

**HAWSC Vision:** All people of Hawai'i have access to welcoming and vibrant Al-Anon Family Groups in their neighborhood.

**HAWSC Mission:** Plan for the ongoing improvement of the Hawai'i Assembly and the groups.

## **Hawaii Area World Service Fall 2017 Assembly Minutes**

**October 21-22, 2017**

**Courtyard Marriott**

**Hosted by Kaua'i District**

*"Hope Soars"*

### **Saturday, October 21, 2017**

**9:30**

- Opening and Welcome
- Serenity Prayer – [Tom N.]
- Literature Reading – Literature Coordinators Choice
- Twelve Traditions – Hosting District choice of reader

### **Delegate's Time**

Presentation of Al-Anon Jeopardy Categories with a sample of the important information for GR's to share with their Members.

### **AL-ANON.ORG**

Q. 'Newcomer' Tab

A. What is the new section for information on 'What Al-Anon is and how it may help'?

Note: On this page; 'How can I help . . .', FAQ, Teen Corner, Get Connected, etc.

### **FORUM**

Q. 'Serving from the Heart'

A. What were the articles from BOT called?

Note: Now asking your help by answering 3 questions (pg. 18 – Oct issue) submit by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **IN THE LOOP**

Q. Sign up for AFG Connects - Announcements

A. How can all members get news directly from the WSO?

Note: Anything newsworthy from the WSO will now be available to the entire fellowship from the WSO page and can be found under the members tab on the new website.

### **CONFERENCE SUMMARY**

**\*Extremely Important**

Q. \$2,100,000.00

A. either the amount nearly collected in 2016 (Thanks Members!) or of Contributions budgeted for 2017.

Note: Contributions are only at 68% of budget with 3/4 of the year passed. We need to collect about \$220,000 for each of the months of October, November and December to meet our budgeted projection of \$2,100,000. This will take a concerted effort by all of us to make that happen.

## SERVICE MANUAL

Q. New Executive Director of WSO (Daily Double)

A. Who is Vali F.?

Note: Panel 53 Delegate from AZ., with 20 years' experience in management worldwide has begun her tenure September 5th 2017.

## CAL-ATEEN

Q. Alateen Talks Back (graphic)

A. What were the first 3 'Alateen Talks back' Series?

Note: The "Alateen Talks Back On" booklet series first appeared in the early 1990s.

Originally three booklets on Acceptance (P-68), Serenity (P-69) and the Slogans (P-70) were published. Two other booklets on Sponsorship, and Higher Power were developed and later discontinued. The last booklet in the series was published in 1995 and is titled Detachment (P-73).

## FINAL JEOPARDY

Q. Celebrating One Day at a Time

A. What is the theme for the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention?

Followed by power point presentation of 'Day of Connecting'

Note: The Al-Anon International Convention 2018 in Baltimore, July 6-8, 2018, followed by "Day of Connecting" on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

This event will only be open to 1,500 participants. There will be Alateen participation in the Convention. Registration is open now and you can register online at website <https://al-anon.org/al-anon-international-conventions/>

Also included in report and delivered to District Reps were two handouts. The first one is a tear sheet with information for the upcoming Al-Anon Members Survey that will start in Jan 2018. The second was a copy of 'A Day of Connecting' flyer. Both were given out for DR to copy and pass along to the GR's and to be delivered by GR's to the members of their groups.

## **Introductions/Roll Call**

31 GRs present.

## **Budget – Dana D**

Dana reviewed the expense and income pages of the budget line by line, followed by questions from the members:

1. Did we included the entire expense for alternate delegate to SWRDM?  
*Over the course of the three year panel we set aside \$333 per year so that by the end of the panel we have a SWRDM fund of \$1,000. The actual budgeted expense for the fiscal year 2018 is \$333.*
2. Did we make allowances for inflation?  
*The budgeted amounts were determined by using the figures from the past year and checking to see if the venues in the coming year usually tend to be more or less than we budgeted for 2017. Example: St. Anthony's runs less than a hotel. As we do not know where all of the Area Officers and Coordinators will live, we are giving a best estimate of travel costs. Totals will vary depending on the distance our panel members will have to travel.*

**Ballots were distributed to GRs, vote: 30 yes, 1 abstain**

## **Election Procedures/Service Experience Forms**

Tom explains who is eligible to stand for an Officer position: Former, out-going and current District Representatives, Area Officers and Area Coordinators who have remained active members of Al-Anon.

Coordinators are selected by the new Chairperson from among the Service Experience Forms received within 30 days of this Assembly. All current active Al-Anon members are eligible to apply for Coordinator positions.

Our procedure is to ask everyone who is eligible for an Officer position to stand, then ask everyone who is unwilling to serve in that position to sit down. We vote on those who remain standing.

