Hawaii Area 17 Elections Assembly  
November 19 & 20, 2022  
Host: District 2, Honolulu

Day 1: Saturday 11-19-22  
8:00: Breakfast and Registration  
9:00: Call to Order /Responsibility Statement  
   Introduction of Past Delegates: Bob H., Colleen, Linda, Elizabeth  
   Introduction of new assembly members: Welcome!!!  
   Sobriety Birthdays: Congratulations to all those that celebrated milestones!!!  
   Reading:  
      What’s the Quorum (Registrar) 64  \( \frac{2}{3} = 43 \)

9:15  
Accept the Budget Assembly Minutes for August 2022: Deborah L.  
(Moved to Sunday 11-20-22)  
Accept the Treasurer’s Financial Report: Mike L.  
Please refer to treasurer@area17aa.org for report.  
PASSED  
9:30  
Delegate Report: Kunani D.  
*Please refer to area17aa.org for Kunani’s report.*  
10:00  
Reviewed the Third Legacy procedure from –The AA Service Manual-Chair Deborah S.  
Election of Area Officer’s- Delegate/ Kunani / Assisting through this process past Delegates  
Bob, Linda, Colleen, and Elizabeth  
- Delegate  
- Alternate Delegate  
- Chair  
- Alternate Chair  
- Secretary  
- Treasurer  
- Registrar  
10:45-Break  
11:00  
Elections Continues  
12:15 Lunch  
1:15  
Elections Continue  
Final results for incoming Area Officers for Panel 73:  
Delegate- Tommy G.  
Alternate Delegate- Deborah S.  
Chair- Jeannie G.  
Alternate Chair- Deborah L.  
Secretary- Keleka K.
Treasurer- Sean C.
Registrar- Sean F.
3:30 Break
4:30: Resume
Ask it Basket/What’s on Your Mind
No questions in the Basket
4:45
Motioned to Adjourn- Alice
2nd the motion- Jubee
Adjourn with the Responsibility Statement
5:00
Dinner

Hawaii Area 17 Elections Assembly
November 20, 2022
Host: District 2

Day 2: Sunday 11-20-22
8:00
Breakfast and Registration
9:00
Call to order /Serenity Prayer

Introduction of Past Delegates: Bob 67

Reading: Alice “Leadership in AA “
9:00
Chair/Deborah S. requested a motion to accept the Budget Assemblies Minutes (August 2022)
At this time, Karen Standing Committee Chair for Mynah Bird motioned to table the acceptance of the Budget Assembly Minutes- for more the area body to review. The decision was to review the acceptance of the minutes after lunch.

9:15
Area Officer’s Reports (5 Minutes)

Secretary: Deborah L.
I apologize, here is my original closing report that I have forwarded to the Mynah Bird-at the Elections, I was taken by the fact that the Budget assembly minutes did not get posted in time for all to review- followed by the request of the area to postpone the acceptance of the minutes so that all can review- and watching the process that took place at this assembly move forward.
Thank you for letting me be of service. (Attached is my final report that I did not present to the area body at the Elections Assembly, however you may also find it in the Mynah Bird-thank you Karen)
11-01-2022
Deborah L/ Area17 Panel 71/ Secretary

My Experience and Lessons Learned
Aloha, my name is Deborah L., grateful member of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and I served as your Secretary for Area 17/Panel71, 2021 to 2022. My first introduction to service in the Area stems back to Panel 63 during which at that time, I was the GSR for my home group, Xfactah, and by the Grace of my Higher Power, I have been granted the gift of being able to stay connected with the Hawaii Area 17 and it fellowship as a whole and continued to trudge and enjoy this journey of Service in AA.

I wasn’t really sure as to how I was supposed to start this and of course, I am so grateful for this program of Alcoholics Anonymous and the fellowship, here is where I learned that no questions is dumb and it’s okay to ask for help and I asked our Delegate, Kunani D. for help. What stuck to me was his last words, “Mary, no think too hard, keep it simple, (LOL).

What did I do? I attended area committee and assembly business meetings whether virtual/hybrid or in person and prepared the minutes on or at the least before the next area business meeting. I remained open and available to share what we do to anyone that were interested in service at this level with excitement on the deep connection amongst the fellowship not only in Hawaii but with the world, the comrade, the lasting relationships, the structure, the excitement of meeting and greeting each other as if we haven’t seen each other for years, the joy, the meeting before or after the meeting, and the love and passion for Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

I attempted to record my first several meetings that started out virtual and that did not work for me. What I found easier was to clear my mind, listen, and pay attention. I took notes in between and also typed during the meetings. Keying in to the most important information got easier as time went on, because for me, all that is said by you is important. What was helpful was the take-away that our Chair, Deborah S. provided at the end of each meeting. I also found the area email along with the area website extremely helpful when I missed a report that needed to be included in the minutes. I thank all of the District Committee Members, Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers and our Area Webmaster for your involvement and services.

