

HAWS District Representative Reports – Spring 2025

Central District Report, Panel 64

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For: Spring Assembly, Saint Anthony's Retreat Center

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The Central District has been meeting regularly. Initially we were meeting once a month. Recently we have gone to every other month, on a trial basis.

We have some great news. The Central District has been comprised of twelve groups until recently. As of the beginning of this year we added another group in Aina Haina. The meeting is called Al-Anon in Aina Haina and it meets every Friday at 2:00 p.m., at the Monteiro Chapel, Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, 5286 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Honolulu, Hawaii. We are grateful to Carla for being the laboring oar in setting up this new meeting. Unfortunately, this new meeting is not yet on the Al-Anon Hawaii website, which is making it difficult to grow attendance at this new meeting.

All thirteen groups are active and meet regularly. Some have a smaller number of members than others. Seven groups have GRs and six do not. The six groups that do not have GRs do have a contact person to represent the group.

We do not have an Alternate District Representative. Margaret has a strong grip on our finances as our Treasurer and our finances are in good shape. Margaret has been standing in for me when I cannot make it to Central District meeting.

Kate is our secretary, and she has been doing an awesome job getting our minutes out the same evening as our District meetings. When she is unavailable, Margaret has been stepping in as the Secretary.

Other positions remain unfilled. We will continue to look for members to fill them.

We have majority participation from most of our twelve groups at our monthly Central District meetings and vigorous discussion on matters.

Akemi, Alternate GR for Kupa'a Step Study put together Love Gifts for Kau'I to take to the next WSO assembly. They turned out very nice.

I will be traveling out of Hawaii at the time of the Spring Assembly and Maheshi, of the Beginners Group, as agreed to serve as the Alternate DR for this assembly. We are grateful to Maheshi for her service.

We understand that the Central District will be hosting the 2026 Spring Assembly. We have already reserved Saint Anthony's Retreat Center. We also understand it will be announced at this upcoming Spring Assembly that the Central District will be asked to prepare a presentation of a theme at the Fall Assembly on Kauai for the 2026 Spring Assembly. We will be prepared to do this.

All in all, things are moving along in the Central District.

Mahalo

Kirk C.

Central District Representative

West Hawaii DR Report Spring 2025

West Hawaii District currently has 12 meetings with an average total attendance of about 100. We lost one meeting in the Waikoloa area because of low attendance, but Al-Anons nearby rallied to start another in person meeting in Puako. Monday at 5:30. Although they have been meeting for less than a year, they have already made a split to our district.

Five of the groups have had GR's and we now have a sixth GR attending assembly for the first time. Five of the groups have a designated contact person

The Alateen meeting has 4 consistent attendees with 5 rotating sponsors. After discussion with the teens, two of the sponsors have begun meeting with them at 5:30 once a month for a Step Study.

We continue to hold a District Birthday Meeting on the third Saturday of each month. It is now in person as well as electronic, which often allows for fellowship at dinner afterwards.

The District meeting, on the second Monday of each month, had been electronic only since the pandemic. May marks the third month of a three month trial to have the meeting hybrid. Five people attended in person in May and five remotely. The group conscience was to continue to meet in this fashion. We are being provided space by the business Jack Be Click in Kailua-Kona.

We have an alternate DR. By the end of 2024 when we still had no permanent secretary, and I was basically doing both jobs, with guidance from Concept 4, I asked for help, and we now have a sign up list so that every month there is someone serving in the secretary position.

We designed some small stickers with a picture of Mauna Loa and ohia and send them to Kau'i for love gifts.

It was so helpful when Kau'i suggested that we check the filters for our groups on the WSO site. This sparked discussion in some of the groups as to what they wanted to be included. Whether to include "observers welcome" or specify "friends and family only,"—this allowed some good reflection and talk about the implications of each of these. Now most groups in West Hawaii welcome observers, but some specify only friends and family. The discussion gave us an opportunity to reflect on our individual and group needs.

Julie

West Hawaii District Representative

DISTRICT 001 WINDWARD - Gayle F

Windward District DR Gayle F Report for Spring Assembly 2025

Windward District Panel 64 has survived planning Spring Assembly 2025. I want to send out big mahalos to everyone who stepped up to service: Patti A - who stepped in to help with maintaining the registration ledger, contacting registrants and managing the deposits. Brenda, our District Treasurer who during a rough personal hardship still helped us keep the registration organized. Melyssa, who managed the lodgings, created the beautiful bookmarks and who kept us organized and thinking everything through. Without her diligence, I don't think things would be running as smoothly as they are. To Corinne, Richard and Kathy who have done an outstanding job making sure we are healthily and well fed this weekend. To Michelle, Renee and Roz for putting together a fantastic Friday event. Special mahalo to Mark for stepping in to coordinate the transportation and keeping us well organized with airport pick ups and drop offs. And to Janny for the beautiful table decorations.

Our district will be returning to meeting the fourth Thursday of each month via Zoom from 6:30-7:30 PM. We look forward to getting back to the work of building the Windward District

fellowship and finding opportunities for public outreach, supporting Alateen and fundraisers to support the District, Area and WSO.

We continue to have open District positions: Outreach, Literature, and Alateen AMIAS.

Windward District continues to have no active Alateen groups.

Windward District has 10 active groups. 3 in-person meetings, one hybrid meeting that meets at Kailua Park and online via Zoom, and 6 virtual groups that meet via Zoom.

Kaneohe Kokua Hui, Steps to Serenity and Aikahi Noon Hui would love to grow their groups and ask to please spread the word about these noon-ish virtual meetings. Currently, 4 of our groups have a GR and of those groups 2 also have an Alt GR. All Windward groups have contact persons. At least half of our groups have scheduled monthly business meetings.

