

Budget Assembly 2025

8/23/2025

# Day 1

09:00am Call to Order

09:15am Reading of Concept 12

Quorum established: 47 - 90 voting members

## Officer Reports

### - Secretary

08-23-2025

Gina B.

Area 17 Secretary

First, I'd like to thank all those who sent their reports early. Just a friendly reminder to get your reports to me by Wednesday before I post the final minutes.

I'd like to take this time to explain why filling the reports on the forms is important.

- Reports are placed in the archives.
- When reports are just emailed, I can't put it in the "reports" section.
- If you don't know where to find the form for DCM's or Standing Committees, please come and ask me. I'd be more than happy to show you where they're located on the Area website.
- The IMPORTANCE of WHY we do a report. So the next person rotating into your current position will know what you've done, what worked and what didn't. We want to continue serving those who are in need.

I'd like to let you all know that you're doing a fantabulous job and keep up the great work you're doing!!

### - Treasurer

- Please See Treasurer's Report

Motion to Table Report till tomorrow - Quorum 52 Passed

### - Registrar

Thank you, District 8 West Hawaii, 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
- Collects and reports data for our delegate and other trusted servants

- Registers Voting members

As of August 20, 2025, Total 188, 177 Regular Groups, 14 Virtual, 71 Unknown groups

Thank you D12, 0 Unknown groups!

Back in May I offered to help DCMs with a quick tutorial on how to access Fellowship Connections. All DCMs should now have read-only access to FC and can see unknown groups in their districts.

Let's make it a goal to have 0 unknown groups in our Area by the Inventory Assembly in January 2026.

DCMs, please let me know by December 15, 2025, about the unknown groups in your district and will change their status to Inactive. An Inactive status means they are currently recognized as a meeting rather than a group, and as such, do not participate in voting or decision-making within Area 17.

Reminder:

Please Check-in at Assemblies and Committee Meetings with both the district (the district hosting the Assembly or Committee Meeting; pay registration fee and get your name tag) and the Area (me).

- **Alt Chair**

- o Alternate Chair Budget Assembly 2025 Report

Aloha Fellow Trusted Servants,

A big Mahalo to West Hawaii District 8 and all your efforts to help bring us together this weekend.

Registration is open for both the October Committee Meeting October 4, and the Inventory Assembly January 24 & 25. October registration link is on our website homepage and flyers are here for January. Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and DCM's please complete October registration today. You can also fill out January form today and give it to Danielle, Tri-Island DCM, if you brought your registration fee, otherwise please complete and mail in asap. I am asking everyone make the effort to get your registrations in at least 2 months in advance for each assembly, this makes the host committee's job much easier.

Any special needs should be communicated to the host DCMs right away to see if they can accommodate you and you can also contact me so I am aware and can verify your needs are being met if possible.

The ad hoc committee for the Structures & Guidelines is making good progress, and we look forward to making our prestaton on our findings to you in January. We just reviewed the Standing Committee Chairs section and would really like to receive input from the chairs. For those with GSO guidelines for your respective position, I

sent you an email recently with those attached. Please review those materials and take some time to reflect on your experience so far this panel, review your job description in the Structures & Guidelines is and then email me any input you have. Thank you.

I have been attending the monthly meetings of the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee, we met in person on Oahu this month, and all is going well with preparations for the convention. I will be setting up and monitoring the equipment for registration.

I had a great time and experience at the International Convention and look forward to our sharing on it tomorrow.

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

- **Alt Delegate**

ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT  
8/23/2025

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, Michele, and District 8, Kailua-Kona 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 since her return from Conference. 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](http://area17aa.org)

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

On July 17th, we held the GSR Orientation virtually. It was, in my opinion, a terrific turnout. We had 12 GSR's in attendance, as well as our Delegate, Area Chair, Webmaster, and District 12 Secretary. We will continue to do virtual orientations moving forward before each assembly. Information will go out to the DCMs about day and time.

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, Erin R.

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, I was able to attend both Standing Committee Workshops one on Maui and then on Oahu. I also attended the District 10 Workshop as well as the Birthday month celebration hosted by District 9. My apologies to Archives for not being able to attend Kapuna Day as I was at another event. Thank you all for keeping me busy and allowing me to serve and support you anyway possible.

Mahalo!

- **Chair**

- o Chair Report/Deborah L.  
Budget Assembly Hawaii Area 17/ Panel 75  
August 23, 2025

Aloha Everyone,

Since our last Assembly in April, I've been attending the O'ahu Intergroup's Committee meeting every second Wednesday of the month, and I got to attend and participate in the Founder's Day event on June 8th , which marked the start of my summer.

I also attended two workshops and one focused on the different Area Committees and the work that they are doing to carry out our primary purpose and while the other workshop that I attended virtually highlighted AA's fellowship in the past through the voices of our Kupuna, sharing what it was like in their time. Both were meaningful experiences.

I had the privilege of attending two of our Delegate, Deborah's General Conference Report Backs, hosted by District 3 and District 17, hearing her report back more than once gave me a deeper appreciation of Deborah's , our Delegate , experience at the Conference and the outcome that came from it. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to witness the spirit of service in action.

Looking ahead, we'll have our Area Committee Meeting on the Garden Isle of Kauai and GSR's are not expected to attend. In January, we'll gather for the Area 17's Inventory Assembly. GSR's are asked to attend, and just FYI all members of this society is welcomed, though they do not have a vote and if they would like to join us for meals, they will need to pay the registration fee so that the hosting districts of our Area Assemblies can plan accordingly.

Thank you for the privilege of serving. I remain grateful, and please know I am always available, don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need support.

Area Chair,  
Panel 75,  
Area 17 Deborah L.  
[chair@area17aa.org](mailto:chair@area17aa.org)

“We trust God, we trust AA, and we trust each other” (The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service by Bill W. pg C-11

- **Delegate**

To: All Conference Members  
Dear A.A. Friends,

On behalf of the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, I am writing to offer my sincere amends for a grave error within the Souvenir Book, A BOOK OF FELLOWSHIP: 90 Years of Sharing Love and Service, commemorating the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Specifically in Part Thirteen, A.A., Country by Country, on page 329, the name “Jerusalem” appears with its corresponding flag. The correct country listing should have been “Israel” along with its flag.

I understand this may appear to some as an expression of opinion on political or other issues outside of A.A., however, there was no such intention. Although the error was not intentional, it is still inexcusable, and the Fellowship has every reason to expect better from this office. I sincerely regret this error and offer my deepest apology to all who have been hurt by this.

The details of how this happened are by no means an excuse but may be helpful for some to know and to aid in understanding that this was an error. The original draft of the souvenir book from the 2020 International Convention included the same error, however, it was noticed and corrected before final publication. Unfortunately, when preparing the book for this year's convention, the writer began with the template from the original draft of the 2020 souvenir book rather than the final copy and our editors missed the error during their review. Again, this in no way excuses the error or diminishes the harm it caused.

Understanding how this occurred has been of great importance to me, our entire General Service Office, and to the General Service Board. I have been working closely with the Publishing Department, and we have developed and implemented controls to ensure nothing like this happens again.

We are reaching out to those directly affected by this error. This will include the Israeli structure through its Intergroup. A corrected page is available for download from the aa.org website under the International Convention tab at International Convention | Alcoholics Anonymous.

Again, my sincere apologies for any harm this has caused.

Bob W. General Manager, GSO

11:20am

**2026 Budget proposal**

Please see separate proposed budget for 2026

Quorum: 47 (2/3 vote)

For: 59

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 2

11:45am

**Pacific Regional Trustee nominee**

Nominees:

1. Bob H.

Quorum: 47

For: 76

No: 2

Bob's name will be put forward as our Nominee from Area 17 at the next General Service Conference

**PRAASA Report**

Theme: "Finding common Ground"

01:35pm

Presentation: "Concept XII in Action: The Heart of Trusted Servanthood" by Bob H., Past Delegate, Panel 67

03:15pm

Report backs from breakout sessions: "How can we be more accessible to Remote Communities?"

**DCM Odd:**

Identify what is remote 1<sup>st</sup>, then talk to them – ask what they need

Maui has done:

Crossing" weekend campouts

Hana Caravan: going to their meetings

What about communities that don't have meetings,

Put literature like newcomer packet but maybe with questionnaire to ask about needs at healthcare facilities, HR Offices of major employers, radio stations

What about different language – remote?

We can network to find resources

We can bring a translator if they're not alcoholic

Phone Lists:

Give phone numbers of volunteers available to talk  
Willing sponsors  
Work with standing committee chairs

**DCM Even:**

Discussion morphed into discussing how to reach out and encourage groups without representation in district and area service. Many groups may not be necessarily considered remote but may be distant from other groups and/or small groups that do not have enough members to send representatives to area service assemblies.

