

2024 HI FALL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

submitted by Yolanda Area Secretary

HAWSC 64 VISION:

Al-Anon/Alateen Hawai'i reflects our diverse communities and is a trusted source of help and hope for people affected by someone else's drinking, assuring access to abundant resources.

HAWSC 64 MISSION:

Enhance the recovery of our membership 'ohana and carry the message of Al-Anon/Alateen to all people of Hawai'i affected by the family disease of alcoholism.

HAWSC 64 GOALS:

1. Strengthen the Hawai'i fellowship by providing the information and resources needed for all Al-Anon/Alateen members to thrive, grow, and increase capacity to best reach out to all people who are affected by someone else's drinking.
2. Expand our modes of communication to reach an audience that represents the population of Hawai'i.
3. Use technology to attract new members to Al-Anon/Alateen and to encourage service.
4. Become financially self-supporting at the levels of Groups, Districts, Area, and World Service.
5. Grow our Alateen program and engage Alateens in our Area service structure.
6. Enhance support for AMIAS by creating a Hawai'i Area AMIAS training program.

Hawai`i Area World Service

Fall Assembly Agenda

November 2-3, 2024

Royal Kona Resort

Hosted by West Hawai`i District

“Practice the Pause”

Saturday, November 2, 2024

9:00 – 10:00 Registration began – coffee, tea, and snacks at hospitality room offered throughout the weekend.

10:00 Opening and Welcome

Serenity Prayer – Sophie, Area Chair

Literature Reading – Mary HALC from “ A little time for myself” pg 298

Twelve Traditions – Roslyn West Hawai`i District

Announcements

Housekeeping: meals, restrooms, Covid protocols, photo –

Julie West Hawai`i District

Parking- Alice: can use hotel key card to have free parking

Literature Table – Mary and Akemi HALC

Fundraising Table – Ethel, Past Delegate

Archives Table – Jess, Archives Coordinator

Archives Table has Ask-It-Basket, Evaluations can also use QR code– Sandy S, Alternate Delegate

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Saturday-Sunday, November 2-3, 2024.

***See all DR, Coordinators, Treasurers, Policy & Procedures and the Delegate’s reports on the Al-anon Hawai’i website**

*District Representative Reports

Windward Oahu – Gayle(Spring Assembly 5/16-18 at St Anthony’s in Oahu)

Maui, Moloka`i, Lana`i – Shannon

Leeward Oahu – Sandy M.-

Central Oahu – Kirk

Kaua`i – Julia (Fall Assembly 2025)

East Hawai`i – Tamera (FUNdraiser for East Hawai`i 12/8/24)

Ice Breaker – West Hawai`i District-members broke out into groups and shared our most embarrassing moments .

*Delegate's Report Part 1 – Kauai, Delegate(the next 2 delegates will get to go to Stepping Stones) (Chosen agenda item deadline 2/1/25)

A discussion on what are approved Al-anon topics and words such as qualifier & crosstalk etc.

*Coordinator Reports

Archives – Jessica:Have folders here for each district. Can look up historical minutes.One 1972 WC summary showed Lois' thoughts on having the two fellowships working together.

Public Outreach – Earl; did outreach but now he has to step down due to health issues.

Literature/Forum – Denize:Did not attend

Website – Nathan: Did not attend

* Alateen – Jane:

Next AMIAS training 1/8/2025 &1/25/2025 1 hr each.

Recertifying AMIAS have a 60 minute review. The dates to do this are: 2/18/2025 at 7pm

3/12/2025 at 7 pm or

4/21/2025 at 10 am.

AMIAS must recertify before 5/15/2025

*Group Records – Yolanda (As the group records coordinator, I am the go between groups and AFG. Please Include your WSO number. WSO asks that we have our group names be inclusive.)

Lunch with DRs and GRs discussion.

