

Hawai'i Area Fall Assembly 2023

Hawai'i Area World Service Committee Panel 61 VISION:

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

Hawai'i Area World Service Committee Panel 61 MISSION:

Reach inward to our ohana membership, reach outward to people still suffering, and broaden our communication bandwidth.

Hawai'i Area World Service Committee Panel 61 GOALS:

- 1. Strengthen Hawai'i 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. Define our evolving communication needs through informed group conscience*
- 3. Encourage the districts to create plans, working with individual members and public outreach coordinators, to attract diverse populations.*
- 4. Use technology to attract new members to Al-Anon and to encourage service.*
- 5. Assure that Panel 61 members will become skilled practitioners of KDBM – Knowledge-Based-Decision-Making.*
- 6. Grow our Alateen program, enhance support for AMIAS, and engage Alateens in our Area service.*

Theme

AGENDA

Hawaii Area World Service Fall Assembly 2023

Maui College

October 21-22, 2023

Hosted by Maui District

Saturday, October 21, 2023

- 7:30 **“TAILGATE“ BREAKFAST** Hosted by Maui District
- 8:00 Registration Opens
- 10:00 Opening & Welcome
Kate offers a pule
Serenity Prayer
Literature Reading — *Dianna, Area Literature Coordinator*
“A Little Time for Myself”, September 13th, Page 257.
Dianna announces the Forum donation drawing.
Joanne Reads the Twelve Traditions
- 10:10 Announcements
Housekeeping: meals, restrooms, photo – Sandy
Literature Table — Brooke
Ask-it-basket, Evaluation link, Report-Back Volunteers — *Kelsey*
Assembly Etiquette – Past Delegates lead “Assembly Etiquette Rap” created by 2018 Task Force for Increased Participation in the WSC Agenda, distributed at the 2019 World Service Conference.
Fundraising Table — *Ethel, Past Delegate*
7th Tradition — *Akemi*
- 10:25 Introductions — Officers; Coordinators; DRs introduce GRs.

10:40 Delegate's Time – Penni

Penni thanks us for allowing her to serve, giving her the best time of her life. She acknowledges the service of all of the Coordinators. As Delegate, she has access to all of the AFG Connects Conversations for all of the Coordinator Communities. It is amazing to learn how many voices it takes to actually make up the program of Al-Anon.

She shares about WSO, the misconception that they make us do this and that, but it has been delightful to watch at Conference as the WSO staff listen to the Delegates and ask what they need, what do you need to know, what would you like to have happen?

Al-Anon service has absolutely nothing to do with saving Al-Anon, it is not broken, it will not collapse if you don't take up service. You don't owe anything, it's not your turn to give back. You deserve to do service because of the depth of recovery that you will experience by learning an entirely different way to interact with people.

Penni thanks Lois and Ann for realizing we need a conference, a group conversation, to guide and sustain our program, and that was Panel 1, the first conversation. We are about to elect our representatives for Panel 64. She surveys the Past Delegates present today, she is Panel 61, Cecily is Panel 46, Carolyn 31, Tom 53, Ethel 43, Patti 58, Dana 55. The name for this "Conversation" is World Service Conference. You can check out the Conference Summaries on the Al-Anon website.

If you want to be a part of this Conference, you can start by becoming a DR or Coordinator.

Penni invites us to review the goals of Hawai'i's Panel 61, how did we do in meeting our goals the past three years? (The goals are at the top of these minutes).

1. *Strengthen Hawai'i 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.*

The best example here is our ever-developing website, and shares examples posting news and events.

2. *Define our evolving communication needs through informed group conscience.*

She cites our working as a Panel and observance of Warranty #3

3. *Encourage the districts to create plans, working with individual members and public outreach coordinators, to attract diverse populations.*

She acknowledges the work of our Public Outreach coordinator in reaching out to treatment providers, the Japanese speaking group sending a representative to assembly, and our Hawaiian and Japanese translations of the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration. And still considering how we can reach out to the diverse Hawai'i communities.

4. *Use technology to attract new members to Al-Anon and to encourage service.*

Our website again, Hawai'i's electronic group policy and groups, the Al-Anon App. Discovering new ways to attend a meeting and be a part of the fellowship.

