

Minutes for Kauai District 6

Area 17

October 18, 2025

1. Call to order: Declaration of Unity: This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, And the lives of those to come

Attendance: Bob F - DCM; Shoshanah B for Scott S - Secretary; JoRina H - Interim Treasurer/Website Committee; Kathryn B - Intergroup Chair; Kopa S GSR, Hui `Ohana; Christina M - GSR, Anahola Jaywalkers; Benita A - GSR, Sunrise Sobriety; Heather H - GSR, Kapa`a Nooners; Jay Y - CEC Chair; Giorgio D.P., PI Chair; Jim D - member, Happy Hour; Kathryn "Pearl" M- member, GSR - Kailua Women's, O`ahu; Julie F - member, Sunrise Sobriety; Sara H.- Alt GSR, Nooners.
Zoom: Devin D - GSR Koloa Aloha; Linda - member, North Shore Princeville-Hanalei

Quorum Determined: 11 voting members present:

6 Majority Votes required to pass a Motion;

8 votes required for substantial unanimity.

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

Tradition Ten was read by Jim D. Discussion followed:

Bob shared about a group conscience mtg at Sunrise Sobriety. Decision about subscribing to GV, cost was over \$2K for over 2 years. They voted yes. The question arose: "Since we voted to spend so much on the GV, why can't we send \$50 to the Food Bank." The group decided that Food Bank is not part of AA, and that we don't have an opinion on outside issues.

Jay - went over the history of the Oxford group and Washingtonians and how not sticking with the traditions broke them apart.

#3 - Bob asked about where it came from. Jim referred to a pamphlet on the history of the Traditions. Kathryn - there's a story in the Big Book about that tradition.

Concept X: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

Read by Jay Y.

1. Do we understand "authority" and "responsibility" as they relate to group conscience decisions by GSRs, DCMs and our area delegates?
2. Why is delegation of "authority" so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.? Do we use this

concept to define the scope of “authority”?

Discussion followed which emphasized the importance of delegation of authority

2. Secretary Report: Scott S., read by Shoshanah B, acting secretary.

A Motion to accept the September minutes as written was made by Benita A and seconded by Christina.

Vote taken: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report: Kathryn F, Treasurer, not present. JoRina H., Interim Treasurer - prepared written Excel spreadsheets and presented her report. The Treasury was reported to be financially healthy. Discussion followed. Website 2026 budget was also discussed to include costs for Hosting and Zoom services.

A Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Christina and by Benita A.

Before the vote could be completed, the DCM informed the group that our Treasurer had submitted her resignation to him this morning and that he accepted it. Discussion followed. Devin D focused the discussion by reading the Structure and Guidelines which states that an immediate Third Legacy vote must be held. Pearl reminded the group that, in times of stress, there are three positions that are necessary at District: DCM, Treasurer, and Secretary. Third Legacy discussion continued. JoRina H remained standing for the position of Treasurer. She shared her credentials and experience with the group: she has served as the Intergroup Treasurer and has presently been serving as the interim District Treasurer for most of this panel.

Motion to elect JoRina H. as Treasurer was made by Benita A and seconded by Kathryn B.

Vote taken: passed with 10 votes; 1 abstain.

Kathryn is to be removed from our organization's bank account at Bank of Hawaii. JoRina H. is to be added as an officer and official signer to the bank account with Bank of Hawaii. Current officers are: Bob F., DCM; Jorina H., Treasurer; Scott S., Secretary

4. Alt DCM Report: Vacant. Bob asked if anyone present was interested in standing for the position. No volunteers.

5. Intergroup Report: Kathryn B.

- GIS deadline is October 27th. Contact Linda directly for any announcements and posts. Linda wants to find her helper herself and not advertise for the position as we have been doing presently.

- Thankathon - needs a decoration committee Chair. There are plenty of volunteers on the committee already. The Chair wants to concentrate on other events as well, noting that the Thankathon is the main event of the year. All recovery groups are welcome with family and friends to “get more gratitude” in the room.

- There are vacant positions at Intergroup. Please attend if you are interested in learning more.

- Our Treasury got replenished from the past financial mistakes by the Website.

Bob mentioned the Mynah Bird was available at the Committee meeting held earlier this month. DCM asked if there is any way our Events team can get the Mynah Bird events listed on our Website for the

members at large. IIAAI InterIsland AA Intergroup is being formed.

6. DCM Report: Bob F-

District Meeting October 18, 2025 - DCM Report

I respectfully thank our Team for helping put our honest effort into the Area Committee Meeting District 6 hosted earlier this month. I'm grateful to JoRina and Mike for organizing the Kitchen, Breakfast, Lunch, Refreshment and Clean-up, Kathryn for organizing the shuttle service and Benita for providing the Homestay requests.

I'm also thankful for the Area officers for allowing us the opportunity to Host an Area event here on Kaua'i this year. Many of our volunteers that helped are celebrating early sobriety and also getting their first view of General Service. They were impressed with the friendly fellowship and operation of the meeting. I believe that it will bear fruit for our District and InterGroup programs.

