

Budget Assembly 2026

Aug 15 – 16, 2026

Ruth Keliokalani Middle School

District 2

09:08am

Call To Order

Reading: Tradition 7 Long Form

AA Service Manual pg. 105

Quorum: 41

Attendance: 65

Online: 20 14 Voting members

09:15am

Reports

Secretary

Approval ITD Minutes

1st: Kenny M. 2nd: Bob F. For: 62 Opposed:0 Passed (Simple Majority)

Treasurer

See Separate Report

1st: Deborah S. 2nd: Robbie T. For: 80 Opposed: 0 Passed Quorum 54 (Substantial

Unanimity)

2027 Proposed Budget

1st: Matt C. 2nd: T.K. For: 61 opposed: 14 Passed

Reconsider a vote? (Revote after Minority Opinion)

1st: Cheyenne M. 2nd: Ray S. For: 23 Opposed: 43

Final Result: 2027 Proposed Budget has passed

Registrar

Thank you District 2 Honolulu for hosting the Budget Assembly.

My name is LiZz0, Alcoholic and your friendly Area Registrar

The Registrar duties are as outlined in the AA Service Manual page 27 and the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines page 3 Section 2.12.

In a nutshell, the Area Registrar is the "keeper of records" of all groups in Area 17.

The Area Registrar:

- Assures the accuracy and integrity of Area 17 Groups and Data
- Collects and reports data for our delegate and other trusted servants
- Registers Voting members

Thank you to the DCMs who helped with contacting groups to confirm and update group statuses.

Please accept my report of Area groups as of 8/15/2026

● 184 ACTIVE Groups

● 16 Virtual groups

● 1 New

● 55 Unknown Groups

Alt. Delegate

Budget Assembly

8/15/2026

Good morning - Area Chair Deborah L., Hawaii Area Committee Members, Past Delegates, and guests. Serving as Alternate Delegate to Area 17 Hawaii, Panel 75, my name is Sean F. Thank you, Keli'i D., and District 2, Honolulu, for hosting our Assembly this weekend.

According to the Structure & Guidelines for Area 17 General Service, it is my duty as Alternate Delegate to:

A. Perform the delegate's duties in her absence.

I currently have been working closely with Deborah S., as she has kept me informed on everything. If anything should change her status; I am ready to step in.

B. Maintain and update the GSR Orientation Handbook and the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholic Anonymous.

The Structure and Guidelines are currently up to date and are available on Area 17's website, area17aa.org.

C. Conduct orientation sessions for GSRs and DCMs, as needed.

What an awesome turnout we had on Thursday August 6th. We were blessed with 35 attendees. 18 of them were there to find out about the position, 8 were current GSR's, and the other 9 were there in support. The meeting lasted 2 hours and was very interactive. Thank you to all those who supported and to all of you who helped get the word out. Mahalo

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.

I am privileged to serve on this committee and will defer reporting to the Steering Chair, Tommy G.

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

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

In addition to all of that, it has been an absolute honor and privilege to be on this path with our Delegate. In having this opportunity to once again be a part of her journey, both practically and spiritually. I was able to attend all Oahu report backs, apologies to our outer island districts for being unable to attend. I was also able to support and attend Multiple workshops, thank you to all for continuing to carry the message through your committees and districts. Finally, I continue to attend both our Regional and National Alt. Delegate Meetings. Mahalo for allowing me serve!

Alt. Chair

Alternate Chair Budget Assembly 2026 Report

Aloha Fellow Trusted Servants,

Summer break is over, time to get back to work! So good to see everyone again!

Big mahalo to the District 2 Honolulu host committee who has been hard at pulling things together over the summer for this weekend's assembly.

We have also secured facilities for the September Committee Meeting in District 17

Waianae and the Elections assembly in District 1 Diamond Head in November. If you are attending the committee meeting and are not yet registered, please do so right now the link is on our website.