In closing, I just want to extend and express my gratitude to everyone for the opportunity to experience all these years, the meaning of Unity, Recovery and Service. Unity because I got to be a part of this fellowship and develop lasting relationships with like-minded people. Recovery, because no matter how intense the dialog may have gotten, principles always took precedence over personalities. Lastly, Service because, all of you who suit up and show up whether you are new or been here for a while, you inspire me to continue this journey of Service and helping me to become a part of something greater, sober.

Mahalo,
IN LOVE AND SERVICE,
Deborah L./ Secretary
Area 17/ Panel 71

Treasurer: Mike L.
(Please refer to the area17aa.org for the treasurer’s report)

Registrar: Eric V.
(Please refer to area17aa.org for the registrar's report)

Alt. Delegate: Tommy G.

Aloha Area 17
Mahalo District #2 for hosting our final area assembly for panel 71, thank you to all who helped make this a wonderful weekend. As for Area 17 panel 73 I cannot explain how much being Alt Delegate has enhanced my recovery, service, and unity. My favorite duty as being the alt delegate is being able to help orientate our GSRs in Hawaii, sharing how AAs structure works and help them inform their home groups and connect them to AA as a whole, also working with our DCMs navigate our service structure and informing their districts, giving away freely what passed on to me is so fulfilling for the spirit and for the love of Alcoholics Anonymous. I must admit that having our last 2 committee meetings and the Budget assembly face to face with a virtual option is a great step back to building unity and the love of service for our area, I am also very excited to go back to pure face to face assemblies and possibly being a little prudent and use the virtual platform for certain committee meetings. I have to thank our panel 73 officers for all the support and unity and helping me grow in service and spiritually, and to our standing committee chairs and DCM’s mahalo for all your service, Hawaii area 17 has a great future of being in the structure of Alcoholics Anonymous worldwide. Working with our delegate Kunane D. also has been a spiritual journey not just for this panel but closely working together for the last 3 panels and being part of area for the last 7 panels, all I can say is I love my brother and thank him for sharing his experience for service and recovery with me. Hawaii Area 17 has persevered through this terrible pandemic, being a strong area for service, I look forward for area attendance to pick up and our tradition of having well informed home groups, I for see our area being super focused on our PRIMARY PURPOSE and make sure AA is there for all alcoholics to find recovery and spirituality. Aloha and Mahalo for my wonderful life I have today.

In Love and Service,
Tommy G.

Alt Chair: Jeannie G.
Please refer to the area website for Alternate Chair’s/Jeannie’s final report:
area17aa.org

Chair: Deborah S.
Please refer to the area website for the Chair’s/Deborah S. final report: area17aa.org

Delegate: Kunani’s D.
Please refer to the area website for the Delegate’s/Kunani D.s final report:
area17aa.org

9:45
Standing Committee Work Sessions, DCM, Intergroup Chairs, Areas Officer’s Meet

10:45 Break
11:00 Work Session Reports (3 Minutes)
Break to 11:15 (follow-up on the Budget Assembly minutes after lunch)

Breakout Report Backs (DCM, SCC, Intergroups, Area Officers)

Karen: DCM’s breakout report back
Topic(s)
1. Passing the Torch (Spirit of rotation)

Q: How was participation in your district
- Hard to get people to show up to the district meetings but harder to get people more involved.  
- People want to be alternate but no one wants to be DCM. Having fun by going out for ice cream and having a discussion about the position in hopes someone might be interested.  
- Postponed elections to get more participation.  
- Having an activity (volleyball) to “hook” new GSR’s and having someone come and talk to them about what the responsibilities are and how important that role is.  
- Getting personal with people and making calls and asking them to be of service mostly works better than sending a text or waiting for people to show up.  
- Having the officers go out and recruit their own choice of replacements has worked well.  
- Fear of their district going “dark”…. Having past DCM’s step up and help out has been helpful as well.  
- The gift of asking for help has been a great tool  
- People aren’t standing for service out of fear they can’t do the position.

**Christie Standing Committee Chair-Grapevine**

Shared her challenge was on assigned GSR’s to her committee moving to other SCC and shared on what is the grapevine and how to utilize the grapevine website.

**Nerlepa- Correction**

Has been keeping in contact with district committees to update on classes for members to be able to take meetings in the jails, need to, or has ordered literature for the voluncore members to take into the jails, Kauai’s facilities is still closed, is spreading the message with enthusiasm, the committee has been meeting with the SCC-Corrections prior to area assemblies and Big Island facilities opened up on 11-20-22.

**Archives**

Topic: What is your next step for area service?  
Josh M.- sobriety has allowed him to graduate from college and wants to start a recovery center.  
The concern is of a lot of members are stepping out into other areas of service, will be focusing on district level service.  
Sally- has been a privilege to serve as a GSR for another term.  
Kimo- served as district treasurer and will stepping up to DCM and is committed to being in service.  
Jason GSR-elected for DCM for District 2  
Isaac- learning area service by doing service in area, will be in a 2 year break but will be helping with convention and steering committee, and focusing on family.  
Mike- interim GSR and will be GSR for the next panel.  
Danielle- will be alternate GSR for a women’s meeting and looking forward to stepping back into area service for Panel 75  
Ernest- been in area service since Panel 61. Try to continue to help in the area service but will not stand for any committee.

