

District 13 – Tri-Island Meeting Minutes

Thursday – February 21, 2019

5:30 pm – Alano Club

Attendees: Jubee B, Julie S, Jim W, Page W, Deborah S, Tonia C, Liz G, Matty M, Ashley, Chris

- Jubee opened the meeting at 5:30pm with the Serenity Prayer
- Tonia C read the GSR preamble
- Introductions: *Sign in sheet passed*
- Liz G read and shared her experience with Tradition 2
- 01/17/2019 Meeting minutes approved.
- Closed at 7:00pm with the Responsibility pledge.

OFFICER REPORTS:

District Committee Member – Jubee B.

- Attending PRAASA (The Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) 2019 will be held **March 1st – March 3, 2019** in Irvine, CA
- **Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting to be held March 9, 2019** *Area Officers, DCMS, and Standing Committee Chairs.*
 - Alt-DCM, Julie is attending for me
- Tri-Island District 13 hosting the Inform the Delegate Assembly, April 27-28, 2019, Lahaina Intermediate School
 - Volunteer list has been put up at Alano Club
 - Ask your home group for volunteers for homestays, transportation, set-up/clean-up etc.

Alternate District Committee Member – Julie S.

- Met with Michelle DCM D11 - Kihei
- Preparing for upcoming Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting
 - Need to bring information about the details of the Inform the Delegate Assembly so far such as:
 - whose running transportation
 - whose handling food & beverage
 - what facility, and how much it costs, any of the details about what we've done already so they know we're in good hands!
- What kinds of things can I do as the D13 Alt-DCM to support the community? See New Business.

Treasurer – Jim W.

- I've picked up mail. I've got the ITD Area registry started, just shared it with officers, it's got all the information on who needs transportation, what days they arrive. I've deposited checks, got the email confirmation for any mail in the box. Also made the checks for PRAASA for Jubee's travel, made the adjustments on the account, had a bunch of deposits which included all that money for the Area Assembly registration,

It's been another positive month with the amount we spent out for travel we still increased money. Account sitting wonderful.

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Just getting Matty's check to him today for the reimbursement for the ½ the airfare we talked about. Everything else is current.

The bulk of ITD registration is from what Jubee gave me. I've got 2 other ones that came in. I have a list printed up. It's accessible to you guys, in case you guys get information for travel, transportation, who's staying where. There's one person that needs a homestay that has a pet allergy. There's a lot of people that need homestay and/or transportation. About 30 total now registered.

Email Jim and he'll add you to the share list to get the login information.

Julie has automated stuff that may help you – remind her. It should be in your share already under Assembly.

Julie made the motion to approve Jim's treasury report, Tonia 2nd. -motion passed.
Treasurer's report approved

Secretary – Deborah S.

- Let me know when you hold your groups business meeting.
- Action from 2/21/19 District Meeting: How much did District vote to cover for January Assembly? Taken directly from our December meeting minutes
 - Response directly from our December meeting minutes:
 - Ladies Night* – Can we do a vote to possibly supplement GSR ticket for January assembly for new GSR?
 - Ladies night makes a motion asking District to pay for half of GSRs (Liz G) ticket to attend the orientation assembly.
 - Julie 2nd motion
 - Motion passed for District to pay half the registration and half the airfare for Liz G to attend Orientation Assembly.

Jubee makes a motion for Can Do Maui Men's Stag, if Tom gets approval from group to go, that District covers half of his cost to attend the Orientation Assembly.

- Bree 2nd motion
- Motion passed for District to pay for half the trip to the assembly for the GSR (currently Tom M).

Intergroup Report: none

Area 17 Standing Committee Reports: none

District Standing Committees:

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| Archives | Convention Steering |
| Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC) | Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) |
| Corrections (Tonia C) | Grapevine/La Viña (Liz G) |
| Mynah Bird | Public Information (Literature) |
| Treatment | Website/Webmaster |
| Outreach to Remote Communities (Page W) | |

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Tonia C – Corrections

I just received an email from District Standing Committees Chair, Sean C. We got our topics for our committee.

Corrections standing committee Topics:

- A. Consider request for a review of all corrections related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive.
- B. Consider request that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of Correctional Facilities in each service area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held therein.
- C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

GSR Reports

Is your group sustaining itself financially?

What is your average attendance?

Do you have open service positions in your group?

Carolyn R: *Kahana Spinners - absent*

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Tonia C: *Alano Ohana*

- We have our monthly Ohana meeting this Saturday, February 23 after the 9 a.m. meeting at the Alano Club.

