

56th Annual Hawaii Convention

September, 28th to October, 1st, 2017

Hilton Hawaiian Village

Honolulu, Hawaii

ANONYMITY STATEMENT

There may be some here who are not familiar with our traditions of personal Anonymity at the public level: **“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal Anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.”** Thus, we respectfully ask that AA speakers and AA members not be photographed, videotaped or identified by full name on audiotape and in published or broadcast reports of our meetings, including those reports on new media technologies such as the internet. The assurance of anonymity is essential in our efforts to help other problem drinkers who may wish to share our recovery program with us, and our tradition of anonymity reminds us that:

“AA principles come before personalities.”

A further note about anonymity: out of respect for others, please do not take photographs during any of the meetings at the convention. Also be considerate when taking photographs around convention venues. Take care that you do not capture images of AA members, family members and friends who did not give permission and may not wish to appear in your pictures. Please do not post recognizable photos of identifiable AA members on Web sites accessible to the public, including unrestricted pages on social networking sites.

WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY?

Most associations like to hold conferences or conventions. However, in AA, a conference or convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way.

There are many AA conferences held around the world. One of the most misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA meetings and since **“There are no dues for AA membership...”** there should be no fees to attend. Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparation, and money to present. Since most are held in hotels/convention centers there is a charge for the use of these facilities. Along with the facility charge, the hotel/convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference speakers, printing of flyers and schedules, postage and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money.

This convention is self-supporting. No group monies are used to pay for this event. The cost of the event is paid through registration fees. No baskets are passed. The ideal goal for any committee of such an event is to break even; therefore, the registration fee is nominal compared to the weekend's worth of entertainment anywhere else. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible AA members we **“pay our own way”**.

Aloha,

My name is David L. and I am an alcoholic.

I am honored to be chosen as the Chair for the 56th Annual Hawaii Convention and I would like to welcome you to our Annual Hawaii Convention.

I am sure that many of us, myself included, have had many struggles throughout our recovery. Many of us have had to persevere through those struggles on our road to recovery. I have struggled many times throughout my sobriety with my personal life and have had to find that balance between my AA Program and living life on life's terms. In honor of those struggles and our perseverance, this year's theme is "Trudging the Road of Happy Destiny".

My vision for this years' convention was to have a collaboration between all A.A. and Al-Anon members including supporters for all those members and come together to put on a fantastic weekend for all those attending.

This will be a great weekend with fantastic speakers, tons of meetings, and lots of fellow-shiping. In addition, we are planning to have wonderful panels, a surf meeting, and other various activities to enhance your experience of our wonderful convention.

Finally, you can look forward to lots of Aloha and Love that you have come to expect from the Annual Hawaii Convention.

We look forward to seeing you all as we Trudge the Road of Happy Destiny this weekend.

With Love,

David L.
56th Annual Hawaii Convention Chair

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Optional Activities: Are paid for with coupons available at the Coupon Desk in The Palace Lounge.

Sign up at the Activity Desks: The Palace Lounge

Thursday 3:00pm – 8:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 8:00pm

Saturday 8:00am – 3:00pm

Golf Tournament: Friday, September 29th. Will leave Hilton Hawaiian Village at 6:30am, First Tee time 8:00am at The Royal Kunia Golf Course. \$100.00 fee to golf, Club rental is available for \$50.00.

Volleyball Tournament: Saturday, September 30th 10:00am on the beach fronting the hotel. \$5.00 Fee for Tournament Registration.

Surf Meeting: Friday and Saturday 6:00am and 5:30pm. Meet by the Duke Kahanamoku Statue. \$5.00 Fee includes surfboard rental to be paid at Surfboard Rental Stand.

Catamaran: Sailing Friday and Saturday 10:30am, 2.5 hour sail with snorkeling for \$45.00. 5:30pm, 1.5 hour sunset sail. \$35.00.

Makapu'u Hike: Saturday Morning Hike to the historical lighthouse. Two miles round trip. Bus leaves at 6:00am and returns at 1:00pm. A hat and sunscreen are suggested.