**Liz- Mynah bird**

Talked about the intent of having the Mynah bird, i.e. members sharing the diversity of area 17, last issue will be in December of 2022 for Panel 71 or early January. Requesting for any upcoming events to be posted in the Mynah Bird.

**Linda/ Treatment/Accessibility**
Talked about passing the torch, staying connected and the benefits of the virtual platform that made is accessible for the committee to have their meetings with the SCC-Chair, and that this service position ready for the incoming SCC.

**Intergroup –Dave (Maui)**
Present- Donnie (Oahu), Dave (Kauai), and Bill IG-rep for Waimea N.Shore
Discussed getting members from the area registrars and how can we help the district committee facilitate to the public and professionals.
Public Information through the website which is shared with district, informing members on how to make contact with committee chairs.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community:  Kirk**
Printed cards on information of AA Intergroup, Website, and through QR code.
Presentations are limited due to Covid, was able to talk with the Mayor on Maui
On Kauai (James)-
Display at the hospital that was there before has been removed
Brought meeting schedules to ER, at the Nurses station there is no displays however able to give out information individually

**Cooperation with the Elder Community:  Michelle B.**
The CEC subcommittee today consisted of 4 people, one of them extremely active and three additional attendees. One of which was new and the last was here to share their experience, strength, and hope. The bulk of our discussion surrounded the recent completed 43 CEC workbook and the suggestions for the next panel. We also discussed prescribed medications and alcohol interaction, public information on the island of Hawaii

**Area Officers: Keleka incoming secretary P73**
Opened with the Serenity Prayer and introduction of outgoing/incoming area officers. Discussed deadline for submissions for Standing Committee Chairs for P73, Jeannie mentioned review of the submits/resumes will be on 11-26-22, however deadline to submit resumes will be at 12 noon on that day. Bob H. suggested to open a folder to put in current emails in preparation for Panel 73, the group discussed purchasing laptops for the secretary and the registrar to use for their service. Currently members are using their own. Bod suggested higher end laptops for a reasonable price. Sean C will be searching, pick up the laptops and bring to the orientation assembly for the new secretary and registrar, along with covers for protections. The have a budget of roughly $1400.00 dollars total for both laptops. Tommy talked about Riley Pacific Regional Trustee that will be at the orientation and is flying in on Friday and mentioned Delegate Tommy will be having dinner with her and Bob suggested bringing along a new GSR for the experience. Lastly talked about registration forms and avoiding any personal information and Electronic contributions that is currently in the process.

**11:45**

**Intergroup Chair Reports**
**Dave Maui intergroup: Thanked the area for allowing to participate in the assembly.**
1. Maui intergroup is financially stable
2. Will be having their first live/ in-person alkathons with enthusiastic home groups
3. Still trying to fill officer positions
4. Service kept me sober and allowed to help me grow and become more open-minded.

**Donny Oahu Intergroup**
1. They are using electronics for, i.e. treasurer, volunteer chair, Donny is the Chair.
2. Oahu Intergroup is moving to the varsity building on December 1, 2022 or December 15, 2022 with complete move by December 31st, 2022.
3. Intergroup meetings are currently at Palama Settlement.
4. OIG is working on updating active versus inactive groups on Oahu.

**David (Kauai)**
Will be emailing his report.

12:00 Lunch
1:00 Deborah L- secretary
Sean C motioned to take the motion off the table regarding the Budget Assembly minutes
Len 2nd the motion
No discussion/ changes
Jubee motioned to accept the Budget Assembly minutes
Sally 2nd motioned to accept the Budget Assembly minutes
Budget Assembly minutes 2022-Passed

**DCM Reports**

**Len District Committee Member District 7**
- Continue to engage 4-5 GSRs out of 13 groups in District 7 and we continue to engage and update points of contact and GSRs for all groups, both structured and unstructured groups.
- Most groups have stable core groups with some remaining on virtual platform. Attendees from 6-8 in smaller groups to 12-25 in larger groups.
- Announcements being made at meetings encouraging service at the district and group levels with reminders that the “declaration of responsibility,” is carried out in humility and with willingness.
- District 7 has carried out its elections of new district officers who will also attempt to fill alternate positions by personal contact.
- Thank-a-thon hosted by intergroup to be held Wednesday 23, November, 2022 through Thursday, 24th November, 2022.
- Christmas Brunch before the Crunch, hosted by AA by the Bay is an annual event as well as their “Easter Feaster” with many attendees and fellowship after the morning meetings to be held Sunday, 11 December.
- Area Assembly and Committee Meetings along with district information and “what to take back” presented at the district meeting for dissemination to groups by GSRs.

Deepest mahalo for all those in area support and all that I have learned in the past 2 years of service as DCM for district 7 Hilo/Hamakua

**Keleka K. District Committee Member District 4**
What District 4 did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:
Aloha Area Officers, Standing Committee Officers and Trusted Servants. I would like to thank district #2 for hosting the elections assembly.

