

### 03 Maui District

Report for Fall Assembly, October 21-22, 2023.

Aloha Fall Assembly,

It is an honor and privilege to host the Fall 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 this is my last year as the District Rep. I really would like to say Mahalo to Jo Anne R. my Alt D.R. She has really helped me the past three years. Our district has gone through so much with the pandemic, having our meetings closed, going on zoom, going face to face and the devastating wildfires that have affected Lahaina and Kula. We're all coming together in fellowship, love, support, friendship, and hope. Our Al-Anon Family is here to support each other.

I would like to say Mahalo to our Delegate Penni and our HAWSC Officers who put together a Maui Relief Fund, with the donations we were able to support our meetings that were affected by the wildfires. I would like to thank Tom, our Maui Treasure and Ethel, our Maui LDC for all their help with the donations that were coming in.

We have amazing members who do service for our district. I could not do it without all of them. Mahalo for all your Service. We have 14 groups, 9 Group Reps, 3 Alt. group reps, 4 Officers and 2 members who bring information to their groups. Most of our positions are filled, they are Literature, AIS, AA Liaison and Public Outreach. Six groups are In Person with Hybrid, Seven groups are zoom only and one group has a birthday meeting and at the end of the month they give out birthday chips, cards, and lei's. We have an Alateen group that will be meeting soon. We have 3 past delegates that bring experience, strength, and hope to our district.

Our district meeting is In- Person with hybrid on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 From The Service Manual."

We will be having our Maui District Elections on November 7, 2023, for our new panel. On September 30, 2023, we are hosting an Ice Cream Social, with a Speed Dating format. This will give our current officers and coordinators a platform to share their experience and answer questions of members considering these service positions.

I communicate with the district through email and have a district roster which includes phone numbers and email address so we may contact each other. Since we do not

have an Alateen Coordinator I have an email list for all our AMIAS so we can also stay connected.

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 7<sup>th</sup> tradition to Area and WSO.

We are looking forward to hosting the Fall Assembly on Maui. It will be October 21-22, 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). Our District has come together as your Hosting Committee and were looking forward to a great Assembly.

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). I'm looking forward to seeing what my Higher Power has instore for me next.

In Loving Service, Sandy Soska, Maui D.R.

#### **04 Leeward District**

DR Report

August 26, 2023

- Leeward District continues to have (5) active meetings represented by their respective GRs/Alt. GRs.
- We are currently in touch with someone on staff at Waianae High School and are hoping to meet to introduce Alateen to them. I am currently doing research to see how we can best present Alateen when we do have that meeting. I have utilized AFG Connects and hope to hear from other DRs who have had experience working with public High Schools. Leeward District has an Alateen Coordinator as well as at least (2) Certified AMIASs.
- Leeward District GRs are preparing to attend the Fall Assembly on Maui. Logging was discussed with the emphasis on deadlines.
- I shared with the District that I attended the workshop hosted by the Area Treasurer and found it to be very informative. It was nice to get some clarity on certain line items. Although Leeward GRs could not make it, I assured them that it will be presented at the upcoming Fall Assembly as well.
- I, unfortunately, was not able to attend the workshop hosted by our Area Secretary regarding how to register electronic groups but was able to share that East Hawaii was the first electronic group to be registered in Hawaii.
- Leeward District is actively seeking possible locations for the Spring Assembly 2024. We currently have a tentative reservation at St. Anthony's Retreat Center, which was made at the last Spring Assembly. I was told that they were not ready

to make any firm commitments at the time, since it was anticipated that there may be some changes that would affect us.

We also got a quote from Camp Homelani in Mokuleia, but the only available dates in May were the 10<sup>th</sup> – the 12<sup>th</sup>, which would be the Mother's Day weekend. It was suggested that maybe we could push the date out to June 2024. I will inquire about that with the Area.

A third option is the Airport Honolulu Hotel who has also sent me a quote. They do have May 17-May 19 open. The room rate was quoted at \$189.69, and they do have a meeting room available to accommodate approximately (65) attendees. Unfortunately, their Food and Beverage service is not available. However, they do have a list of preferred caterers we could consider. More information will be obtained.