## **12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH**

### **Concept 11 Presentation – Leeward District**

It would be short sighted of us to try to work alone. Concept 11 is about shared responsibility.

### **Workshop – ALABINGO**

Allison, Dana D.

We broke into groups. The game required members to find definitions of topics/terms in the Service Manual. Fun, competitive, fast paced.

### **ALATEEN COORDINATOR**

#### **Dana Rae reporting**

Hawaii's two Alateen groups are Kaneohe & Maui Alateen groups. Dana Rae shares about historical documents she has recently been reading. One a letter from Bill M. to Lois from July 12, 1957 thanking her for her interest in a very successful local Alateen group in Pasadena. Alateen had just adopted their own Traditions.

Dana Rae announced that there is a display commemorating Alateen's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. created with cards and letters sent from Alateen and Al-Anon Groups, Districts and individual members in the WSO Lobby and she invites us to send cards. She reports that there have been several documents shared on AFG Connects under Archives about Alateens inception and history such as the first Alateen newsletter from July, 1964, and a history of Alateen (in four parts) written in 1972 when the program was 15 years old. Dana Rae offered to share copies of the history, ask your DR to share them with GRs so they can be shared with your groups.

### **Coordinator Reports:**

#### **LITERATURE/FORUM COORDINATOR**

**Kristi R,**

Kristi reads from the Alateen Daily Reader, *Alateen, A Day at a Time*, page 269.

The manuscript for the pamphlet **Parents & Grandparents of Young Problem Drinkers** (working title) has been presented to the Literature Committee, Policy reviewers and the Executive Director who have approved the manuscript. The pamphlet is now undergoing design and will be translated into French & Spanish. Look for it in 2018.

The **Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships** (working title) book, as you may know, is being reviewed by the Literature Committee. The hope is to have this piece ready for the Al-Anon International Convention in Baltimore, MD in July 2018.

The **New Daily Reader** (working title) has received over 1,100 sharings so far. MORE ARE NEEDED (think 1200). The Writing Guidelines are on the Members' site, in the "Featured Publications" portion of the "Individuals" section under "Submit a Personal Sharing."

Sales of **Paths to Recovery Workbook (P-93)** started strong – 20,000 in the first quarter of the year. The second quarter sales dropped to 5,000. This is a companion piece to the book **Paths to Recovery** with the same questions and space to write answers. The pages are 3-hole punched so they can be placed in a binder with extra paper.

On the newly redesigned website, [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org), there are sample chapters from 10 Al-Anon books! Hover your cursor over "Al-Anon Store" from the menu bar at the top of the home page and select "Al-Anon and Alateen Literature." Certain items will feature a "read Sample" icon.

CAL Corner in The Forum includes members' sharings on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery. Please consider sharing on a piece of literature that has enhanced your recovery. Most needed at this time are sharings about **One Day At a Time in Al-Anon, Reaching for Personal Freedom, and Paths to Recovery Workbook**.

The Al-Anon On-line Store includes links to find specific vendors where electronic versions of CAL are available. Click on "Electronic Literature" under "Categories."

The Forum issue June 2017 has an article "I Became Willing to Surrender" on page 8. A member posted on the Al-Anon WSO Facebook page an excerpt from the article. The article was cited and the post included a link to the entire article.

The Writing Guideline for sharing in The Forum is F-1 and can be found on the Members website: [al-anon.org/members/the-forum](http://al-anon.org/members/the-forum).

Limited time only: 9/15 – 12/31

Sale on literature: *The Al-Anon Family Groups – Classic Edition (B-5), Discovering Choices (B-30), Many Voices, One Journey (B-31)*. Each will cost \$5.99. You can order from HALC or the WSO. When you buy from HALC, you support your local services.

CAL Corner: In the Forum each month there are members' sharings on how a particular piece of our CAL has enhanced their recovery. October features articles about *Hope for Today*. November's issue will be about *The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage*. In December, the articles will be about *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses*. Please consider submitting a sharing of your own; consider *Discovering Choices, Lois Remembers, One Day at a Time in Al-Anon, Paths to Recovery Workbook*. The writing guideline for CAL Corner is available on the Literature/The Forum table.

From the Literature Blog: There is a document being drafted that will show what happens to your writing when you submit it to WSO for publication. You will receive a complimentary copy of that publication, but not an acknowledgement of receipt of your submission. It was interesting to note that they may keep little parts of our submissions to

use as quotes. They are used in the "One Quote at a Time" section in the Forum. They are currently seeking submissions on literature that has enhanced our recovery, *Paths to Recovery, Reaching for Personal Freedom, Courage to Change*.

