

## Minutes for the District Meeting of September 21, 2013

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:33 by Ron L. and the declaration of unity was read.

Alyson D. read the **Ninth Tradition** from the Twelve Traditions Checklist.

Jim D. read the **Ninth Concept** from the Twelve Concepts Checklist.

The **Secretary's Minutes** from the August district meeting were presented by George K. and were approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Jay and went smoothly until Mathea asked what the initials RSX stood for on the report. A minor scandal ensued when Jay admitted that he was a numbers man and not a man of letters, but the report was accepted anyway with the proviso that Jay try to figure out the true meaning behind the abbreviation. (Sounds like a railroad line to me.)

The **Alternate DCM report** was given by Alejandro. He stated that information on the upcoming February Committee meeting on Kauai will be forthcoming soon. He relayed some information about cooperation with the court system and promoting attendance at AA meetings. He encouraged groups to review the pamphlet on AA Groups to better understand the meaning of the term 'Group Conscience'.

**Intergroup Report** was given by Mathea. A discussion was held at Intergroup about a possible alteration to the schedule regarding contact information for physicians wanting to know more about the program versus contact information for several 12 step programs. The proposed changes were shown to the GSR's and the district officers and they were encouraged to discuss them within their groups so that they might give a group conscience to intergroup. She then mentioned the upcoming Gratitude Luncheon being planned by the PI committee. That will be brought up in more detail later in the minutes. Lastly she announced that there is a new Men's meeting on Sundays from 3-4:30 PM at Suite 104 in the Professional buildings at Kukui Grove. The suite is Dr. McKenna's office which he is allowing to be used for the meetings though he will not be attending these meetings. It is a Step Study group covering steps 1 through 4 and n court cards will be signed at the meeting. For further information you can contact the AA hotline.

The **DCM report** was presented by Ron L. He stated that February 15th is the date selected for the Committee meeting on Kauai. The Lihue Neighborhood Center has been reserved for the event but the less than enthusiastic response to this forced Ron to admit that they are open to other sites if someone can find something that is conveniently located and has a large enough meeting space with adjacent kitchen facilities. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the meeting and it is open to anyone who wishes to attend, the only cost will be to cover the meals. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with setup (which will begin Friday evening, Feb 14th) and/or operation of the meeting can contact Ron. He also said that he and Alejandro are planning a Secretary's Workshop to assist group members in understanding the functions and responsibilities of the position. For any groups that are planning their own workshops, Ron and Alejandro are available to assist.

### **GSR Reports -**

Princeville/Hanalei - Paul M. said that the groups are doing well and are planning a Halloween function for Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 6 PM at the Community Center in Hanalei. It will feature a local band. He will supply further details as they unfold.

Keep It Simple - Alyson D. stated that the group is still giving out copies of Living Sober to new members. They are contemplating having a New Year's Eve party and will supply further details as they

emerge. Their meeting for this coming Tuesday will not be held at the usual venue but rather at the pavilion by the police shack on the beach. Cake will be available.

Serenity Group - Laurel reports that the group is doing well and has lots of visitors.

Happy Hour - Jennifer D. says the group is doing well.

Saturday Third Tradition - Barbie reports that the group is doing well and has good attendance.

Step Sisters - Barbie states that the Thursday Women's meeting in Kapaa needs some support. They meet at 5:30 PM.

Koloa Aloha - Kathy S. says the group has lots of tourists and is doing well, though they will be moving to a different pavilion on the same beach once construction starts on the bathroom that is adjacent to the pavilion they are currently using. On a sad note, she announced that Mike lost his battle with leukemia yesterday and passed away in Arizona. He had 31 years of sobriety and will be greatly missed. A blood drive will still be held in his honor and is tentatively scheduled for October 25th. Since Mike was a veteran, the veterans' group will be helping with the organization of the blood drive.

Sunrise Sobriety - Palani said that Mike was a member of the Sunrise group and they were in mourning over his passing. He had contributed much to the members of the group over the years.

Hui Lokahi - Jon S. noted that he currently holds multiple positions in the group and desires to relinquish the treasurer's position. He stated that he has started a bank account for the group and has resolved the treasurer issues so the position shouldn't be so daunting to anyone willing to accept it. The group has consistent attendance and is frequently SRO.

Hui Ohana - Pattilyne stated that the group has some questions about the responsibilities of the secretary position and they will have a business meeting next week to resolve those issues. There was also a very poorly understood issue brought up about the GSSR for the group attending PRAASA. The subject was promptly dropped due to mass confusion among all members in attendance.

TGIF - Jay encouraged everyone who could to attend the meeting. Good parking is available. He also said they are getting ready for the upcoming assembly.

