

Al-Anon Family Groups
HAWAII AREA SPRING ASSEMBLY
May 14-15, 2022
District Representative and Coordinator Reports

WINDWARD OAHU DISTRICT REPORT – Spring 2022

Eileen P, District Representative

Windward District has 9 Al-Anon Meetings. Eight of them are currently meeting at this time.

Six Groups are strictly on Zoom at this time. Sunday Serenity has a concurrent zoom meeting and an in person meeting. Keep it Simple Saturday is doing hybrid meeting from the Park using ear phones with individual members at the park all on Zoom so others can join in remotely

- Two of the groups have GRs
- Two of the groups have Alternate GRs
- Five of the groups do NOT have representatives willing to step up to be of service
- Two of the groups have numbers above 10 per meeting with folks zooming in from out of town
- Six groups have numbers between 3 and 5

Windward District meetings are held monthly on Zoom on the second WED of the month at 7:00pm.

We have adequate funds to cover expenses for Windward District Rep travel.

Open Windward District positions:

- Alternate District Representative and District Secretary.

Windward District is Hosting the Zoom Assembly on May 14 and 15th 2022.

Goals for Windward District Representative:

- 1) Gather tasks required by the District to prepare for the Zoom Assembly
- 2) Encourage a member from each group to participate in some way
- 3) Investigate how a concurrently running Al-anon group can participate in Group Decision making.
- 4) Determine if the one group in this district will ever start meeting and where
- 5) Find out if there is a possible Amias from the windward district so we can implement Alateen meetings

Respectfully submitted, Eileen P.

MAUI DISTRICT REPORT – Spring 2022

Sandy S, District Representative

Aloha Spring Assembly,

It is an honor and privilege to attend the spring assembly and serve as Maui D.R. My Alt D.R is Jo Anne R. We are District 3 which is Maui, Molokai and Lanai.

We have 15 groups which include 2 women groups and 1 Alateen group. (our Alateen is not meeting at this time). We have 9 Group Reps and 4 Alt. group reps. We have a few members who bring information to their groups because, there is no Group Rep. One of the members decided to become a Group Rep after attending our district meetings. One group has a Birthday meeting at the end of the month, where we give out birthday chips, cards, lei's and if we meet in person, we have cake.

Our District meeting is on the 1st Monday of each month. Most of our AI-Anon meetings including district meeting are on zoom currently. One of our women's meetings is a hybrid. We are starting to talk about face-to-face meetings.

Most of our coordinator positions are filled. They are Treasurer, Secretary, Literature, AIS, AA Liaison and Public Outreach. We have 3 past Delegates who bring so much experience, strength, and hope to our district. I bring fun to our district meetings and get members involved at district by having them answer AI-Anon and Alateen questions and I hand out candy for the correct answer. The answers are on my agenda under Fun Facts.

We continue to update our Maui schedule to include zoom numbers plus passwords, so members can find us. We can sell literature by mailing them to our members or by meeting them in person. We have been giving 7th tradition to Area and WSO.

Our district had a 70th Anniversary Celebration on August 14, 2021 on zoom We had great speakers and an AI-Anon Fun History Facts.

Our district submitted two items for the Chosen Agenda Items, and we submitted Maui Area Highlights as well.

It's been a dream come true being Maui's DR. I'm honored to be a part of this Amazing District and Hawaii Area World Service Committee (HAWSC).

In Loving Service, Sandy S. Maui D.R.

CENTRAL OAHU DISTRICT REPORT – Spring 2022

Mary M, District Representative

Central District has 10 groups. Attendance in these Groups range from 3-22, Zoom meetings continue to have regular attenders from other states.

Kupa'a Step Study meets in-person on Tuesday evening and has a GR.

Catch the Wave meets on Sunday morning in-person and concurrently on Zoom, but not hybrid. Both in-person and Zoom meet together (hybrid variation) monthly for their business meeting. This meeting has a member who regularly attends District meetings, but no GR. They are in discussion about registering the Zoom meeting separate from the in-person meeting, but no decision has been made yet.

Japanese Language meeting meets twice monthly on Sunday afternoon using their own Zoom account and will be starting hybrid. They do not have a member who regularly attends District meetings, but they are included in all District communication to groups.