From the Literature conference call this morning: *Discovering Choices* will be promoted next year.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH COORDINATOR REPORT**

### **Penni S**

Although it's not quite November, it's always time for giving thanks, and I have many thank-yous to offer.

Hawaii Area Public Outreach depends on all of its members to carry the message to those families who are looking for Al-Anon. As members, we offer support every time we 'remember to forget' a meeting list or a piece of literature (The Al-Anon magazine called *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* is published for exactly this purpose) in some public place, like in your doctor's office, at the laundromat, in your yoga studio, a hospital waiting room, or hair or nail salon, or on the bulletin board at your grocery stores. This simple act of anonymously reaching out to the public makes you an Al-Anon Ninja!

Thank you, Ninjas, for getting the word out to the families and friends of alcoholics who are looking for us. Thank you for remembering to forget! As our numbers at our meetings increase, we can only hope that some have found a meeting because of your thoughtful 'forgetfulness.'

When I lived in Northern California, my favorite service opportunity came in an unusual environment – Folsom Prison. I was delighted to be one of the members who brought Al-Anon to the lifers, many of whom were already attending AA. Oddly, few of them had ever heard that alcoholism is a family disease and that there was much they could learn about their childhoods, their relationships, and their disease in the rooms of Al-Anon.

WSO supported the effort by publishing *How Al-Anon Works* in a prison-ready version - paperback with no hardcover, staples, or wires - and with training, willingness, and fearlessness, we were ready to bring the healing power of Al-Anon to the families and friends of alcoholics who were locked up.

Hawaii is looking at modeling this public outreach opportunity. Our efforts to take Al-Anon meetings to the inmates at the Kulani Correctional Facility in Hilo are taking a next step. On Saturday, December 9, any member interested in finding out more about this service opportunity is welcome to attend the volunteer training session from 8-4pm in Hilo.

This training is not an obligation; it's an information-gathering opportunity for you to make an informed decision about whether this is something you'd like to add to your service commitments. I've attached more detailed information. Call me anytime with any question, and please help me spread the word to our East and West, North and South Al-Anon Family Groups. Thank you in advance for carrying the word: Many hands make light the work! I have already passed on our thanks to the Kulani Volunteer Coordinator, Chaplin Mike, for all the behind-the-scenes work he's done to keep this progressing. Thanks to all of you who have so eagerly supported moving forward with taking Al-Anon meetings into Kulani.

I'm sending a special 'thank-you' to a longtime member on Oahu who shared a professional contact with us so that WSO's Al-Anon Public Service Announcement may finally air in Hawaii on Hawaii News Now, the CBS and NBC affiliate stations. If you see the ad, please let me know! I will immediately call to thank the station for airing the spot. I'll also let all of you know so we can literally flood the station with our voices of gratitude, and hopefully they'll continue to show the ad more often.

On the Big Island, following questions that arose about how we could increase involvement of members in service, we turned to the guidelines in Knowledge-Based Decision Making (KBDM) and sent around a survey to all the meetings to gather current information about our East and West Hawaii district members. Thank you to the many who have taken the time to thoughtfully respond and turn in surveys.

We collated responses and will share the first draft of the information gathered at the *Day in Al-Anon* on Saturday, September 16. As a result, a committee was formed, led by Michelle O from Honoka'a, to further investigate the needs and desires of the members regarding having a 3rd District on the Big Island. We'll keep you posted. As mentioned before, I've created a list of members who have requested to be kept in touch with new opportunities and materials to use in support of the friends and families of alcoholics through public outreach. *This list will not be used in any other way.* If you wish to add your name to the list, please contact me, Penni S @ 530-305-4362 or [penni\\_sparks@hotmail.com](mailto:penni_sparks@hotmail.com). As always, thank you for your service, and God bless us everyone!

Penni encourages us all to continue in our Ninja ways, put bookmarks in magazines in waiting rooms. Don't leave those AFAs and bookmarks on the table in your meeting room, take them out to places you can leave them where they could be found by someone who needs Al-Anon

## **WEBSITE COORDINATOR REPORT**

**Ethel B, Coordinator**

### **Internet Information for Al-Anon**

**Please encourage members to use these sites**

**(each member will receive a card at the assembly with this information on it)**

**Hawaii website is: [al-anonhawaii.org](http://al-anonhawaii.org)**

**(find district schedules, calendar of events, ordering literature)**

**WSO General Website is: [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org)**

**WSO Member Website is: [al-anon.org/members](http://al-anon.org/members)**

**(Password is: name of your group followed by afg)**

**AFG Announcements- for individual members**

**Go to members website and sign up with your email**

**( Receive Group E-news, surveys, literature news and etc.)**

**AFG Connects: information for your service position**

**(receive information automatically for your service position. No need to sign up**

**Facebook Al-Anon: Click on: Al-Anon WSO-About/Facebook**

**( All about Al-Anon, Posts, Videos, Photos)**

**Twitter.com/Alateen WSO or follow the links at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org)**

**Items completed:**

On August 5, 2016 our website domain name (hi.al-anon.alateen.org) was changed to al-anonhawaii.org. The name was selected by the majority of the area panel. All of our district schedules have been updated with the new website address.