1. Use technology i.e. virtual or hybrid district meetings. Several districts are currently doing this and have increased group participation.
2. DCM, alt DCM and district members going to non-represented going to the meetings. Dinner and caravan to new and small meetings, the groups are usually dry receptive, and love being recognized and remembered!
3. When attending these smaller meetings DCM can certainly make announcements but be sure to bring flyers for the group.
4. Develop workshops, serve food and reinforce fun and fellowship.
5. Share how service beyond the group contributes to staying sober, creating a fellowship community. Working 1:1 with alcoholics is a core value, but we also need service helps us to carry the message to alcoholics. Fellowship and meeting other alcoholics at district meetings or workshops and assemblies also contribute to our sobriety.
6. Many new and small groups may not know about the service manual and how the concepts can help groups to grow. Assure groups have a service manual and Intergroup has them available for members and groups.
7. Don't give up – persevere. Keep reaching out remote groups.

**Mynah Bird:**

- More online everything
- More Online district meetings
- Hybrid PRASSA
- Hybrid Conferences
- Free Live streaming access to events
- Bring meetings to the remote areas - basically, people suiting up and showing up. These are people that live near remote communities going in to those communities and starting meetings.
- More caravans
- Have more workshops on how to start meetings
- I know this isn't a new issue, but remote communities are going to be underrepresented and not able to vote on things that could benefit them

because they can't even make to these kinds of events. That's why it may be worth considering...

- Form a committee that is specifically geared to making AA more accessible to Hawaii's remote communities—that can
  - Regularly survey remote communities and generate reports that give insights on accessibility, effectiveness of efforts, challenges, suggestions of how to address those challenges
  - Maintain a list of remote communities and develop a formal definition of what constitutes a remote community in this context
  - Maintaining a record and keeping track of whether or not those community hubs have literature
  - Allocate more budget and more real resources like, for example a dedicated committee, toward solving this challenge of making AA more accessible to our remote communities
  - Create a new area officer position: Remote Communities Representative
  - I'm not sure what these falls under, if its members being more informed, a cultural thing like, for example how flexible area is with reallocating funds, \$7000 for committee workshops, but we have a district with remote communities that can't do zoom meetings for their district meetings because they can't afford the \$150/yr subscription

#### **Cooperation with the Professional Communities (CPC):**

Create a committee that can better support the remote community.

- Identifying remote communities
- Finding volunteers to provide AA meetings in those remote areas.
- Definitely want to abide by the AA Traditions
- Possibly creating cards with AA resources to better support the next suffering alcoholic in remote areas
- Giving access to communities who speak different languages by finding volunteers who speak the language of remote communities here helping.
- Host a workshop, meeting, dinner, assembly where we invite professionals. Ex. Cares Hawaii, Health and harm reduction center, Waikiki DHS health center, ins in order to propose this same question to a broader group of people who could collaborate on the solution in an effective way.

#### **Convention Committee:**

QR codes:

- New comer packets
- Wealth of info
- Helpful for remote communities on Kauai
- Zoom has been helpful
- More in-person visiting remote communities

Hana Caravan (Maui)

- Meet once a month in Paia to take a mtg to remote community
- Need support from others
- If core group doesn't show consistency keeps it alive
- Up our game
- Same people showing consistency
- Being able to reach outer islands via zoom

Lack of GSR needs support. Caravan options. Create a flyer. Workshops, alkathon

How attractive do you make service.

Educate others that may not know the specifics.

Attended PRAASA and learned about remote community's caravan needs to be a service position

We still have members technically challenged to navigate current opportunities to tech options. Some still like hard copy rather than virtual or electronic.

Participation: going to outside meetins. Be responsible can reach out to HG members for feedback.

Bring it up in Group Conscience.

Incorporate into GSR report

Struggling with being the only one making announcements

Thinking that being quiet may be more beneficial

Make announcement anyway

New HG member still learning

Unless you live in isolation with no phone you should have access.

Depends on spiritual attraction, Natural Experience and rotation,  
Birthday night draws crowds.

### **Corrections:**

Find local members already bringing meetings to prisons and jails. Find out how we can support. What literature is needed/wanted.

Make announcements to connect members that would like to bring meetings with people that already have meetings.

Introducing the Plain Language Big Book to facilities.

Create workshops on how to start meetings in your local jail/prison.

### **Cooperation in the Elder Community (CEC):**

DITTO to everything Myna Bird Rep said plus

Remote as in Technology:

- offer to hold one on one or workshops for seniors on how to access Zoom meetings on their phone or computers. These can be offered at senior centers, assisted living homes, senior housing, complexes, or community centers that offer senior activities.
- Contact the above listed places, see if they're providing any outlets or outreach to seniors in their community Activity or living facility and see if we could facilitate setting up a zoom meeting In their day room/TV room so they could sit in on a hybrid meeting that's already taken place

Remote as in far away from town: Ex: places like Hana, Oceanside

- Pair up in Cooperation with mobile doctors, caseworkers, social workers, veterinarians, food, banks, or any other Traveling, charitable or medical program. Assemble a packet with literature, contact phone numbers, including rideshare information so they can get a ride to a meeting, and maybe meetings on cassette tape-Some type of audio recording for those that no longer can read due to sight impairment.
- Actual traditional 12 step work boots on the ground style. Members of alcoholics anonymous going to these isolated off grid communities, actually looking for alcoholics to help. An ad hoc committee may be necessary to identify where these communities are as previously suggested by other groups.
- Within these isolated remote communities, there should be some type of town board, community board, whether it be in a small market or in the center of town or potentially flyers can be posted that say something to the effect of, "Would you like to drink less?" , "Is somebody telling you that you drink too much in your family?", "Are you worried about how much you drink?" Come, talk story with us- And then list a place and a time for a casual meet up conversation and then have alcoholics actually show up to do it.

Basically, to take the information to spread the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to remote communities requires footwork, action, time and effort to be inconvenienced and to go to places that you would not normally go. Our suggestion is to practice alcoholics anonymous like they used to one alcoholic, driving the distance to go talk to another alcoholic so they can both have sobriety. Is our responsibility to take alcoholics to the suffering alcoholics not to make them come to us.

#### **Public Information:**

Our Public Information committee, this panel has created a small flyer with a QR code that leads to the Area 17 website with links to each island & intergroup website.

Concerning how we can reach remote communities, we decided to revise this flyer to include the phone number of the central offices on each island as well.

We believe that physical media remains a powerful tool and connecting with a newcomer over the phone can help answer their questions quickly and help them feel welcomed.

For certain communities like the military and small islands like Molokai and Lanai we want to also include a list of nearby meetings. Alcoholics in the military have shared a great concern with anonymity and prefer to find meetings outside their base. For smaller islands, there are only a handful of in-person meetings so the list could fit on one side of the flyer. We will be discussing this and finalizing the designs throughout our next committee on September 20.

We also discussed ideas to distribute and place these flyers in more public areas like community service centers, bathrooms, medical offices, local convenience stores, satellite city halls, libraries, etc.

**Treatment and Accessibilities:**

- Literature – to include hard of hearing/ visually impaired
- Caravans
- Virtual/online meetings
- Rural community outreach
  - Teach them how
  - Yellow pages research
    - Who we are, where we are, how to reach us, share the information
- Requires people who are willing to do service
- AA at a glance leave at organization
- Multi-media items to use for outreach to challenged community

**Intergroups:** Oahu - Mary  
Kauai – Kathryn  
E. Hawaii – Lane  
ASA Online – Donna  
Attitude Adjustment – Patty

“Remote” is not just geographical, but other populations (teens, seniors, mental health, homeless, professional, politicians

- Outreach: increasing efforts for outreach opportunities such as health fairs or disseminating literature to local resources/organizations.
- Reaching young people (teens) through orgs that already have access to these people.
- Increasing visibility of websites, podcasts
- Online intergroup AA
- Compiling AA resources on their websites
- Increase communication with Area so we aren't doubling efforts.
- Creating a forum at Area 17 website to share ideas of what is working
- Communication: WhatsApp for inter-island intergroups
- A lot of Hui? And not enough doing. Do the next right thing to spread the message.

### **Grapevine:**

Get more grapevine issues in circulation in:

- 1) District meetings encourage GSRs to have a Grapevine Rep Service position to announce the Grapevine. What it is and maybe tell a joke.
- 2) Have a Grapevine Drive – Create a flyer, make announcement to collect Grapevine pamphlet contributions. We have given Grapevines in the Hana community and Puna Districts.
- 3) A group that can sponsor another group to get a Grapevine subscription.
- 4) Districts could help purchase a Grapevine subscription for struggling groups in their district.

