

HAWAII AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE – MARCH 2023
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**Maui District Report for Spring Assembly, May 20-21, 2023.
Sandy Soska, Maui D.R.**

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. I cannot believe it's my last year of being a District Rep. I'm looking forward to this last year with our district and area.

We have amazing members who do service for our district. I could not do it without them. We have 13 groups, 9 Group Reps, 3 Alt. group reps. We have four coordinators they are Treasurer, Secretary, Literature, AIS, AA Liaison and Public Outreach. Four of our groups are In Person with Hybrid, one group is Face to Face, one group has a birthday meeting and at the end of the month they give out birthday chips, cards, lei's and birthday cake. All other meetings are on zoom. We have an Alateen group that will be meeting soon and another one that is being looked into. We have 10 AMIAS and 3 past delegates that bring experience, strength and hope to our district.

Our district meeting started meeting In- Person with hybrid on March 7, 2023. It's the 1st Tuesday of the month and we enjoy a potluck. I bring fun to the district by giving out candy to members who answer questions from the service manual. It's called "Sandy Loves Candy" "Fun Facts Of The Service Manual" We celebrated Lois W. birthday and welcome back District by having party hats and balloon napkins. It was festive and fun.

We continue to update our Maui meeting schedule so members can find us. We sell literature in person or by mailing it to our members. We have been giving 7th tradition to Area and WSO. Our district submitted a chosen agenda item. We are doing a skit on Concept 7 at the Spring Assembly.

We are looking forward to hosting the Fall Assembly on Maui. It will be October 20-22, 2023, at the Maui College and Accommodations will be at the Maui Beach Hotel. The theme is S.O.S – Sharing Our Serenity (Through Service).

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.

**Area Committee Meeting
Leeward District (4) – DR Report
March 25, 2023**

- Leeward District currently has (5) active meetings. (1) Hybrid meeting using freeconferencecall.com, (1) On-line meeting, and (3) In-person meetings. The District is still in need of an Alt. DR as well as a Public Outreach Coordinator.
- We have been meeting monthly via Google Meet since November of 2022.
- We encourage Alt. GRs to attend whether the GR of the group is present or not and they have been regularly attending.
- The GRs/Alt GRs actively share at our District meetings and one of our Alt. GRs contributed to the call for Chosen Agenda Items regarding “Effective methods for collecting Tradition 7 donations from meeting attendees who participate virtually.” Although not selected it gave the District a real sense of participation with the Area in connection with WSO.
- The District has recently acquired an Alateen Coordinator, Rebecca G. We are looking forward to working with her and seeing what the District can do to support her. We currently have (2) Certified AMIAs in the District that includes the Coordinator and hope to get more. The biggest obstacle is location. Although we do have one meeting that is co-located with an AA meeting, the Al-Anon meeting there is dealing with the noise from the AA meeting since both are closely located in an outdoor area of the church. Ideally having indoor facilities would be ideal. We continue to work on that. My home group meeting, Letting Go AFG, recently had a 13-year-old come out with her mother. She was so open to sharing and to getting help which was a reminder to us how much Alateen is needed. Leeward District will continue find ways help Alateens.
- We are hoping for better weather during the summer as we hope to have a fellowship picnic in the Leeward District to get more of our groups and members involved in recovery and service.

Love In Service,

Kaui Poaha, Leeward DR

Central District DR Report

Mary M

April 15, 2023

We currently have 12 Groups in Central District. Two of these Groups are new, and both meet in person. One of these Groups, Double Winners, has a brand-new GR. Additionally, we have two other Groups also meeting in-person. The remaining eight groups either meet both in-person with an electronic component or are still meeting electronically with discussions on-going of returning to in-person.

We are still looking to fill the following positions in District for the remainder of Panel 61: Alt DR, Treasurer, and all Coordinator positions. We also have five GRs and a couple of members who participate regularly at District meetings. Not all Groups are collecting 7th Tradition and/or contributing Group splits to District. These are topics for upcoming District meetings, once we complete the privilege of hosting Spring Assembly.

As we prepare to host this upcoming 2023 Hawaii Area Spring Assembly, we have come together and are utilizing our many and varied talents to create what we hope is a great experience for all attendees. This is definitely a WE program; I could never do this alone. I have such gratitude for Central District and all who have participated with me throughout this panel!

As DR, I'm learning so much about how to apply Al-Anon's Traditions and Concepts in playing with others.