Since our last assembly, district 4 had our business meeting where we decided to have our annual holiday Christmas and New Years alkathon at Kailua Beach Park under the pavilions. Due to our holiday event being held at Kailua Beach Park our time on the property will be limited, on the eve of the event the alkathon will run from 3pm to 10pm, and on the days will be from 6am to 6pm. We also planned to have districts elections but due to the lack of attendance the district decided to reschedule their elections assembly to December 8th at 6pm. As we approach the end of this panel, I would like to say a big Mahalo to district 4 and to area 17 for allowing me to be a part of this amazing journey.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Keleka K-DCM4

**Teresa D. District Committee Member District 10: presenting report is Mary**

My name is Teresa and I’m an alcoholic and the DCM for Waikiki, District 10. We are all meeting virtually the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm and our online link is posted on the Area Website. All are welcome to attend.

This past year, we revised the district’s structures and guidelines to bring them up to date and in line with those of Area 17. We created and filed the position of the Literature Distribution Standing Chair and now Solomon is working to put AA literature into hotels, libraries, and other institutions in the Waikiki district. We have drafted the 2023 budget and will vote to approve at our next meeting. We plan to make end of the year contribution to GSO and OIG with any surplus funds. It is our hope that by doing all these things, we build a good foundation for the next district panel. We also broke into carrying the message through building a virtual newcomer library with QR codes in tandem with the CEC committee. At our November 8th meeting, we held our district elections and unfortunately, no one stood for a single position. We will hold elections at our December meeting. All positions are available and include DCM, Alt DCM, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. You do not need to live in the district to be a member of a home group in the district to stand for a position. Please encourage someone to stand for a position and get into general service!

Next week, District 10 will host its annual Thankathon, live and in person at the Unity Church on Monsarrat Ave and Diamond Head Cir. It starts Nov. 23 at 4pm and we continue until Nov. 24 at 4pm. We will have 24 hours of back to back meetings and running through the night until Thanksgiving Day at 4 pm. We will serve Thanksgiving from lunch 11am to 1 pm on Thanksgiving day with lots of food, fun and entertainment. We have to meeting slots still available -2am and 3am if your home group would like to be in service and host a meeting. Solomon is our meeting schedule chair. We also need donations of Thanksgiving side items, salads, desserts and snacks. All food should be brought to Unity Church no later than 9:30 am on Thanksgiving day. Alika M. is the overall Thankathon Chair and can answer any questions. Look for the flyers that are posted amongst the Intergroup website, Facebook groups, and the Mynah Bird. There will be a remembrance board if attendees would like to add photos of members who have passed on.

Thank you for letting me be of service and helping to keep me sober!

Teresa D.

**Teresa M.: District Committee Member District 12**
My name is Teresa and I am an alcoholic. The DCM for Puna District 12. Thank you to district 2 for hosting our assembly today. We appreciate your awesome service. District 12 is still meeting in person the second Tuesday of each month 5:30 pm. District 12 continues to see participation in meeting. Groups are continuing to meet in person, online, or hybrid. Home groups in person are seeing the numbers grow. Many newcomers are finding their way to the rooms in Pune. We will be celebrating our thankathon at the Community Church of Christ in Hilo. From 6 PM November 23 to 6 PM. November 24th. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Julie District Committee Member District 13, Committee Report November
District 13 had its elections on Thursday and we have a full committee with each position and it’s alternate filled; DCM, Treasurer and Secretary. There was some confusion amongst the treasurer position where the Alt wanted to lead and the lead wanted to alt and we are going to redo in Dec.
And we added the H&I district level committee
It’s gonna be a fun committee with really solid service minded members and I’m so excited for them and for District 13!
Meetings are strong and so is leadership and excitement amongst the old and new GSRs: groups reported transitions in our elections committee meeting.
The invite and list for the outer island meetings will stand and you can always seek that information from me or the new DCM in Panel 73.
The crossing to Molokai is still a strong interest on Maui and Molokai and Molokai is going to let us know when the collectively feel it is safe to hold w/r/t exposure.

Cliff District Committee Member District 3
Aloha family, I am Cliff and I am an alcoholic, DCM Leeward District 3, Oahu. Meetings are opening to in person meetings. Attendees is growing and some groups are getting back into district service. We may have to announce previously that Intergalactic Space Cadets has closed their meeting. Also, I am saddened to announce that 5th Chapter Speaker Discussion meeting isn’t going to reopen. On a more positive note, the remaining meetings area s I mentioned before, growing in attendance and service and some are working hard to pass the legacy of service on to new members. For the next month I am hoping to make more meetings to carry the message of area service to groups. Our District is contacting 3 different venues for quotes to host the Inform the Delegate assembly in 2023 and will have established quotes soon. We rescheduled our district elections to December to promote more participation. Leeward Oahu is solvent and contributing.
Thank You All.