### **Archives:**

- How to use virtual meetings Info. Email the Native hospitals and treatment centers with a guide on joining and using virtual meetings while at the facility. Ensure the instructions are also provided in their native language. Ask them to post an informational letter on their bulletin board to inform clients about the virtual meetings, also translated into their language.

- AA Translator phone list: Create a phone list for Intergroup like a Phone Angel list, but specifically for translators—volunteers who can assist people who speak other languages.

- Big book language translator App- translate to all languages. Need to go through GSO.

- Re-do the crossing and or the once-a-month lanai potluck meeting trip: start up an outreach committee to the remote outer islands. Announce at meetings spread awareness on the populated islands. and get anyone who speaks another language, and they can outreach to the places that have another language.

- Cultural sensitivity: Identify a spokesperson from the local Native communities. Find out who the natural leaders are, whether in churches or other community roles—whom people already know and trust. Work with them to help carry the message of AA and support outreach efforts within their community.

- Committees-: The system is not broken; we should focus on strengthening the committees we already have, such as Archives and the Mynah Bird.

Let's work with what's in place and improve it, while encouraging more participation. By getting more people involved and excited about service, we can build up these committees and extend our reach to more remote communities.

04:45pm Close of Business

08/24/2025

## Day 2

09:00am Call to Order  
Reading: AA Service Manual, pg 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph

09:15am **Roundtables**

10:45am **Update from Webmaster**  
By Michael U.

11:00am **Roundtable Reports**  
**GSRs**

### Group 1

Topics:

1. More participation
2. How to run a business meeting
3. Bring more traditions into HG & business
4. Difference between a group conscience and a business meeting
5. What to do today for your quality of your sobriety
6. Roberts rules/efficiency for business meetings
7. AA vs. 9<sup>th</sup> step promises
8. How to get financial info for all levels so the HG can better distribute
9. Fund/contribution issues @ district & area (communications & transparency)

Business Meeting

Traditions: maybe reading a tradition at the business meeting

GSR orientation on Maui that is run by the DCM that teaches how to run a business meeting

Service sponsorship helps GSR to learn  
GSR/ Service workshop and even preparatory workshop  
One-stop shop place for all information  
Service sponsor in manual on page 9  
Tradition/Concept studies with sponsor  
Outgoing GSR – go over with new GSR (if you don't have an alt GSR)  
Business meeting format differences and how would we teach that  
in a workshop  
Running a meeting like area does w/ motions and discussion per the  
service manual  
How to handle off-topic... “point-of-order”  
Making sure all voices can be heard while also keeping the meeting  
on point  
Having GSR run the meeting and keep discussion on point  
Follow service manual page 7  
GSO has an informal format for a business meeting  
Question on whether the GSR can vote in their homegroup or if they  
run/facilitate the meeting  
Each group has autonomy  
Adding in a tradition into the business meeting after the report  
The struggles of HG having issues growing with AA  
GSR WhatsApp or type of communication to be able to get  
information

## **Group 2**

Date: 8/24/25

Location: Budget Assembly

Facilitator: Adriana

### Topics Raised

#### 1. Service Participation

Concern: Many people don't step up for service positions.

Discussion: Strategies for encouraging more members to  
take on service.

#### 2. GSR Guide / Cheat Sheet

Issue: Current GSR Service Manual is lengthy and not always  
read.

Proposal: Create a simplified “GSR Cheat Sheet” with high  
points:

- Schedule of upcoming district trips
- Promote GSR role at home group
- Ensure funds are reserved for registration/travel
- Attend district trainings early
- Verify registration is certified

### 3. Hybrid District Meetings

Issue: Some groups cannot afford travel; online/hybrid participation is critical.

Concern: Members online often feel excluded from discussions during hybrid meetings, even if they vote.

Proposal: Develop ways to optimize hybrid group content and improve online participation so remote members are included equally. Examples: O'ahu and Kona already have some online meetings; districts should make online access more widely known and available.

### 4. GSR Gatherings & Communication

Idea: Create additional opportunities for GSRs to connect beyond assemblies/district meetings.

- Monthly GSR-only meetings (outside of DCM)
- Informal Zoom meetings (40–60 minutes, free)
- WhatsApp or chat groups for encouragement and sharing ideas

Purpose: Motivation, inspiration, and reminder that GSR service extends beyond just attending assemblies.

Note: Some districts do not currently have GSR meetings; need to explore how to encourage more consistent participation.

#### Action Items

- Draft a GSR Cheat Sheet for new and current GSRs.
  - Explore best practices for hybrid meetings (tech setup, facilitation, inclusion of online voices).
  - Share information across districts that meetings can be attended online if travel is a barrier.
  - Encourage monthly GSR gatherings (outside DCM/district meetings).
  - Discuss strategies for engaging groups without active GSRs.
  - Narrow down top 3 focus topics:
    1. Service Participation
    2. GSR Cheat Sheet
    3. Hybrid District Meeting Optimization
- \*(Potential addition: Monthly GSR gatherings)\*

#### Part A: Getting Members to Participate at the Group Level

##### Voted Topic 1: Service

#### Part A: Getting Members to Participate at the Group Level

Format: Each person shares briefly (3 minutes max). No repeats: "ditto" allowed.

### Suggestions & Experiences:

- Constant reminders: Secretaries announce open service positions at every meeting (rotation dates, treasurer, secretary, coffee, etc.).
- Shadowing system: Newcomers can shadow someone in a service role before taking it on. Reduces apprehension.
- Try-before-you-commit: Encourage newcomers to try short-term service (coffee, readings, chips) before larger roles.
- Basket method: Weekly random selection for readings or chips to encourage participation.
- Greta's Moloka'i example: Modeling all service roles until others began stepping up; service culture became normalized. Rotation is now common, though slower due to newcomers in treatment.
- Chair readings tip: Placing readings on chairs encouraged members to volunteer eagerly to read.
- Reminders: Service isn't an advertisement — it's about helping yourself and the group.
- Patience: Progress in some groups is slow, but participation improves with consistent encouragement.
- Service as an insurance policy: Provides members a position and accountability, helping them stay connected to the program.
- Alternate positions (Alt-GSR, Alt-IGR, Alt-Secretary, Alt-Treasurer): Function as mentorship roles, ensuring readiness and smooth transition.
- Mentorship vs. dictatorship: Encourage old-timers to guide rather than control; written guidelines help pass on responsibilities.
- Sponsorship support: Sponsors stepping in when needed can ease apprehension for new GSRs and set an example for helping others.
- Service as sobriety insurance: Pacific Regional Trustee reminder — & the secret to long-term sobriety is service.
- Influence through attraction: Leading by example inspires others more effectively than pressuring or voluntelling.
- Voluntold vs. invitation: Some resent being voluntold; others may benefit. Important to adjust approach based on the individual.
- Mentorship in action: Teaching newcomers simple roles (e.g., coffee ratios, setup) builds confidence.
- Commitment coverage: Encourage members to exchange phone numbers to cover service duties when someone cannot attend.
- Example of long-term commitment: Some members value consistency and gratitude in service (e.g., coffee maker for many years).
- Small-group dynamics: On Moloka'i, one treasurer is maintained with prerequisites (2 years sobriety, job, bank account) due to group size and turnover.
- Personally inviting people to get in service with encouragement and openness to their suggestions.

## Part B: Service Participation at the General Service / Area Level

- Groups without GSRs: Many small meetings function without GSRs (just coffee or opening duties). GSRs visiting such meetings can share updates from Assemblies and Districts to spark interest.
- Alt-GSRs / Alt-DSRs: Encouraging groups to create alternate positions ensures coverage and builds mentorship. Alternates should be equally informed, not just backups, so they are ready to serve.
- Mentorship and encouragement: Old-timers and sponsors can reduce apprehension by offering guidance, support, and reminders that others will step in if needed.
- Finding potential GSRs: Look for members already active in service, reliable, and showing leadership qualities; personally invite and encourage them.
- Workshops & cheat sheets: Possible district-level workshops to explain GSR roles. Ties into the proposed GSR Cheat Sheet.
- Enthusiasm and attraction: Share the benefits of having a GSR:
  - Group's voice is heard
  - Access to district and island-wide activities
  - Stronger unity across AA
  - Members more informed about opportunities
- Buddy system: Traveling with a partner (Alt-GSR, buddy) makes attendance at area service more manageable and less intimidating.
- Service sponsors: Just as AA members may have a personal sponsor, having a service sponsor is vital. Helps demystify responsibilities and keeps GSRs supported.
- Fear & self-doubt: Normalize that GSR can feel intimidating, but doing your best is better than a group having no GSR at all.
- Attraction vs. pressure: Avoid voluntelling — instead, use encouragement and share personal stories of how service strengthens sobriety.
- Long-term perspective: Many learned only at assemblies/orientations how broad AA service is. Exposure and participation reveal the deeper purpose and unity of service.