5. *Assure that Panel 61 members will become skilled practitioners of KDBM – Knowledge-*

Based-Decision-Making.

Assembly workshops, East and West Hawai'i districts using KBDM to address problems that came up in their groups, during covid using KBDM to survey, making decisions based on the knowledge gained.

6. *Grow our Alateen program; enhance support for AMIAS and engage Alateens in our Area service.*

We invited an Alateen to the 2022 Fall Assembly to give a presentation. As her senior project she created an Alateen pamphlet which Penni shared with Tom Coffey, the Literature Associate Director at WSO. As a consequence, Ruby was invited to join the Literature Committee. Our collection of Alateen donations at assembly to help fund Alateen participation in assemblies. We have 29 registered AMIAS and an Alateen brainstorm group.

Penni shared a quote with us: “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. Al Anon is whole. Nothing is broken. How are you going to choose to serve? She asks us to think about stepping into some new shoes:

- We've been given by the Literature Committee approved quotes that we can put on local photos from Al Anon. We create a calendar. And we could use it as a fundraising project for whatever we want to do.
- Chosen agenda items: another way that we get our voice to WSO so that all of the 68 areas have a conversation about a burning topic that you think is important. Suggested items will be due January or February of next year, talk about it in your groups, forward these ideas to your next delegate.
- Remember the Crying House piece of literature? Get it printed on market bags.
- You could apply to serve as a member at large of one of the standing committees of the Board, Literature, Audit, Public Outreach, Forum Editorial Committee, Alateen. Committee membership applications are considered quarterly, see your delegate for more information, she shares the links.

Hot Topic – Road Trip: We investigated inviting the Board for Road Trip next fall, but discovered that Iron Man had, for the first time changed their weekend to the same weekend that the Board had selected. So, it won't work for West Hawai'i next fall, how about a future fall assembly?

Hot Topic – How can we better benefit from the experience, strength, and hope of our past delegates? At SWRDM a group researched the question, “why are the delegates not a more active part of WSO's Agenda Setting Committee, the Conference Leadership Team.”? The results of this research did not make it on to the WSC agenda last spring and have been added to the agenda for the next WSC. Delegates want to have a more active voice on what is on the agenda at WSC.

International in Albuquerque: Mahalo to Kauai who took this up and got so many people involved. Sandy, our cheerleader. Penni shares a photo from International.

Orientation: In January we will meet on Oahu, out-going and in-coming panels, to pass the baton to the next panel. If you want your recovery to skyrocket, join the Area Committee.

The next SWRDM (South West Region Delegates Meeting) next March will be in Southern California, Orange County.

The next World Service Conference is in Virginia Beach in April.

Leeward will be hosting our Spring Assembly on Oahu. West Hawai'i host the Fall Assembly in Kona.

Stepping Stones Delegate Visit: There is a current conversation going on that it's too expensive for us to have our delegates visit Stepping Stones. (the home of Bill and Lois in their later years, a museum). When you get off the bus on the Stepping Stones visit, they tell you that Lois left everything ready for your arrival. You're immediately greeted as if Lois was there, and you walk into the kitchen and sure enough there's a cup of coffee waiting for you. It's a museum filled with photographs, endless photographs from endless places, endless people, the lives that Bill and Lois touched with these programs. WSO is considering ways to reduce the costs of conference and the option of having the delegates cover the expense of visiting Stepping Stones is being looked at. If you want to submit something on this, email me. We are much more abundant than that.

SWRDM has changed its protocol for selecting sites, now Areas are assigned a year, and ours is 2027.

Hawai'i could apply to be the site for International in 2028.

Road Trip: the Board of Trustees of Al-Anon have their fall meeting in different Areas, they pay their own way and on the weekend that follows they come to our assembly and can offer workshops and presentations. And they pay for it.

11:35 Orientation – Kelsey with GRs, Patti with DRs. Orientation groups continuing over lunch.