A huge thank you to WSO, I recently realized they remedied a problem I've been experiencing for about two years. Since my work schedule is unpredictable, I can find myself looking to al-anon.org for an electronic meeting at some interesting times. Now when I search, the meetings are listed with the next available meeting right at the top of the list. I no longer must figure out UTC or GMT or any other time zone stuff. I look, the meetings are there and if there's more than one, I can choose, or just hop on the first one on the list. Sometimes I may have to wait an hour or two for the next meeting, but it's so much easier now. Thank you WSO!

Kauai District Representative Report. Spring 2023. Eugene A

Serving as the District Representative for Kauai has been a challenge. I am grateful and privileged to work with our Al-Anon members on Kauai in maintaining stability and faith in our groups during this difficult time of the Covid 19 health crisis. Our groups accepted the need for virtual meetings when we could not meet in person. It has not been a normal transition. We had to learn and accept new ways to communicate with each other. We have been able to maintain a healthy membership in spite of isolation for several months when we could not meet in person. We have lost some members due these changes. In recent months we have also gained new members and other members returning after many years.

All of our groups and meetings have survived. Most of our meetings are now in person and some are hybrid. The hybrid meetings are challenging. Some meeting locations work well as hybrid, other locations are struggling. Attendance in the virtual format has declined over the last year. I do expect that there will be a need and we will have virtual meetings in Kauai now and in our future. Our district meetings and committee meetings are held on-line and it has been beneficial for our members and the district. The Al-Anon program and fellowship has not changed, however the tools we use to work the program have changed.

Our meeting groups are quite small. We have eight meetings on the island currently. We have four group representatives in our district. Some groups pay rent, others meet without charge, two meetings are on-line. Our district has subsidized the groups with scholarships when necessary which allow some group representatives the opportunity to attend assembly events. It has been a united effort, support and service for these efforts has been good. I am also grateful of the support we have received from the local Alcoholics Anonymous fellowship.

West Hawaii District Report

April 2023

Giuse V

Much is the same from Fall of 2022: We currently have 9 active groups in the district: 2 are back in person only, 2 are in person with an on-line options, and the remaining 5 are on-line only at this point. Our meetings continue to range from smaller groups with 4-5 members, to larger groups of 14 and up. Out of these 9 groups 7 now have Group Representatives that are actively involved in our District meetings and Assemblies (as possible). Of the remaining 2 meetings, although they do not have GRs currently, they do have home-group members who participate in service at the district level, so they tend to be somewhat “linked in.” Out of the 5 meetings that are on-line only, at least 3 would like to be Permanent Electronic meetings when possible.

I have been thinking about the goals I set for myself at the beginning of the panel. As we now have only 7 months left in the service term, it’s neat to see that some things have come to fruition. I had wanted to help more groups have GRs and be connected to the service structure, and at this point we have more GRs than we started with 😊. I had wanted to visit all the groups in the district, especially the ones without GRs, and this has happened regularly. The last goal was to help our district start an Alateen meeting. Although this hasn’t happened yet, our district has an Alateen task force, and they have set out to help this goal become realized.

Our district meets monthly, on-line at this point. We share updates about what’s going on in our meetings, discuss upcoming events, read a piece of Al-anon literature each month (our literature coordinator does this), and read and share about the Concept of the month at each meeting. It is a wonderful group of people to work with, and I’m blessed to get to serve in this way!

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West Hawaii District: Alateen Task Force Report

May 2023

Giuse V

This Task force was put together by the District in order to identify and take the steps needed to start an Alateen meeting (or meetings) in this District. It is compiled of five members: two GR who are AMIASs, two other GRs, and myself; DR.

We have met a couple times, and have moved into a few action steps:

- We have looked into a few locations for the meeting
- We have identified 4 families with a child or children who may be interested in Alateen
- We have begun to poll the identified families for what times and days they would be available to attend

We will have another meeting in a couple weeks after uptraining more information about locations and the children's availability to attend.

We are excited about continuing to try to organize Alateen in our District and look forward to reporting more success in the future!

DR Report

April 3, 2023

East Hawai'i District 9

Our groups in East Hawai'i remain small in number but strong in spirituality! We currently have 6 groups and all have GR's and most have Alt GR's serving. All but two groups (Loving Interchange Tues 2PM in Honoka'a and Hybrid Super Saturday 9AM Hilo) have opted to stay electronic (especially now that PEGs are accepted into the Area) but a few want to have flexibility to meet F2F a couple times per year for potlucks and such. Each group is learning to be self-supporting despite challenges from their small size. We are hoping to start doing outreach to the community soon!