Our website uses Word Press. The website looks the same. The domain name will be \$12.95 a year and the hosting fee will be \$19 a month or \$228 per year. Domain name and hosting renewal fee was paid in July 2017.

### **Ordering Literature**

The new Hawaii Area Guidelines for Hawaii Al-Anon Literature Center (HALC) and the Literature order form is now posted on our website under the heading "Literature".

### **Submitting Documents**

Send the document to the Web Coordinator first so the information can be check for publication. When approved, the document will be forwarded to the technical person to post on the website. Make sure the document is a pdf so information on the document can't be changed by someone other than the web technical person. **Remember: No personal names, phone numbers or address should be on the document to protect their anonymity.**

### **ARCHIVES COORDINATOR REPORT**

#### **Allison P, Coordinator**

First, my thanks to all the Group Reps and District Reps who have given me, or forwarded Group History checklists to my email. If you still need a Checklist, please speak with me during the Assembly, and I will email the list to you. This is an on-going archives project, so I trust that we will continue to collect, collate and document our unique group experiences on all the Hawaiian Islands where an Al-Anon presence exists.

To date, I have collected contact details and/or arranged phone interviews with pivotal long-time members of Al-Anon such as Lehua and Serafina. I hope to conduct interviews with at least two members during this assembly. Please come fine me if you have been a member of Al-Anon for 15-25+ years, even if your membership was initiated in another state prior to your arrival in Hawaii.

I will continue to store archives files on Oahu even if no one stands for this position, but I truly encourage all of us to recognize the value archiving our history provides for us.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Archives Coordinator during this Area 55 tenure.

### **NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR**

#### **Karin O**

Karin announces that she has copies of the current Newsletter to distribute and that it is posted on our website.

### **Game Time**

A walk around Bingo game where members had to go around the room locating all the people who are serving in different service positions.

## **Workshop – Doing a Group Inventory**

Anna K., Penni S., Allison P., Kristi R.

Helping our group representatives to know about and become familiar with doing a group inventory. We used the Guidelines, G-8a and G-8b. We broke into four groups and reviewed the questions under :”My view of our Al-Anon or Alateen group and My part as a member of the Al-Anon or Alateen group.

Each discussion group thought about the inventory as a good way to address group problems, suggested ways to actually do an inventory.

We discussed the reasons for doing a group inventory:

- Our group wants to grow
- We want to attract new members
- Losing members over disagreements
- Do newcomers return to our group?
- Periodic inventories to “spot check” our group health
- Important to consider what we are doing right as a group

## **Appreciation Ceremony**

Tom extends his thanks to members of the panel with certificates and aloha. The panel in turn thanks Tom for his service.

## **Al-Anon Speaker Kristi**

**Saturday’s Seventh Tradition - \$297.00**

## **Sunday, October22, 2017**

### **9:37 Welcoming**

Serenity Prayer - Tom

Call to order, 9:37 am

12 Concepts of Service and Warranties – Kauai District Choice - Terry

Reading from Literature – Literature Coordinator Choice – Kristi

*Courage to Change* October 2<sup>nd</sup>, a reading on service

## **District Representative Reports:**

### **WINDWARD DISTRICT #1 REPORT**

#### **Kelsey B, District Representative**

Windward District meets regularly on the second Sunday of the month prior to a scheduled Al-Anon meeting. We do not meet in the month of December.

We currently have 9 registered meeting which include the lone Oahu Alateen meeting. Only 3 meetings have GRs however, all meetings have someone willing to be a group contact. We have an email address for at least one person in each group so even though participation is low we feel information is being delivered as best as we can.

Elections for the new panel will be held at our November District Meeting on the 12th.



Currently we have a committee working on planning our 3rd Annual Holiday Social. The event will be taking place on Saturday December 2, 2017. We will be having two Al-Anon Family Group speakers one of which will be an Alateen, and also an AA speaker. The District is purchasing sodas and waters and the Teens will be in charge of distributing the drinks at the event. They will be asking for a "donation" and they will be keeping any "profits" for their group. We felt this would be a good way to let them be involved and also have them see a reward at the same time. They really liked the idea. One other thing we have done is asked groups to donate a "prize" for a door prize giveaway. We will be drawing names and have about 7 items donated including Al-Anon literature and movie tickets among other things.

Windward's Alateen group will also participate in the Alateen 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Birthday card campaign.