1:00 Area Business Meeting

Roll Call: 36 Voting as GRs, 24 = substantial majority

Count	First Name	Last Initial	District	Service Position	Attendance
1	Alice	C	West Hawai'i	GR	X
2	Candice	L	East Hawai'i	GR	X
3	Carly	B	Kauai	GR	X
4	Carolyn	A	Leeward	GR	X
5	Cecily	C	Leeward	GR	X
6	Cindy	SL	East Hawai'i	GR	X
7	Dana	D	West Hawai'i	GR	X
8	Denize	M	West Hawai'i	GR	X
9	Dwight	M	Maui	GR	X
10	Earl	A	East Hawai'i	GR	X
11	Gary	N	Maui	GR	X
12	Gayle	F	Windward	GR	X
13	Geoffrey	N	Maui	GR	X
14	Helen	D	Central	GR	X
15	Janet	S	Kauai	GR	X
16	Jessica	G	Maui	GR	X
17	Jo-Anne	R	Maui	Alt GR	X
18	Kate	K	Central	GR	X
19	Kirk	C	Central	GR	X
20	Kristi	C	West Hawai'i	GR	X
21	Lani	C	Leeward	Alt GR	X
22	Lori	C	Leeward	GR	X
23	Lorie Lei	C	Central	Alt GR	X
24	Margaret	H	Central	GR	X
25	Morgan	B	West Hawai'i	GR	X
26	Patrick	S	East Hawai'i	GR	X

27	Peter	M	Central	GR	X
28	Roslyn	R	West Hawai'i	GR	X
29	Sandy	M	Leeward	GR	X
31	Sharon	S	West Hawai'i	GR	X
32	Sharon	N	Windward	GR	X
33	Sophie	H	Central	GR	X
34	Tehani	N	Maui	GR	X
35	Tom	N	Maui	GR	X
36	Wiebke	D	Maui	Alt GR	X
37	Yolanda	R	East Hawai'i	GR	X

Consent Agenda:

- 2023 Spring Assembly Minutes
- DR & Coordinator Reports
- Treasurer's and Financial Committee Reports

Discussion on Consent Agenda

Kaui requests to remove the 2023 Spring Assembly Minutes from the Consent Agenda. Concern about names being included in the minutes. Do we have to historically document the chaos that went on at the Spring Assembly, all the emotions. On page 11 was that response to something that happened after the assembly, should it not be included in the minutes. Why were some of the attachments included in the minutes.

Carolyn requests that the minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda, the addendum should not be part of the minutes. In the discussion about changing the words of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. After assembly I sent a letter and this response came out and is attached to the minutes as an addendum, but my letter was not. They do not belong in the minutes.

A question about different minutes that people received, not clarified.

Dwight moves to remove the minutes from the Consent Agenda, second by Kristi.

Discussion about when we will address the amendment of the minutes and a vote: Consensus is that there is substantial discussion and change necessary and we will postpone that work until the next Committee meeting and not try to address at this Assembly due to time constraints.

Vote: 27 yes, 2 abstain, 7 noes, measure passes

Vote on Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda is accepted by a show of hands.

Budget:

Akemi walks us through the proposed budget for 2024 line by line, responding to questions as they arise. (Budget is attached)

Akemi explains that the proposed budget is a road map of our expected expenses and income, she has tried to consider what may happen and provide for it. The expense of the as-yet unconfirmed tech coordinator position was left in so that if that does happen, we are financially prepared. If it doesn't happen and we don't use that money it would be fine, but if it does, and we don't have the funding allocated, that could be a problem. A contingency. Can we make a note on the budget that the tech coordinator expenses are being added as a contingency? (E1, K).

Question about registration fee for Oahu Members for Spring Assembly. Response, Oahu members only pay registration and meals, no lodging for Spring Assembly.

Question about where the expense for the website is on the budget. And the expense, current website coordinator able to donate the work, next may not be able to.

The expense portion of the budget vote is by a show of hands: 28 accept, 1 no, 0 abstain.

Akemi explains the projected income budget line by line.

Tom and Cecily observe that the carryover amount in the income for 2024 will be spent during 2024 and that in the following year we will not have that cushion.

We need to increase our contributions.

Carolyn inquires about the Alateen fund. How was it established, what is the purpose. We need to establish guidelines for it.

It was started at the 2022 Fall Assembly in an effort to help fund our Alateen's assembly participation but to provide for future Alateen participation in assemblies. The Alateen Brainstorm group can begin to address this issue. The next Panel can give that brainstorm group a charge.

