

Chair Report/ Deborah L
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Aloha to everyone here today, my name is Deborah L. and I am grateful to serve as your Area 17 Chair, Panel 75,

Thank you to District 6 and all who is in service for this Fall Committee Meeting. It's been a while since we've had an area business meeting on Kauai, I'm excited to be here today.

We've been through a full cycle of assemblies and committee work together- from orientation, preparing with our Delegate, Deborah S. for the 2025 General Service Conference, then hearing her Delegate report back, through the budget process, and now preparing for our upcoming Area Inventory Assembly in January 2026. It's been a busy and meaningful first part of the panel, and I'm grateful for the continued participation and shared purpose I've seen, heard and felt in our Hawaii area.

As chair, I've been learning that communication really is the key. Whether it's in workshops, fellowshiping, or just checking in with one another. I've found that when I reach out and talk through things with others that have been through or is currently in service, I always gain a new perspective. Through that process, my own ideas begin to flow more clearly. And because my thoughts often start out scattered in different directions, talking things over helps narrow them down. That kind of connection not only eases my fear but also reminds me that I don't do this service alone.

I've also been leaning into my personal recovery and making time for self-care. Recently, I had the chance to attend a retreat for the weekend, get ocean time, and spend quality time with family. Staying connected with the fellowship doing constructive things like reading the Big Book, studying the Traditions and Service Manual along with being a part of this Concept study group also keeps me grounded. These practices remind me that leadership here is not about doing it myself, but about being of service, listening, learning together and being a part of life.

Another resource I've found helpful is our Archives and history. Looking back at what's been done before gives me inspiration and reminds me that I'm part of something much larger and that we're continuing the legacy of service that goes beyond any one of us.

So if there's one theme, I'd like to leave you with today, it's this: connection through communication. Every time I reach out, listen, or share an idea, it leads to growth, support and shared purpose. Moving forward with much Aloha.

In love and service,

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