R.I.P.P.E.D: Friday 9:00am in Iolani 3-4.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Alkathon: Honolulu 2-3

4:00pm – 7:00pm Friday & Saturday only

10:00pm – 6:00am Daily (last meeting begins @ 5:00am)

Archives Displays: Come see 55 years of Annual Hawaii Convention Memorabilia located in The Palace Lounge.

Accessibilities: Assistance is provided and wheelchairs are available, located in The Palace Lounge.

ATM Machine: Located at the ABC Store.

BADGE: Your badge is required at **ALL** convention functions throughout the entire weekend. There will be a nominal replacement charge of \$5.00 for lost or forgotten badges.

CD's: CD's of AA and Al-Anon Meetings will be available for purchase after each meeting in The Palace Lounge.

Survey/Comment sheets: Will be available at the Information Desk. Your thoughts and comments are appreciated.

Coupons: Required for souvenirs and some optional activities, located in The Palace Lounge. See Registration for hours of operation.

Facilities: Located in The Palace Lounge.

First Aid Station: Please see security or anyone on the facilities committee for assistance.

Hospitality Room: lolani 5-7
Thursday 3:00pm – 7:00pm & 10:00pm – 12:00am
Friday 9:00am – 7:00pm & 10:00pm – 12:00am
Saturday 9:00am – 11:00am, 12:30pm – 7:00pm & 10:00pm – 12:00am

Information Desk: Message Board, Meeting Schedules, Bus Schedules, Hotel Maps and more, located in The Palace Lounge.

Literature: AA and Al-Anon Literature are available at cost located in The Palace Lounge.

Long Timers Meeting: Sign up to speak if you have 25+ years of sobriety at the Volunteers Desk.

Lost and Found: Located at the Facilities Desk in The Palace Lounge.

Meal Service: Your pre-paid meal tickets are in your Registration Packets. Meal tickets and badges are required for admission. Please check program for meal service times.

Message Board: Are you looking for someone? Leave a message on the board near the Information Desk in The Palace Lounge.

Parking: There are no in/out parking privileges. There is a 30 minute free grace period. Validation needed: located at the Information Desk in The Palace Lounge, or in Honolulu 2-3 after 11:00pm

Overnight Self-Parking - \$18.00
Overnight Valet - \$36.00
Day Rate - \$ 8.00 (per exit)
Day Valet - \$13.00 (per exit)

Registration: Palace Lounge
Thursday 3:00pm – 11:00pm
Friday 8:00am – 8:30pm & 10:00pm – 11:00pm
Saturday 8:00am – 8:30pm & 10:00pm – 11:00pm
Sunday 8:00am – 10:00am & 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Smoking: Smoking cigarettes and e-cigarettes is not allowed, except in designated smoking areas.

Souvenirs: Mugs, T-Shirts, Tank Tops and Hats are available for purchase. See the Souvenirs Desk located in The Palace Lounge. See Registration for hours of operation.

Volunteers, Hosts & Hostess: Want to be in service? Sign up at the Volunteers Desk in The Palace Lounge.

AA
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Thursday, September 28th, 2017

4:00pm – 5:15pm Honolulu 1-3
“Trudging the Road of Happy Destiny”
Speaker Al-Anon: Allison P. Honolulu, HI
Speaker AA: Jennifer B. Kaneohe, HI
Chairperson: Derrick S. Honolulu, HI

5:00pm Aloha Reception Tapa Ballroom
5:15pm Yoza
7:00pm Hula by: Tahiti Mana

8:00pm Aloha Meeting Tapa Ballroom
Convention Chair: David L. Honolulu, HI
Chairperson: Sasha V. Pearl City, HI
How It Works: Rose C. Honolulu, HI
Twelve Traditions: Keola T. Kaneohe, HI
Big Book Passage: Mark O. Kaneohe, HI
Speaker: Jim T. Honolulu, HI
Speaker: Brian K. Lihue, HI
A Vision for You: Rayna C. Kaneohe, HI

10:00pm – 12:00am Dance Tapa Ballroom

10:00pm – 6:00am Alkathon Honolulu 2-3

Friday, September 29th, 2017

6:00am Surf Meeting Waikiki Beach
Meet @ Duke Kahanamoku Statue

8:00am – 9:15am “Abandon Yourself to God” Honolulu 2
Speaker: Al S. Tacoma, WA
Chairperson: Martha M. Fair Oaks, CA