The past 5 months have been an amazing journey and learning experience. What a blessing to have had the chance to work with such dedicated, intelligent and creative people.

Mahalo and forever yours in service,

Gayle

GOAL: All groups have a GR

Goal: get an Alateen meeting going

DISTRICT 004 LEEWARD-Sandy M

Leeward District DR Sandy M Report for Spring Assembly 2025

Leeward District meets once a month using the Area Zoom account, usually the first Monday of the month from 7-8pm. Positions of DR, AltDR, treasurer, secretary, and Alateen coordinator are filled. We do not have a public outreach coordinator but have several members in service with public outreach through OIS (Oahu Information Service).

We have 5 groups in our district, 3 of which have GRs. The groups with GRs are doing well and are meeting in person. One of those groups has a hybrid Zoom component. Of the groups without a GR, one is going to inactive status as of May 1, 2025. They had been meeting in a park in the early evening but were challenged by the homeless situation and lack of lighting. They had been meeting in a church facility prior to COVID and had up to 20 members. That facility is no longer available and they have been unsuccessful in finding an affordable alternative meeting place. Membership has dwindled to 2 to 4 people. Another group meets in the same park during the daytime which is not as problematic with the

homeless and lighting. They meet via Free Conference Call if the weather is bad. The other group without a GR is also being challenged by small attendance and lack of leadership.

Leeward District has had 2 successful workshop/fellowship events since the last Assembly. In January we had a group finance/budget workshop and in March we had a craft workshop to make bookmark love gifts for our Delegate to take to WSC. Workshops were held at different member's homes and were preceded by a potluck lunch. Everyone appreciated the fellowship as well as the activity.

Leeward District is blessed with several past Delegates but has concerns with dwindling members/groups and participation in service. One of the topics being considered for future workshops is public outreach and ways to get the word out about Al-Anon.

Kauai DR Report Spring 2025

Aloha, I'm Julia, grateful member of Al-Anon.

Kauai District 6 currently has 6 registered weekly meetings: one on zoom only, 2 are hybrid (in-person and zoom) and 3 are in-person only.

Three of our groups have GR's who are attending this Spring Assembly: thank you Ruby, Anna and Janet for your service and dedication to represent our Kauai meetings.

Four of our longtime members are soon to be newly certified AMIAS because we joined the Alateen training meeting with Jane in April. Thank you to Eugene for leading us. Cameran, Mary and I joined Eugene and we hope to have a newly registered Alateen meeting soon supported by and in close proximity to Sundays, at Kapaa Community Center, which is represented today by Ruby which has a healthy attendance of about 15 regular members.

Jane asked me how I managed to rally up so much Alateen support (it was mostly Eugene's efforts) but here's one of the secrets that attracted members to get trained as AMIAS: we scheduled the District meeting at the exact date and time as the AMIAS training! (It was actually a coincidence but it worked out great!)

My home group is Poipu Beach which meets Thursday mornings with an average attendance of 12-15. A group of 5 of us members regularly fellowship afterwards at a ocean

aerobics class a few yards in front of our meeting table! Anna, our GR, and me along with 3 other members fellowship as we exercise and swim together. If you are interested in joining us, please add an extra day on your assembly plans and join in the meeting and swim too!

Our monthly District meetings, are electronic only. We have a secretary, treasurer and we have a fabulous alternate DR, Janet who is here and supports me with super strong positive energy. We are looking for an outreach coordinator and archivist.

We have an attendance average of six regular members currently buzzing with excitement over our impending hosting duties for the Fall Assembly in less than 5 months. Here's the Save the Date flyer. Please see me personally for an email with the live link to register for hotel room because this flyer says "click here" but it doesn't work on paper, only in the link I'll send you by email!

Faithfully submitted;

Julia Ringgold

Maui, Molokai, Lanai – Panel 64, District 3, Area 12

Shannon R. - DR Report for Spring Assembly 2025

Aloha AFG Ohana,

I am sorry that I am unable to be there with all of you in person this weekend. My wife just graduated from college this weekend so we are celebrating her. However, I am with you all in spirit and am sending my love and aloha to all of you.

Our district which is made up of Maui, Molokai and Lanai currently has 15 groups. 8 of those groups have a GR, ALT GR or a temporary GR. We have a mixture of in person only, zoom only and hybrid meetings (zoom and in person). We are constantly trying to find new ways to encourage groups to have someone who can represent their group and step into these service roles. One idea that was brought to life last month was a workshop called AI-Anon enters the 21st century. It was about 3-hours and included Computer Tech training, screen sharing for Zoom meetings, Venmo and sponsorship info. We are hoping that these types of workshops will motivate individuals to participate in these types of service positions.

One new and exciting thing happening on Maui is that we will have our first Alateen meeting on June 7th. As we facilitate this meeting, we anticipate that this service will provide the community with a resource that assists youths with the effects of alcoholism. We are hopeful for a positive turnout.

Our District meets once a month in person and on zoom on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. All of our executive and service positions are filled as of now but we will have a vacancy in our public outreach coordinator position starting in June. Those who join our meeting in person participate in a potluck style pupus/dinner, which is always appreciated. Our executive officers are: Shannon R. – DR, Jane S. – ALT DR, Jess G. – Secretary and Wiebke D. – Treasurer. We are truly grateful to have the support of past officers that continue to remain active at our meetings.

As the District Representative, my ongoing goal is to have a GR or ALT GR for every group so that each group can have a voice and a vote. I am reminding myself that to Keep it Simple and Let in Begin with me. I am so proud to Lead with Love and to represent Maui, Molokai and Lanai and I appreciate all of the support that I have been given from our GR's, members as well as from our Hawaii Area World Service, Panel 64.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be of service. I am truly grateful for all of you!!!

Mahalo,

Shannon R. – Maui District Representative