

56th Annual Hawaii Convention

September, 28<sup>th</sup> to October, 1<sup>st</sup>, 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-shipping. 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**

<u>Optional Activities:</u> 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

<u>Golf Tournament</u>: Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

<u>Volleyball Tournament</u>: Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

<u>Makapuʻu Hike</u>: 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)

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

<u>Accessibilities:</u> 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.

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

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

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

<u>Facilities:</u> Located in The Palace Lounge.

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

Hospitality Room: Iolani 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

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

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

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

<u>Lost and Found:</u> Located at the Facilities Desk in The Palace Lounge.

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

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

<u>Parking:</u> 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

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**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.

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

# AA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 Sasha V. Pearl City, HI Chairperson: How It Works: Rose C. Honolulu, HI Twelve Traditions: Keola T. Kaneohe, HI Mark O. Kaneohe, HI Big Book Passage: Jim T. Honolulu, HI Speaker: 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

Chairperson: Martha M.	8:00am – 9:15am "Abandon Yourself to God" Speaker: Al S.	Honolulu 2 Tacoma, WA	12:30pm – 1:45	5pm "Freedom Through Sobriety"	Honolulu 2
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				Spea	aker: Corrie L.		Birmingham, AL
	Saturday, Se	eptember 30 <sup>th</sup> ,	2017	12:30pm – 1	:45pm Long Time "A Vision for		Тара 1
6:00am	Makar	ou'u Hike		Chai	rperson: Rex V.		Waipahu, HI
6:00am Meet	Surf Meeting @ Duke Kahana	moku Statue	Waikiki Beach	Spea	:00pm "We Are Not A aker: Janelle S. rperson: Wendy R.	Glum Lot"	Honolulu 3 Tacoma, WA Honolulu, HI
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8:00am – 9:1:	5am "Into A	Action"	Tapa 1		Open to al		
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8:00am – 9:1		on for All Genera	Honolulu 2-3	•	aker: Hilli rperson: Jamie W.		Koloa, HI Pahoa, HI
	ed by: Hawaii Are			Spea	30pm "Back to Basics" aker: Morgan M.		Honolulu 3 Mililani, HI
8:15am – 9:30 "Rese	0am entment Is the Nu	ımber One Offen	lolani 3-4 ider"	Chai	rperson: Christopher C	€.	Santa Cruz, CA
	ker: Michael L. person: Jim T.		Santa Rosa, CA Kailua, HI		00pm "All the Thi aker: John H. rperson: Isaac L.	ngs"	Honolulu 2 Honolulu, HI Honolulu, HI
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•	person: Margaret	B.	Benicia, CA	4:00pm-7:00	Last meeting starts	@ 6:00pm	Honolulu 3
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	aturday Dinner lack Out Event"		11:30am Mahalo Convention Chair:	David L.
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			12:15pm –2:00pm Forur	·
Cozi L.		Honolulu, HI	SCHEI	AL-ANON DULE OF EVENTS
8:00pm Speaker N	leeting	Tapa Ballroom		September 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
Chairperson: Area Delegate: How It Works: Twelve Traditions: Big Book passage		Waianae, HI Honolulu, HI Lihue, HI Wahiawa, HI Honolulu, HI	4:00pm – 5:15pm "Trudging th Speaker Al-Anon: Speaker AA: Chairperson:	Honolulu 1-3 ne Road of Happy Destiny" Allison P. Honolulu, HI Jennifer B. Kaneohe, HI Derrick S. Honolulu, HI
Speaker: A Vision for You:	Heidi G. Taʻalani H.	Henderson, NV Waianae, HI	Friday. S	September 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
10:00pm – 12:00am	Dance	Tapa Ballroom	9:00am	Honolulu 1
10:00pm – 6:00am Alkathon Honolulu 2-3 Last Meeting starts @ 5:00am		Step 1 "Let Go Of C	Honolulu 1	
Sunday, October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017		Tradition 5 "Encoura	aging the Alcoholic"	
7:30am Doors Ope	en ng @ 9:00am	Tapa Ballroom	11:00am Step 2 "Accepting a	Honolulu 1 Greater Power"
8:00am Breakfast	Service (Pre-paid tiden for Everyone	cket required)	12:00pm Step 3 "Dealing Witl	Honolulu 1 h Loved Ones Decisions"
Lisa B. & I		Kailua, HI	1:00pm Step 4 "See the Hur	Honolulu 1 mor in Life"
10:00am Serenity M Chairperson: How It Works:	leeting Steven K. Roger S.	Tapa Ballroom Waianae, Hl Makaha, Hl	2:00pm Step 5 "Quit Trying"	Honolulu 1 To Be Perfect"
Twelve Traditions: Silvia A. Waianae, HI Big Book passage: Lionel A. Waianae, HI		Waianae, HI	3:00pm Concept 4 "Be an A	Honolulu 1 ctive Al-Anon Participant"
Speaker: A Vision for You:	Stacy L.	Nanakuli, HI	4:00pm Step 6 "Defects Car	Honolulu 1 n Be Assets"