The F2F **Loving Interchange** meeting in Honoka'a on Tuesday reports healthy attendance with members coming from as far as Hilo, Kona and Kohala. That meeting also has a guest speaker sharing their recovery when there's a fifth Tuesday and plan on having some potluck lunches before the meeting once in a while.

Courage to Change in Volcano is small and is looking at way to generate monies for GR to attend the F2F assemblies coming up as well as a physical meeting place that is affordable because the Volcano Community Center is too expensive.

Thursday night's Steps to Serenity continues to be a fairly predictable group and are reading from HOW AL-ANON WORKS, again. The text is rich with new perspectives each time they read as a group.

Super Saturday in-person attendance is slowly growing in members with approx. 6-7 per week and 6-7 online members. They are planning on setting a regular schedule for business meetings and need several service positions to be filled.

Our **Monday night 4th step** group is still small but mighty with about 5-6 regular attendees. They remain committed to staying online only and look forward to seeing what the Policy and Procedures committee creates for Hawaii district PEG rules and regulations.

Mahalo!

Gratefully submitted,

Tamera L.

Alateen Coordinator

After the Fall Assembly, West Hawaii took the initiative to create a Re-enlivening Alateen Committee and many other districts are taking note. I'm collecting a list of members interested in Re-enlivening Hawaii Alateen.

If you're a District Alateen Coordinator, an AMIAS, or simply a member interested in helping Alateen expand, please contact me at hawsc.alateen.coordinator@gmail.com.

Area Alateen Process Person

The DRs have been so very helpful in sending me the AMIAS names to make recertification go smoothly. Thank you all.

So far, all but a few across the Area have turned in their forms, and once again I'll be asking for help from the DRs to help me get the remaining few registered as in or out before June 15.

If you know of anyone else who is interested in becoming an AMIAS, please direct them to connect with me or with their DR for next steps.

Thank you.

Penni Sparks
Hawaii Area Alateen Process Person
Hawaii Area Alateen Coordinator

Archives Coordinator Henrietta Chong Report for Spring Assembly 2023

My goal is to encourage our members to save data that documents their Groups, Districts, and Area's history and activities. I am open to any ideas and suggestions that will benefit our members.



Please continue to save your Groups, Districts, and Area's data that documents your history and activities.



Conference Approved Literature, Books, The Forum, Pamphlets, and Newspaper Articles are never too outdated to be read by others. Exchanging them among members and groups can bring a variety of reading material. Old photos, flyers, and posters can bring back happy memories to share with others.



Hawaii Area Public Outreach Report – Panel 61

March 2023, Sophie PO 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, building on Dana Raes work with her spreadsheet of providers in the last panel
- 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:

Fall 2022 - Action steps to reach the PO goals for Panel 61:

- All donated 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 were gathered.
- Several members donated old Forum Magazines
- After a request amongst all PO-Coordinators, your PO received inspiration for a letter for institutions and halfway houses about Al-Anon for the PO material.
- PO updated the list from the previous PO coordinator with contact information for a total of 43 treatment centers and halfway houses in the Al-Anon Area of Hawaii
- All the collected pamphlets and Forum Magazines were bundled into 43 letters with the purchased literature from Al-Anon, such as 100 Al-Anon faces Alcoholism: 100 bookmarks, and 100 handouts on detachment.
- PO expenses for purchased literature and postage were refunded by the Area Treasurer
- A few letters were returned from the sender. Part of the returned literature has been donated to a large AA group in Honolulu, Kane Alihi to help spread the word of Al-Anon.
- PO suggests that the last few pieces of returned literature go into circulation as an encouragement to the members participating in the upcoming Area Assembly in May 2023 to leave a piece of literature when they visit the local doctor's office etc.

Thank you, Al-Anon Groups, for your donations!

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Web Coordinator Report
Michelle J
Spring Assembly 2023

I am very great full to be in service as the Hawaii Area Web Coordinator. I have not completed my goals list for the Web Coordinator position. I am progressing with my goals the best that I can.