- The District is looking forward to the Fall Assembly and working on understanding and presenting Concept 8.
- My heart goes out to the people of Maui at this time, especially our Al-Anon ohana. All the best to Maui District as they try to plan the Fall Assembly during this difficult time. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

Kaui Poaha,  
DR, Leeward District

## **05 Central District DR Report**

September 23, 2023

We currently have 11 Groups in Central District. One new in-person group (Making Choices AFG meets Tuesday mornings), three other Groups also meeting in-person (Double Winners meets Saturday night, Catch the Wave meets Sunday mornings and Kupa'a Step Study meets Tuesday evening).

A New Beginning (Sunday afternoons), Sunday Nite Aloha, Thursday Noon Beginners, Malia AFG (Thursday Night), and Friday Morning Step Study are still on Zoom,

Makiki Monday Night and Thursday Noon at the Crossroads both meet in person with an electronic component.

The following positions in Central District remained unfilled throughout Panel 61: all Coordinator positions. Since the summer of 2022 we have not filled the Treasurer and Alt. DR positions. We DO have seven GRs and a couple of members who participate regularly at District meetings. Not all Groups are collecting 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and/or contributing Group splits to District. This is a work in progress and is improving.

Hosting the 2023 Spring Assembly was truly the highlight of this Panel for me. This was a challenge I feared when I became DR because I thought it was more than *I* could accomplish. As time passed and I practiced my program, I came to see that I truly don't have to do anything alone. I was able to ask for help, delegate tasks and responsibilities and TRUST others (especially Central District GRs) and my Higher Power. As I faced conflict during this process, I remembered there were those I could turn to for wisdom and encouragement (Area Committee Members – you know who you are)

When Panel 61 began, I still struggled with desperately trying to prove my worth to everyone around me, rather than knowing I am worthy just as I am. I continue to learn to use my voice – sometimes it doesn't sound so nice, but other times it does. I have served in Committees, Work Groups, Thought Forces and Tasks Forces throughout this Panel to practice the principles of our AI-Anon program. My Sponsor has told me Practice is the Perfection.

It has been a privilege to Practice and serve with all of you!

## **06 Kauai District DR Report**

AI-Anon Fall Assembly District Representative Report 2023

Aloha, Representing District 6, Kauai, Hawaii,

Our district and groups are holding on. I am grateful for the support we have received from our groups, district, Hawaii Area and WSO. In February 2021, the ways and methods we held meetings and communicated changed. The worldwide health crisis ( covid 19 ) closed all of our meetings.

Almost immediately we were able to move our meetings online, thanks to a local member. One of our meetings temporarily closed for one year. Meetings held online were sometimes difficult. We did the best we could. We lost several members that have not yet returned to our meetings. Some meetings are still struggling. When we were able to return to in person meetings, some of our meetings became hybrid, with some success. We have one new meeting that is online - only. Two of our meetings had difficulties due to a loss of their meeting locations.

Update : Fall 2023, Kauai , District 6.

Since returning to live meetings,

Two of our meetings, Wednesday Noon AFG, Lihue and Tuesday

5:30 pm, Detachment Strength and Hope AFG, Waimea have hybrid meetings with

members online and members in-person. Two of our hybrid meetings, Saturday 10am,

Paths to Recovery AFG and Sunday AFG have infrequent online participation.

The Princeville meeting, One Step at a Time AFG , went online in February 2021 but had

very little member participation. The meeting returned as an in person meeting in December 2022. We have lost members and gained new members. Our membership total is about the same. We are looking forward to continued growth in recovery for Kauai and our fellowship.

Grateful member, Eugene A., District Representative for Kauai

## 07 West Hawaii District

September 2023

One change since the last update is that we have a new group! It meets on Fridays during the day (2:30-3:30pm). They are an in-person group, bringing our number of in-person groups to 5. We have also been trying to connect with a group that morphed during Covid (members from 2 separate groups in Waimea/Waikoloa area became a zoom meeting on an entirely different day and time). Counting this group, we now have 11 active groups in the district: 5 in-person; two of which have on-line options, and 6 on-line. Out of these 11 groups 7 have Group Representatives who are actively involved in our District meetings and Assemblies (as possible).