The meeting is primarily a prep for the Inventory Assembly that will be held in Lahaina on January 25-26 next year. I have a list of questions for all the GSRs to Review and discuss with your Groups. I would recommend consulting a "seasoned" General Service Representative to help you with the presentation with your Group.

Our Area Registrar, Lizzi shared a list of Unknown Groups here on Kauai. They are "Unknown" basically because their Group information has not been updated for this Panel, either because they have no GSR or Primary Contact person. Every Group needs to update their information every Panel, every 2 year period. I could use your help getting them updated into the Area registry. See DCM for the list. District 6, Kaua'i, has 16 of the 67 unlisted groups in the State of Hawai'i.

There will be GSR Orientation on Zoom on January 8, 2026, conducted by Sean Fox the Alt.Delegate.

The Area is financially healthy. There is a \$12,000 shortfall in the 2025 Operating Statement thru October. The 2026 Budget was approved with less expenses due to PRAASA being held in Waikiki in March.

I am planning on attending the Hawaii Convention at the end of the month.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service. Bob F

7. GSR Reports:

- Anahola Jaywalkers: Christina GSR - Anahola Clubhouse. Weekly attendance about 8 people; using plain language BB. Successful group inventory last mtg. No monetary contributions. Bought the 10 plain language BB. she suggested that the group keep
- Big Book Nooners (Koloa):
- Happy Hour: Jim D, reporting. We are doing remarkable stuff. Language of the Heart is being read on Mondays at 5 pm. Gratitude luncheon is November 14th. We need volunteers to make crockpot beans on Wednesday night, November 12th, for Maggie, Princeville-Hanalei, Northshore, 4 or 5 groups have already paid for their tables. Jay asked if an individual can come and get a ticket. Jim said, "no but you can come and volunteer".
- Hui 'Ohana/ Hui Ohana Virtual: Kopa - going well. Friday night meetings are going well. We see

about 400 people a week between the in person and on-line meetings . We want to start a new mtg on Saturdays using the new Plain Language Big Book and are still looking for a location. Considering before noon start time. On Saturday, November 15th, Hui `Ohana Virtual and Hui `Ohana in-person meetings will have their 5th annual reunion and potluck following the morning meeting. Volunteers needed.

- Kapa'a Nooners: Heather, GSR reporting: M-W-F noon-1pm. Alternate readings. Mondays - 12x12, Wednesdays - Daily Reflections; Fridays -As Bill sees it. Will be holding a business mtg this month. Discuss participating in the gratitude luncheon. Treasurer report has been given verbally and looking into incorporating Venmo for the 7th tradition. About 20 people attend regularly. Have had newcomers, including 2-3 young people / teenagers.

- Koloa Aloha: Devin D, GSR - we meet online and in person with an average of 15 people/mtg. Our Business meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month. We have foregone Venmo due to anonymity entanglements and it was too much work to make it work.

In the spirit of rotation, chairperson rotation took place over the summer. On September 26, 2025, we agreed to table Venmo as a 7th tradition option, leaving digital contributions open as a future service opportunity. Active engagement and consistent attendance continue to support the group's growth, and members are encouraged to participate in available and future service opportunities.

- Princeville-Hanalei: Christina - secretary: mtg has grown. We need Big Books. The attendance has been consistent. DCM informed her that Benita A is Literature Chair and can get the books and deliver them to her.

- Round-up: Kathryn - committee is waiting for the men's retreat to be over to announce our venue.

- Sunrise Sobriety: Benita - GSR: missed our last business mtg last week. Prepared agenda and minutes for the Alt GSR who didn't show either. Missed topics included: Gratitude luncheon ; open service positions (2nd coffee person on Saturdays, resident who cleans the pavilion early is resigning, Tuesday coffee is open. Bob ran the mtg. Deferred the quarterly donations to the splits due to spending \$ on GV.

- Waimea Canyon Group: small group with a lot of heart, 3 meetings per week. Need to strengthen our service positions. Present GSR and spouse are moving to the mainland.

- Sunrise Serenity _ Pearl reporting. Meets 11-noon on Sundays. It was an old meeting that paused during COVID. The devotion to the mtg has brought it back to life. Some members go to lunch afterwards. Tight group right now and maybe moving into a bigger room. Service positions available. Co-occurring Alanon and Alateen mtg. Holistic approach to 12 step lifestyle. 5-10 in attendance. DCM asked her to get with Lizzie, Area Registrar, to get the Group out of "Dormant" status. Suggested that she connect GIS to prepare an announcement flier.