We need everyone to register ahead of time for assemblies and committee meetings, even if it is on your island, and you can send plane flight info later if you are travelling. This gives the host committee a proper head count for food. We have flyers printed for the election assembly, please take one and fill it out and give to the host DCM for Diamon Head, Shane. The assembly and flyer should also be posted online by the end of this weekend. The end of this panel is rapidly approaching, and it has been an honor to serve with all of you. Plans are well underway for our events next year as Panel 77 kicks off. If your group is in a host district for one of the assemblies or committee meetings, please encourage your members to help with meal preparation, setup, cleanup and other needed services.

The Annual Hawaii Convention is just around the corner and I look forward to attending and serving as a working member of the steering committee.

In Love & Service, Sean C., Hawaii Area 17 Alternate Chair

Chair

Final –Area Inventory Follow-up Report

Presented by: Deborah L/ Area Chair

August 15, 2026

Good morning, everyone.

I'd like to give a brief follow-up report on our Area Inventory and share some of what we have done since the inventory to address the concerns that were brought forward.

One of the strongest themes that came through the inventory was **communication—or, more accurately, gaps in communication**. We heard concerns that people were not always receiving information, or sometimes were receiving it too late. And I think we have to remember that the positions we hold are about **being the voice of our groups** and carrying information back and forth throughout our Area. We talk about emails, texting, phone calls, and making sure information gets passed along. But having those tools available isn't enough. We have to actually use them, and we have to use them consistently.

Since the inventory, I believe we have seen some positive changes. **Sean C., our Alternate Chair, and our Webmaster worked together to create a Google Calendar for Area 17**. This gives our members, DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, and others another way to see what is happening throughout the Area. Workshops, assemblies, and other AA-related events can be posted so that information is more accessible and people have an opportunity to see what is coming up. We're also aware that communication happening through **other avenues, including social media and** where members are sharing information about AA events and activities.

As we use these different forms of communication, we also need to remain mindful of our Traditions, including **anonymity and the Seventh Tradition**. These tools can help us get information out, but we still have to use good judgment and make sure our communication is consistent with the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I've also noticed an increased use of communication through the Area email system between DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, and Area Officers and just as importantly, I've seen people **picking up the phone and reaching out**. I've received many calls and emails, and people have reached out directly when they needed information or wanted to make sure something was communicated. In my opinion, that's a very positive sign and believe

communication is something we have to continue working on. It isn't something we fix once and then we're finished.

Another concern that came through the inventory was the need for **more education and understanding of our Traditions and Concepts**. I think it's important to recognize that we already have resources within our Fellowship. We currently have service sponsors here in this room who conduct Tradition and Concept studies and you don't necessarily have to be serving at the Area level to participate. Anyone who wants to learn more about our Traditions and Concepts can take part and it is our responsibility to ensure that members know these opportunities are available through effective communication to encourage participation. There was mention of past assemblies displaying skits on Traditions and Concepts, so we have utilized the suggestion to put together skits that focuses on the principles tradition and concepts. The idea was to make it interactive and maybe challenge ourselves a little—to see just how much we really know about the Traditions and Concepts. Learning doesn't always have to be sitting down and listening to someone talk. We can learn from one another, ask questions, laugh, and make it enjoyable. We continue to strengthen our understanding of the Traditions and Concepts that guide us in our Fellowship and in our service.

There was also a concern raised about how we conduct our Area business meetings and the possibility of another way for people to participate. Historically, when COVID required us to move away from meeting in person, we saw a decline in participation. Following that period, the Chair at the time made a decision to resume conducting our business meetings in person. Since then, participation has remained relatively consistent, generally between **78 and 120 people**.

Today, due to circumstances that we are currently experiencing with the forces of nature surrounding Hurricane Lala, a decision was made, with the assistance of **District 2**, to provide a way for members from our neighboring islands who could not make it here due to flights being canceled, to participate in this assembly using Hybrid, thank you District 2 and those who assisted. What this showed us is that, under certain circumstances, providing another avenue for participation can create **greater inclusivity** and allow people to have a voice when circumstances might otherwise prevent them from participating. Does that mean we should automatically continue conducting our Area business meetings this way? I don't think that's a decision that should be made without careful thought and consideration. If the next Area Chair/panel were to consider continuing with this type of format, there are many things that would need to be considered—including what it would take financially, technically, and from a service and participation standpoint to do it effectively. That conversation and that process would require thoughtful consideration by the Area. For the remainder of this panel, our committee meetings and our final assembly will continue to be conducted in person. What this experience has given us, however, is an opportunity to learn and to recognize that, when circumstances require it, there may be ways to provide greater inclusivity while still maintaining the integrity of our Area business