Catherine W. District Committee Member District 8
Aloha Area 17 family,
I’m an alcoholic named Catherine.
Thank you to Dist 2 for hosting a wonderful Election Assembly. I’m filling in for our DCM Kerwin who is healing from an injury. Dist 8 has been busy over the last couple months with planning elections and the January orientation assembly.
Dist 8 will have a Thanksgiving feast at Kahaluu Beach park from 10-3 with a meeting after lunch.
Dist 8 purchased tech equipment for hybrid business meetings on the 3rd Friday of the month 5:30-7:00.
Most of our meetings are back in person with some zoom options. WesthawaiiAA.org if anyone wants to check out a meeting while on our Island in January.

Karen District Committee Member District 9
Hi Deborah,
Here is my report:

Hi. I'm Karen and I'm an alcoholic- DCM for district 9- Central and North Shore O'ahu. District 9 is holding our annual New Year's Eve Alcathon at the Waialua Community Center from 6 pm on. We have held our elections. We elected a DCM, alternate DCM, and Treasurer. We are still looking for a secretary. We continue to reopen meetings which are coming back to live status from virtual. Thank you district 2 and the area officers for putting on this assembly. Thank you all for these past 2 years of service. Thank you district 9 for being the awesome people you are and making my job better.

In love and service,
Karen O

Gina B. District Committee Member District 2
Aloha and Welcome!!! District 2 has been busy!!! First, I’d like to thank all our hard workers with transportation, homestay, food chairs. This past Monday, November 14, 2022, we had our elections and like to welcome our incoming DCM, Jason C. We have a couple of positions still available such as recording secretary, treasurer? If anyone is interested, come see me during the break.

During this Holiday season, we are doing all we can to carry the message. From Malia Discussion Group’s Annual Thanksgiving dinner, participating in other districts alcathons to planning our own New Year’s Alcathon, we aim to spread hope and create unity within our communities.

We continue to push forward and do what we can to help the alcoholic.

We thank you for your continued support and service!

Dolores Alternate District Committee Member –District 1
Aloha my name is Dolores (Alt) DCM for District 1. We currently have 20 active meetings within the Diamond Head district. 13 physical meetings, 6 online and 1 hybrid. GSR participation within our district is low, we currently have 4 active GSRs. As a district we have been attending group consciences meetings within our District to attract new GSRs for the next panel. What we have found out is that most groups are struggling to fill service commitments within the group level. Groups are having low participation when it comes to service and people showing up. Financially, we are well. We have many ideas and plans for workshops and functions to create unity within our district and the community. Diamond Head district will be hosting our annual Christmas Alkathon at the Unity Church from 5pm Christmas Eve until 5 pm Christmas Day.
Thank you so much for allowing me to serve it is an honor and a privilege.
Standing Committee Reports
Ernest Standing Committee Chair Archives

Aloha my name is Ernest and I’m an alcoholic. I serve as the outgoing archives chair for Area 17 Panel 71. I’d like to thank District 2 for hosting our elections assembly and want to thank our Area Officers for co-hosting. As it states in the Area Structures and Guidelines: Archives serves as a permanent repository of materials pertaining to Hawaii AA, Area 17, It’s Districts and our group history. Therefore, I’ve archived materials from our Area Assemblies, Committee meetings, Workshops hosted by Districts and or homegroups involving members of this Area and other documents pertaining to Hawaii Area 17.
I’ve sent the documents from our committee meeting to the Area webmaster so it can be posted on the Area website. I believe I will be archiving the documents from this assembly before the incoming Archives Chair for panel 73 takes over. Therefore, if you could CC a copy your final report to archives@area17aa.org when sending it to the secretary I’ll archive your document.
As we’ve come to the end of this panel, I want to thank you all for allowing me to be of service and say it’s been a pleasure working with all of you.
Ernest S. Outgoing Archives Chair Area 17 Panel 71

Jubee Standing Committee Chair Corrections
Aloha Jubee Alcoholic CSCC.
I would like to thank Dist 2 for putting on this Assembly.
Before I give my report I would like to say thank you to the officers for the past 2 yrs. What a great job they have done during the pandemic.
Nothing have changed since the last Assembly. No other literature was needed. Big Island and Kauai are still closed. Maui and Oahu are up and running.
As an outgoing Corrections Chair I would like to say Mahalo for allowing me to be of service for the past 8 yrs. You are all family to me. Mahalo for giving me my sobriety.
Jubee B.
CSCC

Christi Standing Committee Chair Grapevine
Aloha,
Christi, alcoholic. Standing Committee chair for Grapevine. Myself and 3 other members met. There had been challenges from the beginning of the panel in getting participation. One of the GSR ‘S assigned to my committee moved to corrections.
We discussed the changes coming in The Grapevine world. Postcards with Grapevine information were displayed for the groups to take. The aagrapevine website was discussed and navigated as well.
Most of the groups that were present are very small and having their own challenges.

Sean C- Standing Committee Chair Webmaster
Job Description:
Serves as webmaster and administrator of the Hawaii Area 17 website (and any ancillary services, such as email) insuring that information following current guidelines is available in a timely fashion and technical services and training are provided as needed.
I have added links to PRAASA and the 2025 International Convention where you will find the survey that Kunane mentioned in his report, thank you Mary for catching a misspelling on the District page, I have posted the info and registration link for Orientation Assembly and I am getting Julie set up as Alternate Webmaster and we are going to have a virtual meeting this week where we will go through all of the website management aspects as well as posting items submitted for this assembly so any reports submitted this weekend will be posted then, thank you for your patience.

