



MYNAH BIRD

HAWAII AREA #17 NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022 COMMITTEE MEETING



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Upcoming	Send Seventh Tradition Contributions
August 27, 28, 2022 Budget Assembly (Hybrid) Oahu Districts Collaborative Efforts Location: TBD	Hawaii Area Committee P.O. Box 1413 Honolulu, HI 96806
September 16 – 18, 2022 Pacific Regional Forum Salt Lake City, Utah (see flyer later in this issue)	General Service Office P.O. Box 2407 James A Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407 (Make checks payable to General Service Board)
October 15, 2022 Fall Committee Meeting Maui No Ka Oi #5	
October 28 – 30, 2022 Annual Hawaii Convention Waikiki Marriott (see flyer later in this issue)	
November 19 – 20, 2022 Elections Assembly Honolulu #2 Oahu	

In this issue: Experience, strength and hope from our members, requests from GSO, and events for Area 17 and beyond!!!



"Admitted to God, to ourselves....."

I recently had the pleasure of taking the 5th Step with my new island sponsor. When we moved here 2 years ago, I reached out to my new group, and found a service sponsor and a service position. Then because my group really is a spiritual entity, as it says in the long version of Tradition 5, Spirit pointed the way for me!

I found the courage to ask this bright, compassionate person who had years of experience in general AA service and an intense love for the three legs of our triangle: AA Unity, AA Service and AA recovery to sponsor me.

It was humbling to move here during a pandemic & easily find fellowship, acceptance and grace to stay sober one day at a time. My neighbor suspiciously asked, "How do you know these folks already?" I got to give the standard response, "We have mutual friends!"

Soft breezes blew at Old Airport Beach Park, we brought our lunches and settled in for an intimate sharing. My practice is to do an annual house cleaning via the 4th step, so this was not my first experience, but may have been the deepest. With the Great Ocean Depths (G.O.D) nearby, and a gentle listener across from me, I admitted to myself and to my sponsor the exact nature of my 'wrongs.'

I drove home and reflected on the experience. Once again, experience shows me I am truly not alone that I have a Higher Power who has completely forgiven my mistakes, even ones I make over and over again. I asked for the willingness to let go of my selfish, fearful habits. What a program full of HOPE I can access one day at a time

Ever Grateful in South Kona 8-1-79



TRADITION FIVE

"Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Sounds like a no-brainer, huh? But in A.A.'s early years, there was much temptation to expand the message and purpose of our fellowship from its humble beginnings.

Alcoholics Anonymous was founded June 10, 1935. In 1941, journalist Jack Alexander wrote a groundbreaking article for the *Saturday Evening Post* about A.A.'s success in helping seemingly hopeless alcoholics achieve and maintain sobriety. For many, this was the beginning of hope for themselves or family members suffering from alcoholism. By the mid-1940's, the medical profession was in the early stages of understanding that alcoholism was a disease, and that recovery was possible for many. Our founder, Bill W. explains in *The Language of the Heart* that it was tempting for A.A. to join in these works, such as financing or endorsing treatment centers (or, sanitariums, as they were called then), research, and campaigns to increase public awareness of alcoholism. In 1944, Marty M, the first female to achieve sobriety in A.A., founded the National Committee for Education on Alcoholism (renamed the National Council on Alcoholism in 1950, then the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence in 1990) to help provide

public education and advocacy. She understood the importance of operating this endeavor completely outside the structure of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Bill W. wrote in 1948, "Because it has now become plain enough that only a recovered alcoholic can do much for a sick alcoholic, a tremendous responsibility has descended upon us all, an obligation so great that it amounts to a sacred trust. For to our kind, those who suffer alcoholism, recovery is a matter of life or death. So the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous cannot, it dare not, ever be diverted from its primary purpose." (*The Language of the Heart*, page 82.)

In the Tradition Five chapter of our *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, Bill W. wrote in 1952, "Shoemaker, stick to thy last!...better do one thing supremely well than many badly. That is the central theme of this Tradition. Around it our Society gathers in unity. The very life of our Fellowship requires the preservation of this principle."

What the heck is a last? It's a mold that shoemakers used to make shoes, long before they were mass-produced by machines.



Jeanna T.