8:00am – 9:15am Tapa 1
“Clearing Away the Wreckage of Our Past”
Speaker: Greg M Mililani, HI
Chairperson: Patrick H. Philadelphia, PA

8:30am – 9:45am AA-Jeopardy Honolulu 3
Hosted by Hawaii Area Standing Committee Chairs

9:00am – 10:15am “The Common Solution” Tapa 3
Speaker: Patrick L. Huntington Beach, CA
Chairperson Tina G. Kapolei, HI

9:30am - 10:45am “What Do I Have To Do” Honolulu 2
Speaker: Leon S. Los Gatos, CA
Chairperson: Nicole I. Kapolei, HI

9:30am – 10:45am “Gratitude in Action” Tapa 1
Speaker: Ray O. San Jose, CA
Chairperson: Fred L. Emeryville, CA

10:00am – 11:15am “H.O.W.” Honolulu 3
Speaker: Elana K. Mililani, HI
Chairperson: Nancy O. Bronx, NY

10:30am – 11:45am “H.A.L.T.” Tapa 3
Speaker: Buzz H. Long Beach, CA
Chairperson: Kathleen C. Concord, CA

11:00am - 12:15pm LGBTQ Tapa 1
“All Inclusive Never Exclusive”
Speaker: Trey F. Honolulu, HI
Chairperson: John K. Kaneohe, HI

11:00am - 12:15pm Honolulu 2
“Faith Without Works Is Dead”
Speaker: Thomas C. Bronx, NY
Chairperson: Kristen G. Morristown, NJ

11:30am -12:45pm “Spiritual Experience” Honolulu 3
Speaker: Jeffery M. Puyallup, WA
Chairperson: Paul D. Dayton, OH

12:30pm – 1:45pm Honolulu 2
“Freedom Through Sobriety”
Speaker: Joseph W. Bronx, NY
Chairperson: Allen L. Exeter, CA

12:45pm – 2:00pm Tapa 1
“The Fellowship of the Spirit”
Speaker: George G. Columbus, OH
Chairperson: Steven K. Mililani, HI

1:00pm – 2:15pm Long Timers in AA Tapa 3
“Continuing To Trudge the Road”
Chairperson: Jo Ann F. Long Beach, CA

1:00pm – 02:15pm “Higher Powered” Honolulu 3
Speaker: Kevin M. Honolulu, HI
Chairperson: Triona O. Huntington Beach, CA

2:00pm – 3:15pm “Return From Insanity” Honolulu 2
Speaker: Brad J. Kailua, HI
Chairperson: Kristia H. Aiea, HI

2:45pm – 04:00pm “Self-Will Run Riot” Honolulu 3
Speaker: Adina M. Honolulu, HI
Chairperson: Oksana P. Sydney, Australia

4:00pm -7:00pm Alkathon Honolulu 2
Last Meeting starts @ 6:00pm

5:30pm Surf Meeting Waikiki Beach
Meet @ Duke Kahanamoku Statue

**Friday Dinner
“Winter is Coming”
Game of Thrones**

4:30pm Doors Open for Dinner Tapa Ballroom
Last seating @ 6:00pm

4:45pm Dinner Service (Pre-paid ticket required)

5:30pm Entertainment “Lana Kei”

6:15pm Doors Open for Everyone

7:00pm Comedian “Augie T.”

8:00pm Speaker Meeting Tapa Ballroom
 Chairperson: Liz T. Honolulu, HI
 Area Chair: Kunane D. Hauula, HI
 AI-Anon: Cecily C. Kapolei, HI
 How It Works: Tony D. Honolulu, HI
 Twelve Traditions: Wendy W. Honolulu, HI
 Big Book passage: Rachel H. Honolulu, HI
 Speaker: Tony K. Auburn, CA
 A Vision for You: Hope M. Honolulu, HI

10:00pm – 12:00am Dance Tapa Ballroom

10:00pm – 6:00am Alkathon Honolulu 2-3
 Last Meeting starts @ 5:00am

Saturday, September 30th, 2017

6:00am Makapu'u Hike

6:00am Surf Meeting Waikiki Beach
 Meet @ Duke Kahanamoku Statue

6:00am – 7:15am Sunrise Beach Meeting Rainbow Tower
 Speaker: Jack H. Honolulu, HI
 Chairperson: Ewa Z. Honolulu, HI