Thank you for the privilege to have served Panel 71.
Grateful to be of Service,
Sean C, Area Website Standing Committee Chair.

Karen N. Standing Committee Chair Mynah Bird
What the Mynah Bird Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

I have served Panel 71 as the Mynah Bird Chair. The content of the Mynah Bird is a reflection of the vibrant and diverse A.A. community in Hawaii Area 17. I have published issues for each of the Assemblies and Committee meetings for Panel 71 and a couple of special editions to publicize special events in the area and in Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. I hope that I have given a written picture of our area in the issues of the Mynah Bird.

Before each issue, I send out an email to Officers, Committee Chairs, DCM’s, Mynah Bird Committee members, Intergroup Chairs and Past Delegates asking for articles. I often make suggestions for articles – steps, traditions, concepts, “heard at a meeting”. I have been suggesting to officers and committee chairs to answer the following questions: What is the best part of your position, what is the hardest part for your position and what would you like to pass on to the next person who will hold your position? I will answer those questions.

1. What is the best part of this commitment – there have been several high points. I have gotten to know people that I would not have normally met. I have gotten better at listening – when I hear someone share at a meeting, I often hear something special that could be expanded into an article. I have never been turned down. I have learned more about Word – more about that later in this article. I have had the opportunity to work with some wonderful people who love Alcoholics Anonymous.

2. What is the hardest part of this position? Working with Word – bad words have been said several times while putting Mynah Bird issues together!! I always ask about a month ahead for articles and send out a reminder the week before the deadline. Sometimes I haven’t gotten enough to put together an issue, so I need to approach people personally and look for other sources for articles, for examples issues of local AA newsletters.

3. What would I like to pass on to the next person to hold this position? I have found the best way to get articles is to ask people personally. I have gotten some marvelous articles from people who have participated in special events or have had some unusual experiences in Alcoholics Anonymous. Mahalo to those who have shared their experience, strength and hope! I would also to tell the next person who will hold this position to “not stress out too much”. The issue will come together as it is meant to. One thing to consider is formatting the Mynah Bird so that some of the pages can be printed in “gray scale” to reduce cost of printing the Mynah Bird in color.
Mahalo for letting me be of service to Panel 71 as the Mynah Bird Chair.
Karen N. Panel 71 Mynah Bird Chair

Mary Standing Committee Chair Cooperation with the Elderly Community
Cooperation with the Elder Community
Panel 71 Recap
11/20/2022
Submitted by Mary N / CEC Chair

Indebted to our committee members: Karen B/Kona, Ann Marie E/ Iao Congressional Church, Sharon J/A Spiritual Awakening, Connie S/ Na Wahine Ku Pono, Derek D/Men’s West Side Stag, Julie C/ Ho’omaikai’i, Eric C/ KKAA, Lucy B/Kihei Morning Serenity, and chair Mary N/12 Coconuts Waikiki Online and newest member Michelle / Island of Hawaii

The chair would gratefully like to acknowledge the participation and work of the committee members. Panel 71 CEC Committee had stops and starts after the resignation of the Chair and the availability of the incoming chair.

With delays aside, the committee exceeded expectations with groundbreaking action items and dissemination of information.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Research and establishment of statewide KUPUNA assistance websites (last page of this document and also saved to CEC website independently for ease in necessary future updates)

Creation and establishment/building of a Newcomer Virtual Library that is maintained on the area 17 website  https://area17aa.org/area-committees/cooperation-with-the-elder-community-cec

Creation and QR code usage for communication through various forms of contact: email, posters, flyers

Printing and dissemination of easel-back signage for use throughout the area in libraries, senior care facilities, etc.

Creation of a 30x70 Banner for use at health fairs or wherever possible

Enhancement of area 17 CEC landing page with free access to all creative, in various formats, for future use by CEC, Districts or other SCCs

Complete review and updating of the original 2005 CEC workbook that had been housed on the area 17 website. This included, but is not limited to:

Removal of all quotations " " surrounding literature and internet links to all individual referenced literature now embedded in the document.
Updating of dated information (such as pricing in the suggested 2005 items considered for budgeting

Addition of internet references, with links, for online meetings
Addition of QR code into (suggested) the introduction letters to various entities

Updating of pamphlet names where appropriate: "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A. - (Formerly 44 Questions)"

Insertion of visual of the "problem with alcohol" flyer created by this panel

The 43-page document will be posted on the area 17 aa website in both word format and .pdf format. Both include extensive links. The word doc will make it easier for any panel, district, or SCC to copy and paste sections, links or especially the draft / suggested letters to various entities such as senior care facilities, physicians, etc.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEXT PANEL:
For the panel: Make sure, through orientation, that the various subcommittees are aware of tools that have been shared on the website.