### **Group 3**

Issue: How to increase participation in the home groups service, group conscience and business meetings.

- Start weekly “Concepts” meeting – open to all but geared for New GSRs
- Get or be a Service Sponsor.
- Plan whole day activities & workshops by elders to teach newbies
- Bring food
- Go to District meetings & Assemblies.
- Talk about service in meeting shares, emphasizing importance of service to stay sober.

- Group text to remind people about biz meetings
- Announcements at the end of meetings
- Join the GSRs WhatsApp group
- Suggest privately to do service \*Voluntold\*
- Home group structure of service positions & assignments
- Monthly group conscience meeting & service position reports
- RTFM (Read The Fu\*\*\*ing Manual)!

1.) Participation

- a. Group text for biz meeting reminder
- b. Ask people directly to do service privately or sign-up sheet
- c. Announcements at the end of meeting
- d. GSR WhatsApp group
- e. Suggest people to step up – Voluntold
- f. Home group service position assignments
- g. Monthly group conscience meeting & Service position reports (group structure)

2.) Attendance

- a. Suggest rather than command to come back. Be aware of how we, as individuals, present ourselves to newcomers
- b. Ask for people willing to be a temporary sponsor at end of meeting
- c. Offer rides
- d. Welcome newcomers warmly
- e. Offer newcomers the opportunity to share
- f. Monthly birthday meetings

**Group 4**

Topics for PRAASA

Chair: Lauri C.

Scribe: T

Presenter: Stephanie

3 top topics that GSRs want to discuss:

Robby: accessible to newcomer rather than to the individual long timer business meeting is about making meeting more comfortable to self rather than newcomer.

Michelle: what does home group mean and how to get newcomers to come to business meeting.

1.) General service participation:

- a. Struggling filling business positions
- b. Speaking one on one gets better results
- c. Fortunate to get
- d. Asking people again to be in service
- e. Provided sample service to be in service

- f. Blanket announcements don't work as good as being voluntold
- g. Passed directly to members
- h. Large community in group service small participation in business service: give option
- i. HG has heavy hitters in service
- j. If you want what we have, you'll do what we do
- k. Mentoring
- l. GSR mentoring group
- m. Reverse psychology to service and how it helps my real life
- n. Looked unattractive by the energy level
- o. Baton passing; how we hand off service position
- p. Disservice by complaining about service
- q. Get a service sponsor
- r. Compliment in public, grumble in private

2.) Spirit of Service/Rotation:

- a. Passing the baton
- b. Encourage others to fill the position
- c. Recommended requirements: newcomer to be supported by people with time
- d. Meeting etiquette
- e. Group conscience
- f. Meeting bias; be consistent with service
- g. Give notice of upcoming open position
- h. Is it actively open
- i. Meeting announcements helps fill positions
- j. Possible cultivate people to be in service
- k. Out of fear to lose opportunity
- l. No one to fill

3.) Balance in service

- a. Showing service is balanced
- b. Delegating service to help find balance
- c. Service sponsor
- d. Love committee work; Alkathon; retired helps
- e. Knowing how much I can do
- f. Typical behavior; extreme drinking vs extreme service
- g. Know my characters of service
- h. Always carry at least one service
- i. Use guidelines; getting more into service
- j. Limit service to fit my lifestyle
- k. Spirit of service is something I need to do
- l. Share my story of service and guide
- m. I fail in balance; retired makes me volunteer for service

## Group 5

### 1. How do we get people excited and involved in service?

Educate the group, increase awareness of what's going on outside the meeting. Suggesting that someone in every group makes an announcement of upcoming events. Make it look fun, show up early, greet every single person. Have more activities and workshops that encourage teamwork instead of just listening. Group projects, collaboration, games. Make service elections exciting, fight for the position and qualifying yourself. Congratulating when someone gets a position. Greeters are important to establish the environment of love and engage the newcomer. For people who aren't familiar with service, we put up a physical bulletin board with all the flyers for events and information. Have the people who served in intergroup and area share their experience of how great it is to meet alcoholics from other islands. We are responsible for sharing the enthusiasm of the service we do; reporting back about the assemblies with fire.

#### Summary:

Make time for members to share their experience in serving outside the homegroup. Service is for everyone and service keeps us sober! It makes us better people outside of AA; Announce at meetings the upcoming events in the district and area, no matter if that's your homegroup. Report back to your homegroup the enthusiasm of attending assemblies. Consider a physical bulletin board with flyers from every upcoming event.

### 2. How do we foster the spirit of reaching out to the newcomer?

Make announcement at the end of the meeting encouraging the newcomers to stick around and get phone numbers and put hands up for anyone available to sponsor. Encourage homegroup members to hang out after the end of meetings to be available for newcomers. Collect phone numbers of homegroup members and add it to the newcomer packet. Reminding the newcomers that they're the most important people that show us all that it can still work one day at a time. Shake more hands! Make them feel respected just as much as the old timers. Buy newcomer packets made by Intergroup, they're very affordable. Hand it out to them instead of telling them to go get one.

#### Summary:

Plan to hangout after meetings to engage newcomers, especially those who came in late. Order newcomer packets from Intergroup, hand them out with a handshake, don't just leave it on the table.

Make sure to stock ;Bridging the Gap pamphlet. Make the newcomers feel respected and important by making announcements educating them to find a sponsor, talk to someone, get phone numbers. Become a Phone Angel via Intergroup; dedicate a specific window of time to be available to answer calls.

3. How do we avoid burnout between AA, work, family, spirituality?

Self-care, make sure that you still do what you want to do some of the time. Put the brakes on, take a step back, and talk to your Higher Power. Schedule time for relationships and don't be afraid to table activities for a later time. It's okay to let people leave a voicemail or let them know you'll get back to them later. Don't sacrifice all your fun activities for service work, they're just as important to keep you healthy. Keep boundaries, you're not responsible for everything! Daily reading pages 85-86 of Big Book.

Summary:

Schedule activities just for yourself to enjoy. Don't sacrifice all your fun activities for service work, they're just as important. Set boundaries and it's okay to put off people's requests for a later time. Take a break to talk to your Higher Power, trust in God! You can let the phone ring and address it at a later time. Read pages 85-86 of the Big Book. Process with your sponsor your own motives and feelings; get a second opinion to help you decide if you are doing too much or too little. This is all very personal and different for every person. Keep trying until you find what things really feed your spirit, not just what everyone else does.

Maggie: How did I feel being the chair? I hated it, it makes me nervous, but it's important for me to try it.

Michael: I felt unified through our thoughts and feelings, even though I didn't speak very much myself. When I heard someone else say what I was going to say, I feel heard and connected.

**Intergroup(s):**

- District cooperating with intergroup
- Workshop and events
- Intergroup bridging the gap with alanon
- Attracting service members
- Series of the AA Service Manual
- Attracting service.../ workshops
  - Sponsorship workshop on how to spread the word about service

- Sharing experience of service more at meetings.
- Answering the question of what is Intergroup
- Inter-island intergroup connections
- Producing more events and workshop
- Inter-island/ events calendar
- Starting steering committees
  - Executive meetings
- Kuleana to prepare next
- Cohesion – unification, combined effort vision of service s
- OIAA
- Inter-Island AA structure
- Participation of online groups in intergroup

**DCMs:**

- 1.) Overcoming the challenge of getting people to stand for committee service;
  - a. Inform the members of what the positions are and what they entail
  - b. Show members that there is a need for these service positions and how easy it is to do this service
  - c. Make packets for GSRs to show people that have information on the positions
  - d. Have discussions within your group about positions and find who is interested in having a service position
  - e. Have “what to take back” discussions at district meetings about what is discussed in roundtables at assemblies
  - f. As always – entice discussions with food!
- 2.) How do we overcome the negative stigma of area service:
  - a. Assure people that it is not as hard as it may appear
  - b. Make announcements at meetings and be excited about what’s going on in AA
  - c. Explain what we actually talk about at assemblies – not just literature and budgets but outreach and how we can better carry the message to the next alcoholic
  - d. Share your experience with service and your sobriety
  - e. Re-iterate that sobriety requirements are only suggestions and can be discussed if someone really wants to be of service
  - f. Sponsors can learn more about the service structure to be able to explain it to their sponsees.
- 3.) Digital vs in-person meetings:
  - a. Camera on to show presence
  - b. Anonymity in hybrid meetings – can make newcomers uncomfortable if being seen on camera
  - c. More participation with virtual meeting
  - d. Get “more” from face-to-face meetings
  - e. Helps remote communities be able to participate
  - f. People can use it as an excuse to “not show up”

**SCCs:**

Roundtable Discussion 8/24/2025

Topic 1: The Ad-Hoc Committee is updating the Area 17 Structures and Guidelines descriptions for the Standing Committees. Chairs are asked to give feedback on adjustments/ suggestions.

