

HAWAII AREA WORLD SERVICE

Fall 2006 Assembly Minutes

“ALOHA IS – Acceptance, Love, Openness, Harmony and Anonymity”

November 11 & 12, 2006

Hilo Hawaiian Hotel – 71 Banyan Dr. Hilo, HI 96720

Hosted by East Hawaii District

Saturday, November 11, 2006

7:00 Breakfast – E. Hawaii, Margaret & Crew – Moku’ola I

8:00 Registration – E. Hawaii, Margaret & Crew – Moku’ola I

8:30 GR Orientation – Julenne M.

9:38 Opening and Welcome

Serenity Prayer – Kay

Literature reading - Sandy H., E.Hawaii, “Aloha”.

Twelve Traditions – Ro, E. Hawaii

Announcements:

Upcoming events: Marilyn – luncheon on Sat. 12/2 for Al-Anon/AA/Alateen at 11:30 at the Wailua Marina Restaurant

Naomi – 2/17/07 Leeward annual fundraiser “progress & pancakes \$6.00, all you can eat. \$7.00 at the door. AA participation.

Clay – 14th annual AA w/ Al-Anon participation, 2/23-25 @ the Makoi Pavilion. On Sunday evening, a separate event, an Aloha Sunset Cruise from 5:30-7:30. We have the 2nd deck.

Kay – Big Island Bash 4/27-29 “Common Ground” @ the Sheraton Keahou Beach Resort & Spa.

Julie – Alateen Coordinator – today at noon anyone interested in or currently is an Alateen sponsor, meet for lunch together outside.

Ethel – Maui – Mauifest @ the Sheraton Maui Resort.

Mary Pearl is the speaker and is having a workshop on Traditions and Relationships. 5/30-6/3/07

Clay – 46th annual convention has registration flyers for Nov. 1-4, 2007. Registration is \$55.00. Janet S. is the chair. To be held at the HI Convention Center.

Katherine – E. Hawaii invites people to be a speaker on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please call 965-7573.

Ask-it-Basket – Julenne – please have questions in by noon on Sunday. They will be answered at the end of the assembly. Please fill out the survey/evaluations by the end of the assembly and put them on the front table. For anyone who doesn’t have the consent agenda items, there are some extras on the registration table.

Housekeeping – Jerry – restrooms are outside down the hall, meals will be in

Moku'ola I today and Moku'ola II tonight and tomorrow morning.
Check out is noon.

RSS Fundraiser – Maureen – please come shopping at the RSS table. We have many items and some new holiday leis donated by Ethel.

HALDC – Brigida – the 'hot item' is the 2005 conference summary for \$1.00 down from \$3.00. If you buy here, there's no 5% handling fee. There are some freebies on the left side of the table. Make sure to get the latest order forms. Please order from your local HALDC before going to the WSO.

Public Outreach – Marilyn - There are still some Al-Anon Faces Alcoholisms to give out and 2 DVDs left, for groups.

Literature Coordinator – Steve – has information on the 2006 forum and on the new CD Rom that's coming out. He made 30 copies of the information for people to take.

Serafina – Archives – She has a table on the side with our history on it. Please go and see where we came from.

Kay – Love gifts from the 2006 conference are on the table, please go get them. The agenda in the registration packet is the most current so please use that one. Coordinators will be talking about what they do throughout the assembly. Brigida has 3 service manuals at the HALDC table.

10:10 Ice Breaker – E. Hawaii – Carol M.

10:22 – 10:30 Break

10:30 Workshop Breakout – There were 2 GR groups and 1 DR group. Ethel and Serafina led the GR groups and Kay facilitated the DR group. JoAn was the recorder for the DR group, Margaret and Shannon were the recorders for the GR groups.

Jo-An: What can the DRs do to make the GRs more successful? Make a GR hand-down book with GR input to take back to the groups. What can GRs do DRs? Participation, enlightened service.

Margaret: 1st GR group: The main thing is to get and hold on to GRs and DRs, stick with winners, try to do the job cheerfully, trusting the HP, attraction rather than promotion with aloha, use no guilt trips.

Shannon 2nd GR group: Challenges – look at the guidelines before saying yes. Enjoy traveling, meeting more people, participate in groups, learn how to get along with people, service is one of the greatest gifts this program gives. The importance of rotation, DRs to visit groups, sharing their experience strength and hope, service shows scope of Al-Anon. Service sponsorship, importance of and benefits of.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Action Committee Presentation Cecily C. These are an extension of the knowledge based decision making process. Cecily showed a powerpoint presentation and gave handouts. The presentation will be downloaded to the egroup. The three action committees are Membership (Alateen sponsoring to be discussed this assembly), Communication (how to write – newsletter coordinator) and Business (to talk about fundraising projects).