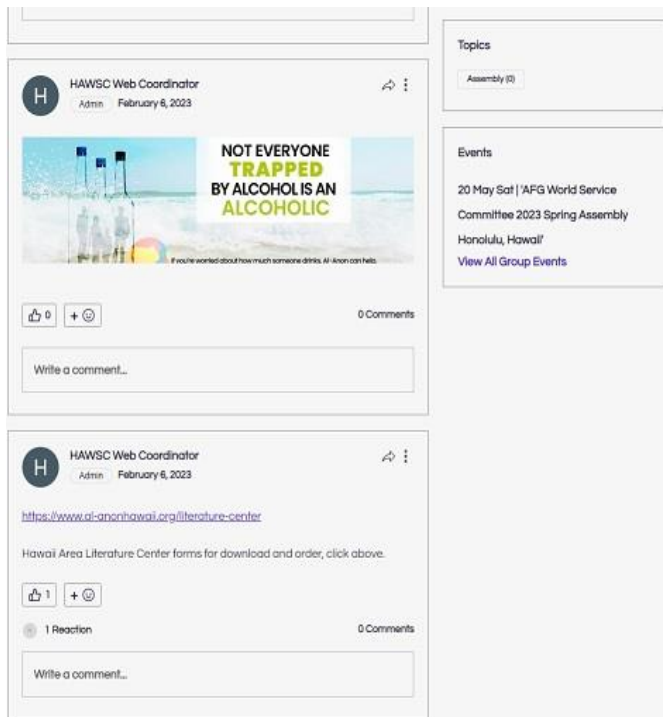
Assembly Registration:

Assembly registration is on the website for Spring Assembly 2023. This is the third time Hawaii Area has had registration on our website, beginning with Spring 2022 Virtual Assembly. You may have noticed differences in each of these registration processes. The Spring 2023 registration is different once again. It is the first incorporation of Google Forms to collect separate registrations for the optional [Friday activity](#), [Transportation](#) and [Lodging](#). With every Assembly changes have been made to the registration process to accommodate the different needs for information collecting. The incorporation of Google forms is to assist the Hosting District with collecting necessary information in an easy and automated way. We will be using Google Forms to collect necessary information for future assemblies. Our Hawaii Area is learning new and different ways of using technology and making progress! Fall Assembly 2023 registration will look very similar to the registration for Spring Assembly 2023 (probably).

Area Communication Hub:

The Area Communication Hub is a new feature on the website, since my last report. A place on the website has been created to allow all Hawaii AI-Anon members to communicate with each other and “keep in touch”. This is a member only section of the website. You can request to join through this link <https://www.al-anonhawaii.org/group/hawaii-al-anon-members/discussion>. This is a secure sign-in communication hub.

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This is an example of what the communication hub looks like for all Hawaii AI-Anon members. There is also an Area Committee communication hub. These communication hubs work similar to Facebook and other communication groups. We can post information for groups that may not have a GR but want to keep them “in da loop”. This is for any member. We can post literature information updates , upcoming events, or just a few words of encouragement to all, try this new format on the website! A communication Hub can be created for any District or AI-Anon Group to use if you request it. A new way to communicate beyond email.

HAWSC:

Under the Home drop down menu you will find [HAWSC](#). This is a password protected area. The password is AFG. You will find:

[Area Officers’ Pages:](#)

We currently have a page for each officer. The [Delegate’s page](#) has a link to the [Delegate’s Reports](#) page. There is also a Google Form that was created to have an electronic process for members to turn CAI in. The [Area Secretary](#) and [Area Treasurer](#) also have information on their pages.

Email:

Hawaii Area World Service Committee members have position based email address. These email addresses protect anonymity when needing to post email address information on the website, on flyers or any public items. The HAWSC position email address will be passed to the next position holder next year when we begin a new panel. These email addresses are Gmail addresses and we are hard at work progressing in this new way of doing things. Let this new way begin with this panel!

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If you have old pamphlets, Forum Magazines, or literature you want to donate, you can reach out to the public outreach coordinator in Hawaii:

Sophie H
hawsc.public.outreach@gmail.com

The collected material will be sent to treatment centers and halfway houses to reach families and friends of alcoholics to help them find their way to the hope and recovery available in Al-Anon.

Signature _____

Date _____

Return to "Area Alateen Coordinator/AAPP" at hawsc.alateen.coordinator@gmail.com

This is a page on the website with an Area Coordinator's assigned email address in public view. This preserves our Public Outreach Coordinator's anonymity while allowing any interested parties to contact her. When the position changes in a year the name will be updated, but during this transition the email address continues to collect any email from interested people. We have also updated the Initial Al-Anon Member Candidate Profile for Alateen Service form. It now reads Return to "Area Alateen Coordinator/AAPP" at hawsc.alateen.coordinator@gmail.com. This will assist with turning in the form to a single email address that doesn't need updating every panel.

Area Officers, Coordinators, and DRs have position emails that should be used for all Area communications. All documents, communications, and other important information are stored and can be shared within those email addresses (2GB free cloud) that will be passed to the next position holder. This will allow any HAWSC committee member to find something from past panels quite easily. We are still working on having a workshop for me to teach these new tools. Hopefully we will be able to learn this by the end of this panel and during my service.