Our district is still earnestly attempting to get an Alateen meeting going sometime soon. More will be revealed...

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 great group!

As I write this last DR update, I have been reflecting on the gifts of service; specifically, my gifts over these last few years. It seems to me that I have been given many chances to practice the principles of the program; chances I probably wouldn't have had without being in this position. At the beginning of my service as DR, my service sponsor and I

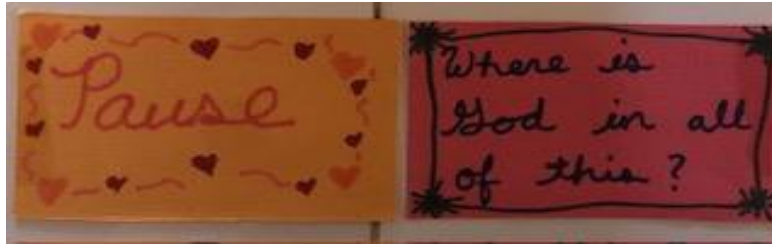
came up with four things to write on index cards: *W.A.I.T. why am I talking, PAUSE, where is God in all of this, and All things are working together for my/our GOOD.* These were the things I wanted to focus on to try to be as good a DR I could be. I taped them to my computer screen whenever we had a district meeting.

I believe my Higher Power has given me many opportunities to practice listening and seeing the group conscience without imposing my will on the situation. I have attempted to keep connections going with the GRs and groups in general, have tried to honor all voices in our group meetings and communications, and have generally tried to cultivate a Joyful spirit while participating in this position. For someone like me, learning how to positively interact with myself, others, and my Higher Power in this world is a gift of

Grace beyond measure.

Thank you for my recover and for allowing me to serve!

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## 09 East Hawaii District

Aloha mai kakou!

East Hawaii District is doing well! We held a very fun, lucrative fundraiser on 8/12 and we were able to raise over \$425 along with our district-wide appeal to support GR's attendance at Fall Assembly. We will be sending 6 voting members/GRs to Fall Assembly! Each of our groups will have a voice. **Here is our quick update on our groups:**

**Serenity on Sunday (perm. online):** Serenity on Sunday is doing well. They have had a few newcomers the past couple months that are coming back. They are a PEG now, the first to register in Hawaii!

**Courage to Change Volcano:** this group continues to struggle with participation when online but does very well when in-person. Once a month the GR, Yolanda, hosts a face to face meeting at her house and another member is hoping to have a meeting once a

month at their house (or every other month). There has been some discussion regarding that particular format being hard for newcomers to navigate.

**Monday Night Fourth Step (perm. online):** No news to report. This group struggles to be self-supporting and are looking at ways to keep the 7th tradition going even though they are permanently online.

**Loving Interchange Honoka'a:** doing well and still meet at the GR's, Michelle, house/carport weekly with members from all over

**Steps to Serenity:** continues to have a steady group of participants plus occasional newcomers. One thing that is a concern is that several members are having difficulty with the Ring Central app. This has become so problematic for a few they have opted to remove it from their device hoping to avoid more problems with their computers. Sadly, this also means they are unable to attend the virtual meeting.

**Super Saturday AFG:** Super Saturday meeting is alive and well. A newcomer stepped up as the group's new secretary. No events planned at this time.

I am so very grateful for our small but mighty District! I am excited to see you all on Maui!!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamera L.

## Public Outreach Report

September 2023, Sophie H, 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 information about Al-Anon to treatment centers and halfway houses to share with the families of alcoholics.

The PO Goals for Panel 61 has been reached with the following actions steps:

- Pamphlets and Forum Magazines from Al-Anon Family Groups and members to donate to treatment centers and halfway houses have been gathered.
- Inspiration was collected from PO-Coordinators to write letter to institutions and halfway houses in the Area of Hawaii 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.
- The Area Treasurer refunded PO expenses for purchased literature and postage
- 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.



- The last few pieces of returned literature were shared with members at the Spring Area Assembly in May 2023 to leave a piece of literature when they visit the local doctor's office and public libraries.