Experience, Strength and Hope - Alejandro reported that the group is doing well with good attendance both from local members and visitors. A business meeting was held last month and several service positions are available. They are currently discussing how to attract more attendance and reminded everyone that the meeting is held Fridays at 10 AM at the First Hawaiian Church in Kapaa.

Koloa Nooners - George K. said that the group is going strong. Their Saturday end-of-the-month Dinner and a Speaker meeting will be next weekend and will feature Mexican cuisine and a Mexican speaker. Dinner starts at 7 and the speaker starts at 8. Vegetarian dishes will be available.

Young Peoples - Ron reported on the group as they currently don't have a GSR and he is the treasurer. The GSR position is available. He says the group has good speakers and encourages everyone to attend. The meetings are Sundays at 7:30 PM at the First Hawaiian Church in Kapaa.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

Archives - Mathea offered that the Alaskan archivist has made available his monthly report on the history of AA. Also a Grapevine Timeline is available.

Corrections - Jon S. said that they have a new volunteer, Pete, and that has placed them in an unusual position now that they have four members. They are now rotating visits among themselves since a maximum of three members are allowed. The meetings are having consistent attendance, alternating between pre-trial and sentenced individuals. They have also put together new release packets that conform with the prison requirements.

CPC - There is currently no chair for this committee. Everyone is encouraged to announce in their groups that the chair position is available.

Grapevine - Pattilyne stated that they have put together a new order for grapevine books and that a gift subscription will be made available at an upcoming AA event. There was also a very favorable mention given regarding a new book 'One on One: AA Sponsorship in Action'. The book is available through the Grapevine website for \$10.99 or as an e-book through all the major retailers for \$9.99.

PI - Jim D. said that the committee had good participation at the county fair in spite of a bad location. The Health Fair was a success with Alejandro manning the booth. Many pamphlets were distributed and the district paid Intergroup for them at the meeting. The mental health fair is coming up at Kukui Grove Mall. Anyone wishing to assist with this event can come to the PI Committee meeting at the Happy Hour tables held yesterday (good luck with that) or can contact Jim D through the AA hotline.

The Gratitude Luncheon was then brought up which was accompanied by a rousing and spirited discussion. Final details are being hammered out but this is what they have so far:

1. The Luncheon will be November 9th, 2013 at 12 noon at the community room at Sun Village.
2. Ten-seat tables are available to any group that wants to participate. The tables cost \$120 each.
3. One seat at each table will be reserved for a member of the community whom that group wants to honor for their contribution to AA and its efforts. The individual groups will not send the invitation to this person but rather will submit the name to the PI committee and they will send out the invitation. This is done so that no person gets multiple invitations. If a group wants to buy a table but doesn't know anyone in the community to invite, they can contact the PI committee which has a list of people who they feel deserve being honored.
4. The remaining nine seats at the table are at the discretion of the group to fill. The PI committee has made a suggestion about selling the chairs to group members but it is only a suggestion; what the group does is up to its members.
5. There will be a brief program at the event which currently is expected to be an AA speaker followed by an address from a supporter of our fellowship.
6. The menu will be Mo's shoyu chicken, rice, salad and dessert.

All of the groups are encouraged to discuss the luncheon among their members and respond at [publicinfo@kauaiaa.org](mailto:publicinfo@kauaiaa.org).

CEC - Barbie had nothing to report from this committee.

Treatment Settings/Special Needs - Mathea said that a survey of the meeting places on the island showed that 85% were wheelchair compatible, the most notable exception being the Salvation Army Chapel in Koloa which is used by the Koloa Nooners. She also noted that the committee's responsibilities are very limited by the fact that there are no inpatient treatment facilities on the island and there are no known blind or deaf AA members on the island.

Website - Sadly, Susan OK, our beloved webmistress, was not in attendance and a microsecond of silence was held in her honor.

### **Old Business**

The proposal to combine the PI and CPC committees was again brought up. Mathea was the only person present who has been a chair for the CPC committee and pointed out that the jobs are so vastly different that she could not support the move. It was pointed out that there currently is no CPC chair and this would at least allow the committee to get some work done. After a frustrating and non-productive discussion, the proposal was once again tabled with the decision that the GSR's will announce to their groups that a CPC chair is needed.

The proposal to review the existing policy regarding items posted on the kauaiaa.org website was also tabled, again, in honor of Susan's absence.

### **Announcements**

Alejandro jumped at the opportunity to once again mention the upcoming Thank-A-Thon. The flyer for the event is available on the website and everyone is encouraged to announce the event at their meetings.

The **meeting was closed** at 11:25 with the Responsibility Pledge.