Group conscious tonight before the 8:00 Q&A meeting. We are looking to move the meeting to 8:15 p.m. going forward, so members of the men's stagg can make it to the meeting on time. I would say about 50 percent of Q&A meeting's attendance comes from men's stagg. I've gotten a lot of support from members who also want to move the meeting time.

Looking for feedback about possibly including something about the spirit of rotation in each meeting format, to keep it fresh in people's minds. If you remember from our last meeting, I mentioned some of the members had brought to my attention that some service positions have been held by the same person for multiple years.

Also want feedback about possibly moving our announcements to the beginning of the meetings.

Still in need of an alternate GSR and secretary. I've had some interest, but nobody with any long-term sobriety.

I have posted the Ohana minutes and announcements on the back bulletin board near the coffee condiment table. I've also talked to Eddie about allowing me to get a big white board to put near the entrance so more people actually see the information.

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I'm going to PRASSA next week and have a two-hour volunteer position with the registration table.

Liz G: *Ladies Night*

- Our group is pretty small but our needs are very few. Our financial expenses are minimal it's mostly coffee and \$25.00 per month rent. Whatever literature we buy and then we get reimbursed. We're financially sustainable and have been. Meeting seems to be growing. Attendance is usually like 10-15 members but we do have a lot of new people coming in and the meeting is in a little bit of a flux. All service positions filled.

Michelle B: *Sober Wahines - absent*

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Matty M: *Can Do Maui Men's Stag*

- Meeting is strong. We had almost 50 guys in there last week. Usually 25 + or 25-40 consistently lately. A lot of guys from Kihei and some guys from Paia last week. We do have a lot of newcomers. Strong group. I believe we're financially sustainable. Our treasurer was absent from our last homegroup meeting which I guess counts as our business meeting. We're holding it on the last Thursday but I'm going to see if we want to have a specific business meeting and I'll find that out next week and report back next month. We pay low rent I'll find out next week exactly where we're standing. I'm going to make a suggestion we start making a quarterly splits. Seems like we've only been doing every 6 months. We also have a new treasurer and he didn't have a ton of information from the last treasurer so he's kind of building a format for himself. Majority of our service commitments are filled. We got the ones for the meeting all filled. We have a lot of service commitments at the meeting we picked up a greeter last week. We have somebody who is interested in being our literature chair person, we're going to discuss it a little more. He's very new but we want to get him into service. We have an intergroup rep and I'm pretty sure it's Tom. We have alt-GSR, we have secretary, we have treasurer, we don't have a corrections person at the moment. This is the 2nd conference in a row where we've had a GSR. Kyle's are alt-GSR he will be present with us at the next assembly. Have a lot of guys that will be getting involved in service for the assembly. I'm doing food and beverage so there's lots of places to put people in. We're starting to get healthier and more structured as far as formatting and service structure goes. We're moving along!

Anita: *Aloha Group Lana'i*

- Saturday, February 2, 2019
 - No District tickets used.
 - 4 Maui Members Anita, Sandy, Deborah and Mike L.
 - 1 Lanai Resident Meilani.
 - Gave GSR and Treasurer Report
 - Mailed in GSR paperwork to GSO
 - Bought three Daily Reflections for the group \$40.50, picked up meeting schedules and made an on-island flyer for our monthly Saturday meeting.
 - \$14.00 7th Tradition went towards the new Daily Reflections books

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Page W: *Outreach for Remote Communities and The Crossing Chair*

- Campout date for Lanai Crossing is St Patrick's Day weekend, March 15 – 17. Crossing Committee is well underway to plan that campout.

I went to Molokai on Feb 7th and stayed for 9 days. One of the things I've noticed over there is there's not a lot of spirit of rotation as far as service work goes. Most of the secretaries at meetings or people running meetings have been doing it for quite some time. I did notice that at one meeting the person who ran the meeting just picked someone to chair the meeting that night and they picked a newcomer which was neat. I want to look more into that about these newer people in the program who don't have much knowledge of service work and getting a service commitment. They were asking questions like couldn't we start our own meeting, and I said yes you can start your own meeting. And they're like how do you do that?? There are 7 AA meetings per week, 1 per day. One of my goals was to go to every single one. I didn't make it to every single meeting while I was there. One time we got cut off by a river, going across the road, so that's a thing that can happen over there. The night that the 2 members celebrated their 3 years, we had a bonfire and bbq meeting at another member's house. That was really cool cause there was no time limit, there were just 7 of us there and everyone got to share for as long as they wanted. One member talked about how he could get sober, but how difficult it is to stay sober over here. He said "it's hard because all my family all my friends do drugs, drink alcohol and I don't really know many people that don't." Another member said, "we're a really small group over here, but we're really a tight group and we stick close to each other". Their meeting attendance is growing. The smallest meeting was like 15 people. There's between 15 & 20.