Topic 2: Discuss things we have in common.

Several committees overlap. CPC has printed business cards for each Intergroup in the Area. Updating PSAs. Discussion of PI – anonymity in the media. Communication is key – SCC Area email:

area17committees@area17aa.org

Mynah Bird – SCCs to inform Mynah Bird

Add Kupuna Corner (CEC) Long-timers story (Archives/Mynah Bird)

Add interviews with professionals who work with alcoholics (Castle, Queens, etc)

Topic 3: Focus on presenting Standing Committee workshops on the Sunday after Committee meetings:

Check with DCMs, ask them to reserve the space for Sunday October Kauai

District 6 – District decided not to hold a SCC workshop

March 7, 2026 – District 10 – Waikiki

May 16, 2026 – District 12 - Puna

Topic 4: Grapevine – how to increase subscriptions “Carry the Message” project. Also, aagrapevine.org has lots of information for Group

Grapevine Reps. Gift a subscription.

Topic 5: Archives – Annual Kupuna Day

Get suggestions for speakers for 2026 date to be determined (possibly late April) Oral Histories: Mike K will interview long-timers, received some suggestions (Joel – West Hawai`i; Marrienne -West Hawai`i; Auntie Bonnie – Hilo; Karen N – Maui)

**Finance Committee:**

Updated the Delegate Report back amount from \$1000 to \$2000.

Will be purchasing equipment from Starlink for better wifi experience

01:00pm

**Treasurers Report**

**Please see updated Treasurers Report**

Quorum: 44 Needs 2/3 Vote (55)

For: 84

Against: 0

01:10pm

**62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hawaii Convention Update**

01:15pm

**DCM Reports (District Committee Member)**

**DCM 1**

Date: August 25, 2025

District: D1 – Diamond Head District

Person reporting and position: Gladys R., DCM

Email: [dcm1@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm1@area17aa.org)

Diamond Head District is grateful to the five to ten Home Group GSRs who regularly participate in our monthly business meetings. We currently have a treasurer in place and have made a successful transition from the last panel. We've also been graciously supported by a temporary Alternate DCM and a temporary Secretary. However, we are actively seeking to fill both of these service positions permanently.

Following the announcement of these vacancies at the recent assembly, I was approached by individuals who expressed interest in serving. As we now have at least one willing candidate for each position, we plan to hold elections at our next regularly scheduled business meeting, which takes place on the first Thursday of every month at 5:30 PM.

Our district continues to collaborate on ways to increase participation in monthly business meetings and to encourage involvement in district fellowship events. We are currently developing a poster to share with Home Groups—both in person and virtually—to help invite members and highlight opportunities for District 1 to be of service.

We recently partnered with District 10 to host our Delegate's Report Back. Additionally, we welcomed a visit from the Area Treasurer, who shared insights into our group's finances.

Upcoming Hosting Events:

December 2025: Christmas Alkathon

November 2026: Election Assembly



**DCM 2**

Date: 08/23/25

District: 2

Person reporting and position: Johnna P. DCM

Email: dcm2@area17aa.org

☒ District 2 had our Delegate Report Back on 7/26/25. Talk about the UNITY this committee put out. I appreciate my Alt DCM for stepping up to the plate as well as the rest of the GSR's that made the Delegate Report Back happen. Taught me a valuable lesson about when I cannot WE can... Thank you district 2.

☒ Alt DCM has been amazing at reaching out to groups that are not participating, and sharing with them how important it is to be informed. With that being said our smaller groups that are not participating in district agreed to stay informed by email.

**DCM 3**

Date: August 15th

District: 3

Person reporting and position: Nicole G./Alt DCM

This month our district has begun discussions and idea sharing to organize a workshop hosted by District 3 sometime before the end of the year...more to follow soon! We will also be hosting presentations by committee chairs for all who want to attend.

Don M. volunteered to serve district 3 as our new registrar. He is compiling a list of all the groups in our district and will start visiting the unrepresented groups to keep them informed and let them know what district, area, and AA are doing.

Head Start – strong attendance, solid sobriety, and financially solvent. They are making contributions to district, but one question the GSR is getting asked is what is district doing to support our groups other than information sharing? District 3 will address this concern and begin hosting workshops and sharing sessions for the district. Beach clean- up at sand island in June was very successful and they are looking to set up another one...even though Wolf couldn't find it!

X – Factah – Attendance is rising, 50-60 people every meeting, have a lot of attendees from Hui Kokua, with really good speakers on Monday nights. One of the only groups that presents coins and a lot of people come on their birthdays just to get a coin. X Factah just had the spirit of rotation and new people stepped into service positions.

Hui Kokua – continuing to grow, birthday nights are the big night where they do a potluck, they also give out coins drawing in a lot of birthday people. Had a very successful family day at Pokai bay last Saturday. Next event coming up is the Halloween dance at Kapolei center in early October, flyer sent out. A lot of members are contributing by holding tickets and ensuring members get tickets to events.

Eatin Meetin - Requesting Chuukese language How it Works, meeting had two visitors (Chuukese and maybe Marshallese) who may have benefitted from it. Nicole has neighbors who could translate a message

#### **DCM 4**

Date: 8/23/2025

District: 4 - Windward

Person reporting and position: Rhonda

Email: dcm4@area17aa.org

I want to thank my alternate DCM, Rhonda, for attending the Area Assembly this weekend and presenting my report.

Our District sponsored a Delegate Report Back and Potluck on June 14, held at our Alternate DCM's home in the Windward District. There were 24 people in attendance. We had a lot of fun, learned a great deal about the conference, and the food was scrumptious.

The Area Treasurer came to our District meeting and gave an excellent presentation on the budget. I am sure that we were able to take information back to our groups that helped to gain an informed group conscience.

It has been a jam-packed summer for me: I had the pleasure of attending the International Convention in Vancouver, which was a great event. Two days later, I was sent to Japan for work, and then a week ago, I returned for more fun. I had a day off while I was here this time and was able to attend an in-person meeting at the Franciscan Chapel Center near Tokyo. We had some lunch and great fellowship. I love and am genuinely grateful for our fellowship, which gives us a place to call home, no matter where that might be. This journey and meeting filled me up.

#### **DCM 5**

Date: 8-24-25

District:5

Person reporting and position: Tim G.

Email: dcm5area17aa.org

Co-hosted delegate report back with district 11 and 13. Very huge success. Monthly GSR workshops run by Alt. DCM. Well attended and great learning. GSR's actively promote service at all levels.

Upcountry sunrise hosted Founders Day.

We have put pamphlets in multiple locations and have a rotation of service members who restock. We purchased Big books for treatment facilities.

Hana Caravan happens last Sunday of each month. Come join the fellowship.

DCM presents 2x per month at a DUI class. Talking about what AA is and what it isn't.

#### **DCM 6**

I'm an Alcoholic, my name is Bob F. My Homegroup is Poipu Sunrise Sobriety. I'm currently the DCM for District 6, the Island of Kauai and I am Grateful to be of Service. District 6 currently has 23 Active Home Groups, I'm not certain how many of those have current registration with this Panel's Area Registrar, it is something that is an on-going concern. We also have a Newly Revived Group meeting in Kapaa on Sunday noon.

Currently, have 54 Face to Face Meetings and 24 Virtual Meetings weekly. They are all well represented with the largest having 40-50 members. Most of the meetings average 20 members. They are all very interesting and well received with lots of early and long-term sobriety. Our Homegroup, Poipu Sunrise Sobriety meeting 7days a week at 7AM, both face to face and on Zoom. We average 20-25, residents and visitors, men and women, all are Open Meetings, lots of newcomers and old salts, lots of returning guests.

We have had an interesting, yet productive first 8 months of this new Panel. Our Goal of Sharing AA Service has born fruit. Our District Meetings are represented by more GSRs, interested parties, Intergroup. We meet the 3rd Saturday of the month and try to limit our meetings to 1.5 hours.

Our new Treasurer had a baby girl in July, but members in District have stepped-up to help with maintaining the Treasury. Linda B. continues to do an excellent job with our monthly Newsletter, the Garden Island Sobriety. We have confronted and resolved some former website issues. Our virtual platform is getting better (I understand). We have lots of events planned, which Kathryn our Intergroup Chair will share with you. We will be hosting our Delegate next weekend at our Annual Labor Day event and the Committee Meeting in October.