The income portion of the budget is put to a vote by a show of hands. 35 approve. The income portion of the budget is approved.

2:30 Area Elections

Election procedures are explained. We will be electing the Area officers which consists of: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary.

Eligibility. A former, outgoing, or current district representative, area officers, and area coordinators who have remained active members of AI Anon. If you are one of those, you are eligible to stand for one of these five positions.

Delegate: All present are asked to stand. If you are not eligible, you may sit. If you are not willing to serve, you may sit down. There are 3 members standing.

Sandy, Kauai and David read their service experience forms, then leave the room. There is discussion and three votes, finally a drawing of the top two names from a hat. Kauai is elected.

The standing for eligibility and willingness to serve process is observed for the remaining officer positions, in each case, there is one candidate.

- Alternate Delegate: Sandy
- Chairperson: Sophie
- Treasurer: Tom
- Secretary: Yolanda

All are elected.

Area Business Meeting closes at 4:40

Saturday evening Speaker: Kauai

Sunday October 22, 2023

8:30 Welcome
 Serenity Prayer
 Call to Order
 Twelve Concepts of Service: Tom
 Literature – Dianna reads from “A Little Time for Myself” September 15th, page 259.
 Acknowledgements: Assembly Committee, Transportation, Meals
 Ask-It-Basket & Evaluations
 Seventh Tradition

8:48 District Representative Reports (Attached to these minutes)

West Hawai'i, Giuse shares about the gifts of service, specifically the gifts she has received over these past few years. She reports she has been given many chances to practice the principles of the program that she probably wouldn't have had without being in this position. She notes the acronym W.A.I.T. Why Am I Talking? It has been an honor to represent these groups and thanks to all.

Maui, Sandy talks about the Maui Relief Fund that came out of the AFG Connects conversations. They were overwhelmed. They received so many well wishes from AI-Anons all over the country, and more contributions to replace lost literature than they need. Of the two groups that were damaged in Lahaina, one was at the Alano Club, and as that is an outside entity, we cannot donate to them. They are returning the checks to the members who sent them. There is money put aside to assist groups that were impacted by the fires when they are ready to resume. The Maui groups are very grateful for the outpouring of love and help.

Leeward, Kai reports they have a tentative reservation at St. Anthony's for May 24 to 26, 2024. That is Memorial Day weekend. Kai thanks her GRs for coming to assembly. They are working with one of their high schools to see about having an Alateen meeting. The school is slow to respond.

9:00 Concept Eight Presentation - Leeward

“The Board of Trustees delegates full authority for routine management of AI-Anon Headquarters to its executive committees.”

Leeward GRs do a funny skit about the service opportunity to set up for an assembly, the pitfalls of taking on all the work oneself, everyone being too busy, the difference between telling someone to do a job and getting volunteers to participate. Learning about how delegation works. Very funny.

9:10 District Representative Reports

Central, Mary shares about taking the DR role at the beginning of the Panel, worrying about being able to fill Akemi's shoes. Working with her fabulous GRs they were able to pull off a spring assembly. She thanks each of her GRs and Coordinators. She wants everyone to know that if you decide to do anything in service you are not alone. We are all in this together. She has been so supported. Gratitude to all of us in the room, our fellowship gives her recovery.

Kauai, Eugene shares that he feels he has not accomplished that much over the past three years because it has been really difficult with the health crisis and all the changes that have happened because of COVID. But they have survived, and they are looking forward to the future.

East Hawai'i, Tamera shares that they are doing well, they are small and hoping to grow. Most of the meetings are online, one hybrid which is doing really well, it's huge! Looking forward to doing more events, cooperating with West Hawai'i to do something together. She thanks her Alt GR.

9:21 Coordinator Reports

Literature and Forum Coordinator, Dianna shares that when she started at the beginning of the Panel that she had not been clear that it was also Forum Coordinator, it is both. She shares how easy it is to send a sharing in to World Service for the Forum or any other requested sharings. That we can also share photos, requirements are on the website.

And don't purchase your literature from Amazon, please use our Literature Distribution Center. She explains how to order from our Hawai'i website.

World Service is out of stock on the new daily reader "A Little Time for Myself", problems with the printer, but stock will be available again soon.