Coordinator Report: Steve – literature/forum: Information comes from WSO to Steve

who then passes it on to everybody. Courage To Change is now on CD Rom, must be purchased from WSO.

Marilyn – Public Outreach: This position continues from Lois – pg. 19 in the Service Manual. Service suggestions, take literature to libraries, doctors' offices, planes, trains, etc. The literature coordinator is a cheerleader and sends out suggestions and ideas each month. March 4th is Lois' birthday. Please leave literature around, this is worldwide this year, not just HI.

2:00 Action Committee Breakouts

4:30 Action Committee Report Backs

Kay recorded for Business Action Committee. They discussed the fact that \$1 today is 12% of what it was in 1950. Why do we need to do fundraisers? Travel between islands makes us special. Some fundraiser ideas are garage sales, ice cream socials, coins saved in a jar and donated, separate collections for separate needs, recycle. Last year the B.A.C. passed a motion that the districts would do a fundraiser for Lois' birthday. 3 motions were made: 1) each year districts hold a fundraiser in honor of Lois' birthday, 2) the area is to continue to sell T-shirts to raise funds, and 3) Area fundraiser at the assembly with donations from everywhere for a raffle. How will this affect the RSS table? We'll track and do it as an experiment.

Kathy recorded for the Communication Action Committee. They had a writing Session to, potentially, put in the newsletter and forum. Maybe there could be some writing based meetings? Kathy read some of the writings.

Lamella recorded for the Membership Committee. The 2007 Spring Assembly will have an Alateen workshop. Earldene and Ethel gave a history of why we have safety requirements. Inform our groups and districts how to start an Alateen meeting.

5:00 Break for Dinner and Speaker Meeting

6:30 Dinner – E. Hawaii – Margaret & Crew – Moku'ola II

7:00 Speaker Meeting – E. Hawaii – Jerry – Moku'ola II – Naomi H. DR speaker

8:30 Night Owl Al-Anon Candle-light Meeting – E. Hawaii – Super Sat. Meeting

Sunday, November 12, 2006

7:30 Breakfast – E. Hawaii – Margaret & Crew – Moku'ola II

8:30 Spiritual Speaker – E. Hawaii – Jerry – Moku'ola II - Marilyn M. speaker

9:30 Area Business Meeting – Moku'ola I

Serenity Prayer – Kay R.

Call to order – 9:40

Margaret read the Concepts

Literature reading – Lina

Announcements: Ask-it Basket – Julenne – please remember to fill out the assembly evaluations.

Maureen – lei's at the RSS are \$20 today (\$25 yesterday)

Brigida – conference summaries are left, she'd like to get rid of them and the books so she doesn't have to carry them back.

Marilyn – passed a pad to put names and email addresses on if you want to be added to her emailing

Steve – passed out handouts of yesterday’s information

Mary – would like to reimburse area people for their expenses

Roll Call: Sue – 28 attending, need 18 to pass motions

10:00 Approve Consent Agenda Kay gave a synopsis of what a consent agenda is. She then asked if there were any objections to passing the consent agenda? No... passed.

Old Business: Day in Al-Anon Committee members weren’t in the room so this was passed on to a later time.

New Business: 2007 Budget – Mary O. Mary went over the budget for 2007. Mary made motions to accept parts I and II. Clay made a point of order that it was the GRs who have to make the motions. Dwight brought up a question of whether the consent agenda is in contradiction to Robert’s Rules. Kay mentioned that all assembly members have a voice so all can call for motions, past history shows GRs as voting and making all motions, 2nds, etc, so go with precedent. We can bring it up at the next area meeting. A new motion was made, by a GR, to accept parts I & II and passed. Then a motion was called to accept the 2007 Budget and passed with 2 abstentions. Mary then went over the projected income. Victoria mentioned that fundraising was a large amount of the income through t-shirt sales and a request for districts to do a fundraiser in March. This seems as though we are compelling districts to do fundraisers. Tina pointed out that the districts are supported by the area and vice versa. One fundraiser per district will pull it together and will help bring the districts together. Kathy wanted to know how the committee based the numbers. After the discussion, a motion was called to accept the proposed income and passed with 1 abstention and 1 absent vote.

Newsletter Distribution: Shannon – Her goals are to have the newsletter published quarterly, evenly, and have all Al-Anon members receive a copy. Discussion: Questions on how she gets paid for expenses and how that would work if she went by email

Accommodations & Food for Maui Assembly: Dwight M, – The assembly is going to be at the Maui Coast at a cost of \$140/night for 3 people, max, to a room. The conference room holds 60 people.