We have had some of our District Officers and Standing Committee Chairs step-down, which lessens our effectiveness, but we are making steps to fill those vacancies. I will say though, that Bill G. in Corrections, Jay in CEC and of course, Mathea (still very active) in Archives are doing terrific jobs.

I continue to look forward to working with you all. See you on Kauai for the Committee Meeting in October and at the Hawaii Convention on Oahu.

### **DCM 7**

Date: 2025.08.24

District:7

Person reporting and position:Zalyn L DCM District 7

Email:dcm7@area17aa.org

Hello my name is Zalyn and I am an alcoholic. Thursday Night Special on the virtual platform is my home group. Our district currently has a DCM, a treasurer, 3 GSRs, 16 active live groups and 2 active virtual groups. Wanted to say a quick thank you to Michelle

and all of District 8 for hosting this budget assembly. Since I haven't seen most of you since May, we had a very successful (although rainy) Committee Meeting. Thanks to everyone for coming out and enduring the weather. Also a big thanks to everyone who helped out, including Ian and a few others from District 12 who volunteered their time to help out.

Upcoming events in our area are the annual East meets West softball game Saturday, September 6 th . There will be BBQ, potluck, fellowship, and maybe even softball. District 7 will also be pairing up with District 12 for a workshop on September 27 th which I will leave to Julie so as not to steal her thunder.

### **DCM 8**

Date: August 27

District: 8

Person reporting and position: Michelle B., DCM District 8

Email: dcm8@area17aa.org

I have been getting more comfortable with my position as DCM. I am actively trying to fill my committee chair positions as they are needed to carry the message. I began visiting other groups since my return from the International Convention which was exhilarating and inspiring!

Before I left our District had a great Founder's Day event to host our delegate Debra S.'s report back, (which was amazing!).

I am still filling our AA presence at the DUI class at the Courthouse.

We have a new PI Chair, Robert, who I am training to fill the position. Next will be a workshop to teach AA basics. We are getting more participation and that is heartwarming.

### **DCM 9**

Date:08/22/2025

District:09

Person reporting and position: Kelly R.

Hi, my name is Kelly, and I am an alcoholic. I'm grateful to be serving as the DCM for Central, North Shore, Oahu, District 09. We currently have 4 GSR's. I have been in contact with some of the other meetings in my district encouraging them to possibly find someone to represent their group. I plan on visiting some meetings in person to show support, and to encourage people to get into service. I have been on fellowship connection to look at the "Unknown" groups in my district and have a list of contact people for about half of them to

be updated to make them “Active” and will be giving Liz to update. So far this panel I have been able to help some of the group’s treasurers.

There was a group that had trouble with opening a new bank account and I helped with writing them some Structures and Guidelines. We’ve had to replace our districts treasure due to ours moving across the country. She is doing an amazing job and has been taking the position very seriously. Since then, we have been able to finally pass a budget for the rest of this year and are working on passing a 2026 budget. This is a big deal for us because we have never had a budget in our district. This year’s budget may have been passed halfway through the year, but I am still proud of the progress. We have also made some changes to our structures and guidelines, and our process of doing business in our district meetings to help things move along in a more timely manner. We also have decided to make our district meeting hybrid in hopes of having more attendance. We had our first hybrid meeting this month and it went smoothly.

Thank you Debora L. for your help setting up the meeting on the area zoom account. Our monthly birthday celebration meeting has been a big hit that people seem to really enjoy. This has really helped bring us closer together in fellowship. We had a big summer barbeque for July, which we started last year, and plan on making it an annual celebration. Another thing we are very excited about is we have started the prosses of planning a workshop to be had early next year. We feel the topic will attract more of the fellowship besides the people who are already in area service. There are a lot of great ideas to make it fun and attractive. We are still hope in hosting a workshop with one of the standing committees. That hasn’t been further discussed but were still interested. Lastly we will soon be starting to plan our annual New Years eve alkathon.

I am so proud of all my GSR’s and the service they have been doing so far this panel, and am grateful myself to have been able to help them and share the knowledge that has been so freely passed down to be.

In love and service,  
Kelly R.

**DCM 10**

Report at mic

**DCM 11**

Date: 8/23/2025

District: 11 Kihei, Maui

Person reporting and position: Claire H. District 11 DCM  
Email: DCM11@area17aa.org

The three Maui districts 5, 13, and Kihei 11 together organized and hosted a Delegate Report Back Brunch on Saturday June 21 st . We served an amazing gourmet brunch. We were so grateful to hear about Delegate Deborah's experience at the General Service Conference in New York City!

There was a fun 2nd annual Memorial day beach bbq with multiple AA meetings throughout the day. The fellowship and fun brought a lot of unity to our island.

The annual 12-step workshop, 16 straight weeks, every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30, was extremely well attended this year being lead by both Andre and Colin H. and finishes next week. We are so grateful for their service to our Maui recovery fellowship.

The Founder's Day Celebration was held on Sunday June 8 th , celebrating 90 years of Alcoholics Anonymous! This was an island wide event sponsored by Maui intergroup and our Central office board. Many of our Kihei District and Maui island fellowship attended our world international convention in Vancouver, British Columbia over the 4th of July holiday long weekend. I created a Maui 2025 Vancouver AA button for us to share and trade with other AA members from all over the world! The convention was an amazing spiritual experience... and the button trading was a blast.

We continue to hold our monthly Kihei District meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 6pm. We have welcomed one new GSR to our team, from a new meeting Living in the Solution (LITS). Kihei District will hold a breakfast district workshop in early December. We have generated some great ideas for a holiday themed fun event including holiday attire, an ugly sweater contest, ideas about staying sober through the sometimes challenging holidays, fun AA skits, and providing information about what a home group is and why it's valuable to be a member of a home group and what happens at monthly home group business meetings.

A big thanks to Alt. Chair Sean C. for attending our district meeting to explain in detail the proposed 2026 budget. The Kihei District GSRs did a great job of informing their groups about the Area 17 budget in preparation for the Budget Assembly in Kona.

We attended a MICYPAA (Maui Island Campout of Young People in AA) pre- event, a beach bonfire meeting, at Po'olenalena Beach in South Maui. This was also to spread the word about the upcoming MICYPAA campout event at Camp Maluhia on September 5-7th. A flyer can be found on MICYPAA.com. Although Kihei District is not contributing any monetary support, we will be volunteering to prepare and serve the Saturday night dinner and we look forward to being part of that campout.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

## **DCM 12**

Date: 08/24/2025

District: 12

Person reporting and position: Julie C., DCM

Email: dcm12@area17aa.org

Puna District 12 still has 13 GSR's and we have 28 meetings per week. Six meetings are on Zoom and two are hybrid. Our monthly District Meeting is also hybrid. We still need an Alternate DCM and a few more GSR's and their Alternate GSR's.

Several of our GSR's are currently brainstorming with their groups about workshop ideas, so they can host a workshop during Panel 75. We have a Corrections, Treatment and Accessibilities' Workshop coming up on Saturday, September 27 th at the Ainaloa Longhouse. Flyers with all of the details will be forthcoming right after the Budget Assembly. The Speaker Jam is also in the works. Our two main speakers have confirmed, but we need to work out the date and location to coincide with their schedules.

We have our Annual Unity Day "East Meets West" Potluck/Barbecue coming up on Saturday, September 6 th from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the main Ballpark in Waimea. West Hawaii - District 8 currently has the trophy from last year's softball game. Hilo/Hamakua – District 7 and Puna District 12 will be playing competitively to get the trophy back. I want to thank East Hawaii Intergroup and West Hawaii Central Office for arranging this event every year. They are also responsible for planning the Annual Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Alkathon's.

I also want to express my gratitude for Sean F. and Deborah S. for their service in putting together a great virtual GSR Orientation last

month. Several of our GSR's were in attendance. In fact, some of them are attending their first Area Assembly this weekend!

We are now fortunate to have a new alt DCM. I'm so proud to have 8 GSRs in attendance at this Assembly, which is more than we ever had.

### **DCM 13**

Date: 8/23/25

District: 13

Person reporting and position: Danielle S. DCM

Email: dcm13@area17aa.org

Since the last assembly we helped host the Delegate Report Back with districts 5 and 11. While I was unable to attend, I was told that it was well attended and that the fellowship had a good time and was well informed. Our Molokai GSR and Alt DCM

### **DCM 17**

Date: 8/23/25

District: 17

Person reporting and position: Paula Q. DCM17

Email: dcm17@area17aa.org

Thank you District 8 for hosting us this weekend. I'm in awe of the way you plan, coordinate, and carry out food, transportation, and housing for over 100 people! Great work!

