
Chair Report / Jeannie G
May Committee Meeting
Hawaii Area 17 / Panel 73
May 20, 2023

Aloha everyone, my name is Jeannie G. I am an alcoholic and am honored to serve as your Hawaii Area 17 Chair. Thank you to our Panel 73 officers for facilitating today, and thank you to Tracy, DCM for Kihei District 11, and your district members for hosting.

I think by now you are aware of my duties and responsibilities outlined in our Hawaii Area 17 Structures & Guidelines, so today, I would like to share what my service position has looked like in the last month and a half.

First, I believe that one of the most important aspects of my duty is to be available to our area body. I receive many calls, emails, and texts from our officers, as well as standing committee chairs, DCMs, GSRs, and home group members. It is truly "the bright spot" in my life. So please don't hesitate to talk to me. I stand ready and willing and as always, if you have a question I can't answer, I will ask someone who knows the answer.

On Mother's Day, May 14th, I had a Plan The Plan virtual meeting where all area officers were present. In addition to discussing today's committee meeting, we made some decisions about our assemblies and committee meetings, including setting dates for the remainder of the year. We have also decided to hold the Optional October Committee Meeting which will actually be in November on the 4th.

After the meeting, Tommy, our Delegate, and I discussed his schedule in preparation for the General Service Conference on April 14-20th, 2024. Through our conversation we were able to determine when to hold the upcoming 2024 January Inventory Assembly, the February Committee Meeting and the Inform the Delegate Assembly. We have set all of these dates and they can be found on today's agenda.

This summer I will be preparing the area inventory questions to be used at the 2024 Inventory Assembly in January. I know it seems like a long way away, but it's not. I don't know about you, but my life seems to be flying by! I also prepare the pre-inventory questions, which are a personal inventory of our service work and our service related to our specific positions. The pre-inventory is done on our own and is a spiritual process that prepares us all for our area inventory. The area inventory questions will be presented to the area body at the November Committee Meeting. The DCMs will distribute them to the GSRs as soon as possible and hopefully provide feedback at the Inventory Assembly. The reason we do the inventory midway through the two-year panel is so we can see where we may need to improve and we have the rest of the panel to make the improvements. It is a good time for our districts and home groups to do the same.

I also set up virtual meetings on the area account for our DCMs' district meetings and standing committee meetings and maintain a calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts. One thing I would like to do in the future to support our committee chairs is to attend their committee virtual meetings. So I hope they will have me!

I regularly attend the West Hawaii Central Office monthly business meetings as a voting member and also attend the West Hawaii District 8 monthly business meetings as a resource. I am grateful to the long-time members and/or past delegates with experience at the district, intergroup, and area levels who show up and may not even carry a vote but are simply there to offer advice, share experience, and support when asked.

In conclusion, it has been a true blessing to have a service sponsor in my life. Cheryl N, as my service sponsor and dear friend, still answers my calls for nearly seven years and we talk regularly, sometimes daily. I have gained so much from her guidance and support that words cannot describe. If you don't have a service sponsor, I highly recommend getting one.

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

Jeannie G
Area 17 Chair