RECOMMENDATION PANEL 73 CEC COMMITTEE... It is strongly advised to take their first few meetings and START with the updated CEC workbook. (This will eliminate 'recreating the wheel' and allow for forward movement, newly created goals, and action steps for their panel)

When utilizing the .pdf version and reading all of the suggested documents, via the links in the workbook document can be daunting, but this is also a GREAT resource for all subcommittees and how it could influence their work.

Compare this workbook to those listed below and update accordingly so they can work in tandem
Find out why there is NO CEC workbook on aa.org. Perhaps the next panel could present for consideration

WHAT DID NOT HAPPEN:
This document has NOT been compared to the existing workbooks for these other subcommittees.

These are found on aa.org:

Cooperation with the Professional Community Workbook
https://www.aa.org/cooperation-professional-community-cpc-workbook

Treatment Committee Workbook
https://www.aa.org/treatment-committee-workbook
Public Information Workbook
https://www.aa.org/public-information-workbook

Respectfully submitted with warm aloha by Mary N … 11.20.22
RESEARCH and suggested links for statewide KUPUNA assistance websites

2021 Kūpuna Resource Guide
More than 200 organizations that can help seniors learn, live and thrive in Hawai‘i.
Article:
List of 200:
Hā Kūpuna, the National Resource Center for Native Hawaiian Elders, is one of three National
Resource Centers for Native Elders funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA),
Department of Health and Human Services.
https://manoa.hawaii.edu/hakupuna/kupunaresources/
Honolulu’s Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
https://www.elderlyaffairs.com/site/1/home.aspx
Ka Wai Ola Kūpuna Resource Guide

Kūpuna Power – resources for all islands
https://www.wearekupuna.com/local-resources

Maui County Office on Aging
https://www.mauicounty.gov/255/Office-on-Aging
Big Island Kokua
https://www.bigislandkokua.org/directory/directory-category/kupuna/
Hawai‘i County Office of Aging (HCOA)
https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/departments/aging
(Karen has visited HCOA, has brochures and left brochures in civic center – also calling on food
banks and MOW services, also visited homeless shelters and dropped brochures, grapevines,
offered to assist with zoom also doctors offices, urology, cardiology … 2x week and works on all
references)
County of Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs (AEA)
https://www.kauai.gov/Elderly

Kimo N. Standing Committee Chair Communication w/the Professional Community
My name is Kimo and I am an alcoholic. It was an honor to serve as the chair of Cooperation
with the Professional Community. I took over for a alcoholic, he was from the same island. It
was an honor to have served and thank the area officers for giving me a chance to serve, I gained
a lot of experience and hope to serve in other standing committees if the area officers allow me
to serve. My standing committee duties was to share information about the AA program with
professionals who have contact with the alcoholics furthering mutual understanding and
cooperation. Again I’d like to thank Panel 71 for allowing me to serve. Also I want to thank 3
ladies, on Maui more, Karen, Mare, and Annie for helping me on Maui. Met, James, a GSR from
Kauai and will be sending him some cards to distribute. Thank you to District 2 for hosting the
Elections Assembly.
SCC/CPC
Kimo N.
The PI Committee continues to make their presence available to the online community. Below indicates statistics that reflect online activities from our online FB Campaign commencing on 10/12/22 to 11/14/22. Campaign continues to run after adjusting the focused audience on 11/15/22.

1. FB Campaign Activities
   - Current PI online campaign reached 3,672 viewers
   - 33 Post Engagement (approximately .9% of total views)
   - 23 Link Clicks (approximately 70% of total Post Engagement)
   - 8 Post Shares (approximately 24% of the total Post Engagement)
   - The campaign reached individuals 18-65+ and older with 52.8% being female and 47.2% being male. A higher percentage of individuals being 35 and older.
   - Current campaign budget to date $34.67.

2. PI Website Activities
   - 15% of visitors used a desktop to access website
   - 7% used a tablet to access website
   - 78% used a mobile device to access the website
   - No significant average time spent by any visitor

PI will continue to run campaign after making a few adjustments to the website to increase interaction time by each visitor and target audience to reflect viewers from Hawaii Area 17. Our final report will be submitted by the closing of Panel 71. Just a reminder, we are available to conduct online or in-person presentations. Please send your request to pi@area17aa.org or visit our website at http://hawaiiarea17pi.org

Trusted servant,
Bill M.