### **MAUI DISTRICT #3 REPORT**

#### **Emmy C, District Representative**

Emmy shares that part of her personal growth in Al-Anon is that she is now comfortable speaking in front of a large audience. She also shared that she had changed the date of a District meeting due to a holiday conflict and then she herself forgot to attend. Her District members accepted her regardless, forgave her and they all had a good laugh. This is something that would not have been possible for her previously.

Our District held elections in September. We were able to fill a number of positions, but still have several vacant positions including Treasurer, Public Outreach Coordinator and Archives. Our new DR is Jane S. who could not attend Assembly due to illness. Miranda G. is our new Secretary, Rhonda F. is our Alateen Coordinator, Mary Margaret B. is our AIS Coordinator, Ethel B. will continue in her position as Literature Coordinator and Letha C. will continue as our AA Liaison. We wish them well over the next 3 yrs.

As a District, we are very proud that we were able to assist our Alateen Coordinator financially to attend a .workshop in California last month. She returned with a host of new ideas and is enthusiastically ready to assume her new position. She has been working tirelessly with many younger children in the community in our informal children's program which has generated a great deal of support and will be an eventual fill into Alateen. We will be sponsoring another AMIAS certification workshop in the near future.

We continue to be a financially sound and vibrant District. We have groups that range in size from 3 members to 25 members. We have 19 groups with Lanai still on hiatus. Molokai has a small but effective group that averages 3-4 members.

Our AA Coordinator, Letha C., along with Miranda G., Audrey A. and a cast of thousands, put on a hilariously funny skit on how to choose a sponsor. It provided the audience with lots of laugh and excellent information in what to look for when choosing a sponsor. At the end of a skit, the audience was able to provide people who would be willing to be sponsors to anyone in need. This is part of our Workshop series that our groups decided was something that was needed. As opposed to the usual speaker series, they wanted more information on a host of basic topics. We formed a committee to work on this and they

came up with some wonderful ideas. The first skit was a great success and also encourage AA participation. The next skit is already in production.

Our Archives Coordinator, Joan, has been able to whittle down tons of boxes of information to just a couple of boxes. Hopefully, we will get someone willing to take on the position for the next 3 years.

Ethel B. will remain as our only veteran member in the new panel. She will definitely be able to get the rookies through their learning period and be a great resource for them in the years to come.

Update: They have elected their new DR, Jane. Some of their district positions are still open. Their Alateen coordinator has returned from the mainland workshop and they report that it was worth every cent. They are implementing many of they learned in the workshop to make their Alateen program more vibrant.

## **LEEWARD DISTRICT #4 REPORT**

### **Rene W, District Representative**

Leeward District continues to hold face to face District meetings every third month with the first and second months continuing to be conference calls. We have been meeting in this manner for the past 2 years and decided to continue in this manner with the option to hold additional face-to-face meetings as necessary. Holding conference call meetings has had its advantages when service members are able to call in at times when they would not necessarily attend in person.

There are seven active groups with attendance ranging from 2 members to upwards of 18. A couple of our smaller groups have had an increase in attendance but we have also experienced a decrease in attendance in some of the other groups.

Last Sunday, October 15, we held a Fellowship Potluck that we hope was just the first of what will become an annual event. There was a variety of delicious food. Members from Windward District and Central District joined us to help make this special for all. We had an Al-Anon and an AA speaker and played several games to build upon our fellowship.

Our groups have not held their elections for the next panel. And, we plan to hold our District elections in November.

We have already started our communication to prepare for the Spring 2018 Assembly which will be the first Assembly for the new Panel. We have secured St. Anthony's Retreat Center for May 19-20, 2018 and the theme will be "Al-Anon, there is no standing still".

## **Area Business Meeting**

### **12 Rules**

**Roll Call**, 31 GRs present, a 2/3 majority is 21.

### **Consent Agenda**

- Spring 2017 Assembly minutes
- Treasurer's Financial Report

Approved by a show of hands

### **10:15 – 11:15 AREA ELECTIONS - Officers**

All Officers elected but the Treasurer were the sole member standing after 2 or 3 attempts. Tom also stood for the Treasurer but withdrew when Kelsey stepped up. All Officers were elected either unanimously or with one abstain.

- Delegate – Patti
- Alternate Delegate – Karin
- Chair – Penni
- Secretary – Dana C
- Treasurer – Kelsey

### **District Representative Reports:**

#### **CENTRAL DISTRICT #5 REPORT**

##### **Anna K, District Representative**

We have 10 active groups in Central District and we continue to meet every other month for our district mtgs. This seems to work well with everybody schedules. We have a Japanese language group in central district however they do not participate in any central district events however they do send us splits. We no longer have an Alateen meeting in our district. The long time Makiki Alateen meeting has closed. The central district meetings are quite well attended.