Public Outreach, Sophie reminds us that we are all Public Outreach. Sophie is the chair for the Al-Anon part of the Aloha Roundup, first weekend in March at the Ala Wai Golf course. Would love help with the literature table. Her goal for this Panel was to be of service to the treatment community. We have sent them Forums and pamphlets. There are a few left overs, please come and pick some up. Public Libraries will welcome our literature.

Alateen, Penni reports that there are 29 AMIAS registered. The AMIAS registration is coming up again and even though it feels as though we just registered, yes, we do have to do it again. If you want to start an Alateen group there is a guide online that you can download on the Al-Anon website. If you are interested in joining the Alateen Brainstorm group, email Penni. It is good for each District to have its own Alateen coordinator, so the links of service are intact, and information and support/resources are shared.

Question: If you sign up to be an AMIAS does that mean you have to sponsor a group? No, you are just available when needed.

Question: Some of our homegroup members bring their teenage children with them. If they meet on the side with an AMIAS, can that be an Alateen meeting? Our policy is that there be two AMIAS present at every Alateen meeting. Also, in order to be an Alateen meeting, they must be registered as such with WSO. But also, any teen that comes to an Al-Anon meeting is first an Al-Anon member.

A member with Alateen experience advises that there be a "bench" of at least 6 AMIAS for each meeting so that it will always have the required 2 AMIAS at meetings.

Website, Michelle wants to encourage GRs to go back to their groups and create a group email account so that there can be continuity of communications, the group does not have to change their email contact every time service positions change. With a group email account, you can just give the email password to the person holding that service position. This is also helpful if your group or district is using online banking, not having to change the email address when you change service people.

Michelle addresses the importance of keeping your meeting information current and correct on the Hawai'i website.

Districts can use the communication hub on the Hawai'i website to share flyers and information about what is going on in their district, free advertising. Please submit all events and information to the Area calendar.

Archives, Henrietta shares that Archives is the preservation of our records, our history. We can do this by preserving our documents and flyers. And it is never too late to start.

Literature Distribution Center, Brooke reports that she is preparing to hand over the reins for the LDC to the next member. It is really an easy job, but the literature person really does need to live on Oahu, that is where the literature is stored. HALC has its own bank account, and you receive payment and ship books and order books from WSO.

Group Records Coordinator, Patti covers the four levels of group record management: group level, the GR is responsible for reporting any changes to their DR, District level, the DR is responsible for maintaining a current District meeting schedule and also for communicating meeting changes to the Hawai'i Area Website. The Area website maintains meeting schedules for all of the Hawai'i Districts. The Group Records Coordinator communicates all group record changes to WSO and receives information from WSO about group record issues that are reported to WSO and works locally to solve any issues.

COVID has really changed the way we meet. Of our 65 active groups, 9 are registered as Hawai'i Area Electronic Groups, completely electronic.

Carolyn asks about how people are still getting outdated meeting schedule information when everything has been properly updated. Patti wonders if they are getting information from private recovery sites.

If someone goes to a meeting and there is nobody there (in-person or online) and they report that to WSO, then WSO temporarily removes that meeting from their meeting directory until the issue is resolved.

10:20 Spiritual Speaker - Tamera

11:15 Policy Committee Update (Policy Committee Update Report attached) Dana Rae shares about researching the history of our Policies. She reached out to a Past Delegate and former Trustee, Judy Philson, about how this all started. Judy said they initially called the policies the "Rainbow Collection" as each policy is printed on a different color. At that time Hawai'i realized that there were so many things in the Service Manual that just didn't quite work for Hawai'i, in part because we are so small. The first thing was to allow Coordinators to stand for officer positions, this broadened the pool of candidates. We also first set it up to keep the Past Delegates engaged in the Area. In some Areas they have a fund to send Past Delegates to assist with assembly attendance and Regional meetings. We don't have that here.

In our work right now, we are using the Service Manual and going through our existing policies, line by line.

The Service Manual does not define the responsibilities of the Alternate Delegate in any depth. We looked at our reality of needing to make arrangements for two-day assemblies with hotel, meal and transportation arrangements as being an area that could be the responsibility of the Alternate Delegate.

The Policy Committee is meeting twice a month for an hour and a half. They are currently on page 5 of * and there are 11 guidelines to go.

