Area Inventory Assembly in January 2024 and Puna District 12 will be assisting with transportation, homestays, meals, etc.

After reading our Delegate’s Report and Treasurer’s Report, regarding the 7th Tradition contributions by District to GSO and Area, I discovered that four or five groups in District 12 have been contributing out of the 19 groups that are registered. I called my Service Sponsor to discuss this situation. Since I’m very new to this position, we decided that I should compose a letter of introduction and thank them for their service in carrying the message. I will also include all the information about our district and future events and activities along with the addresses (District, Intergroup, Area and GSO) for their contributions. If some of the letters are returned, I will know to follow-up with those groups.

Julie Curtis, DCM 12

* **DCM 13:** Matthew M. (Matty)

**\*No Report Submitted**

* **DCM 17:** Sarah L. (Kala’ana)

**\*No Report Submitted**

**12:05 Two Proposals: Sean C, Treasurer**

Area 17 Proposal Form

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

Choose one: This is: A Formal Proposal/Motion

**Proposal:**

To change Area Structures & Guidelines section 2.10 Treasurer’s Duties item E from:

“E. Disburse, by check, funds for purposes determined by the current approved area budget and maintain a record of all transactions. All checks written for $500.00 or more require two (2) signatures.”

**To read:**

“E. Disburse, by check, funds for purposes determined by the current approved area budget and maintain a record of all transactions.

**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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Choose one: This is: A Formal Proposal/Motion

**Proposal:**

To change Area Structures & Guidelines section 2.10 Treasurer’s Duties item F and section 7.3

“Maintain a second bank account for a prudent reserve as specified by the budget. Two (2) signatures are required to transfer any funds from this account.”

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:

**\*As an Area they have decided to move forward with the two-area proposal.**

**12:20 Lunch**

**1:05 DCMs:** Meet with Registrar Chair

**1:20 Standing Committee, DCM, Intergroup, Officer Sharing Session**

(Discuss topics for the Inventory Assembly.)

**\*Group Discussions**

**2:20 Break**

**2:21 Discussion on Inventory Topics** (Wrap-Up Sharing Session)

**2:38 Preparation for the Inventory Assembly**

**3:02 Delegate Update:** PRAASA 2026 Election of PRAASA Chair & Treasurer| Inform the Delegate Timeline – Tommy G.

**3:32 What’s on your mind| Ask it Basket.**

**\*Group Discussion**

**4:40 What to Take Back**

**What to Take Back:**

**November Committee Meeting 11/4/2023.**

Thank you to all those who attended. We had a great committee meeting with much discussion and feedback. I am thrilled to be a member of Hawaii Area 17!

The committee approved the May 20, 2023, Committee Meeting minutes.

The committee approved the October 22, 2023, Hawaii Area 17 Treasurer’s Report.

First-year Reflections Due Dec 15th. Send to mynahb@area17aa.org and website to upload in archive at [webservant@area17aa.org](about:blank)

Mary, our Mynah Bird Chair, presented a “call to action” asking members to complete a simple “Quick Poll.” She also emailed it on Thursday, Sep 21, at 8:16 PM.

I presented 2024 Inventory Questions for review by the area committee.

I hope to have the final version of the Area Inventory sent out to Area17all@area17aa.org by Sunday, November 12, 2023.

Tommy, our Delegate, talked about electing the PRAASA Chair and Treasurer on the second day of the Inventory Assembly and the timeline for our Inform The Delegate process and ITD Assembly. The Area Treasurer presented two proposals to the Area Committee. If time allows, they will be on the agenda for the Inventory Assembly in January. If time does not permit, they will move to the Budget Assembly agenda.

We have dates for the 61st Annual Hawaii Convention.

Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa Honolulu, HI

October 24 - 27, 2024 Jeannie G

**4:45 Motion to Adjourn: Declaration of Unity:**

Neil I. Motioned to close Julie C. 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourn with the Declaration of Unity.

This we owe toAA’s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depends on our lives, and the lives of those to come.