We just came off a very successful spring assembly at the Pagoda Hotel in June. Things seemed to go quite smoothly and judging by the evaluations it was deemed a success by most of the attendees. Central District worked very hard at using our traditions and concepts to guide us in putting on this assembly and we felt that we did adhere as much as we could to these healthy guidelines. There was a profit of \$233 which was given to the Area Treasurer.

We are now looking forward to participating with OIS in doing a fundraising workshop possibly Dec 16. It will be approximately four hours and lunch will be served. The proceeds will be split between OIS and Central District. It looks as if the topic may be Sponsorship.

With guidance from the service manual, as the DR, I have called for a district voting meeting for the November 1 district meeting at which time we will vote in our new panel of officers for the next panel. We will be announcing this at meetings to encourage participation.

We are looking forward to the Fall Assembly on Kauai.

All in all, we feel it was a great panel!

#### **KAUAI DISTRICT #6 REPORT**

##### **Mary N, District Representative**

Kauai will have an Ice cream social this month (August). Their preparations for assembly are going well. The next District meeting is September, the October District meeting will be right before the assembly. They are going to be doing an outreach through a program of the mayor's office. So far, the focus has been on drug addiction outreach and they will include Al-Anon in the future. AA also asked for Al-Anon participation at the County Fair. AA has been very generous as the booths are very expensive.

Groups are moving along, there is more movement towards sponsorship. They are looking forward to seeing everyone on Kauai.

Mary congratulates and thanks her fabulous GRs and members for their work to put on this wonderful Assembly.

## **WEST HAWAII DISTRICT #7 REPORT**

### **Henrietta C, District Representative**

AFG West Hawaii District 7 meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the West Hawaii Community Health Center in Kailua-Kona from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Agenda is posted to West Hawaii's yahoo group. Our meetings and yahoo group are open to all of our members.

Our Birthday Speaker Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Junior Music Academy in Kailua-Kona from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Members whose Al-Anon birthdays are in the current month are encouraged to be speakers. If we do not have a set Speaker for the meeting, then we pick a topic and share on it.

The telephone number to call for our meeting times and locations is 935- 0971.

One of our projects is on Redistricting, having a 3rd District for the Big Island. Surveys were sent out to our groups and members in July and August. We are still accepting completed surveys. Penni and Clarke have been analyzing the collected surveys.

Sharon (West Hawaii's Alternate District Representative) worked with Dana (East Hawaii's District Representative) on having a Day In Al-Anon on September 16 in Waimea. There were about 30 members who attended. At our District Meeting on September 20, members said this was a great event and we should have it more often.

We held our elections at our September 20 meeting. Our new District Representative is Theresa and our Secretary is Valerie. We need to fill our Alternate District Representative and Treasurer positions.

Another one of our projects is on bringing a meeting to the inmates in our prison system. Due to safety issues, there are guidelines, rules, and procedures that must be followed. Al-Anon members who are interested in participating must register and take a training course. There are no exceptions. Members may choose to not participate after taking the training course. A training course was scheduled for us on September 23, 2017. However, there was a mix-up in the location. The next training course scheduled for us is in December at Hale Nani in Panaewa. Anyone who is interested may contact Penni, our Area Public Outreach Coordinator.

Sharon G, reporting for Henrietta reports that they have elected a new DR, Theresa.

## **EAST HAWAI'I DISTRICT #9 REPORT**

### **Dana C, District Representative**

East Hawai'i District has district meetings on the fourth Saturday of odd-numbered months, from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. at the Holy Apostles Episcopal Church in Hilo. [No district meetings in July or December]

We currently have six meetings in our district and have GRs for four of those meetings.

We have been participating in some upcoming health fairs in our area, one in September, one this month at the mall in Hilo.

We had a great 'Day in Al-Anon' coordinating with West Hawai'i district. It was in Waimea on September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10-3. Our delegate Dana Rae came and spoke to us and told her story. The skit was amazing. The participants really gave it their all!

It was a service-oriented event, since this is an election year. I was amazed to see how many people showed up to spend a beautiful day in Waimea INDOORS, talking about service! We were competing with the Waimea Farmer's Market and the Paniolo Parade, complete with pa'u riders. We also discussed training for folks wanting to bring Al-Anon into the prison in East Hawaii. Formation of a third Big Island district was also discussed. It seems as though there is a need for one. We need guidance from Area on how to go about that.

We recently had district elections and I am so pleased to announce that Michelle O. [Meechelle], who is here at the assembly this weekend—will become our new district rep. Other positions are not yet filled, but we hope to have a full slate of trusted servants in place before the end of the year.