There are six meetings currently meeting on Zoom. Of these six Groups, three have GR's. At least two of these meetings are in discussion to remain on Zoom. Not all Groups are currently collecting 7th Tradition.

Central District has open positions for Alt. DR, Treasurer, and all coordinator positions. At our next District meeting, March 30, I will bring up the topic of creating job descriptions for all Central District positions.

Upcoming event: Hosted on Oahu, A Day in Al-Anon, A Boxful of Recovery, is on April 2, 2022 from 10am-3pm at Neil S. Blaisdell Park in Aiea. The first face to face event for Al-Anon on Oahu since before the pandemic.

As DR, I have and am learning many valuable lessons and tools through the Al-Anon program. These are just a few that came to mind:

- I cannot do this alone and asking for help is not a sign of weakness.
- By placing PRINCIPLES above PERSONALITIES, I can treat myself and others with respect that I never knew before. □ Keeping it Simple means, I don't have to do it all and I don't have to know it all. □ "Leaders are trusted servants, they do not govern", and I'm not God. My best thinking got me here so that I could find help and hope in this program.
- A quote I recently read that is not Al-Anon approved, but really helped my perception, "*Helping, fixing, and serving represent three different ways of seeing life.*"

When you help, you see life as weak. When you fix, you see life as broken. When you serve, you see life as whole..." ~ Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen

Goals/Objectives for the remainder of Panel 61:

- Practice placing principles above personalities
- Improve my communications in both directions of the links of service
- Continue talking things over and reasoning things out with someone else (in Al-Anon service)

In service together, Mary M

KAUAI DISTRICT REPORT – Spring 2022

Eugene G, District Representative

Since the beginning of Covid 19, our AI-Anon meeting groups have remained open. In March 2020, all of our meetings moved to virtual formats or were temporarily postponed. With the help of dedicated AI-Anon members and cooperation, our meetings were and some are still on zoom with a common, identical ID and password. The district now pays for the zoom account and we are using the zoom link for our district meetings and other service meetings. Our meeting groups are now returning to their previous physical locations, but some groups have lost use of their previous locations. We are trying to find new physical locations. Many group members are not ready and not comfortable to return to physical locations. We are trying to use hybrid meetings as a temporary option. It is hard to predict how long we will be using this hybrid format.

Kauai has always welcomed AI-Anon visitors from other areas in the US and abroad. On zoom, we continue to attract AI-Anon members that are not local. We continue to have local newcomers however it can be difficult to keep them. Many of our long time members do not attend zoom meetings or have lost interest in the format. Currently we have four in-person meetings. In-person attendance has been growing. Two of our in-person meetings are also hybrid. This has been a difficult time for AI-Anon in Kauai. We are hopeful that life and our meetings will return to normal. It may take additional time and effort. I am encouraged by the spirit and participation of our AI-Anon members in Kauai.

WEST HAWAII DISTRICT REPORT – Spring 2022

Giuse V, District Representative

These last few months have been exciting for me as DR in our district. I have been personally focused on trying to go to each of our meetings. I have been attending more meetings regularly as DR; and am trying to stay current with which meetings are talking about returning or have returned to in-person meetings, in addition to meetings that have decided to be permanently online.

At this point, out of our 9 meetings: 2 are in-person only and 1 has permanently moved to online only. Out of the remaining meetings, a few are discussing moving back to in-person soon, while others are discussing staying with on-line formats.

As a district we have been trying to fill more of our coordinator positions (including a chair for our birthday district meeting), and encouraging/supporting groups that currently do not have Group Representatives to find members willing to serve. Mostly, this is being done by making announcing at meetings regularly and encouraging new comers and/or long-timers looking for service commitments.

It continues to be my pleasure to serve West Hawaii in the capacity of DR; and look forward to seeing what the future holds for our district.

EAST HAWAII DISTRICT REPORT – Spring 2022

Shelly M, District Representative

ALATEEN REPORT – Spring 2022

David D, Alateen Coordinator & Area Alateen Process Person

Progress is being made with the Hawaii Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements. A draft was sent into Sue Perez at the WSO office on 2/27. On the 28th Sue Perez responded that the Trustees would review the document. She said it will take up to three weeks for a response.

I attended an Alateen Annual Recertification training call / class on March 5. On March 24 I received a response back from Sue Perez and WSO. Stating that ABSR looks good and could be approved with a minor text change. I responded asap to the acceptance of minor text change.