#### Additional PO announcements:

- New PO material Public Outreach Toolkit from WSO for sharing: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/public-outreach/public-outreach-toolkit/>
- PO has volunteered to be the chair at the Aloha Roundup, an AA convention with Al-Anon participation with a special welcome to the LGBTQ community, but all are welcome. Volunteers to help man the Al-Anon literature table and lead Al-Anon meetings, please text Sophie at +1 754 715 0577. The convention is held in Honolulu in the first weekend of March 2024.

## Literature Coordinator Report

#### Forum:

The total number of subscriptions which are being sent to individual groups is five. For the entire state of Hawaii 68 subscriptions are being sent out to groups as well as individuals. Did you know that, per the member handbook a group representative's suggested responsibility is to promote use and subscriptions to The Forum? Let's inspire our individual members to subscribe to this amazing source of members shares,(including Alateen), meeting topics, information on different literature publications and focus on steps, traditions and concepts. During the Fall Assembly members can participate in a drawing for a subscription to The Forum. How about asking your group members to send a dollar with their GR for their own chance at a subscription?

Sharings needed for future issues of "CAL Corner": Please encourage members to write about how any piece of CAL has helped them with their recovery.

For October, the focus will be on *Discovering Choices-Recovery in Relationships* (B-30), and November's will be on ...*As We Understood* (B-11).

We could especially use sharings about any of the following for 2024: *A Little*

*Time for Myself* (B-34), *Lois Remembers* (B-7), *Alateen 4<sup>th</sup> Step Inventory* (P-64), *The Al-Anon Family Groups-Classic Edition* (B-5), *Moving On! From Alateen to Al-Anon* (P-59), *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31), and *Alcoholism, a*

*Merry-Go-Round Named Denial* (P-3), which will be celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. See the writing guideline at

[alanon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingsRevised%202018.pdf](http://alanon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingsRevised%202018.pdf). If you are announcing this verbally or in print form, rather than electronically, the URL to use will be [alanon.org/sharing](http://alanon.org/sharing).

Photographs for The Forum Publication: A separate document is included in this report stating the guidelines when submitting photographs for use in The Forum.

Literature:

A Little Time for Myself (B -34): A second printing of this new daily reader was ordered months before the book was introduced in July, specifically so there would be no delay of service between printings. However, we did not anticipate that the first printing would be depleted within three weeks. We have just found out from the printers that they have had an equipment breakdown, delaying the arrival of the second printing. Once we know the revised time of arrival, we will let you know.

Just for Tonight A Lateen Bookmark (M -82): As previously announced, this new bookmark is now available. While written by Alateen members, its thoughtful ideas for ending the day on a positive note can be helpful to anyone, regardless of their age.