We are hoping that some new incoming GRs will choose a position, and also past GRs and DRs. We will have a brief district meeting prior to our holiday party, so we shall who else answers the call of service.

Our annual holiday party potluck and fundraiser will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> this year. Besides kaukau [oe oe], we will have a silent auction basket fund-raiser. Each group will make a basket of stuff with a theme [i.e. 'Taking Care of Yourself', 'Emergency Road Assistance', 'Death By Chocolate', etc.].

We will also have our very fun round robin gift exchange where people can steal from one another. Always a favorite!

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve my district and it feels very odd for me to be writing my LAST DR report.

Aloha! A hui hou.

**12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH**

## **Workshop – Focus on the Forum**

Kristi, Ethel, Dana C., Rene, Karin

Members spent the workshop time writing pieces to submit to the Forum followed by some of the members reading their submissions.

**Seventh Tradition Sunday - \$338.50**

**\$635.50 total**

**\$261 was earned for TEAM Scholarships**

## **Wrap up**

Dana Rae & Ethel B

## **Ask It Basket Questions**

1. Why don't AA people get to work as GRs etc., in AI-Anon?

There have been task forces on this issue several times, it is something that keeps coming up.

*Service Manual, page 82-83*

*“AI-Anon/Alateen members who are also members of A.A. are eligible to hold office within their AI-Anon or Alateen groups. Active members of AI-Anon who are also A.A.s may serve as the Sponsor of Alateen groups by virtue of their AI-Anon membership. These are vital group services, and at all times emphasis should be placed on the AI-Anon interpretation of the program.*

*Because of the unique nature of both programs, AI-Anon/Alateen members who are also A.A. members do not hold office beyond the group level, as these positions could lead to membership in the World Service Conference (WSC). The need to focus on the AI-Anon program and the possibility of a conflict of interest at Assembly and world service levels led the WSC to its decision not to seat AI-Anon/Alateen members who are also members of A.A. For these reasons A.A. members do not serve as Group Representatives (GRs), District Representatives (DRs), Area Coordinators, Newsletter Editors, Delegates and/or any of their alternates, nor do they sit on the WSO selected committees, whose Chairpersons can be Conference Members”*

It was asked, “What if they are no longer a member of A.A.?”

*Although their present allegiance may be to AI-Anon, their service and the results of their work could be controversial. Does that AI-Anon member seriously want to bring any controversy to AI-Anon?*

*Bill W. wanted A.A. members to stick to their own program. AI-Anon's policy respects that request.*

2. Old timers in my meeting sometimes directly call out by NAME to newcomers by saying “We have more time, (Name), would you like to share? I have been in AI-Anon only a couple of years. Is their behavior appropriate? Area AI-Anon in service are old timers, do you do that in your family groups?

*Let's call us “Long Timers”.*

*Service Manual, page 23:*

*“Members use their full names within the fellowship when they wish. The degree of anonymity a member chooses (first name, pseudonym, or full name) is not subject to criticism. Each member has the right to decide.”*

*Service Manual, page 94:*

*"In Al-Anon/Alateen we share as equals..."*

*Service Manual, page 41:*

*"Welcoming New Members: In addition to the help, guidance, and literature provided by the group, individual attention and the friendship of an established member can be of great help."*

*Saying someone's name can make them feel welcome. The group can put something in their meeting format readings stating that a few minutes before the closing of the meeting will be set aside for new members to share. Use common sense to ensure that new members do not feel put on the spot. Anyone can pass.*

3. Is the criteria for eligibility for Area officers set by WSO or can the Area set it?
4. If the Area can set, can we open eligibility for Alternate Delegate, Treasurer, Chair to anyone who has served on a District level position, but not necessarily as DR? Also allow to submit in absentia. This may help on getting new blood.
  - a. *Service Manual, page 134: World Service Delegate's Alternate. A DR elected to work closely with the World Service Delegate, to participate in Area world service activities, and to replace the Delegate if the latter cannot fulfill his three-year term."*
  - b. *Service Manual, page 152: A Secretary and a Treasurer are elected from among the DRs by the same method.*
  - c. *Being a DR or Coordinator gives a candidate the experience of serving at the Area level. We have six Coordinator positions that could give a member experience at the Area level without being a DR first.*
  - d. Hawaii has included the Coordinators as well as the DRs because the Hawaii Area thinks an Officer candidate should have experience at the Area level.
  - e. Members who are eligible, but cannot attend the election assembly, can submit their names, experience forms, and reasons for wanting to stand for an Officer position to the Chairperson and they will be added as a willing member.

### **Next Area Assembly**

Will be hosted by Leeward at St. Anthony's on May 19 & 20, 2018

### **Closing Comments**

New attendees are encouraged to come up!

It has been wonderful to have first time experience of the business of Al-Anon. To see the Traditions in action.