One of the values of an inventory: we don't just identify concerns—we learn from them and look at what we can do better; the message is clear:

We need to communicate. We need to stay connected. We need to continue learning. We need to remain open to new possibilities when circumstances require them. And most importantly, we need to make sure the voice of the Fellowship continues to be heard.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the inventory, everyone who was willing to speak honestly about where we could improve and everyone who has taken those concerns seriously and helped put changes into action through continuity and the lessons learned from one another.

In Love and Service,
Deborah L/ Panel 75 Chair
chair@area17aa.org

01:15pm Proposal Presentation (for Hawaii Area S&G By Sean C.)

1.) Proposal:

To remove from both the Area Delegate and the Area Chair duties line B and line E respectively, "Serve as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup, when invited."

Background information:

The committee decided that having area officers serving on an Intergroup committee is unusual practice as they already have duties to the area that require their full focus and attention and intergroups are local service committees formed by and serving groups in a certain locale. Also, there are currently five intergroups in Area 17, listing only one is not equitable and if they were to attend all intergroup meetings, that would be five a month in addition to their area responsibilities. When one serves as a voting member of a committee, they should be knowledgeable about the business being discussed which is unique to each intergroup area.

2.) Proposal:

Change Alternate Chair's Duties, line B "Arrange meeting places and hospitality for all area assemblies and committee meetings." to read "Assist host DCM to arrange meeting places for all area assemblies and committee meetings."

Background information:

This would change the written duties to reflect actual practice.

3.) Proposal:

In Secretary's Duties, remove line D

"Assist the area chair to publish an agenda thirty (30) days before each assembly or committee meeting." And remove line H "Send copies of approved area minutes to the Conference Coordinator at G.S.O."

Background information:

This would change the written duties to reflect actual practice. The Chair often requests review of agenda from Alternate Chair, but the Secretary does not regularly assist, and the Secretary historically does not send approved minutes to the Conference Coordinator at G.S.O

4.) Proposal:

In Registrar's Duties, remove line C, "Notify area committee members of upcoming area meetings."

Background information:

This is done by the Area Chair.

Additional Proposals:

5.) Proposal:

To create a new standing committee - Cooperation With the Young Community (CYC) to the Area 17 Structures & Guidelines Section 3.7 (Standing Committees).

Add the following item after Section 3.7 K. (Website):

L. Cooperation With the Young Community (CYC): Oversees and coordinates activities related to carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to younger populations and sharing information about the A.A. program with the young community. If approved, this new standing committee position will take effect beginning with Panel 77.

Fiscal Implications:

There are no immediate fiscal implications to the current year's budget. Beginning in 2027, the Cooperation with the Young Community Standing Committee will have a designated budget with line items consistent with other Area Standing Committees and will be included in the annual Area budget.

Submitted by:

Adriana G., Area Treasurer, Panel 75

Hawaii Area 17

6.) Proposal: Create an Area 17 Standing Committee focused on Safety and Inclusion

Intent/Purpose:

- Support A.A.'s Primary Purpose by helping create meeting environments where all alcoholics feel safe, welcome, and able to participate
- Provide experience, resources, and shared best practices related to safety and inclusivity within A.A. meetings and service events
- Assist districts, groups and island intergroups without directing or governing them, in keeping with the Twelve Traditions
- Help to foster an environment in Area 17 service that is welcoming to everyone
- In this way help to create a more diverse Area 17 service body
- Be a resource to the Area Body regarding effective communication across difference so that everyone feels welcome and safe in A.A. This may include helping to create sessions for GSR and DCM schools, Group meeting Secretaries, Service Committee Sharing sessions, and Orientation.
- Research other Areas to see how they are doing in this effort.
- In this work, stay mindful of A.A. traditions and history to protect our common welfare.