DRs, and Alt. DRs – Sandy S.table

GRs, and Alt. GRs – Jess table

Area Business Meeting

Serenity Prayer – Sophie, Area Chair

Twelve Concepts of Service & General Warranties of the
Conference – West Hawai`i District

Roll Call – Yolanda, Area Secretary 33 voting members

Seventh Tradition Basket – Tom, Area Treasurer

*Consent Agenda (Approved) Minutes, Spring Assembly, May 25-26, 2024

Alice made a motion to approve the consent agenda Dana seconded it. 30 approved out of 33.

*Treasurer's Report/Quarterlies Hawai`i Area World Service

FALL 2025 Budget Presentation – Tom, Area Treasurer-

The Fall assembly 2023 cost was \$4790.00 and the Spring Assembly 2024 cost was \$3350.00 both without deposits. So the difference to have the assembly off of Oahu is \$1440.00. Plus we don't know if we will be able to keep having our assemblies at Oahu's St Anthony's which is the main reason it's cheaper.

A member stated that she had felt it would be prudent to have the assemblies online but after coming to this assembly, she has changed her mind and definitely wants them to be in person.

Budget Vote (approve) Dwight made a motion Kirk seconded it. 29 out of 32 approved with 2 objections.

*HALC Mary & Akemi: we are having financial problems.

We used to be able to give the area 1500.00 but now we needed help to pay for the monthly storage bill.

That problem has been resolved but we still need people to buy their Al-anon literature through us. We brought 70 pounds of books with us.

(It was stated that at the end of the assembly,they had less than half that weight to bring back.)

*HAWS Policy Update – P&P , Tom presented this update.

Ask yourself; are these reasonable changes and can I live with them?

They can always be amended. They're not written in stone.

Also, remember the idea of presume good will.

A member said that they are not questioning its integrity. It's just difficult to see the differences.

A discussion followed, most people want to see the changes that were made. If possible, put a different color for the part that was changed.

Sophia asked if we are ready to vote 15 out of 32 said no.

Sophie asked if the P&P can be voted on a trial basis? This passed as a simple majority, with 20 out of 32 saying yes. In a year this will be brought up to review having brought clarification to the member's questions.

Vote : Michael of Maui made of motion to accept the P&P changes for one year Tanya of Oahu second it 24 of 32 said yes, 3 said no, 2 abstained.

...At the next fall assembly, we will vote again on this subject.

...TOM will ask the committee to show the changes that were made.

*Delegate's Report Part 2 – Kauai “Diversity Discussion”

A discussion followed concerning this topic.

A member said, “People that are referred to as double winners are not allowed to vote which feels exclusive. If they work the Al Anon program they should be able to keep the two programs separate and then be able to vote.”

New comers felt that the literature helped them feel it was a safe place.

A member stated, “A lot of unlearning and learning needs to be done.”

Kau'i : Question ourselves, How do we welcome people?

Members shared: Going to open AA meetings and listening to their side helps people to understand the alcoholic better.

At the Woman To woman weekend, they bridge the gap between AA and Al-anon. Hearing the AA speaker was eye-opening.

AA says they're ready for Al-anon to come to their meetings.

As far as being inclusive, it would be good to know the culture, so when they do come to the rooms, we can make them feel welcome.

FYI :Public access television and KTH radio station, welcome family, and friends of alcoholics.

Kau'i: this will be an ongoing discussion.

Concept Ten Skit – Windward District (double headed management)

Member shared: feeling overly responsible benefited the ego but made the person more anxious. Better to keep it simple.

DINNER with Musical Entertainment by Sebrina

Saturday Evening Speaker Shannon

Evening Al-Anon Meeting – West Hawai`i District – for all members

Sunday November 3, 2024

AFG Meeting – West Hawai`i District

BREAKFAST

Announcements

Serenity Prayer – Sophie

Twelve Traditions – Julie West Hawai`i District

Seventh Tradition – Tom, Area Treasurer

Recovery Countdown – West Hawai`i District

Sunday Spiritual Speaker Julia

WSO Guidelines for Forum Submission – Jess

Writing and Reflection in silence

Writing shares – Jess

Fitness dance break

Group Photo (West Hawai`i District)

Group Finances Workshop – Tom, Area Treasurer

Over this weekend, we made \$617.91 in total contributions from the seventh tradition basket.