Our District held our Delegate Report Back on July 12 at Pokai Bay. While I anticipated a bigger group than what showed up, Deborah helped me see that those who were there, were meant to be there. Following Deborah's report Deborah had a potluck. It was interesting that the crowd immediately doubled as soon as the food was brought out. I don't know where they came from!

We continue to hold our District meetings on zoom, the 3rd Sun. at 5:30. Now that zoom has become our norm, attendance has gotten a little sporadic. Maybe it's because it's summer and people more busy with family vacations. In this case food isn't an option to incentive attendance! Adrianna came to our June meeting and reviewed the 2026 proposed budget. It was especially helpful to the GSRs for presenting it to their groups.

An ongoing issue with us is having group representation on the district and area level. We have 17 groups, 7 currently participate in

District. This fall, now that school's back in session and people are Pau traveling, we intend to caravan to groups that don't have GSRs.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of service and helping to keep me sober.

02:30pm **SCC Reports (Standing Committee Chair)**

**Grapevine:**

Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guidelines for Area 17 for Area 17 General Service 3.3  
G the Grapevine Chair duties are informs, Hawaii's A.A.fellowship of the many benefits that can be derived through a Grapevine subscription. I would like thank Deborah announce the Grapevine challenge I been announcing at meetings on Maui. I been reaching and getting Grapevine to remote area like on Maui in Hana and I got some for the Puna district on the big Island. I would like to thank my committee for their hard work informing there group about the Grapevine and the Grapevine Challenge. I would like to thank the Area Committee for letting me Serve as the SCC Chair and also thanking District 8 for hosting the Budget Assembly.

Kimo N.  
SCC Chair Grapevine

**Public Information:**

Date: August 24, 2025  
Standing Committee: Public Information  
Person reporting and position: Christi N.  
Public Information Chair

The Public Information committee has spent \$197.60 on printing PSA's.

Our committee is creating some new PSA'S with each individual intergroup phone number on it.

We are also going to have a table at the Hawaii Annual convention.

We are meeting on Zoom the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 3p. The next 3 meetings will be September 20, October 18 and November 15. All are welcome.

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

- We participated in the Standing committee workshop at Unity Church.
- PSA's were distributed to homegroups, Treatment centers, and other human services locations.
- Libraries were checked, we could use help there as well, to have our literature circulated.

In love and service  
Christi N  
Public Information Chair  
Hawaii Area 17  
Panel 75

**Cooperation with the Professional Community:**

Date: 8/23/25

Standing Committee: CPC

Person reporting and position: Beau B, CPC SCC Area 17 Panel 75

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

“If we don’t want others in the public square to define our organization and recovery program then we must define it ourselves. The conference cannot solve our problems locally – it is up to us to carry that message.” – Tim C

Since we last met in April... Committee workshop Saturday, June 21 st at Unity Church, Honolulu T&A, Mynah, Corrections, Convention, PI, CPC, Archives, Al-Anon, Brisket, Poke Adventist Health Castle – Kailua, HI – Current Weekly Meetings

They are interested in meetings 2x / week, 8-8:55pm IHS Detox Meetings – Honolulu, HI – Upcoming They are interested in meetings 1x / week, Thursdays, 6-7pm

- Get in touch or email [cpc@area17aa.org](mailto:cpc@area17aa.org) if interested in becoming a volunteer Presentations – if you’d like an island specific PowerPoint presentation, get in touch Straub Social Work Department – completed

May 23 rd

Called to say I have some AA resource cards for alcoholic patients... Operator said they don’t have alcoholic patients there JABSOM / Addiction Medicine – completed July 31 st AA presentation during clinical rotations for medical students 4000 Service Cards Printed 2000 Oahu, 500 Kauai, 500 Maui, 500 East Hawaii, 500 West Hawaii total cost \$353.92, 8.8 cents per card includes the island’s 24-hour hotline, intergroup website, local meetings, cpc email for cards or presentations, and central office address where applicable

Locations: 1 bond agency, 2 hospitals, 4 outpatient clinics (behavioral health, primary care, etc.), 2 churches, 2 military bases, 2 homeless shelters, kaneohe va, and multiple hotels in Waikiki

**Archives:**

Date: 8/24/2025

Standing Committee: Archives

Person reporting and position: (First Name, Last Initial) Mike L.

Archives: Preserving our history, Enriching our Future Thank you, West Hawai`i District 8 for hosting this Budget Assembly.

Here's what the Archives Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous since the Inform the Delegate Assembly of April 5-6, 2025:

We continued the great idea started by the Panel 73 Archives Committee – we held the SECOND Annual Kupuna Day on July 26, 2025. We heard early members sharing their experiences of A.A. on Hawai`i Island, Maui, and O`ahu. We plan to do it again next year, and welcome suggestions for next year's speakers. How about some women who have been sober a while?

Area 17 Archives received a VHS tape recording of Hawai`i's first Delegate, which I have not dared to try to play yet. I am asking if anyone has the knowledge and skills to transfer the recording to a digital format that can be preserved. This is a great example of one way that an Area's Archives can carry the A.A. message, by letting us hear the voices of those who have served our Area in the past. We get to hear about where our service work has been effective in the past, what challenges came up, and learn what worked and what needs were still unmet.

The Annual Hawai`i Convention (October 30 - November 2, 2025) usually makes some space available for the Area Standing Committees, including an Area Archives display, and I was informed that the Convention also has its own archive.

Our Hawai`i Area is hosting the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) in Waikiki February 27-March 1, 2026. We have received about six poster board displays from PRAASA 2025 in Anchorage Alaska. We will display them, and then pass them on to Western Washington Area 72 for PRAASA 2027 in Seattle. Did you know Hawai'i Area also hosted PRAASA in 1978, 1989, 1999 (Kailua-Kona), and 2011?

Archives participated in the Standing Committee Chairs workshops of April 26 in Maui – hosted by Tri-Island District 13, and June 21, 2025 on O`ahu hosted by the CPC Chair. Some members of the committee attended our monthly online meeting on May 10, June 14, and July 12, 2025. The Archives Chair also attended the online monthly Archivist online meeting on July 6 and August 3, 2026.

Thank you for allowing me to be in service.  
- Mike L.

**Mynah Bird:**

Date: 9/2/25

## Standing Committee: Myna Bird

Person reporting and position: Mike. K

### Since Last Report

- Successfully completed and released Issue 1 of the Mynah Bird newsletter
  - Established design system (layout, branding, structure)
  - Printed and distributed hard copies
  - Positive feedback received from both AA members and trusted servants
- Committee has grown — 3 new members added
  - Each personally welcomed and onboarded by the Chair
- Strong committee engagement:
  - Regular communication
  - Members contributing actively
  - Supportive environment as Chair learns the role

### Current Work in Progress

- Developing Issue 2 of the Mynah Bird
  - Original release planned for October 2025
  - Revised target: January 2026 Assembly
- Main article in development:
  - Follow-up on AA in Lahaina/Maui, two years after the fires
  - Chair conducting outreach and research to gather multiple perspectives
- Additional article planning underway for future issues
- Ongoing outreach to District Committee Members (DCMs) across the state
  - Goal: increase representation of AA activity across all islands
  - Aim: use the Mynah Bird to help unify the Area

### Upcoming Plans

- Continue developing:
  - Lahaina follow-up article
  - Broader content pipeline for Issues 2 and 3
- Expand connections with DCMs and groups to source stories and insights
- Assess possibility of increasing print quantity and distribution for future issues if demand rises

### Challenges / Support Needed

- No major challenges or support needed at this time
- Potential future request: If community response continues to grow, may ask Area for:
  - Additional printing resources

○ Support to expand hard copy distribution across islands

#### Personal Reflections from Chair

Being trusted with this role has been a powerful experience in my recovery and spiritual growth. It's stretched me in ways that I'm sure will benefit my social and professional life. Compared to my time as a GSR, this role has pushed me to connect more directly with people across the fellowship — to reach out, follow up, listen, and ask questions.

The nature of the work involved in producing a newsletter like the Mynah Bird in general — with its blend of service, journalism, and storytelling — has deepened my appreciation for our members and our message. I'm sincerely grateful to the Area Officers and to everyone who's supported, encouraged, and walked alongside me during this process.

It's truly an honor to serve.

Mahalo nui loa,

Mike K.