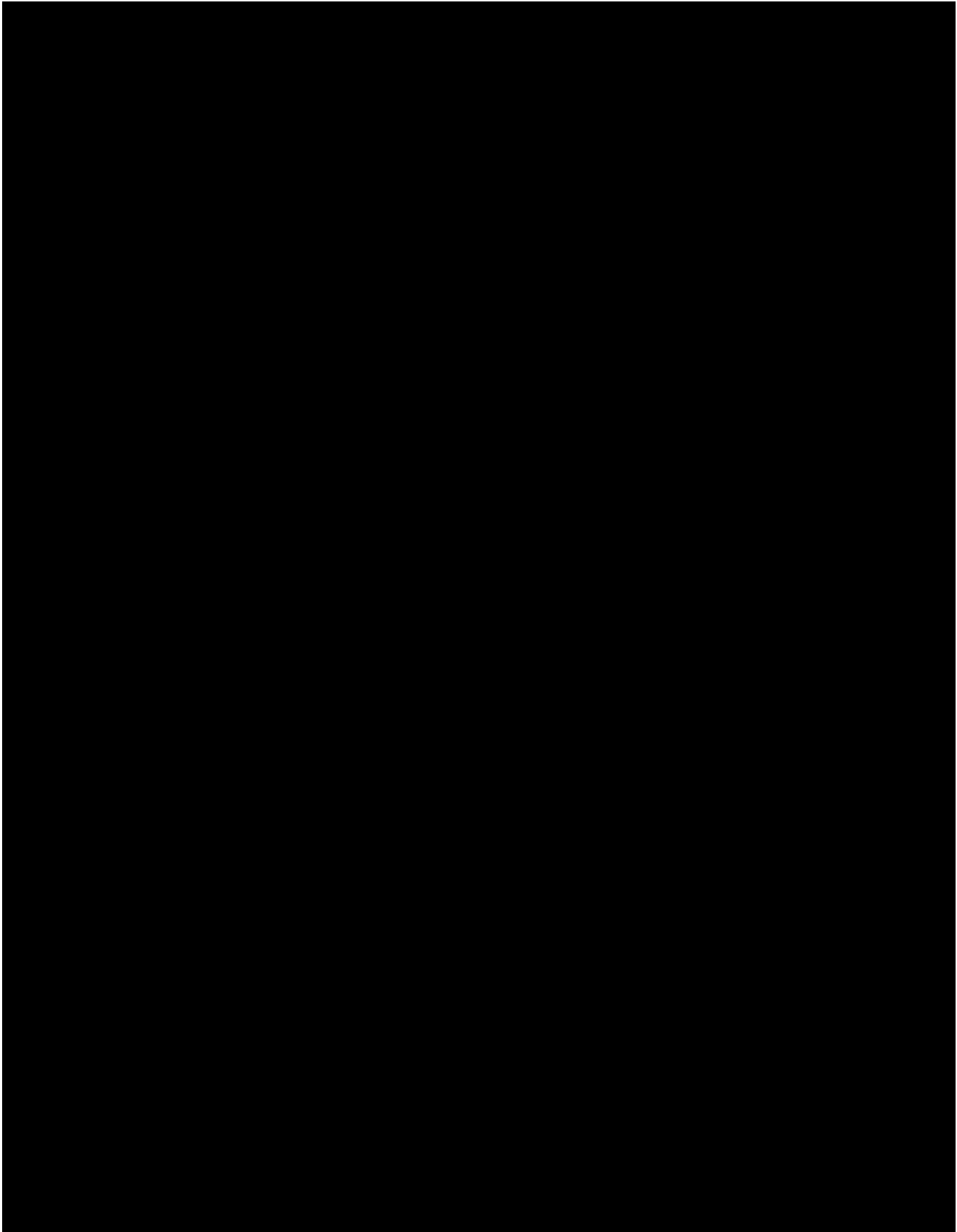
CAL Catalog (S -15), CAL Order Form (S -16), and 2023 Conference Summary (P -46): These should be available within the next month or two. We will let you know as soon as they are ready.

Approved by the 2023 World Service Conference, Sponsorship/Service Sponsorship Literature

Piece: The WSC approved the Literature Committee's recommendation to develop a comprehensive piece on sponsorship and service sponsorship using personal stories from AI- Anon members. The Literature Committee is now creating a writing guideline to help encourage members to write for this piece, which we will post here as soon as it is ready.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianna Faidley  
Forum/Literature Coordinator



## Group Records Coordinator Report Fall 2023 – Report covering 2021, 2022, 2023 (Panel 61)

Our *Twelfth Step* of carrying the message and *Tradition 5* of welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics are sustained by maintaining accurate group records and meeting schedules. When someone in need of Al-Anon gets up the courage to attend their first meeting and finds a closed facility or unattended electronic link it is disheartening for them, and a potential loss of the healing and serenity we have found in this program.

Hawai'i Area has four levels of Group Record keeping:

1. Group: The GR or designee is responsible for reporting any group record changes to the DR: location, electronic link instructions, date and time, Current Mailing Address, changes of GR, group email, phone contact, etc.
2. District: The DR or designee is responsible for maintaining a District meeting schedule that is current and accurate. If there is a change in any published meeting information, a new current schedule should be drafted and a PDF copy sent to the Area website content coordinator for posting on the Hawai'i Area Website. Meeting schedules to be posted to the Area website should not have the names of individuals or personal phone numbers unless the individual wants to make that information available to the public at large. All changes must also be emailed to the Area Secretary who also acts as the Area Group Records Coordinator.
3. Area Website: The website content coordinator receives the PDF meeting schedules from the Districts or AIS and posts to the Hawai'i Area website.
4. WSO: World Service maintains a directory of all of the meetings in the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas on the Al-Anon.org website. The Area Group Records Coordinator is responsible for keeping all Hawai'i Area group records current and accurate and updated on the World Service website. The Area Group Records Coordinator responds to all inquiries from WSO and works with the DRs to correct, edit, and maintain current accurate meeting information available on the Al-Anon.org website.