8:00am – 9:15am "Into Action" Tapa 1
 Speaker: Katy Q. Cedar Park, TX
 Chairperson: Geary B. Costa Mesa, CA

8:00am – 9:15am Honolulu 2-3
 "AA - A Solution for All Generations"
 Hosted by: Hawaii Area Officers

8:15am – 9:30am Iolani 3-4
 "Resentment Is the Number One Offender"
 Speaker: Michael L. Santa Rosa, CA
 Chairperson: Jim T. Kailua, HI

9:30am – 10:45am Women's Stag Tapa 1
 Speaker: Dalis S. Oxnard, CA
 Chairperson: Margaret B. Benicia, CA

9:30am – 10:45am Men's Stag Honolulu 2-3
 Speaker: Fred S. Oxnard, CA
 Chairperson: Greg G. Henderson, NV

9:30am – 10:45am "Working With Others" Iolani 3-4
 Speaker: Kevin D. Honolulu, HI
 Chairperson: Larry W. Kailua, HI

**Recovery Bunch
 Hosted by AI-Anon**

9:30am Doors open, Tapa Ballroom
 Last seating @ 10:00am

9:30am Swingin' Tradewinds Jass Band
 10:00am Bunch Service (Pre-paid ticket required)

11:00am Doors open for everyone
 11:00am AI-Anon Speaker Meeting
 All are encouraged to attend

Speaker: Corrie L. Birmingham, AL

12:30pm – 1:45pm Long Timers Tapa 1
 "A Vision for You"
 Chairperson: Rex V. Waipahu, HI

12:45pm – 2:00pm "We Are Not A Glum Lot" Honolulu 3
 Speaker: Janelle S. Tacoma, WA
 Chairperson: Wendy R. Honolulu, HI

1:00pm Honolulu 1
 "How Alateen changes lives-For Members and Their Families"
 Open to all

1:15pm – 2:30pm Honolulu 2
 "If Nothing Changes, Nothing Changes"
 Speaker: Hilli Koloa, HI
 Chairperson: Jamie W. Pahoa, HI

2:15pm – 3:30pm "Back to Basics" Honolulu 3
 Speaker: Morgan M. Mililani, HI
 Chairperson: Christopher G. Santa Cruz, CA

2:45pm – 4:00pm "All the Things" Honolulu 2
 Speaker: John H. Honolulu, HI
 Chairperson: Isaac L. Honolulu, HI

4:00pm-7:00pm Alkathon Honolulu 3
 Last meeting starts @ 6:00pm

5:30pm Surf Meeting Waikiki Beach
 Meet @ Duke Kahanamoku Statue

**Saturday Dinner
"Black Out Event"**

4:30pm Doors Open for Dinner Tapa Ballroom
Last seating @ 6:00pm
4:45pm Dinner Service (Pre-paid ticket required)
5:30pm Entertainment: Jenna K.
6:15pm Doors open for everyone
7:00pm Lip Sync Battle
7:30pm Awards Ceremony
7:45pm Recovery Countdown
Cozi L. Honolulu, HI

8:00pm Speaker Meeting Tapa Ballroom

Chairperson: Bridgette K. Waianae, HI
Area Delegate: Bob H. Honolulu, HI
How It Works: Lani G. Lihue, HI
Twelve Traditions: Hugh F. Wahiawa, HI
Big Book passage: Nadia H. Honolulu, HI
Speaker: Heidi G. Henderson, NV
A Vision for You: Ta'alani H. Waianae, HI

10:00pm – 12:00am Dance Tapa Ballroom
10:00pm – 6:00am Alkathon Honolulu 2-3
Last Meeting starts @ 5:00am

Sunday, October 1st, 2017

7:30am Doors Open Tapa Ballroom
Last seating @ 9:00am
8:00am Breakfast Service (Pre-paid ticket required)
9:30am Doors Open for Everyone
9:45am State Countdown
Lisa B. & Larry W. Kailua, HI

10:00am Serenity Meeting Tapa Ballroom

Chairperson: Steven K. Waianae, HI
How It Works: Roger S. Makaha, HI
Twelve Traditions: Silvia A. Waianae, HI
Big Book passage: Lionel A. Waianae, HI
Speaker: Kent L. Birmingham, AL
A Vision for You: Stacy L. Nanakuli, HI

11:30am Mahalo
Convention Chair: David L.