Current Practice: No such committee exists at present.

Background:

The ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDING COMMITTEE is necessary and prudent in the world we live in today! Area 17 Standing Committees are formed to serve the groups, districts, intergroups and central offices of Area 17. Combining this work with another standing committee would dilute the focus needed to address the misunderstandings and unmet needs affecting many suffering alcoholics. The committee's work would reflect the Area 17's desire to learn how individually, and as the Body, we can communicate more effectively with other human beings—with all our differences and “in spite of all those kinds of pride and prejudice”—to protect our common welfare and break down barriers to participating in service.

As we consider this proposal: Some Thoughts from Bill W. in The Language of the Heart— Bill W's Grapevine Writings—From the 1950's and For Today “Could A.A. really and fully transcend all of those formidable barriers of race, language, religion, and culture; all of those scars of wars, recent and ancient; all of those kinds of pride and prejudice

Area Motion for Consideration Updated 5.17.26 of which we knew we had our share in America?”

Here, Bill acknowledges that A.A. exists in and of a time and place. He asks if inside the rooms, we can transcend its divisions, and he suggests the following: “We need to learn how to communicate across cultures not just language. We need to understand the difference between intention and impact and be sensitive to it in order to successfully carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. We need to not worry about what other people are doing or not doing in this regard. We each need to take that responsibility on ourselves.” He also gives an example to remind us that being able to communicate across differences doesn’t mean we ignore them or pretend they don’t exist. In fact, effective communication not only sees difference but honors it, uses what’s unique about our differences to bring us together where we can then acknowledge our shared humanity and solve our common problem. “In the beginning, for instance, it was four whole years before A.A. brought permanent sobriety to even one alcoholic woman. Like the high bottoms the women said they were different; A.A. couldn’t be for them. But as the communication was perfected, mostly by the women themselves, the picture changed.

Traditions that would inform this committee:

Tradition 1

- Unity and personal recovery depend on each other.
- Personal responsibility supports group unity.

Tradition 3

- The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
- No one is excluded for who they are; all may share openly.

Tradition 4

- Groups are autonomous and responsible for member safety through informed group conscience.

Tradition 5

- Each group’s primary purpose is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Tradition 9

- A.A. is not organized but may create service boards or committees accountable to those they serve.

Tradition 10

- A.A. avoids public controversy.
- Personal identity and safety concerns inside meetings are not outside issues.

Budgetary Impact:

The potential budget impact on the 2027 Area budget should NOT be a key factor in considering the approval and creation of this standing committee. The objective is to begin discussions, provide education, and shine a light on objectionable behaviors that may create an unwelcoming atmosphere. Our goal is to better support the suffering alcoholic who seeks connection and solutions—not isolation.

In the short term: SCC chair for Committee attendance at Assemblies/additional person to annual budget. (approx. \$1,500). The initial Budget Line Items for Safety and Inclusivity should be considered for the 2028

Area budget Some suggestions:

o Survey platform

o Workshops to conduct a panel/workshop on each island after a committee meeting with light refreshments

o Printing

7.) Proposed Agenda Item: (Being sent to the GSB)

That the General Service Conference consider gathering shared experience from the Fellowship regarding how A.A. members and groups support alcoholics who are approaching the end of life, including informal practices sometimes referred to as “last meetings,” and that this experience be developed into Conference-approved literature or a service piece.

Background:

Many A.A. members and groups are already informally organizing gatherings for members who are nearing the end of life. These “last meetings” or similar efforts reflect the Fellowship’s desire to carry the message, offer presence, and support one another in sobriety through all stages of life.

At present, there is little Conference-approved literature that addresses this experience directly. As a result, members, sponsors, and groups often navigate these situations without shared guidance from the Fellowship.

Gathering and sharing A.A.’s collective experience, strength, and hope in this area may provide helpful support to members and groups during an already difficult and meaningful time, while remaining consistent with A.A.’s primary purpose and Traditions.

This effort would focus solely on shared A.A. experience and would not include medical, professional, or outside issues.