Here is a list of my Top 10 "Heard in a meeting" quotes

- Bless them, change me.
- Learn to listen and listen to learn.
- I needed to stop telling God how big my problem was and start telling my problems how big my God was.
- Always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder. EB White
- Two questions to ask yourself every day
 - Where have you seen god in your life today?
 - Where have you been of service?
- Coming to AA and not working the steps is like going to work and not getting a paycheck.
- Humility isn't about thinking less of myself but is about thinking of myself less.
- You're done when you stop digging.
- Without my higher power, I wouldn't have a prayer.
- My drug of choice was MORE!!!

Anonymous

Area Highlights

Note: this article was submitted for the April Mynah Bird, but somehow I skipped it. Enjoy!!

PRAASA 2022
Hawaii Area 17 – Panel 71
Area Highlights – 2 Minutes
Kunane Dreier

Aloha ahiahi. My name is Kunane D. and I am an alcoholic. Hang Loose on the island of Oahu is my home group and I am humbled to serve the Hawaii Area 17 as their panel 71 delegate and the delegate chair of the Conference Literature Committee. Mahalo to the PRAASA committee.

Hawaii Area 17 is made up of six islands, 14 districts, 313 registered groups and around 5,500 members. Area officers and standing committee chairs come from all islands. We are an area that is both separated and connected by water. However, for the last year... we've been connected virtually. This concept of connection has expanded. Our officers, standing committee chairs, DCMs, GSRs and members continue to participate in virtual service meetings throughout the area and across the United States and Canada.

Hawaii Area 17 is slowly seeing a shift in meetings with many moving back to a physical space. We are also experiencing a hybrid movement with meetings such as my home group that welcome members both in-person and virtually during the meeting from around the world. The Defective Characters group, born out of the pandemic and 100% virtual is now a registered group with GSO and sends their GSR to participate in the area service structure. We now have members of our fellowship that are celebrating a year of sobriety that have not been to a physical meeting yet. The language of the heart continues to speak thru all channels.

These unprecedented times have highlighted the resiliency of the fellowship across our area. Homegroups, districts along with our 5 intergroups continue to collaborate to ensure our fellowship remains connected. Coordinated efforts to plan virtual events, meetings and other AA activities have connected the fellowship across all islands. We travel by boat to Molokai and Lanai to carry the message. We continue to have the pleasure of members from across the globe attending meetings in Hawaii. Please keep an eye out for our Hawai'i State Convention happening in early November.

Additional information about the Hawaii Area can be found at www.area17aa.org.

Mahalo for allowing me to be of service.

Kunane D.
Delegate, Area 17, Panel 71



What Heard, Saw and Felt.

It's been an honor and my privilege and responsibility to serve Hawaii Area 17 as your delegate. It was so exciting to attend the 72nd Annual General Service Conference in person in Brooklyn, New York and to carry our area's thoughts into this space. I will be doing a report back at many districts and a couple virtually. So I'm not going to share here the results of the agenda items that were discussed at the conference. Please attend one of the report backs or call me. I want to share what heard, saw and felt those 10 days in Brooklyn. The energy amongst the conference attendees was infectious. Everyone there loves A.A. It's been 3 years since the general service conference has met in person and we were ready. We've been longing to share space, to hug, to laugh, to discuss, debate and most of all, do the business of alcoholics anonymous.

Since many of us were there a couple days early, many of the delegates got together to do a little site seeing, eat some good food, and most importantly share about our areas with each other. On Friday, we took the subway over to GSO for the 1728 meeting. The room was filled with delegates, staff, trustees and friends, although this isn't the official start of the conference, it was the beginning for many of us. That afternoon, I got to spend time with my friend Monica F. from Chicagoland, Chris D. from Northern Illinois and Sheryl T., from Utah. We hopped on the subway and headed to the 9-11 memorial. We bonded over our time at the memorial and lots of great conversation, laughs and great food. And of course, the pre-conference discussion of agenda items. On Saturday, the Pacific Region along with our friends from Canada went on a tour of historical sites of places that have a pivotal place in our history. We stood in front of the steps of Bill W.'s brownstone in Brooklyn and stood in front of Town's Hospital just to name a few of the stops. I couldn't help but to feel grateful to hear about our history, see the places and to thank those that came before me. More about the tour will be posted after my report.