11:45am Steering Committee Chair: Honolulu, HI
Kathleen T.
Announcement of 2018 Convention Chair
Closing remarks
Aloha 'Oe

12:15pm – 2:00pm Forum Tapa

**AL-ANON
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Thursday, September 28th, 2017**

4:00pm – 5:15pm Honolulu 1-3
"Trudging the Road of Happy Destiny"
Speaker Al-Anon: Allison P. Honolulu, HI
Speaker AA: Jennifer B. Kaneohe, HI
Chairperson: Derrick S. Honolulu, HI

Friday, September 29th, 2017

9:00am Honolulu 1
Step 1 "Let Go Of Others Problems"

10:00am Honolulu 1
Tradition 5 "Encouraging the Alcoholic"

11:00am Honolulu 1
Step 2 "Accepting a Greater Power"

12:00pm Honolulu 1
Step 3 "Dealing With Loved Ones Decisions"

1:00pm Honolulu 1
Step 4 "See the Humor in Life"

2:00pm Honolulu 1
Step 5 "Quit Trying To Be Perfect"

3:00pm Honolulu 1
Concept 4 "Be an Active Al-Anon Participant"

4:00pm Honolulu 1
Step 6 "Defects Can Be Assets"

5:00pm Honolulu 1
Step 7 "Release Negative Behavior"

Saturday, September 30th, 2017

9:00am Honolulu 1
Step 9 "Amends, Motives, And Outcomes"

10:00am Honolulu 1
Step 10 "Accept Mistakes, Accept Myself"

**Recovery Bunch
Hosted by Al-Anon**

9:30am Doors open, Tapa Ballroom
Last seating @ 10:00am

9:30am Swingin' Tradewinds Jass Band

10:00am Bunch Service (Pre-paid ticket required)

11:00am Doors open for everyone

11:00am Al-Anon Speaker Meeting

All are encouraged to attend

Speaker: Corrie L.

Birmingham, AL

1:00pm Honolulu 1
"How Alateen changes lives-For Members and Their Families"
Open to all

2:00pm Honolulu 1
Concept 2 "Relying On Others and Asking For Help"

3:00pm Honolulu 1
Step 11 "God's Will and My Self-Will"

4:00pm Honolulu 1
Step 12 "Sharing What I Received From Al-Anon"

5:00pm Honolulu 1
Tradition 7 "Contributing To My Own Well Being"

56th Annual Hawai'i Convention Planning Committee

Al-Anon Rep.
Alkathon-Thursday
Alkathon-Friday
Alkathon-Saturday
Archives
Catamaran
Convention Chair
Coupons
Coupons Co-Chair
Decorations
Decorations Co-Chair
Makapu'u Hike
Entertainment
Entertainment Co-Chair
Facilities Chair
Facilities Team

Golf
Greeters
Greeters Co-Chair
Hospitality
Hospitality Co-Chair
Information
Information Co-Chair
Leis
Leis Co-Chair
Literature
Long Timers Meeting Friday
Long Timers Meeting Saturday
Meeting Chair-Thursday
Meeting Chair-Friday
Meeting Chair-Saturday
Meeting Chair-Sunday
Production
Program
Registration
Registration Co-Chair
Security
Security Co-Chair
Security Team
Shakers & Movers
Signage
Solutions

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David L.
Malia D.
Gina B.
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Michelle L.
Monte P.
Tim R.
Alberta S.
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Jay D.
Mylie T.
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Henry R.
Xiara J.
Torbin L.
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Kellyn C.
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Rex V.
Sasha V.
Liz T.
Bridgette K.
Steven K.
Charlie R., Stu C.
Erin R.
Kawika K.
Deborah S.
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Sione K.
Tony W., Zan C., Joshua B.
Gabe N., Pua G.
Jojo J.
Pixie S., Andy K.