02:45pm Presentation on Concept 9 by Tommy G.

04:30pm Adjourn

Day 2 CANCELLED DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER (Hurricane Lala)

The Following are reports turned in:

DCMs:

District 4:

Windward District DCM Report

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Aloha,

District 4 remains active in fellowship, service, and planning for upcoming events. We held our last meeting on Zoom as I had to travel for work to Maimi, and our alternate DCM was on a cruise to fjords in Norway.

On May 30, we hosted the Hawaii Area Delegate’s Report Back at Hina Mauka. The event was well attended, and we gained valuable insight into the work and decisions of this year’s General Service Conference, including a literature change removing the word “Eskimo.”

On June 27, the District hosted “The Home Group: Heartbeat of A.A.” workshop, with 24 members in attendance. Four panels were presented by home groups from throughout the Windward District. Panelists shared their experience on assigned topics and answered

questions from participants and the Ask-It Basket. The workshop was informative, the fellowship was strong, and the food was wonderful.

We are now planning our Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Alkathons. Planning is also underway for the Area Assembly that our District will host in January. We hope to receive confirmation from 'Āhuimanu Elementary School soon.

As the end of the rotation approaches, we are also preparing for a smooth transition to the next group of trusted servants. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve District 4.

In loving service,

Sally T.

DCM, Windward District 4

District 6:

August 16, 2026

I'm an alcoholic. My name is Bob F. My homegroup is Poipu Sunrise Sobriety. I currently serve as DCM for District 6, the island of Kauai.

I can say that District 6 is healthy with good representation in District and Intergroup. Both meet monthly, they are both Hybrid. We are investing in technology to produce a higher quality Virtual experience in order to promote participation in our meetings. Our shortfall, so far, is finding a technician to manage the Internet and Zoom connection for both meetings.

Ann A, Our Garden Island Sobriety Editor, has been added as a voting member of Intergroup and District 6 Committee. The By Laws have been updated. It is published monthly and is available on our website Kauaiaa.org.

We have had 2 workshops since June, the 1 st on Sponsorship and the 2 nd on Finance, the Gift of Service. Both were well attended, the 2 nd on July 4 th included families and a terrific Hamburger & Hot Dog pot luck. We had 50 people.

There were some significant issues that were addressed as a Group Conscience post-script. The presenter's language was a little "rough" for some guests, but strong on his concerns. I received positive feedback from various participants. The workshops were the first held on-island since our Pre-CoVid shutdown.

Our Island-wide Roundup Weekend was a success and we have selected a Chair and Treasurer for 2027, which will be held around Founder's Day next year. Our Founder's Day at the Park Potluck was well attended, hosted by the smallest group in District 6, Happy Hour. We have just completed our 2 nd Annual Ohana Beach Day/ Speaker Meeting 2 weeks ago. Our next event on Labor Day is our Delegate Report-Back at Salt Pond Pavilion, Deborah is flying in, we have local entertainment, Special guests, Kahlua pig and chicken, Hekka, Haupia cake and lots more food. It's always an Open Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

And Lastly, our District Elections will be held the 3 rd Saturday in October at our meeting room in Lihue. We currently have 27 registered Groups on Kauai, with 53 face to face meetings weekly and another 20 plus on-line meetings. Recently Hui Ohana, one of our

oldest Group in Wailua has recently split into 2. Separate face to face daily and on-line Daily meeting groups. The first to do so on Kauai.

Our projected new Hispanic Speaking Group in Kapaa has not progressed passed the planning stage.

Unity is still our primary focus.

Mahalo for allowing me to be of Service.