Anyway, let's talk briefly about the conference. Sunday morning opened with the conference rollcall. This for me was an emotional moment. You see, we were back after 3 years. The last 2 conferences were virtual. My name was called and I stood and said "HERE." This year, I was "here." I was in New York ready to participate to the best of my ability. From that point on, we were in conference mode.

A few of the things I heard that week that continues to resonate with me:

"Time is the most valuable resource we give to A.A. Let's use it wisely. We can't give it back."

"Spiritual program operating within operational constructs"

"Service courage is rewarded by service kindness".

"When we talk about equity, it's those that have it that are most uncomfortable"

"Let's remember why we are here, it's for the still suffering alcoholic that I spoke to this morning just outside of our hotel doors."

"It's not about the vote, but about the discussion"

My experience of the week has shown me that everyone loves alcoholics anonymous just as much as me, to trust the process, to have an open mind and an open heart and to do the best I can to serve. It's so difficult to put into words the overwhelming gratitude I have for being provided the opportunity to serve our area and even more so, the gratitude I have for the life I have been blessed with.

Mahalo nui, Kunane D., Delegate, Area 17 Hawaii

From the General Service Office

Corrections Committee Request

The trustees' Committee on Corrections is requesting shared experience on the methods by which A.A. members on the outside sponsor members inside correctional facilities. This request is to address an unmet need for sponsorship of A.A. members in custody. Once compiled, this can be added to corrections service material.

To access more information:

1. Go to www.aa.org.
2. Click on the "search" icon – little magnifying glass
3. In the Search box enter "Inside Sponsorship" (include quotation marks).
4. Click on "What's New" and scroll down to Request for Shared Experience on "Inside Sponsorship"

From the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous trustees' Literature Committee

In response to the 2021 General Service Conference Advisory Action requesting the development of a Fifth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, the trustees' Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship.

The trustees' Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories of our members for possible inclusion in the Fifth Edition which are from a broad cross-section of our local communities, all stories are of value. As Bill writes on page 29 of the book Alcoholics Anonymous: "Our hope is that many alcoholic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, 'Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing.'"

It is the Literature Committee's shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth edition.

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3500 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete

name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of the submission. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files.

The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not. Stories will be accepted in English, French or Spanish. If you have any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org.

Instructions for submitting your manuscript:

Deadline: Please submit on or before October 31, 2022.

Online: aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th

Email: 5BBStory@aa.org

Subject Line: Fifth Edition of the Book Alcoholics Anonymous

Postal Mail: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

On the envelope: The word "5th Edition BB" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

Thank you to all who are participating in this process!

More "heard at a meeting"

When you go out the front door to help someone, God comes in the back door to help you."

"After I read my fourth step to my sponsor, she told me, "You needed every single drop you drank to get to your bottom, and that brought you here to recovery."



Happening in Area 17

AREA CHALLENGE

June 6, 2022



In 2021:

Number of Members 1,475,520

To make GSO self supporting \$ 8,934,742

Here's how Areas meet the Challenge to cover *their own share* of Group Services for a year:

- Groups collect \$6.06 for each member on or before 6/06
- Groups send contributions to GSB* on 6/06/22
- Contributions can be made online at aa.org. (Be sure to mention the "6.06 Challenge" and group number)

\$6.06 on 6/06 !

**General Service Board

Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

Group or Member Name _____ Area _____
Group ID: Old or new Group Number (needed even if member sending separately)

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Amount \$ _____ 2022 Contribution for \$6.06 on 6/06 Area Challenge

Created by Oregon Area 58 April 2022

Founders' Day & Delegate Report Back



Spencer Beach Park
Saturday, June 11th, 2022
10:00 am - 4:00 pm*



West Hawaii District will supply hamburgers, hotdogs & beverages. It's a **POTLUCK**, so you'll want to bring:

- A dish to share (green salad, side dish or dessert)
- A sponsor, sponsee or newcomer

The day will be packed with fun, food, fellowship & our Delegate's report back on the *General Service Conference*.

Questions? Contact Central Office @ 808.329.1212.

* Plan to head down to Hapuna Beach for the 5:00 meeting!