56th Annual Hawai'i Convention Planning Committee

Souvenirs-T-Shirts	John M.
Souvenirs-Caps & Mugs	Shanna F.
Speaker Host-Friday	Mike K.
Speaker Host-Sunday	Jesse S.
Special Needs/Accessibilities	Solomon K.
Sunrise Meeting Chair	Ewa Z.
Surf Meeting Chair	Cynthia G.
Voice	Nick F.
Volleyball	Jason C.
Volleyball Co-Chair	Herb M.
Volunteers	Maile C.
Volunteers Co-Chair	Rozell F.
Webmaster	Sandy H.

ALOHA 'Oe

Ha'aheo ka ua i nā pali
Ke nihi a'ela i ka nahele
E hahai (uhai) ana paha i ka liko
Pua 'āhihi lehua o uka

Chorus:

Aloha 'oe, aloha 'oe
E ke onaona noho i ka
One fond embrace,
A ho'i a'e au
Until we meet again

'O ka hali'a aloha I hiki mai
Ke hone a'e nei i
Ku'u manawa
'O'oe nō ka'u ipo aloha
A loko e hana nei

Proud swept the rain by the cliffs
As it glided through the trees
Still following over the "liko"
The 'ahihi lehua of the vale.

Chorus:

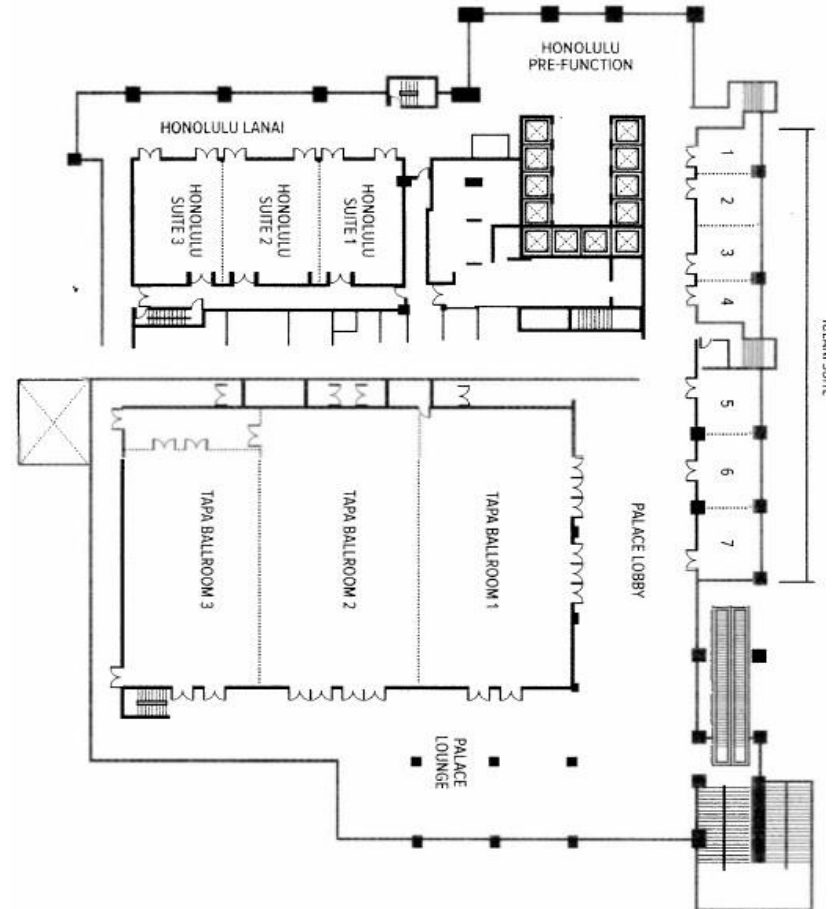
Farewell to thee, farewell to thee
Thou charming one who dwells
In the shaded bowers.
One fond embrace 'ere I depart
Until we meet again.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Steering Committee for their dedication and service:

Kathleen T.	Steering Committee Chair
David L.	Incoming Chair
Judy C.	Outgoing Chair
Tommy G.	Alternate Area Chair
Coleen A.	Alternate Area Delegate
Janet M.	Al-Anon Steering Chair
Wendy CL.	Secretary
Pam M.	Treasurer

We hope to see you at next year's convention
 November 1-4, 2018
 Hilton Hawaiian Village Honolulu, HI
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