Bob F

District 9:

Hi. My name is Kelly and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to be serving as the DCM for Central, North Shore Oahu, District 09. Thank you district 2 for Hosting us for the budget assembly. District 9 currently has 6 GSRs. We have a hybrid district meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 6PM, at The Cottage in Haleiwa. Anyone is welcome to attend. Our monthly Birthday meeting is still going strong and fostering unity within our fellowship. We are happy to announce that the birthday meeting has become fully self-supporting according to our year-to-date budget, which was our goal. Last month was our annual July cookout birthday meeting which had a great turnout. There were many people celebrating the month of July and there were a lot of great shares. May 2 nd, we hosted our very first workshop, which was on "Home Group Health". We had an amazing event with a great turnout. Thank you to everyone who came and those who were of service. I want to give a big thanks to those here who came out to speak on the topics for us as well. Deborah came to the cottage on May31st to give her conference report back. Thank you, Deborah. Also thank you Adriana, who came to our district meeting to present the area budget. The main thing we are currently working on is our 2027 district budget. Our treasurer did a great job on the first draft. We made some adjustments and hope to pass it at our September district meeting. Our district is behind on contributions according to our year-to-date budget, and we had a member suggest having a gratitude month, and that is being discussed. We are also going to be starting to plan our annual New Years Eve Alkathon, more to come. I am grateful that I was able to make it think weekend and pray that everyone who had to cancel their travel from other islands is safe. Thank you all for your service.

In Love & Service,

Kelly R.(DCM09)

District 11:

Date: 8/5/2026

District: 11 Kihei, Maui

Person reporting and position: Claire H. District 11 DCM

Email: DCM11@area17aa.org

I attended the committee meeting in Puna on 5/16 and have shared information with our Kihei District team on the proposed Area 17 Budget 2027 and the seven agenda items that may be voted on at the upcoming Assembly. We discussed the seven agenda items multiple times in the last few months. I have also made announcements at groups without an active GSR about the proposed Budget 2027, that it's available on our Area website for review, and that I'm available to discuss the budget if anyone has questions or concerns.

We continue to meet once per month for our Kihei District meeting on the third Tuesday at 6pm. Attendance has been low. We believe we have 8 active GSRs in our District 11. Contributions to Kihei District are also low. Alt. Chair Sean C. visited our District meeting on

6/16 and explained the proposed Area Budget 2027. We continue to make sure everyone on our team is informed of District and Area information and we remind our GSRs that we are the conduits of information to our groups. We have set the Kihei District election meeting for Tuesday November 17.

All three Maui districts held the 2026 Delegate Report back on the same day as our Maui Island Founder's Day celebration on Saturday June 13th, one event in the morning and one in the afternoon. The food and attendance was good. We continue updating the Maui Central Office island wide calendar, and website, with all activities and meeting changes.

I was on a small committee who planned and held the Maui Island Campout of Young People (MICYPAA) Beach Workshop all day event held on Saturday 6/20. This was well attended full day including a speaker panel with Q&A, mediation

meeting, breakfast and lunch, a floating ocean meeting, and a drop the rock activity. The highlight was the elections for a new MICYPAA committee. 17 people are on the new committee! This is very exciting! The upcoming MICYPAA campout at Camp Maluhia will be on October 2 - 4. Early registration is open for \$100/person.

We attended the annual 4th of July beach BBQ event in Lahaina. It was approximately the 35th year of this event. It was a fun day of food, swimming, and fellowship with an awesome meeting at noon.

I continued encouraging our Kihei District GSRs to register and book air tickets for the Budget Assembly in August on Oahu. We've started discussions about planning for the Election Assembly as well. I have already booked my airline ticket for the Election assembly 11/7 and 8th since Hawaiian Airlines was having a sale. I still need to purchase an airline ticket for the Waianae Committee meeting on September 19th.

I have a group of 3 women friends from Kihei and the four of us will attend the Hawaii State Convention at the end of October. We are very excited about this fun girlfriend trip, sharing a room together, and supporting the Area 17 State Convention over Halloween.

In love and service, Claire

District 12:

Date: 08/13/2026

District: 12

Person reporting and position: Julie C., DCM

Email: dcm12@area17aa.org

Puna District 12 now has 27 meetings per week. Two meetings are hybrid and four meetings are on Zoom. We have 13 groups and four meetings who wish to be autonomous meetings.

I'm happy to report that Fourth Dimension and Rule 62 will be hosting the Introduction to the Concepts Workshop on Saturday, September 12 th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Hawaiian Shores "Stables." It is a Potluck/Panel format. Our own Area 17 Delegate, Deborah S., and Past Delegate, Tommy G. will be serving on the Panel. This will be our 8 th Workshop for Panel 75.