Question: How was the Policy Committee formed? The current Chairperson asked me if I would chair and the people who volunteered. We have Carolyn, Past Delegate; Cecily, Past Delegate; Tom, Past Delegate; Kauai, DR. We chose Mondays at 9:30 am as it was possible for most of us.

Question: The Policies and Procedures Committee already had members, and they were told they couldn't be on it. What happened to those people?

David shares that he talked about the policies with Kay, who was Chairperson at that time, and she felt it was important for the Area to update our policies. Ethel reported that she would like to step down as Policy chair. So, David reached out to Dana Rae, in an effort to keep Past Delegates engaged in the work. There were two DRs who have stepped down.

Volunteers were surveyed for a preferred time, the most popular was selected, there was no further offer of alternatives or communication.

Dana Rae says please presume goodwill. We're trying to help the area. Everything we recommend is going to the Hawai'i Area Committee. And then the committee, if they approve of it, will bring it to the assembly, and the assembly will vote. We're not a decision-making body. We're not pushing anything down anybody's throat.

We're just trying to bring things up to speed. One of the things we came up with in the beginning was our roles and responsibilities: The Policy Committee is to implement policies and procedures as approved in concept by the Assembly and ensure that they reflect the environment of the Hawai'i area.

We do not act as an advocate or opponent but focus on the area needs. We identify gaps, discrepancies, errors in their relevancy and purpose, solutions, and or clarification of policies, procedures, and guidelines. And we also will ensure that the P & P adhere to our traditions and concepts. When we start our meeting, we read that, we say the serenity prayer, and we move forward.

And COVID has altered so much of what we do, we had to learn so much about Zoom,

Question: Will we have something to vote on at the Spring Assembly? They hope so.

11:50 Group Photo

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Workshop – Boxes Full of Recovery, Penni, Mary, Dianna, Akemi

2:10 Appreciation Ceremony – Acknowledgement of Panel 61 service

2:35 Ask-It-Basket Kelsey

1. How does OIS fit into Hawai'i Region: In the Service Manual (page 65-66) it refers to AIS (Al-Anon Information Service). We call it OIS for "Oahu". Maui has one too. An information service is a local service established and maintained by one or more districts or by groups located close enough geographically or connected by language to one another for easy access and communication. Geographical boundaries need not be observed unless one information service conflicts with another nearby. In which case, a geographical division is set by mutual agreement. Al-Anon Information Service usually performs the following functions: Maintains a listing in the local phone directory so that those seeking information about Al-Anon and Alateen can easily find it. Maintains a PO Box or an office address for listing with World Service Office. Receives postal mail, email, and phone inquiries and forwards them to the appropriate group for response of follow up. In cooperation with area group records coordinator may update, publish, and distribute a list of group meetings in their local area. Plans and conducts program exchange meetings for groups, chairpersons, exchange teams of speakers for a scheduled period. Serves as an avenue for local public outreach service, which is channeled through districts wherever possible. May maintain a stock of conference approved literature, when also registered with the WSO as a Literature

Distribution Center. May maintain a website that is linked to their area website, holds periodic meetings attended by all the information service representatives, where activity reports, including financial update, are made, and matters regarding the groups are discussed and published. It distributes its own newsletter of local AI-Anon/Alateen activities for the groups that support it.

2. Why do some choose to eat in the room when asked not to? Great question, we were asked not to have any food in the rooms by the college. We did try to let members know. Maybe we could have made announcements throughout the Assembly. We have a \$150 deposit to leave the rooms nice. Plus, this is a college where students could be allergic to peanuts, etc.
3. As a group literature person for an electronic meeting, how can I best support my groups with literature? As an individual you can buy literature directly from HALC. Also, the AI-Anon website has many free downloads. You can use small extracts from CAL if it is used for a one time only purpose in a meeting, anything further would be a copyright violation. There are electronic books that can be downloaded. You can put the link to order from HALC in your chat. There is an online newcomer packet that can be purchased through Amazon. The Service Manual is free as an online book or downloadable PDF on the AI-Anon website.
4. How can a district get information if they don't have a DR? Service Manual, page 63. Each GR is chosen by its members. Following by the District Representative is the next link. The area is divided into districts; followed by the Delegate and the Assembly up to World Service. If you think of it as a chain, which is on the front door downstairs, it's chaining the door together. Imagine if one of those links was not there in that chain that was closing the front door. That door could be opened and not work correctly. That is similar to our links of service. If one of the links is missing then we don't have the information that is going from the groups to the area committee, to the members, to the groups, to our delegate. We are not represented. And the opposite is true, it is very hard to get information. The members in an unrepresented district are not able to see the documents we shared before the assembly, they don't have the information about the assembly, the elections, etc. We are all in this together, so we create work arounds. But the question is, how do we share with groups that don't have a DR? The Hawai'i Area Website, any AI-Anon member can join. The member password is AFG.