GSR – they don't really know, and I didn't get an opportunity to sit down with a specific individual and explain in depth about that. It would be a great opportunity if they were to like go to the Crossing on Lanai or come to Maui and check out meetings here to hear other members who are experienced to explain that to them. Most of the members over there have hardly ever been off the island. Members of the fellowship over there took us in like we were family even though we were haole, and brought us in with their family, like 20 Hawaiians and took us up into their land that they just regained access to through inheritance and we had this super cultural experience with them. The fellowship there is arms wide open and welcoming. There were 11 members that are really amped to go to the Lanai crossing.

Next Wednesday I'll be going to Lanai to participate in their one meeting a week on the schedule on Wednesday night.

Tonia question – can we have a little forum or meeting while we're at the crossing so the folks in remote communities can get an idea about what service means.

Page – we can talk to the program chairman see if we can add that in.

Julie – Thinking about Molokai and Lanai about being aware of what general service is. This assembly in Lahaina is such an opportunity that I'm wondering if we could find one person to call and just ask if there would be anyone who'd be willing to come.

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Jubee – we've tried that through a member here that runs a meeting there and this person is supposedly aware of everything that goes on in the Molokai community. It just seems like we tried to reach out to that person and it came back more of a conflict because of the separation between the groups in Molokai. My suggestion what might be a good idea is having workshop over on Molokai to inform them about GSR work and Area service work. I don't know how we'd go about doing that. Maybe have one here and then invite them to come over.

Jim – what about having it situated with the Molokai crossing? Like we had the orientation assembly. Even if it's a one-hour meeting where whoever wants to get that information can be there and anyone new that's interested can also be there avoiding conflicts.

Page – most recently with the influx of newcomers over there it's just like it's shifting because there are so many more of them and they're on fire right now and so that's a good thing. One suggestion that I would have is if they were to come off the island to go to the Crossing or possibly the assembly here, we could shower them with information and try to get them interested in service. Having something informative to explain about area level service would be great. There is one particular individual over there that is coming up on one year. She's doing really awesome. She's come to Maui after the Molokai crossing, so she's willing and saying she's going to the Lanai crossing.

Old Business

1. Page and Anita were going to check with Lanai group and Molokai and report back if there's any interest in attending Assemblies or District meetings from both islands.
 - Page: As far as looking for GSR to attend, not anyone showing a whole bunch of interest in that but it would be a great thing to educate them more about. They really don't have much knowledge about that type of thing and that was one thing I was going to bring up.
2. Tri-Island District 13 will be hosting the Inform the Delegate Assembly:

Date: April 27-28, 2019

Location: Lahaina Intermediate School

871 Lahainaluna Rd.

Additional information & registration:

<http://www.area17aa.org/panel63/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-Inform-the-Delegate-Assembly.pdf>

All the paperwork is set up. That Friday morning I'll go up to school and get the key. I will open it up at 6am like we did the years before. Whatever we do in that cafeteria we definitely need to put it back in the same way we found it. Take a picture of how the tables were so they can be returned to the same set-up.

Page – I'll sign up to be clean-up chair

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New Business:

1. Page – Since the assembly is not until April, and there's no one that has raised their hand to volunteer and there are people that are going to Lanai Crossing, it would be a good time to check in with them then. Maybe it could be tabled until after the Crossing. I am going to Molokai again on Saturday, March 1st, so I could focus more on that topic during that trip.

TABLE the vote on WHO gets to attend assembly until after the crossing or our next District meeting 3/21/19.

VOTE – on the 2 airfare tickets NOW.

Page – Makes a motion that:

District pays for 2 tickets for airfare for 2 people from Molokai to attend the ITD assembly here in Lahaina

Liz – 2nds motion
Motion passed.

2. Page – Molokai boat ride to Lanai Crossing.

First time ever Molokai members are excited motivated and willing to go to the Lanai Crossing. It's like bridging the gap for them to attend the Lanai campout over there. Never have we connected with two islands and two remote fellowships in the history of the outreach efforts there's never been communication with Lanai fellowship and Molokai fellowship. Been in contact with the captain of the boat they plan to use for their transportation to and from Lanai. His going rate for Molokai to Lanai is \$1100.00 round trip, \$550 each way. As the Tri-Island District, are we willing to meet the Molokai fellowship half way? He can take up to 10 people on the boat. That's \$55 per person. Is the district willing to put up \$550 for one way of their round-trip transportation? There are quite a few members are excited about going and they have even got the paperwork they need to do.