(SPLITS 40% District 40 % to area 20% to WSO because right now WSO is doing very well after printing its latest book. If everyone gave five dollars at a meeting, we would be fine. Take care of your group's finances first, then your District's and then your area. Last would be WSO.

One time a year; a group can apply for a scholarship to be able to send their GR to assembly, the area will then put in half of the cost.

At the world service conference 2014 the topic was to think abundantly with gratitude celebrating what we have rather than focusing on what we don't have. It is important that everyone participates not just give money. We need to think, what does our group want?

A discussion followed, and ultimately it was decided that you have group autonomy and can pay whatever you feel you want to. We want inperson assemblies to continue, so our groups will need to send in more money for this to happen.

LUNCH

Workshop Tech Q&A: Michelle (submit documents in word file rather than PDF)

Sophie – we need a new public outreach coordinator. We have paper forms here and also you can look up online what the outreach coordinators duties are. There's also a fillable form online.

Musical Break

Spring Assembly 2025 Update – Windward District, Gayle

Alternate Delegate's Time – Sandy

*Ask-It-Basket Questions **See the website for all questions and answers.**

Reflections, Appreciations, & Gratitudes:

Open mic for new GRs and others to share about the

Assembly

3:03 Closing – Sophie -Let it begin with me.

Clean up

Transportation to the airport: Started at 3:00

Upcoming Events

Aloha Roundup, February 21-23, 2025

Area Spring Assembly Planning Meeting: March 29, 2025, 9am-3pm

Big Island Bash, Outrigger Keauhou Resort and Spa, April 4-6, 2025

Spring Assembly 2025, Saint Anthony's Retreat Center, Hosted by Windward District, May 17-18, 2025

Serenity Prayer in Hawaiian

Na ke Akua e hā'awi mai i ka maluhia

E 'ae mai i nā mea i hiki 'ole ai ia'u ke ho'ololi, Ka Ikaika e ho'ololi i nā mea e hiki ai,

A me ka na'auao e maopopo i ka 'oko'a

Al-Anon Declaration in Hawaiian

Ho'olaha Al-Anon

Al-Anon Declaration

E ho'omaka 'ia me ia'u

Let it Begin with Me

Aia no i kahi e hele ai a o ka mea no i hiki mai ke kōkua,

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,

E lawelawe lima pū pa'a kākou me ke alaka'i o Al-Anon a Alateen

Let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there,

E ho'omaka 'ia me ia'u

and Let it Begin with Me.

Serenity Prayer in Japanese

平安の祈り

Heian no inori (The Serenity Prayer)

神様 わたしにお与えください

Kamisama watashi ni oatae kudasai (God grant me the serenity)

自分に変えられないものを受け入れる落ち着きを

Jibunni kaerarenai monowo ukeireru ochitsuki wo (To accept the things I cannot change)

変えられるものは、変えていく勇気を

Kaerareru monoha, kaeteiku yuuki wo (Courage to change the things I can)

そして二つのものを見わける賢さを

Soshite futatsu no monowo miwakeru kashikosa wo (And wisdom to know the difference)

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Al-Anon Declaration in Japanese

アラノンは宣言する

Alanon wa sengen suru (Al-Anon Declaration)

私から始めよう

Watashi kara Hajime yo (Let it Begin with Me)

どこかで誰かが助けを必要とする時、

Dokokade darekaga tasuke wo hitsuyo to suru toki (When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,

アラノン、アラティーンの助けが

Alanon , alateen no tasuke ga (Let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen)

いつもそこにありますように

Itsumo sokoni arimasu yoni (Always be there)

そして私から始めよう

Soshite watashi kara Hajime yo (and –Let it Begin with Me