Sponsored by District 8, West Hawaii AA

East Hawai'i Intergroup, District 7 (Hilo) & District 12 (Puna) are Hosting

Founder's Day BBQ, Potluck & A Report Back from our Delegate

@ Onekahakaha Beach Park in Hilo

Sunday June 12, 2022 9am-Sunset
Report Back 10:30AM

WE WILL PROVIDE BBQ (HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS) DRINKS, CUTLERY

HOMEGROUPS AND MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING POTLUCK



OUR HAWAI'I AREA 17 DELEGATE, KUNANE, WILL REPORT THE OUTCOMES
AND HIS EXPERIENCE FROM THE 2022 AA GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

WE ARE THRILLED TO HAVE YOU ALL ATTEND OUR FIRST EVENT SINCE THE
LOCKDOWN!

Kalihi Sobriety Presents

5th Annual Spiritual Retreat

September 9-11, 2022

"The spiritual life is not a theory.



"We have to live it."

BB. pg 83

Camp Homelani

68-243 Oloho St., Waialua, HI
96791



\$115.00

Includes meals and
lodging

Payment Plans Available

Register Online:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSPLz5i7Bkol7musqaKY6nhfjd7MSU4QqPkpWkHE4zKag-ng/viewform>

Registration Chair: Moses H.

Contact: KSSRetreat@gmail.com

Check-in on Friday starting at 12pm. Bring your own bedding and toiletries. Free shirt with registration. First come first serve. Limited quantity available.

HICYPAA 2022 OCTOBER 7 - 9 HILTON GARDEN INN

We've waited two long years! Now it's time to party!



JOIN US AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN

On the Wailua River

Kayaking, sup boarding or a romantic Smith River cruise to the Fern Grotto

A quick walk to Lydgate Beach

Swimming, snorkeling and sunbathing
7 a.m. AA meetings every morning

Special HICYPAA Discount

Double rooms starting at \$209
Resort fees will be waved upon checking in



For more information:

<https://hicypaa2022.org>

Returning after a two-year absence

The banner features a photograph of a rocky coastline with blue water. Overlaid on the image is the text "ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION 2022" in large, bold, orange letters. To the right of the text is a large orange logo consisting of a triangle inside a circle. Below the photograph is a solid orange rectangular area containing the text "Our Primary Purpose" in white, "Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa" in black, and "October 28 - 30, 2022" in black. A small white magnifying glass icon is visible in the top right corner of the photograph area.

**ANNUAL HAWAII
CONVENTION
2022**

"Our Primary Purpose"

Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa

October 28 - 30, 2022

For more information:

www.annualhawaiiConvention.com

Beyond Area 17

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Area 69



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Sept. 16 - 18, 2022

**PACIFIC
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Mariott Downtown @ City Creek
75 W Temple St., Salt Lake City, Utah

RECOVERY ELEVATED

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31st Annual
Workshop Weekend

September 30th — October 2nd 2022

*King's Inn San Diego
1333 Hotel Circle South San Diego CA 92108*

Hosted by San Diego H & I Committee

For hotel reservations call Reservations 1-619-297-2231

Refer to Group Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend for special workshop rate of \$119

The 31th Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend will consist of presentations and discussions on BTG topics of interest to the registered participants. Those who attend are AA's involved or interested in 12th step work through various General Service and Intergroup Committees like Treatment, Corrections, CPC, PI, H&I, etc. A.A.'s from across the U.S. and Canada will attend, many sharing their experiences on BTG topics. This is a self-supporting workshop supported by contributions for the printing, mailing and coordinating expenses through the year as well as hotel meeting rooms. Recordings will be available for purchase, even if you are unable to attend.

\$30 Early Bird Registration Additional Contribution \$40 after August 30th

Total Submitted: \$ _____ I am interested in purchasing recordings

Name _____ Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email: _____

Service Position: _____ Area#: _____ District #: _____

I am willing to give a presentation on the following topic: _____

Accommodations-Special Needs? _____ Staying at hotel: Yes No

Return registration form and check to: BTGWW, 12070 Hierba Place San Diego CA 92128

*Any questions contact Laura S. at (612) 309-8385 or email coordinator@btgww.org or the
Host Committee Chair host@btgww.org You can also register online at www.BTGWW.org*