5:00pm	7 (D. L	Honolulu 1	56th Annual Hawai'i Convention F	Planning Committee	
Step	7 "Release Negative Behavior"			D: D	
			Al-Anon Rep.	Dianne D.	
	Saturday, September 30	<sup>:n</sup> , 2017	Alkathon-Thursday	Shirley D.	
			Alkathon-Friday	Christine K.	
9:00am		Honolulu 1	Alkathon-Saturday	Saydeez F.	
Step	9 "Amends, Motives, And Outco	omes"	Archives	James P.	
			Catamaran	Michelle K., Rachel A.	
10:00am		Honolulu 1	Convention Chair	David L.	
Step	10 "Accept Mistakes, Accept M	yself"	Coupons	Malia D.	
			Coupons Co-Chair	Gina B.	
	Recovery Bunch		Decorations	Tina L.	
	Hosted by Al-Ano	า	Decorations Co-Chair Keleka K., Darlani K.		
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9:30am	Doors open,	Tapa Ballroom	Entertainment	Monte P.	
9.50am	Last seating @ 10:00am	тара Вашоотт	Entertainment Co-Chair	Tim R.	
9:30am	Swingin' Tradewinds Jass B	and	Facilities Chair	Alberta S.	
10:00am	Bunch Service (Pre-paid tick		Facilities Team	Mokihana D., Alex M.	
11:00am	Doors open for everyone	et required)		Leo B., Lori A., Myron M.	
11:00am	Al-Anon Speaker Meeting		Golf	Jay D.	
11.00am			Greeters	Mylien T.	
Cna	All are encouraged to attend		Greeters Co-Chair	Rob C., Jojo C.	
Spe	aker: Corrie L.	Birmingham, AL	Hospitality	Henry R.	
1,0000		Honolulu 1	Hospitality Co-Chair	Xiara J.	
1:00pm	otaan ahangaa liyaa Far Mambar		Information	Torbin L.	
HOW Ala	ateen changes lives-For Member	s and Their Families	Information Co-Chair	Greg P.	
0.00	Open to all	Hamalisti A	Leis	Kellyn C.	
2:00pm Honolulu 1			Leis Co-Chair	Josȟua M.	
Con	cept 2 "Relying On Others and A	sking For Heip	Literature	Vivian K.	
0.00		Haral I. A	Long Timers Meeting Friday	Joann F.	
3:00pm	44 "0 " 147" 184 0 16147"	Honolulu 1	Long Timers Meeting Saturday	Rex V.	
Step	o 11 "God's Will and My Self-Will	•	Meeting Chair-Thursday	Sasha V.	
4.00			Meeting Chair-Friday	Liz T.	
4:00pm Honolulu 1			Meeting Chair-Saturday	Bridgette K.	
Step	12 "Sharing What I Received F	om Al-Anon"	Meeting Chair-Sunday	Steven K.	
			Production	Charlie R., Stu C.	
5:00pm _		Honolulu 1	Program	Erin R.	
Trac	lition 7 "Contributing To My Own	Well Being"	Registration	Kawika K.	
			Registration Co-Chair	Deborah S.	
			Security	David C.	
			Security Co-Chair	Sione K.	
			Security Team	Tony W., Zan C., Joshua B.	
			Shakers & Movers	Gabe N., Pua G.	
			Signage	Jojo J.	
			Solutions	Pixie S., Andy K.	
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## 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

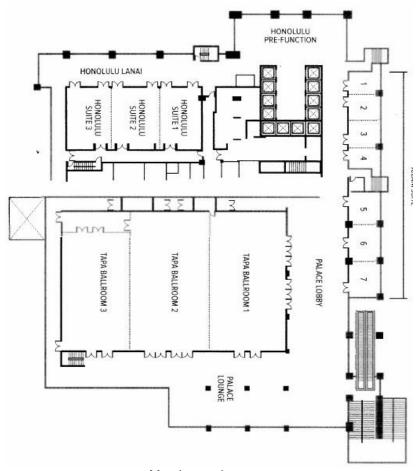
Proud swept the rain by the cliffs
As it glided through the trees
Still following over the "liko"
The 'ahihi lehua of the vale.

#### 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.

My New Friends:	My New Friends:
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