8. Standing Committee Reports

Discussed combining Standing Committees Chairs since the number of worker bees and limited

- **Archives:** Mathea A- not present. Written report submitted as follows:

THANK-A-THON ON KAUAI: The first time the yearly Thanksgiving Day celebration of the 12-step community was held at the Lihue United Church Parish Hall and was called a "Thank-A-Thon" was in 2003. The name , Thanks-A-Thon, was given by Diane McCarthy. The only years we did not meet and call it that was 2020 and 2021 because of the pandemic. Therefore, we have had Thanks-A-Thons for 22 years

Further info on subject is in our Archives section of KauaiAA.org

Gratefully Submitted,

Mathea A

Archives Chair, District 6, Panel 75

- **CEC:** Jay Y purchased three (3) 3-tiered pamphlet racks for schedules, display at care homes, etc. Talked with Melody of the Office of Elderly Affairs (OEA). He replenished the rack that he has at their location, and they weren't aware of how AA service may benefit their population . Jay may do a presentation there. Recommended that anyone preparing to speak at a non-AA event review the AA pamphlet about speaking at a non-AA locations. He is progressing.

- **Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC):** Vacant

- **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):** vacant

- **Corrections:** Bill G not present.

This months report for Corrections has not changed from my last month. We have been showing up for the meeting but there have been no attendees. there were a few times i lacked another person and couldn't get enough help to get in . We continue to keep the same format hopefully with a different time on the same day. Still waiting for a response from Zach Sui when we can get clearance to come in earlier. We also made a request to have the meeting in different modules. The process is slow so we're forced to go by the old system for now. I will request for more pamphlets when needed. There has been no training date for next year. Ill keep everyone who's interested posted. Ive asked Zach to come to the Gratitude luncheon as a guest speaker with Hul Ohana representing Prison Industries. He agreed to Attend. That concludes my report for October 2025. please contact me if there is any feed back or ideas.

- **Grapevine:** Vacant

- **Mynah Bird:** Vacant

- **Public Information:** Giorgio has been active at the UCC church in Kapaa. We distribute groceries to the homeless. We have a small table. The idea is to share the program to as many people as possible. Working with Benita to create a QR code.. Do you have a problem with alcohol....we offer a rack of literature pamphlets. We are working on ideas and open to any ideas. One person gave him her Probation Officer's contact who has 200 clients that could use AA info. The Area PI chair is working on a QR code. People tossed out ideas. He spoke with the mayor's assistant. She will be a good resource.

- **Treatment Settings / Special Needs:** vacant

- **Website Committee:** Carolyn V not present. No written report. JoRina is co-chair and reported that they are working on the budget (see Treasurer's report) which totals \$520. All reimbursements that were given to Intergruop by District has been given back to District

9. Old Business:

- ~~Kauai Intergruop is seeking an assistant for the Garden Island Sobriety. The current Chief Editor is Linda B. (district6newsletter@hotmail.com). Please email resume. Removed after new request from Linda B .~~

10. New Business:

- GSR Template discussion (pushed to November)
- DCM mentioned that S & G was never signed. He asked for another copy.. He needs to sign it
- Need to contact Linda GIS to correct the District Committee members to reflect the present Panel 75 members.
- Linda B/ GIS newsletter requested that she will find her assistant herself and no longer wants to advertise for the position on the Website.

11. GSR/District concerns: none

12. Announcements/What to take back:

- PRAASA 2026 is in Hawaii. Contact Kunane to volunteer.
- October 30 - November 2, 2025: 62nd Annual Hawaii Convention. Waikiki Beach Marriott
- November Men's and Women's retreats
 - Men's retreat: November 7-9. Kahili Mountain Park. 2-4035 Kaumualii Hwy, Koloa.
 - \$100 for the weekend; \$35 for a single day. Scholarships available.
 - Women's retreat: November 7-10. Camp Naue 7420 Kuhio Hwy, Hanalei, HI, USA
- Gratitude Luncheon. November 14, 2025 Gratitude Luncheon. Lihu'e Lutheran Church. Register with the Happy Hour group. Flier on website. Tables 8-10 people, \$200/table.
- Thank-a-thon. Nov 27. Lihue United Church 4340 Nawiliwili Rd, Lihue, HI, United States. Newcomers encouraged to get involved! If you want to attend as an individual, volunteer to help. Contact Jim D for more info.
- Area January Inventory Assembly: January 24 & 25. Hosted by District 13. Lahaina Civic Center. 1840 Honoapiilani Hwy., Lahaina, HI 96761.
- Visit our Area 17's website (area17aa.org) and our District 6 website (<https://kauaiaa.org/>) for the most up to date list of announcements/events.
- Next Intergroup Meeting will be on Saturday, November 1st
- HICCYPA 2026 will be on Kaua'i. Contact Giorgio, Christina, Mike Johnson. More will be announced. Next planning mtg is set for Nov 7th at Lydgate at 5pm

13. Meeting Adjourned: Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Kathryn B and seconded by JoRina H.

Next District Meeting will be held on November 15, 2025 at 9:30 am at the Lihu'e Lutheran Church, Conference Room, 4602 Ho'omana Rd, Lihu'e, HI 96766

Respectfully submitted by
Shoshanah B for Scott S
District 6 Secretary