In my process of writing my report to the Area, I received yet another call from Sue Perez. She wanted another clarification with the document, to which we both agreed.

Sue had said that she now will seek approval and get back to me Monday, March 28. I am grateful for this program, It has help me in so many ways working with WSO.

This is a follow up on my report at the area committee meeting call on Monday night 4/11. For those that were not present on the call (Zoom). I asked the DR's to pass out the member Candidate form to all in there groups along with the approved ASBR Doc.

Because we as an area are certifying and not re-certifying. I ask all members that fill out the Candidate form and give it to your district DR. They will sign it to verify who you are and then send it to me.

The time that I set was May 2 and on May 21 there will be a short train session 1-2 hours. I will set it on Zoom.

Once we have certified AMIAS I will reach out to the DR's to get the Alateen groups meeting forms up to date.

Now that we have been approved let's get the Teens back into their meetings! Please if there is any questions call me on my cell 921-989-4712

A grateful Servant, David D

ARCHIVES REPORT – Spring 2022

Henrietta C, Archives Coordinator

Just a friendly reminder, when saving your Groups, Districts, and Area's data that documents their history and activities, two sets should be saved. If one set is deleted, destroyed, lost, or thrown away, there is a second set as a backup. So

far, I had one group requesting assistance and one member who volunteered and is assisting that group in saving their data.



I posted Games and Responses, a Dear Abby article, and a crossword puzzle from



a newspaper that had a clue for an al-anon response for our members.

If anyone has any suggestions and ways to encourage our members to save data that documents their Groups, Districts, and Area's history and activities, please contact me. My email address is: mhlu01@yahoo.com .



LITERATURE REPORT – Spring 2022

Dianna F, Literature Coordinator

A virtual Forum Coordinator meeting was held on April 20, 2021. It was so nice to connect in more of a personal way than the online chat with other Forum Coordinators. Ideas were exchanged that could be used in our Hawaii area to increase the use and knowledge of The Forum.

Forum:

My most recent analysis of the monthly subscription reports indicates that *The Forum* has gained approximately 500 subscriptions since December, an increase of roughly three percent. This is great news, and you all have played an important part in making that happen! The rest of the story is that subscriptions still remain about 12 percent below pre-pandemic rates.

The total number of subscriptions that are being sent to individual groups is five. For the entire state of Hawaii 67 subscriptions are being sent out to groups as well as individuals.

Did you know that per the member handbook a group representative's suggested responsibility is to promote use and subscriptions to *The Forum*?

Let's inspire our individual members to subscribe to this amazing source of members shares,(including Alateen), meeting topics, information on different literature publications, and focus on steps, traditions, and concepts.

The December 2021 Forum issue includes a WSO Note that explains how *The Forum* qualifies as Conference Approved Literature. I'm curious about how many of you have encountered the misconception that *The Forum* is not CAL. Perhaps the explanation and reassurance in the upcoming issue that *The Forum* is CAL will encourage more members to read from *The Forum* at meetings and thus attract new subscribers to this wonderful recovery tool.

Literature:

WSO is pleased to announce that the *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) v1* is available in English, French, and Spanish in an electronic format at al-anon.org

Every Al-Anon and Alateen member is encouraged to actively use and study this *Manual*. It gives a clear and concise picture of the Al-Anon fellowship, its purpose and functions, and how it helps us to resolve group problems and maintain unity.

Updates to the *Manual* are noted with the use of vertical lines in the outer margins.

Due to the limited number of sharings received so far from Alateen members for the new Just for Tonight Alateen Bookmark, the deadline of **December 31, 2021, had been extended to March 31, 2022.**

*This from Tom Coffee, WSO Associate Director-Literature:
Dear Trusted Servants who love CAL (all of you, I hope!),*

*Each month, the "CAL Corner" department in *The Forum* features members' sharings on how a particular piece of Conference Approved Literature has enhanced their recovery. We would like to focus on the following pieces in upcoming issues, but really, really need sharings about them soon in order to do so:*

- *Living with Sobriety (P-49)*
- *Reaching for Personal Freedom (P-92)*
- *The Al-Anon Focus (P-45) (celebrating its 45th year in print)*

We could also use sharings about the following:

- *Many Voices, One Journey (B-31)*
- *How Can I Help My Children? (P-9)*
- *Alateen-a day at a time (B-10)*
- *Alateen-Hope for Children of Alcoholics (B-3)*

Please help us by sharing 200-400 words each about how any of these individual pieces helped you, or by asking members you know to do so. Email these sharings directly to me at Tom@al-anon.org by **no later than May 16**.