Mahalo for allowing me to be of service!

Michelle

E ho'omaka 'ia me ia'u

Area Literature and *The Forum* Coordinator

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: (to include term of service)

The Hawaii Area Literature Coordinator also serves as *The Forum* Coordinator.

The Area Literature/The Forum coordinator is selected by the five elected officers (Delegate, Alternative Delegate, Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary), after submitting an AI-Anon Service Experience Form to the Area Chairperson to be selected to serve a 3-year term. (Selection procedures are outlined in Hawaii Policies and Procedures Section IV.)

Groups, districts, information services/intergroups, and Newsletter Editors are encouraged to keep their Literature Coordinator informed about local activities involving CAL.

Each area's Literature Coordinator receives periodic updates on the Literature/ Forum e-community [s](#) from the World Service Office (WSO), include newsletters, announcements, letters, and Conference call announcements and minutes. Pamphlets, new books, and other items may be mailed. This information then is relayed by the Literature Coordinator at assemblies and to District Representatives (DRs), information services/intergroups (AISs), literature distribution centers (LDCs), committees, and Newsletter Editors, who convey it to Group representatives (GRs) and individual members. Thus the Literature Coordinator becomes a "link of service" between the members, groups, and districts in their area and the WSO.

SKILLS NEEDED FOR POSITION (or ability and willingness to learn):

- Possession of, knowledge of and capability to use the AI-Anon Service Manual;
- Computer capable to:
 - ◇ Prepare documents in MS Word, MS Excel and/or MS PowerPoint or other office suite software;
 - ◇ Create pdf documents for distribution to members and posting to e-group;
 - ◇ Make PowerPoint presentations.
- Ability to research and use internet capability;
- Conference calling
- Online meetings (Zoom,Join.com, GotoMeeting, Webex, etc.)
- Google drive (for document sharing and email list);
- Participate in WSO Literature and Forum Coordinator conference calls and e-communities.

Travel/Time Commitment:

- Participate in periodic WSO Literature or Forum Coordinator conference calls;
- Attend all Area Committee meetings, which are held twice per year in each year of the panel, traditionally for eight hours on Saturdays, as well as the Area Committee Orientation, which is held for one day in the first year of the panel;
- Attend all Area Assemblies, which are held twice per year for two days each. The Spring Assembly is traditionally held on O`ahu, and the Fall Assembly is traditionally held on a Neighbor Island;
- Participate in periodic Area Committee telephone conference calls or virtual meeting(typically one hour)to handle the affairs of the Area between Assemblies;

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- Possibly travel to the neighbor islands, when invited, if the budget allows.

REFERENCES:

- 2022-201725Service Manual (Page 61, 62, 67, 69,75, 76, 161);
- Al-Anon Guidelines: Area Literature Coordinators (G-06) (Both of the above can be found at <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members>);
- Hawaii Policies and Procedures
 - ◇ Section I A-C and subsection Literature/Forum;
 - ◇ Sections IV, V, VI.
- Annual HAWSC Budget.

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES: (pertinent to the job, not already addressed in above references)

- Communicate with members of the panel between area meetings and assemblies;
- Bring questions/issues raised by members, GRs, and DRs as needed to the attention of the Area Assembly and Area Service Committee.
- Serve on Thought Forces, Task Forces or Selected Committees between Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies;
- Answer questions regarding *The Forum* subscription and submission guidelines; refer to WSO when appropriate.

PROCESS USED: (if not already addressed in the specific guidelines above)

- Email for routine contact and reminders;
- Use conference call or virtual technology for group calls;
- Use online meeting technology to share documents. This is particularly helpful when working on task and thought force presentations.

HELPFUL HINTS: (things you learned along the way that might be helpful)

- Do not just blandly promote *The Forum*. Share experience, strength and hope as to how this Conference Approved Literature (CAL) assists you personally;
- Meet with the DRs and GRs and ask what literature their groups use (or do not use) regularly and what general issues their group may be having. (i.e. use of non-CAL in meetings, lack of sponsors, etc);
- Provide suggestions on literature to use (references to service manual, CAL pamphlet, sponsorship pamphlet, etc);
- Encourage writing and submissions when sharing is requested for new CAL publications and at any time for *The Forum*;
- Provide information about new and available CAL;
- Don't be afraid. Say yes to leadership opportunities;
- Ask for help when you need it;
- Remember that encouraging use of CAL and The Forum is the responsibility of all Al-Anon members, not just the Literature/Forum coordinator.