Impressed with assembly. We need each other. One ant can't accomplish much on its own, but a colony of ants can get a lot done. We are a colony of ants.

The orientation was really helpful, new attendees need list of acronyms. An organizational chart that explains structure would be helpful. The Budget shortfall is important, want to go back to meeting with action items. I grow mostly from what I hear. Public Outreach is essential, who is out there who isn't attending. We need to share with other people.

**Adjournment at 2:21**– Close with Al-Anon Declaration

Dates to Remember:

HAWSC Orientation Meeting  
World Service Conference  
West Harrison, NY

January 13-14, 2018  
April 16 – 20, 2018

Big Island Bash  
Spring Assembly, St. Anthony's  
MauiFest

May 4 – 6, 2018  
May 19-20, 2018  
May 31 – June 3, 2018

**AREA ASSEMBLY, FALL 2017, ATTENDANCE**

-	<u>SAT</u>	<u>SUN</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Init.</u>	<u>Service Position</u>	<u>District</u>
1	X	X	Akemi	K.	Group Rep.	Oahu - Central
2	X	X	Amy	G.	Group Rep.	Big Island
3	X	X	Anne	E	Group Rep.	Big Island
4	X	X	Carolyn	A.	Group Rep.	Oahu - Leeward
5	X	X	Dianna	F.	Group Rep.	Kauai
6	X	X	Elyse	B.	Group Rep.	Big Island
7	X	O	Erin	N.	Group Rep.	Oahu - Leeward
8	X	X	Geoffrey	N.	Group Rep.	Maui
9	X	X	George	H.	Group Rep.	Maui
10	X	X	Hannah	C.	Group Rep.	Oahu - Central
11	X	X	Harold	F.	Group Rep.	Maui
12	X	X	Ingrid	M.	Group Rep.	Oahu
13	X	X	Jennifer	M.	Group Rep.	Oahu - Windward
14	X	X	Jill	F.	Group Rep.	Kauai
15	X	X	Katlin	LC	Group Rep.	Oahu
16	X	X	Kelsey	B.	Group Rep.	Oahu - Windward
17	X	X	Mary Margaret	B.	Group Rep.	Maui
18	X	X	Maureen	M.	Group Rep.	Big Island
19	X	X	Michelle	O.	Group Rep.	Big Island
20	X	X	Milton	V	Group Rep.	Maui
21	X	X	Miranda	G.	Group Rep.	Maui
22	X	X	Pamela	R.	Group Rep.	Big Island
23	X	X	Rhonda	F.	Group Rep.	Maui
24	X	X	Sandy	M.	Group Rep.	Oahu - Central
25	X	X	Sandy	T	Group Rep.	Kauai
26	X	X	Sarah	D.	Group Rep.	Maui
27	X	X	Sharon	H.	Group Rep.	Maui
28	X	X	Victoria	S.	Group Rep.	Oahu - Leeward
29	X	X	Courtney	M.	Group Rep., Alternate	Not Provided
30	X	X	Loretta	A.	Group Rep., Alternate	Big Island
31	X	X	Theresa	J.	Group Rep., Alternate	Big Island
32			Tom	N.	Area Chair	Maui
33			Dana Rae	H.	Area Delegate	Maui
34			Patti	P.	Area Secretary	Big Island
35			Dana	D.	Area Treasurer	Big Island
36			Allison	P.	Coord, Archives	Oahu
37			Kristi	R.	Coord, Literature/Forum	Big Island
38			Karin	O.	Coordinator, Newsletter	Oahu
39			Penni	S.	Coord, Public Outreach	Oahu
40			Ethel	B.	Coordinator, Website	Maui



41			Anna	K.	District Rep.	Oahu - Central
42			Dana	C.	District Rep.	Big Island
43			Emelia	C.	District Rep.	Maui
44			Mary	N.	District Rep.	Kauai
45			Rene	W.	District Rep.	Oahu - Leeward
46			Beaky	J.	District Treasurer	Kauai
47			Sharon	G.	DR alternate	West Hawaii
48			Thomas	G.	Guest	Maui
49			Brook	W.	Literature	Oahu
50			Alan	L	Member	Kauai
51			Bernie	S.	Member	Big Island
52			Darcy	A.	Member	Kauai
53			Doug	M.	Member	Big Island
54			Gail	S.	Member	Kauai
55			Hana	H.	Member	Maui
56			Karin	M.	Member	Kauai
57			Kelly	B.	Member	Kauai
58			Maurine	F.	Member	Big Island
59			Sarah	J.	Member	Kauai
60			Wally	H.	Member	Maui
61			Terry	W.	Member/GP Literature	Kauai
62			Linda	H.	Member/GP Treasurer	Kauai