We also have the “Annual East Meets West Softball Game” coming up on Sunday, September 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 65-1260 Kawaihae Road in Kamuela, HI. The softball game starts at 10 a.m. There will be a BBQ and Potluck for lunch followed by an AA Meeting.

Come join us for Fun, Food and Fellowship! It will be a great weekend!

District 17:

Paula Q, a grateful recovering alcoholic humbled to serve as DCM for District 17,

Waianae.

Thank-you District 2 for hosting us this weekend.

Adrianna presented the area proposed budget to our GSRs at our regularly scheduled meeting on June 21st in preparation for this assembly.

We meet the 3rd Sun at 5:30 on zoom, but we're looking to switch back to in person. We're struggling with attendance at our meetings.

We held our Delegate Report Back on June 27th along with District 3. Those who attended left well informed and well fed!

We're looking forward to hosting the Sept. Committee meeting. It will be held at the Community Learning Center at Ma'ili. Online registration is on the area website so please sign up. So far, only 2 people have registered. There is no registration fee.

We are planning for a workshop on service followed by potluck to be held Oct. 4.

Our district continues to trudge the road to happy destiny. Some groups are basically keeping the doors open. A middle group are steady and a couple groups are growing.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

RoundTables

(Zoom):

-The question, “what if no one wants to stand?”, was brought up.

The group realize that an answer to that was for current person in that service position was to let it go. Step away, and let higher power to do its thing. It's not anyone's job to force filling it. And we don't want our egos to get big by thinking we have to serve for another term.

-“What to do if the group doesn't feel a person standing is qualified?”

Some thoughts:

Go to the service manual and check requirements for that service position. That might answer that situation.

If the person is qualified, taking a silent vote was brought up as a good solution. Everyone voting clearly their truth, without concern of hurting the person standing feelings.

-Someone suggested that 2 year commitments might be too long for someone to be able to rotate into.

-If the descriptions of service positions in the service manual cannot be met by anyone willing to stand, and someone is willing to do the best they can, that's great. Most thought they should be given that chance. As long as they are willing and interested, let them try.

-Getting a service sponsor, and being encouraged and learning overtime, even if they can't meet every description in the service manual of a given service position.

-Make sure that your service sponsor teaches you! Tell your service sponsor that you don't even know what questions to ask, so for them to be proactive and help you know what to do, and how to do it!

-One member said:

It used to be that several would stand for service positions, now I find myself having to actively recruit.

-One member suggested inviting people to the district meeting, so they could get a feel for it. Or inviting potential person to an Assembly. See if the group would pay for that. Great one on one opportunity there. Fellowship is attractive.

-One member said that setting up their own Zoom at an assembly for someone that's considering a service position would be a good way for them to introduce area service.

That would be assuming that the person could not get to the Assembly in person.

-One member said that it was cool for her to figure her GSR position out on her own, just like she did the 12 steps and the 12 traditions. Showing up and getting involved, learning on her own. Her service sponsor told her "go to event events and figure it out!"

-One member said that knowing that if she rotated in, she could hope that assemblies would be on zoom, would make a difference. She felt she had a better chance of making all assemblies if she had a Zoom choice.

-One member said that telling people considering rotating into a service position that there is WhatsApp Support, GSR groups, service sponsors, different workshops, would be helpful for them. Make them feel supported.

-One member spoke of the AA group pamphlet, page 28, as a good resource for this topic of spirit of rotation, and passing the baton.

CEC: Cooperation with the Elder Community

Person reporting and position: Rochelle A., Chair

Date: August 13, 2026

Standing Committee: CEC

Aloha All,

Since our last Committee meeting in May in Puna, the following has occurred:

1. Request from Mare L. for CEC folder (literature, background, workbook) for Maui Budget Assembly Attendee.

2. Gave copy of above mentioned CEC folder to TYG member to take to Seattle AA.

3. Held CEC meeting on zoom on Jun 1st and Aug 3, 2026.

In love and service.