Evaluations, Kelsey thanks everyone for the completed evaluations and lets us know that we can also go online to the Hawai'i Area website and complete an evaluation there.

Forum Donation Drawing Dianna announces that there were enough ticket donations to draw for 4 Forum subscriptions.

Seventh Tradition:

- Seventh \$737.00
- Alateen \$283.00
- Fundraiser \$383.00 (Mahalo Ethel)
- AI-Anon Meetings \$ 79.00

Reflections:

David extends warm gratitude to Maui District for doing such a great job with all the hurdles. There is always a silver lining, we think we have a break-even event. I want to thank everyone for your love and encouragement. This has been an amazing assembly and I loved how everything worked. The election part was so amazing, I'm just so blessed to be with you guys. I'm looking forward to working with everybody next year, I will miss all the ones that aren't going to be here but thank you again for the most beautiful assembly.

Patrick, Super Saturday: I just want to thank the Maui District for hosting everybody and I just really appreciate all of you. Thank you very much and Maui no Ka oi.

Kurt, Crossroads Manoa: I thought this year wouldn't be as controversial as last year, but we had some pilikia yesterday and more today. But I'm finding in Al-Anon that that's part of how it goes. And what's amazing is that at the end, we do come together. It's amazing that actually the group works, and we move forward in ways that, in my experience, it's not that way. It's so unique. I think any other organization I've been part of, and you have people responsible for this assembly, and you have people responsible for Al-Anon in Hawai'i; and they come with different styles of personalities. And sometimes they can rub you the wrong way, but I see people overcome that.

Roslyn, West Hawai'i: I just want to appreciate everybody's participation in being so transparent. And being true and honest to what their truth is, so that you show everybody here is how the Al-Anon program really works. And how we can take it out into the other life, or the real life, or, you know, and apply it to everything. All our dealings with different and difficult people (and I love the image of the sandpaper angel). When adversity is out there, we have these tools through Al-Anon to show us how we can do the principles above personality. I just appreciate everybody, we get to see the process working, it's a life-learning workshop.

Sharon: Thank you so much for this assembly. I felt such a connection with everybody. It's such a great fellowship. I've been to other assemblies. I've been to other meetings and all of that. But there's just something in this meeting for me this time. It's such a good feeling.

Penni: Thank you, David, for stepping up, really appreciate that. I want to thank every one of you for bringing me a life lesson. Grateful that Al-Anon has made me teachable. I often forget that this program has anything to do with alcoholism, it has been a long time since I have lived with active alcoholism. It just has to do with living in the world with people. So, I want to thank you for the opportunity to experience not only learning from all of you, but I got a chance to learn from delegates across the country and they showed me even more ways to be disconnected from those synaptic default settings that alcoholism set up in my body, and it's just such a great place to learn. I hope that each one of you has the grace and blessing that you get a chance to constantly loosen your jaws, lower your shoulders, take deep breaths, sleep really deeply, stop grinding your teeth. That ulcers go away, that your digestion magically works effortlessly. Migraine headaches disappear.

I was a stutterer when I first got here, I've learned how to speak in front of people. I just can't thank you enough. And I can't wait to see what the next panel does and watch you all blossom and become even more amazing than you already are. I love you all, Thank you, Thanks Maui.

Member: You are my people!

Member: I want to add in gratitude to everybody who's here. Thank you so much for being here and for making it such a wonderful weekend. And for everybody who's thinking about a coordinator position, and a district rep position, please do it. You're going to love it.

3:30 Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Patti P., Area Secretary, Panel 61