

**Draft Kauai District 6 meeting
October 21, 2023**

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

Attendance: Jim D., Ann W., Keola, Laurel B., Amy B., James B.
6 voting members present.

No Hybrid available.

On-going District Inventory questions

Question 10: How effective are we in communicating with all our groups?

Amy: People have to actually attend the meetings in order for us to communicate effectively .

Ann: yes groups should send their GSRs to the meeting, not all groups have GSRs either. we don't have Garden Island sobriety currently and it is a good communication tool.

Jim: maybe we should have Garden Island Sobriety become a collective effort rather than just in the hands of one person.

Laurel: agreed that it would be good to have a system in place that would provide backup support.

Keola: suggested we go around the island to other meetings to inform people about service and encourage active participation.

Amy: said she has done that and some groups just don't have anyone who wants the job. Amy also suggested we create a Kauai AA Facebook group where we could easily share information.

Laurel: agreed and asked that we do this.

Keola: suggested we wait until the meeting has a larger number before voting on it.

Jim: suggested that if Amy wants to set up a Facebook group, she should go for it individually rather than doing so through this committee as it would be simpler. A discussion about whether Facebook is actually advertising ensued.

Keola: wants this to be an approved activity.

Ann: asked that we put it on next month's agenda.

Question 11: Do all AA's know about district meetings and have the opportunity to attend? **The consensus was yes.**

Keola said he announces it at his meeting.

Ann announces it at her meetings.

Amy said that Facebook would be a good way to announce meetings.

Question 12: Has enough effort been made to explain to all, the value and purpose of a G.S.R.?

Keola: said this is a reason for attending meetings around the island to raise awareness.

Ann: she didn't get involved in service until about 4 decades into her program.

Laurel: agreed with Keola and volunteered to go along with him to raise awareness about service.

Jim: agreed that we could do more to inform people.

TraditionTen: 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? AI-Anon? Alateen?

Keola said he felt people used to discourage any medication use.

Ann said she believes that view has changed at least about anti depressants. When she gives an opinion it is as a professional not as an AA representative.

2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"? **The consensus was yes.**

3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?

The Washintonians

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?

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

- Do we understand “authority” and “responsibility” as they relate to group conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s and our area delegates?

- 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”?

Jim: we delegate our authority to the GSC. We have to be sure to delegate the authority to those who have the responsibility for it.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Shoshanah B, not present. Note-taker - Laurel B. Ann reported that everyone was emailed a copy. James moved to accept. Amy seconded, Motion approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** reported as recorded in the report. Amy moved, Ann seconded, motion passed.

4. **Alt DCM Report:**

ALTERNATE DCM REPORT 10/21/2023

This has been an active month! Here are some highlights:

Anastasia and I reviewed the S & G and noted some suggested changes. Now the struggle is to get those suggestions into an alterable format for discussion by the District. Unless we can find a different method, Shoshana has agreed to type them.

I continue to serve as the treasurer for the 2024 Roundup. We are attempting to obtain t-shirts from the canceled 2018 roundup which we'll sell cheaply. Other planning for the coming year is underway and we have placed a deposit at Camp Hale Koa for June 6-9. Registration forms should be available soon.

I want to commend Hui ohana for its celebration last weekend. It was truly a demonstration of the “Joy of Living” we have found in AA.

Finally my heartfelt thanks to those of you who are participating today or who have made efforts toward the continued development of District 6.

Jim D

5. **Intergroup Report:** Ann reported there are two upcoming retreats next weekend. New schedules went out this past week. Charlie S. Is back on island and has been very helpful cleaning up the website. He also was able to open up the hotline section for Ann to review. She and Shaun will be working on that. Tom and Ann are working on Literature together. Thank-a-thon is coming up. A discussion ensued regarding how food will get to the Thank-a-thon, Jim suggested the District pay for the turkeys. Kopa is doing an imu. Ann is planning to talk with Jonathan about organizing the turkeys.

6. **DCM Report:** not present. no report.

7. **GSR Reports:**

- Na Wahine Ku Pono, Amy says they have 10-20 women regularly
- Koloa Aloha, Laurel reported they are doing inventory questions
- Hui `Ohana, James reported the meeting is going great, he believes the importance of a GSR is to make sure we have all of our positions filled and that we have coffee ready, etc.
- Hui Ohana Virtual, Keola reported they have a new Treasurer
- Sunrise Sobriety, Amy said they have 25-30 people every day, doing very well, have lots of money.
- Waimea Canyon Group
- Anahola Jaywalkers
- Princeville-Hanalei
- Happy Hour

8. **Standing Committee Reports**

Archives: *position open*

CEC: *position open*

Corrections: Garrett S

Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC): *position open*

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): *position open*

Corrections: Garrett S, Keola reported they are going back in, and there will be a training in December. Kalei, Roger, and Scott are going in. It was asked why Garrett isn't providing reports. A short discussion ensued. Ann said that Intergroup guidelines state that if a chair doesn't provide a report for 2 consecutive months, the position is considered vacant.

Grapevine: Ann reported that the App is the big news. They have pushed money around and are now in the black. The App subscriptions income is making up for the decline in paper.

Mynah Bird: *position open*

PI: Crystallyn B

Treatment Settings Special Needs: *position open*

Website Committee: *position open.* Temporary Webmaster - Charlie S

9. **Old Business -**

- Updating District 6 Structures and Guidelines
- On-going discussion: revitalize AA and service participation on our island (ie Founders Day).
- Events/Workshops
- Vacant Standing Committee Chairs and Member / GSR's participation
- 2024 Round Up is being planned for June 6-9, 2024. See Mike T, Events Chair
- Registration is open for the 60th annual Hawaii State Convention October 26-29, 2023
- PRAASA 2024 will be held March 1-3, 2024, San Francisco, CA. Laurel asked if GSRs are expected to attend, Jim replied yes.
- November 4, 2023 next Intergroup Meeting
- **2024 Inventory Assembly** set for January 20th and 21st. Breakfast and Registration will be on Saturday, January 20th, 8-9AM.

10. **New Business:**

- **Thankathon** - November 23, 2023. The flier and sign-up sheets are on the website under [AA Announcements](#). Jonathan is the Chair. See Mike T, Events Chair for more information. 808.635.6059
- **Inform the Delegate Assembly** will be hosted by District #2, Honolulu, O`ahu. April 6 & 7
- Adding Facebook group idea to next month's agenda.
- Spread the word through visiting groups/attending other meetings.

11. **GSR/District concerns:**

12. **Announcements/What to take back:**

- Registration is open for the 60th annual Hawaii State Convention October 26-29, 2023, at the Waikiki Marriott Hotel. See Area 17.org for more details. Here is the link for registration: <https://www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com/aloha#h.83ebvjdf97zg>
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- **REMINDER** from Area 17 regarding Assembly Attendees: **All attendees Must register online at area177aa.org as well as send in the paper registration.** If you register before booking your flights, you must re-register to enter your flight information. Please be aware of homestay deadlines.

13. **Meeting Adjourned:** Laurel moved to adjourn the meeting, Amy seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 am.

Next District Meeting will be held on November 18, 2023 at 9:30 am at the Lihu`e Lutheran Church, Room 8, 4602 Hoomana Rd, Lihu`e, HI 96766

District minutes taken by Laurel B.

Respectfully submitted,

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Panel 73