# DISTRICT AND COORDINATOR REPORTS MAY 2021 Spring Assembly

Spring 2021 Assembly Windward District Report

#### Windward District has 10 groups. 8 of the are ACTIVE

Attendance ranges from 2 to 16 per group. Some have decreased participation over the past month. Prior to that we were hosting members from Al-Anon as far away as New York and Australia. There were some meetings that were holding 15 to 20 members Three of the groups have a GR and Alt GR. Participation at District meetings is good however and we meet monthly as long as there is a topic to discuss or an event to plan for. Open Positions in the District are Treasurer and Secretary, however there are members that have picked up these tasks temporarily. Waiting to get a Treasurer so the Secretary position can be filled by the current Treasurer.

#### All ACTIVE groups are meeting by Zoom

Sunday Serenity and KISS are having a group conscience to discuss meeting in person again at this time. Both are outside at a park. Kailua AFG has decided to stop meeting during the Covid19 pandemic and they have not started back up again. The Alateen group is not meeting.

7th tradition is either sent in via Venmo, Paypal or to our Windward District P.O. Box.

Windward District Hosted a Virtual Holiday Social in December 2020 with speakers from A.A. and Al-Anon. We also prepared a Zoom Karaoke Session and Online Game Contest with prizes. It was well received and a great break from the normal zoom meetings with limited activity. Windward District will be hosting the Spring Assembly in 2020 with support of the other Oahu Districts. Leeward and Central. The current plan is to have an In person Assembly at St. Anthony's Retreat. May 13-15 2022.

Current Concern from the district is "Zoom Fatigue"

Submitted by Eileen P, Windward District Representative

HAWSC Panel 61 Sandy Soska, Maui D.R. Report for May Spring Assembly, May 22-23, 2021.

Aloha Spring Assembly,

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

We have 16 groups which include 2 women groups and 1 Alateen group. We have 18 AMIAS. One group has a Birthday meeting at the end of the month, where we give out birthday chips, cards, lei's and if we meet in person, we have cake.

Our District meeting is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. All our Al-Anon meetings including district meeting are on zoom currently.

Most of our coordinator positions are filled. They are Treasurer, Secretary, Literature, AIS, AA Liaison and Public Outreach. We have 3 pass Delegates who bring so much experience, strength, and hope to our district. I try to bring fun to our district meetings and get members involved at district by having them answer Al-Anon/Alateen questions and I hand out candy for the correct answer.

Our district had a GR101 Training on February 27, 2021 and a Lois B/D Celebration on March 6, 2021 both on zoom.

Maui district is planning a 70<sup>th</sup> Al-Anon Anniversary Zoom Party on August 14, 2021. Al-Anon is 70 years old this year. (1961-2021) Stay tuned for a flyer.

Our district sent our Delegate Penni S. a Love/Appreciation gift to enjoy while attending the World Service Conference.

In Loving Service,

Sandy S.

Maui D.R.

## Central District DR Report for 2021 Spring Assembly Mary M. Central District DR

"Moving Forward with Unity, Courage, and Perseverance"

Panel 61 in Central District:

5 GRs (3 returning and 2 new)
5 meetings without a GR currently
Treasurer & Secretary are new to service with Central District
Coordinator positions are all still open
Transition of the Treasurer position is underway at this writing

As the hosting district for Spring Assembly, we have been meeting monthly. If this were face-to-face, I think we may have needed more frequent meetings. I am grateful to have been a part of planning the 2020 Spring Assembly even though we had to cancel. It gave me an idea of what is required in planning for a face-to-face assembly in comparison to Zoom.

How does this year's theme tie in with us in Panel 61?

Al-Anon members, from those in service at Group, District or Area level to the newcomers just finding our rooms, are finding their way in *Moving Forward*. As a part of Al-Anon, we can focus our attention in being a part of something bigger than each of us (*Unity*). Using our *Courage* to face the things we can: reopening of our jobs and our state after the pandemic; recognizing the areas of our personal life that the protocols of the pandemic highlighted for us as many of us isolated with complicated situations, with and without active alcoholism in our homes; the normal, day to day situations of our own recovery. And we have and continue with *Perseverance* during uncertain times.

As the hosting District for this Spring Assembly, we are proud to be a part of this opportunity to learn, grow and share our experience, strength and hope with our fellow members.

#### District Representative Report for the Hawaii Area Al-Anon Kauai - District 6

All of the Al-Anon group meetings moved to Zoom in the Spring of 2020. Thanks to your newsletter coordinator, it was a smooth transition. Our meeting information on the Hawaii website was recently updated. Our telephone hotline was also recently updated. We are updating our group records for the WSO. We currently have six Al-Anon meetings each week and five of them are on zoom. The one remaining meeting is planning to return to it's physical location when it becomes possible. Most of our group members are comfortable using the electronic format and we have experienced few problems with zoom. Several Al-Anon members that once lived in Kauai have returned to our zoom meetings and are participating in our groups. We have missed a few members who not attending meetings on the internet.