Rochelle A.

Hawai'i Senior Meetings

Kailua-Kona Zoom Meeting - Seniors in Sobriety:

<https://easthawaiiiaa.org/meetings/seniors-in-sobriety/?tsml-type=ONL>

Wa'a Kahu Oldtimers Meeting, Honolulu In-Person Meeting, Kawaiahao Church

<https://www.oahuuaa.org/oahu-meetings/?type=in-person#/waa-kahu-oldtimers?weekday=thursd>

Archives:

Date: 8/15/2026

Standing Committee: Archives archives@area17aa.org

Person reporting and position: Mike L., Archives Chair

Archives: Preserving our history, Enriching our Future

Thank you Honolulu District 2 and everyone who helped with this weekend's Budget Assembly.

Our Area Archives Committee meets 967 2702 3555 monthly at 5 pm on the Second Saturday of each month Meeting ID: 967 2702 3555 Password: Archives I continue to attend the monthly Archives Forum, which meets online the First Sunday at 5 PM Pacific Time (2 PM HST.) All are welcome: Meeting ID: 507 478 8317 Password: Archives

We presented this year's Kupuna Day Zoom session on Saturday, July 18, 2026. Big Mahalos go out to our 5 Speakers from across the Islands: Steve "Steamer" from Maui, Auntie Patti from the Big Island of Hawai'i, Mickey from the Friendly Island Moloka'i, Chris from Kona, and Kathleen on O'ahu! Thank you all for your shares. Thanks to Ian and John who found our speakers.

Finances: No new expenditures.

Takeaways:

Let your group know -

☐ Archives CARRIES THE A.A. MESSAGE from the past to the present and to the future, preserving our stories.

☐ We want to learn and preserve the history of your group and the stories of your group's members. Schedule a time to do a zoom meeting recording of your Longtimers – it's easier than trying to get people to complete the paper Group History form or Longtimers' Interview form.

Thank you for letting me be of service. -- Mike L.

Treatment & Accessibilities:

Treatment and Accessibilities Report

March 7, 2026

Committee Meeting

Aloha,

Right now the committee is still doing the AA at a Glance challenge where committee members are placing the AA at a Glance into treatment centers, doctor offices, libraries or anywhere they think might reach the next suffering alcoholic. Working on building support for the Castle Hospital meeting and Mohala Mai, a facility which houses previously incarcerated women. Literature continues to flow into treatment centers and hospitals through countless members who take the time to ensure the message is available to those who may need AA.

Treatment received their first Bridging the Gap request from a 22-year-old female coming home to Oahu from California. I was able to pick her up and take her to the Eating Meeting in Pearl City. The storm rolled in and the plans for future meetings were put on hold for the weekend. I reached out to Malia Discussion since she lived nearby that meeting. David was able to get a female member willing to pick her up and take her to their homegroup. However, she never showed as Misty waited in the parking lot of her apartment. I reached out several times to see if she was okay and wanted to go to a meeting, I am still waiting for her to reach out. I hope one day she will seek what AA has to offer.

The next challenge will be to build the Bridging the Gap contacts by having home groups provide two male and two female contacts that would be willing to bridge the gap by picking them up and taking them to their homegroup.

Accessibility. I was able to attend PRAASA where Hawaii was asked to pilot the translation program Wordly. As always some absolutely hated Wordly and others loved it. I thought it was a wonderful tool that can serve the hard of hearing or deaf population. It could also assist with those who walk into a meeting and need a translation as it supports dozens of languages through a subscription. The moderator opened the meeting room by downloading the app and the attendees that needed the translation scanned a QR code.

I learned about translation from the Spanish Speaking community and was shocked when an A.A member came right into the face of a translator and shushed her. Apparently, this is common and they get that alot as people think they are talking on their phones. BRUH! I was amazed at their perseverance to ensure that the A.A. message reached the Spanish speaking attendees.

Bridging the Gap will hold their annual workshop which includes a business meeting sometime in September with the proposed site in Kansas. I am looking forward to attending again this year. More information on Bridging the Gap can be found at btgwww.org.

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