All GRs, DRs, and Area Panel Coordinators and Officers may communicate directly with the Area Group Records Coordinator.

It is undeniable that the advent of electronic capability has changed the reality for Al-Anon groups. Hawai'i appears to have embraced this new capacity with more comfort and acceptance than most Areas. For some of us, the ability to attend distant meetings, maintain connections with those who have moved away, and to share our Aloha in fellowship with new members has enhanced our program. In Hawai'i in-person meetings are still in the majority, and some electronic groups are considering ways to include face to face opportunities in their group schedules.

Hawai'i is a small Area; we have 65 active groups and 27 inactive groups. Groups that are registered by WSO as "inactive" are not included in WSO meeting information referrals and will remain "inactive" for 7 years before they are officially terminated by WSO.

Of our 65 active groups, 9 are registered as Hawai'i Area Electronic Groups, completely electronic.

The Hawai'i Area group statistics are as follows:

Active Groups	56	
Electronic Groups	9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	
Of these 65 Groups:		
In-Person Only	30	
Hybrid	15	
Electronic	10	Not part of Hawai'i Electronic Area
In-Person & Electronic	1	(Either in-person or electronic schedule)
Hawai'i Electronic Group	9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	
New Groups in Panel 61	4	
Groups that became inactive	10	
Inactive group that re-activated	1	
Inactive Groups Total	27	

From January 2021 through September 12, 2023, we made more than 200 Group Record Changes. During that period, we also had 10 groups that were reported to WSO as “Not Meeting”. Currently 3 additional groups are in the “Not Meeting” status. Until these issues are clarified and reported to WSO they will not be listed in the WSO meeting directory. It appears that most of these reports are because the meeting is temporarily meeting electronically, but the listing does not have the current electronic information, unclear information, or the person just did not read the entire location instructions. These reports have been made directly to WSO by someone attempting to attend a meeting. This is a phenomenon that was rare for us before the advent of electronic meetings and is concerning as we have perhaps lost newcomers to the program.

Over the past three years of Panel 61 Hawai'i Area has sustained its numbers, grown our knowledge, and adjusted to this new meeting environment with Aloha. We have supported each other in learning to meet and share fellowship in new ways, and we are ready to proceed into Panel 64, strong, intact, and ready for our next AI-Anon adventure.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Patti P  
 Area Secretary and Group Records Coordinator

**Web Coordinator Report**

Michelle J

Fall Assembly 2023

I am very great full to be in service as the Hawaii Area Web Coordinator. The temporary position of Technology Coordinator has been added to me for the remainder of this panel. I am now the Web/Technology Coordinator. I have been communicating via AFG Connects with other Web and Technology coordinators. The Area has a thought force to determine the need of a Technology Coordinator for Hawaii. I am on the thought force. I have opened up a discussion on the Technology Coordinators AFG Connect to gather information from other Areas with established Technology Coordinator positions. This research will help the thought force with KBDM.

I would like to encourage GRs/Alt GRs to discuss with their groups creating an email address for communication and other purposes.

Example: thursdaykonarecovery@gmail.com

Having a group email address will preserve anonymity and allow a contact to be added to meeting schedules or website other than a phone number. Having a specific group email address will help electronic meetings, in-person meetings, in-person with electronic option meetings, and groups with only a CMA and no GR/Alt GR with communication between people looking for meetings or information concerning a meeting.

This will also be useful for groups using online banking. Using personal information of a member needs to be changed every new panel, having a group email will limit that to signing into an email address. More than one group member can be signed into an email address and the email address isn't personal so sharing the login information with group is fine.

Any group interested in creating a specific group email address and is in need of help can reach out to me for assistance. I will be available for questions at the Fall assembly.

Mahalo for allowing me to be of service!

Michelle

E ho'omaka 'ia me ia'u