There has been some discussion about returning to in-person meetings. The district does plan to maintain our zoom account after health restrictions are lifted and we can safely return to our physical locations. I anticipate there may be new zoom meetings created in the future and we may expand our meeting schedule.

This last year has been a stressful time for everyone in our local area. It may take some time to transition back into physical meeting locations and our individual groups will decide when the time is right. Everyone is looking forward to more normal times.

Aloha.

Eugene A.

#### **DISTRICT REPORT-West Hawaii**

As an Al-anon member for over 11 years, this is my first time having the privilege of service as a District Representative (DR). In the past I have served various groups as a literature person, treasurer, and secretary. Through the district I have served as the secretary, treasure, and as a group representative. I am very excited (and a bit nervous) to be serving through the area as a DR.

I am happy to report that our district has 7 groups with Group Representatives (GRs) who participate at our district meetings. We also have 2 groups that do not currently have GRs but have contact persons and members that are informed and interested in our district activities. Of those 9 meetings, 1 is in person, while the other 8 remain online through Ring Central. 2 other groups are discussing returning to in person meetings soon. 1 of the groups without a GR has decided to change the meeting into a regular online meeting, and are starting the process to do so. 1 of our 9 meetings is a beginner meeting specifically; and a few of our meetings are open meetings. There is a new in person meeting that has just starting on the north part of the island that our district is interested in inviting to our district meetings.

Our officer positions are full; with a secretary, treasure, and an alternate DR position in place. We have created a new coordinator position; IT support coordinator, and have an active member serving the group in this capacity. We are still looking for coordinators for Alateen, public outreach, and archives. We recently filled our literature coordinator position, and continue to spread the word in our meetings about the wonderful opportunities for service!

Mahalo for allowing me to serve,

Giuse: DR-West Hawaii

#### East Hawaii DR Report Spring Assembly 2021

- We currently have six meetings in East Hawaii.
- I am happy to report that they are all currently virtual and accessible on-line.
- All GRs have a great attitude and are supporting, learning, and growing together.
- As I'm a new DR and we have a few new GRs, we've been holding monthly district meetings but may change to meeting every other month beginning in June.
- Some of the meetings have seen an increase in attendees from all over the globe due to meetings being on-line and are really enjoying meeting new members.
- Due to the pandemic and individuals relocating, there has been some turnover in positions, and some positions at the group level still need to be filled (i.e. Treasurer, Alt GR etc.).
- All our district positions have been filled except for the District Public Outreach Coordinator.
- Our Alateen Coordinator is working hard with our Alateen Area Coordinator in getting everyone recertified so we can begin having Alateen meetings, maybe even by this summer.
- Our Archives Coordinator is doing a great job in educating us all on the importance of archives and working at the group level to go through old binders & boxes that eventually will be scanned.
- Although members do miss hugs, people are feeling more comfortable meeting on-line.
   Some of our groups are now looking into having hybrid meetings (meeting in person & on-line simultaneously) when things open back up. There are others considering keeping their meetings virtual. Everyone is looking ahead in preparation and are holding group conscience meetings to ensure all members feedback and input are considered.
- All the East Hawaii GRs have one common message for everyone "Come see us online, as we'd love to see you.

## HAWSC Panel 61 Archives Coordinator Henrietta Chong Report for Spring Assembly 2021



My "job" goal is to get every Group, every District, and the Area to save their data that documents their history and their activities.



My "fun" goal is to make it interesting for members by posting Games and Responses for Trivia, Scrambles, and Word Search.



During our Area's April 25, 2021 meeting, it was decided I would stop reorganizing the data on the flash drives I received and posting the games I created until I receive instructions from the Area. They will be setting up guidelines for storage and posting.

I encourage members to keep saving their records. If they haven't already done so, then now is a good time to start. It's always a good idea to keep 2 sets of records. In case one set is deleted, destroyed, lost, or thrown away, there is a back up.

I enjoyed trying to reach my goals and hope you liked what I have done so far too. Thank you.

## Hawaii Area Public Outreach Report – Panel 61

May 2021, 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.

## Actions steps to support Goals:

#### AD 1: Provide information and resources needed to reach out

- Material from PO Coordinator Call with link to new AL-Anon PO posters and videos sent to all DR's to distribute within their area using April as Alcohol Awareness Month as an occasion to reach out:
  - https://al-anon.org/for-members/public-outreach/public-outreach-posters/
  - o https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRP2-e3CnVpa-Vg5Praa9Vw
- New PSA's from WSO. Feedback from member at West Hawaii District meeting that they were well received
  - https://al-anon.org/media-kit/public-service-announcements/

### AD 2: Encourage districts to create plans for Public Outreach

- Meeting with PO district representative Sandy, Kauai. Shared about benefits from PO meeting in collaboration with AA and community representatives
- Continue to encourage districts to create plans for PO in the district and to collaborate with AA and local treatment centers

## AD 3: Use technology to attract new members

 Priority to start an Online Area Newcomer Meeting. Task force was created in Panel 58 and is continuing the work in Panel 61. Members of taskforce: Patti, Carolyn, Penni and Sophie