Jubee - If out of the 10 people only 5 can make it will the boat still happen? If we foot half the bill and only 5 people can afford to come, who is coming up with the other half of the money.

Page - In the discussion with the captain he said he would still go, if only 8 people get on the boat that's still a go and charge \$55 a head and if there is less, then it's all taken care of; I know of an anonymous person that's willing to compensate for the rest of the trip. In the situation that there would be only be 6 people on the boat, and they could only pay their \$55 I will make that happen no matter what.

Jubee - The concern is if they don't show up and we give the \$550 and then all of a sudden not enough people go and then it gets cancelled, does he still get the \$550.

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Page - In my discussion with him, what he would want is \$200 deposit 2 weeks ahead of time, if some how it doesn't work out, the deposit is non-refundable and he'd keep the deposit. What I'm hoping to do, if this motion carries, I have a check of \$550 I take with me to Molokai when I go on 3/2/19 and I will give that to him, so that the whole boat ride for up to 10 people is already paid for. Whoever goes on the boat is going to pay their \$55 back and if there are not 10 people then I'll compensate for that.

Matty– does the Crossing have any funds for this?

Page – the Crossing has a certain amount of funds that fluctuate from year to year. In the past it was always mentioned, if we wanted, the committee could come ask the district for money. Right now, where we're at is that Lanai venue is \$40 per person for the weekend. We've already, as the committee, voted on anyone who comes from Molokai their registration fee is going to be that \$40 as opposed to the \$70 that's on the flyer for registration. They're going to get that grace as being a remote community. Already absorbing that amount of money if they come, they are paying their \$40 for the camp, but we feed them for free. We're also going to discuss this weekend how many scholarships we're going to make available.

Jim –We have \$700 in reserve. Page needs confirmation on boat trip today.

Jim – makes a motion that:

The District issue a check for \$550 for the deposit for the boat ride from Molokai to Lanai for the Crossing for the 10 people from Molokai.

Matty – 2nds the motion.

Motion passed.

What to take back to your Home Groups

1. No ITD agenda items to take back yet, but we will get them on March 9th.
2. Julie, Alt DCM - What kinds of things can I do as an alternate to support the community. One of the things I witnessed other DCMs do in other districts was to be outreach. Attending group's business meetings and asking how we can be of help and asking if there is any interest in anyone attending a District meeting.

Revisit this item in New Business next month.

**** Upcoming Hawai'i Area 17 Assemblies and Special Assemblies/Committees****

1. PRAASA (The Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) 2019 will be held
March 1st – March 3, 2019
Irvine Marriott
18000 Von Karman Ave Irvine, CA 92612
(949)-553-0100 <https://praasa.org/>
Online pre-registration deadline is February 25th.

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2. Hawaii Area 17 - March 2019 Standing Committee Meeting to be held March 9, 2019 and hosted by the Kihei District (#11) on Maui. <http://www.area17aa.org/committee-meeting-registration/>
3. The Crossing – 2019 Lana’i – March 15, 16 & 17, 2019
Hulopoe Beach Park and Marine Preserve
Additional information and registration: <https://dacrossing.org/>
4. Tri-Island District 13 will be hosting the Inform the Delegate Assembly, April 27-28, 2019.
Additional information to be announced.
5. MauiFest XV Thursday May 30th – Sunday June 2nd, 2019: www.mauifest.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!!

- ✚ Hawaii Area 17 Air Travel information

<http://www.area17aa.org/air-travel/>

<https://www.hawaiianairlines.com/our-services/products-and-programs/preferred-affiliate>

If you are choosing Hawaiian Airlines as your carrier, consider booking through the [Hawaiian Airlines Affiliate Website](#). The term “Affiliate Program” does not imply that we are affiliated or endorsing Hawaiian Airlines. The name is their choice, not ours, and this is not something special they are offering us because we are Alcoholics Anonymous. Any group can become an affiliate group. Airline programs are used for many A.A. events.

This helps send our Area Delegates on their travel throughout the year to the assemblies. There is also a 5% discount on your own air travel. You can use this for personal travel also.

- ✚ The Mynah Bird publishes newsletters that focus on A.A. topics including actions decided by the Area. Latest issue: <http://www.area17aa.org/panel63/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/February-1.pdf>
- ✚ The February Gazette is available and printable online at the following link: https://aamaui.org/newsletters/February2019_publication_online.pdf
- ✚ For earlier months of the Gazette or to register for FREE email delivery of the Gazette go to: <https://aamaui.org/contact/>
- ✚ Local events and flyers: <https://aamaui.org/about/>
- ✚ Hawaii Area 17 Special Reports/Events are located here: <http://www.area17aa.org/>

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