Sean F. Standing Committee Chair Treatment and Accessibilities

Hawaii Area 17 Panel 71 Summary.
Standing Committee Chair Treatment and Accessibilities.
Upon getting the phone call in December 2020 and being told that I have been appointed to Standing Committee Chair for treatment, I must admit there were nerves. On the one hand, I was very excited because I had been appointed to the position that I had first chosen. On the other hand, I was extremely nervous about the simple fact that I wasn't sure what I was going to be doing. I've learned along the way that fear is the opposite of faith. So, I needed to understand that faith was going to bring everything all together, the way that it was supposed to. Upon arrival at the orientation in January 2021, I must admit that meeting the newly appointed GSR’s, trying to come together with a plan, and realizing that this was not in my hands at all, one word came to mind, Overwhelmed!
So, here's this alcoholic, already overwhelmed, and I haven't done anything to this point. As usual, everything I thought I knew, I didn't know. The traditions and concepts have told me very clearly, especially through the declaration of Unity, to place our common welfare first in order to keep our fellowship united. If I remember that simple statement. Everything was going to go the way that it was meant to go. The first thing I needed to do was get ahold of all the treatment facilities on all the islands. So, I was able to compile a list, send letters, and work with the GSR’s
that were on my committee in order to accomplish that goal. The next thing we set out to do was put together a series of workshops. My original goal was to accomplish 4 workshops throughout Panel 71. What I learned from this was that putting together 4 workshops was a lofty goal. We were able to get together and put on 3 workshops for panel 71. We started off with our original workshop bridging the gap. We came together for a second workshop entitled Treatment and Traditions and we finished a third workshop entitled Treatment and Traditions Part 2. We were able to cover all the traditions in conjunction with the treatment committee that was utilized in order to put our best foot forward in support of working with the fellowship to keep them informed as well as keeping our doors open for the newcomer.

The workshops were well attended. We were able to keep our members informed, as well as our appointed committee members in action. The behind-the-scenes work that was accomplished within the treatment facilities and a lot of the clean and sober houses was wonderful. We were able to put literature racks and literature in 20 different facilities. We were also able to work directly with Inter-Group on a constant basis, creating a set of pamphlets directly correlating to what treatment facilities needed. And keeping ourselves completely in the loop whenever the treatment facilities needed our assistance. Let's just say that our members associated to this committee were heavily involved. Without the help of these GSR's there was no way all of this was going to be accomplished.

I'd have to say that the highlight for this panel 71, as the Treatment Chair, was the proposal we submitted to have our title changed to Treatment and Accessibilities. It was a process that I had never endured, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to learn how we function in an upside-down triangle. Submitting that proposal, with the backing of our GSR’s appointed to our committee was fantastic. We submitted that proposal with nothing more than the thought that we might be able to do something to contribute to Area 17’s ever-changing landscape. It was a yearlong process. And at the end, when we came together at the Budget Assembly, as I read the proposal, and watched as we took a vote to change the structures and guidelines, I knew we were apart of something truly amazing.

Mike L. Finance Committee
*Please refer to the area website for Mike L’s Finance Committee's report: area17aa.org*

2:00 (Break)

2-30
**At the Mic: Area Service Reflection**

Bob: thanked the area for standing, loved the enthusiasm, talked about the unity the traditions, we can take the enthusiastic back to our home groups, we are no longer are someone that doesn’t know, we can inspire and will not be able be at the orientation. Congratulated our new panel and tommy- reflected on a time when they were sitting and not think that they would have been a delegate

Malamapono

Catherine: shared her perspective, back in 2000 was GSR, recall being in this very room at her first assembly, there were actually people yelling in each other, 20 years later, this fellowship has matured.
Gina: Outcome DCM it was brought to my attention that acknowledge, homestay, transportation and food chair, but forgot to acknowledge our registration. Talked to her sponsor and asked of she should be standing for GSR, and was told once you know you need to pass it on, and went to this current position, it was one of the most worst positions but one of the most rewarding, got to dig deep, and pass it on to the next panel, super blessed to have the opportunity to work with such an awesome team, when I thought I was whooped, they jumped in, I recall being super frustrated about something, this person cut me off within 30 seconds and asked what is the solution.. not going anywhere, already put in my resume with my top 3 picks.

David –sunrise sobriety: I wanted to get to the mike one more time, and I love the lights it’s like the drag strip, after the pandemic and I stood for chair and one of my big disappointments was that it was going to be on line, I remember so many seeing people rotating around, some of you people may not come back.

Mary: We heard several times about difficulties about getting people into service, Oahu intergroup did a work shop, a lot of us with double digit sobriety with sponsees, bring them, it may inspire them, need to help expand the service experience.

Len: Sponsor has a workshop, riley did a workshop and talked about the history (riley) she shared that when we share our experience, it has to be personal.

What to Take Back

- District 9: news letter in a church- available on the table- feel free take back to homegroup it talks about how AA is helping and serving the community
- Orientation assembly is available now or online
- Elections assembly completed
- Delegate Tommy G
- Alternate; Deborah S.
- Area Chair: Jeannie G.
- Alt ChairL Deborah L
- Secretary Keleka
- Treasurer: Sean C.
- Registrar Sean F.

Deadline to send in SCC: 12 NOON 11/26/22
Appointed chairs will be notified before November 30th
Chair@ area17aa.org along with service history-resume
Orientation 1/21/22 West Hawaii District 8
February Committee 2/25/23 hosted by East Hawaii
Both on the big island.
District 3 will be hosting the Inform the Delegate Assembly in March of 2023
PRAASA – Anyone interested in service, may inform during your registration online
Motion to adjourn the meeting LEA
2ND- MARY
ADJOURN 3:00 with the Declaration of Unity