Chair, Mynah Bird Standing Committee

Panel 75 – Area 17 Hawai'i

#### **Convention:**

Date: 08/23/2025

Standing Committee: Convention amended report

Person reporting and position: (First Name, Last Initial) Erin R

Report to area assembly Aug

Aloha Erin R Alcoholic, Hui Kokua is home. I am honored to service as the Annual Hawaii convention steering committee chair. We are 68 days away. The Annual Hawaii convention is Oct 30- Nov 2, 2025, at the Waikiki Marriott hotel. Registration is still available online. Sept the registration is \$85 and starting Oct 1-15 online it will be \$100. Online registration will close on Oct 15. Limited onsite registration will be available for \$100 during the convention. Meals are still available online at this time. Meals will not be available onsite so please be sure to buy our meals now before they sell out.

Buying meals and booking hotel rooms with the host hotel help us to continue to have an annual convention and help to keep the registration cost down for all for future conventions. This year's chair Tommy G. and the rest of the committee have been busy with the planning. We are still looking for committee chairs for the archives and the shakers and movers. If you are willing to help with either of these please see me or Tommy, this weekend. We have selected the chair for the 2026

convention; it will be a secret until Sunday morning they will be announced. We are always accepting resumes for future chairs so if you are interested, please talk with past chairs and turn in a resume. we are still continually accepting resumes for Treasure and Secretary positions so if interested you may reach out to the current secretary and Treasure with any question and please submit your resume at any time. The Steering committee has assembled an Ad hoc committee to create the convention Bylaws, so more to follow as that work continues. As the steering committee chair since the last assembly, I was able to attend the 2 workshops which were put on, on Maui and Oahu, where I was able to provide a presentation regarding the convention, its history and current state. I even had a member come to me this weekend to note that because of the presentation she has booked a room at the host hotel and is planning on buying the meals. We sent out emails as part of a drip campaign. Did any of you get an email recently?

We sent an email out shortly after the international convention in an effort to help us increase registrations, as we know that we normally see a slight decrease in registration during international convention year. We plan to send out a few more emails in the coming weeks. This year's program is completed, and I do have the draft. An at a glance will be posted on the website in Oct. If you would like help registering or have any questions, please come see me this weekend.

In Love and Service,  
Erin R.

**Corrections:**

Date: August 23, 2025  
Standing Committee: Correction Chair  
Person reporting and position: Nivan A

Aloha,

As I write this report with a sincere heart knowing me and my team has been doing more than I can explain, regardless of us not being in the zoom land or as much as we have in the beginning of the year. As one has said once we finished our homework, we have slowly stop driving that bus as much as we did in the get go. We have had our ups and downs with this journey we are taking to reach the men and women on the inside.

Speaking on my behalf for the Big Island jails, we have a lady who stepped up to corrodent and schedule the training core with or jails. I and a few other men have been taking meetings into our one jail Hale Nani, which we also hope we will take to Kulani facility. Women have been a struggle on getting inside but we have been able to get a few cleared who will be taking in the meetings hopefully soon.

On the island of Maui I was told women's voluntary training core has been rescheduled for some months now and none have been able to be qualified yet, but there is one lady who is and is willing to pass it on once some gets cleared. On the man's side, there is a guy who is cleared but not sure if he's able to take meetings in or not. There is a push for the training to take meetings into the jails, but the push back is harder.

On the island of O'ahu meetings are going into Halawa, FDC, OCCC and women's facility also. All facilities have separate individuals who is carrying the message and somewhat bridging the gap also. The drive and recovery over there have been a blessing for the inmates. Men and women who are taking in the meetings and spreading the message have a high drive and fire.

For Kauai they are experiencing the same as most islands. The short stuff, meeting time and all the above. This is a challenge for us as we try our best to carry the message in and out, for some who might go behind them walls as an inmate. For we don't know everyone's stories and what challenges are ahead for them. So, to plant the seed and keep that fire lite as if they transition in and spread the message.

The correction standing committee has been pushing the message and trying to follow through with the jails who some have been hitting dead ends.

**Cooperation with the Elder Community:**

Date: August 23, 2025

Standing Committee: CEC

Person reporting and position: Rochelle A., Chair

Aloha All,

This is the Cooperation for the Elder Community workbook put together by Marian and Stan from Kailua-Kona that is a reference source for Area 5 in California and now recognized by AAWS Inc. as a reference source in its Accessibilities Kit. (hold up and show)

Since the last Assembly on Maui in April 2025, myself and three committee members participated in two workshops, one on Maui, the other on O'ahu and was able to present a history of Hawaii's CEC, pass out literature and a QR code page to access CEC literature electronically.

I got to attend Archives' Kupuna Zoom meeting and it was fabulous and I would like to see more. Thank you Mike.

I was honored to visit Bruce A. (homegroup Happy Hour on O'ahu) in hospice and happy to report he's back at meetings making announcements albeit in a

wheelchair. Thank you friends of Bruce who make in-person meetings possible for him!

I received a 12-step call from O'ahu's Central Office from Ms. P., a 77-year old woman, who had dropped out of AA for the last 20 years and wanted to return. Three in-person meetings later and with a gleam in her eye, Ms. P. points out people she remembers. She speaks AA jargon as if she never left. Ms. P. has prompted me to present the following to our committee:

- ☐ Form a pool of drivers able to transport to AA meetings people like Ms. P.
- ☐ Create a "Kupuna Corner" in the Mynah Bird and enlist stories on elders being supported by homegroup members. I've already received a very inspiring piece from the GSR of Hui Kokua and plan to submit it to our Mynah Bird Chair (smile).
- ☐ Take time to identify elder communities and send letters of inquiry to introduce them to AA.
- ☐ Improve the CEC website and work with Area's webmaster to post past CEC reports and other CEC related information as seen on other committee websites.
- ☐ Work with elders to set up the zoom app and help them practice how to access online meetings.
- ☐ Go over the contents of the CEC Workbook with the committee members.
- ☐ Take AA meeting online to those hospitalized and in hospice.
- ☐ Find those already helping the elders and record their story.
- ☐ Create an "Elder Card" like a "Safety Card" on how to treat our elders with more attention, be more patient, talk louder so they can hear, seat them up front, etc.

We shall see... In love and service.

### **Treatment & Accessibility:**

Treatment and Accessibilities Report

August 23 & 24, 2025

Budget Assembly

Aloha,

1. Mini Treatment and Accessibilities Workbook - The message that we recommend to carry is simple, this is who we are, this what we do, and this is what we don't do and this is where to find us.

2. Bridging the Gap Workshop in Ontario California on September 5 - 7, 2025. I will be attending. Bridging the Gap Brochure. Start a 12 Step list for those in treatment." Where do we go from here".

3. AA At a Glance - Challenge to committee members to place one of these before the next Inventory Assembly.

4. Accessibilities Checklist. Groups to use as inventory questions.

5.. New meeting that needs support. Mohala Mai, Transition home for previously incarcerated women starting Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:30. One - three women to bring a meeting into the facility every Tuesday.

6. Read portion from the service manual page 172. Stimulating Interest in General Service. Encourage others to read.

In Service,

Francesca P.

Panel 75 Treatment and Accessibilities

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**Oahu Intergroup:**

Quoted from our delegate.. "nothing spiritual about gossip in the hallways". I would add to that ...or on Facebook!

Discussed the book "Women Pioneers of Alcoholics Anonymous" that was also sold at the Vancouver International convention

Please help support Bill & Lois dinner 9/13 on Oahu. Details on our website: <https://oahuaa.org/events/>

New communication tools to enhance better intergroup support between islands: Inter Island Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup. (IIAAI) through new  
~WhatsApp group with chairs from each island  
~New combined events calendar for all islands on area website

**West Hawaii Central Office:**

WHCO had our annual Fish Fry at the old airport on July 4th .

We raised \$3,869.48 for Central Office. This will go towards operating expenses, literature, coins, & other supplies.

We are putting together our annual West vs East softball game in Waimea on September 6 th . We hope to keep our winning streak. Our plaque from last year is in Central Office.

We have a very well-stocked office. Stop by to get any supplies needed.

We have added hours to keep our doors open in the evenings. Our normal hours are 10 am to 2 pm Monday to Friday. We are now open on Thursday from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm starting this month. We will also be open starting September 2 nd on Tuesdays from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. We hope this will help provide supplies to people that working during the day.

We appreciate everyone's support & look forward to our annual Christmas Party!

**Maui Intergroup:**

- Need creating unity between disconnect with districts, service committees. Intergroup being communication for/between groups and area as a whole. Steering committee working with intergroup manager following traditions incorporating intergroup as part of the upside triangle and intergroup.
- Incorporation of alanon, our sister program to AA that includes Alateen. Getting back to roots.
- Safety cards suggested to be used as a tool for groups with safety issues
- Maui intergroup is handling a a with tradition and transparency of receiving a contribution of funds from a will and to helping AA as a whole.

03:30pm

**What to take back**