Many, many thanks for your help.

Don't forget that you can share photographs to be published in *The Forum* as well as written shares.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianna Faidley

PUBLIC OUTREACH REPORT – Spring 2022

Sophie H, Public Outreach Coordinator

Primary Ambition is to support the HAWSC 61 Vision:

All people of Hawaii have access to welcoming and vibrant Al-Anon Family Groups in their neighborhood and online

Support of HAWSC 61 PO-related Goals:

1. *Strengthen Hawaii fellowship by providing the information and resources needed for all Al-Anon members to thrive, grow, and increase capacity to best reach out to all people who are affected by someone else's drinking.*
2. *Encourage the districts to create plans, working with individual members and public outreach coordinators, to attract diverse populations.*
3. *Use technology to attract new members to Al-Anon and to encourage service.*

PO Goals for Panel 61

- Create a list of all treatment centers and halfway houses in Hawaii
- Create information packages with pamphlets and folders - buying literature but also reusing pamphlets from Al-Anon groups in Hawaii who are now having their meetings online
- Write an information letter and send out information about Al-Anon to treatment centers and halfway houses to share with the families of alcoholics.

Actions steps to support Goals:

Spring 2022:

Actions to reach the PO goals for Panel 61:

- Collecting pamphlets from Al-Anon Family Groups that are currently meeting online and who would like to donate their pamphlets to send to treatment centers and halfway houses
- Received pamphlets so far from:
 - o Tuesday Al-Anon Book Study Group
 - o Aloha Friday

WEBSITE REPORT – Spring 2022

Michelle J, Website Coordinator

The Area website committee hired a website professional for the creation of the new Area website on February 11, 2022. It was decided to use wix.com as the hosting for our new website.

The new Area website went live on 2/20/2022. The domain name and carrier was changed over to wix.com. The website is <https://www.al-anonhawaii.org/>

Home Page

We have our original logo on the website. We are looking for the original created logo so that we can manipulate the file to our size and proportion needs. We have a .jpg but this doesn't allow us to manipulate the file in a way that will allow the removing of background layers and alter the size without distortion. If you have the program that the file was created on and the original file please forward the information to me.

Links to Al-Anon Resources, World Service office links, media and the Al-Anon app have been added to the home page.

Members Page

This is the Hawaii Area Member's Section
The Vision, Mission and Goals

Calendar of Events

We have a Google Calendar linked here. We will post Area Events and shared events from other Areas here. Special Events are highlighted in its own area below the calendar

HAWSC

This page is password protected. The password is case sensitive. The password is AFG. Currently under construction till we have the content. There will be an Officers' Page for each officer and Coordinators' Page for each coordinator. For now I will be doing the website updates for this. After we train for the website updates this will be handed over to the appropriate persons.

District's Section

Each District has a page. It is ordered by the District number. I have reached out to some DRs for the picture they would like to have on their district's page. Every district can submit their own picture for their page. The content for each district page will come for the district the page is for. For now I will be doing the website updates for this. After we train for the website updates this will be handed over to the appropriate persons.

Assembly Documentation

This portion is password protected. The password is case sensitive. The password is AFG. I will be adding the Consent Agenda, Assembly Agenda etc. For now I will be doing the website

updates for this. After we train for the website updates this will be handed over to the appropriate persons.

Meetings

Newcomers

The content has been added here yet so the page shows under construction.

Literature Depot

We have added the printable .pdf for the order forms and all the information concerning the Hawaii Area Literature Center. The Literature Depot page has already sold two items since being added.

Contributions

Information on how to contribute seventh tradition has been added to this page. Information on making a non-member memorial contribution has been added. Venmo and Pay by Check options information is found on this page.

Contact Us

A message will be sent to me if anyone uses the “contact us” feature. This is actually how we began the sale of the two items that were sold.

Training

All persons that will be in charge of managing a page will have training on how to do so in the future. We will continue to revise the website and build it. When this is completed we can plan on training.

Let It Begin With Me, E ho'omaka 'ia me ia'u, Michelle J