Chosen Agenda Items: Cecily C. – We get to submit 2 questions to the WSO for discussion at the conference. The questions must be pertinent to Al-Anon as a whole. She has forms for people submit their questions. The questions posed last year were about spiritual principles vs. business and how does the fellowship get it’s information in this time of immediate communication? After the questions are submitted by the areas, the WSO considers them and hashes them over.

KBDM is used to pick 2 to come before the conference, two more are chosen for group discussion and others are treated as Ask-it Basket questions.

New Business not on Agenda: Julenne is resigning as Alt. Delegate as she is pregnant and doesn’t feel she can give 100% at next assembly with a new baby. JoAn B. and Priscilla H. stand for position. 26 GRs are present so 17 are needed to pass. Members voted 3 times with no clear winner (15 J/11P, 14J/12P, 16J/10P) A motion was made to close the ballot and go to the hat. Julenne to draw. Priscilla was picked.

12:30 Lunch – E. Hawaii – Margaret & Crew – Moku’ola I

1:20 Delegate’s Report Cecily C. - She presented a powerpoint presentation on Trustees. The WSO has adopted a new process and our area is one of the 1st to use it. We need to have our choice in by Aug. 15, 2007. The prospect must be and active member with 10 years of continuous membership with an understanding of the traditions and service. They have to be available for quarterly and special meetings. The presentation will be downloaded to the eqroup with the requirements. Love gifts are needed by the spring area meeting as the conference is April 22-26. Please make them light and flat as that works best for packing. Shell leis are a good choice...the visitor bureaus are good resources. WSO has made new table cards, the front is similar to the old ones, the back has the declaration on it. WSO is hoping that people will start using that rather than the chants. The WSO budget is in the conference summary. Outreach is a large part of it, used for people to go to various places carrying the message such as Asia, S. America, Washington, etc.

2:00 Concept 5 presentation: Windward

2:15 Alternate Delegate’s Time: Julenne – Ask-it Baskets questions – a full account follows.

3:00 Closing Comments

3:30 Adjournment

Ask-it-basket Questions:

- 1) Is it ok to announce at an Al-Anon meeting that a new ACOA meeting will be starting soon? A) ACOA = Adult Children of Alcoholics, the organization – Tradition 6 and pg. 100, outside therapies OR ACOA as a name of an Al-Anon meeting pg. 69, choosing a group’s name.
- 2) There any precedent or input into how I/we should handle meetings when people come in late, share (dump?) and leave immediately. It makes me feel used or disrespected – can you help me w/ an attitude adjustment? A) pg. 48-49 and pg. 52.
- 3) If I am protective of my anonymity, does this compromise my ability to do service beyond GR? A) pg. 75, anonymity is personal.
- 4) In the Steps and Traditions – how do you deal with replacing “Him” with God or She? A) pg. 144, #d in Service Manual
- 5) My higher power is often not called “God” at meetings. Can I read the 12 Steps and substitute “Higher Power” for “God” when I read aloud? A) Reading the Steps and Traditions is voluntary. You don’t have to read if you don’t feel comfortable reading the words as written. We can’t replace a word in the Steps and Traditions for our personal choice of words. Pg. 144, #d.
- 6) As we know in Al-Anon, change can be good. Could a proposal go out to WSO to suggest the idea of *greater* public promotion of Al-Anon. Times have changed. A) pg. 90 – service manual. Also, you can write to WSO with whatever your ideas are.

- 7) Fundraising – selling T-shirts at our AFG meeting for the area is ok, but we were told that selling homemade recovery items for our group or district fundraiser were not allowed. Is there a difference? A) pg. 77-78
- 8) In a small group, what is the best way to encourage larger 7th Tradition donations? A) pg. 46
- 9) So many of us at the Maui meetings I attend are transplants from the mainland. How can we practice Tradition 11 to reach out to more local people? A) Group or District responsibility – Getting together with another group that has local people and inviting them to share our group and/or event. Being open and willing.
- 10) What is the best way to “work” with a fellow member who comes to meetings but whose personality alienates others and membership has dropped off? A) Speak to the person privately. Take a group conscience. Check your motives/pray. Service manual pg. 52 and Paths to Recovery pg. 140.
- 11) Are there currently any regulations, guidelines from WSO about members holding elected positions who do not live on the islands as full-time residents? If not, could this issue be presented to WSO for consideration? A) pg. 127 in S.M., Election Assembly Procedure – not covered. Policy & Procedures, this is not addressed. Coordinators are chosen by group conscience of area officers.
- 12) Why did we not take a final ballot as listed in item 11? A) Item 11 references doing a final ballot between 2 candidates who have been narrowed down in # 9. Our voting was done 3 times between 2 candidates, so, in effect, a final ballot was taken. This resulted in the chairman asking for a motion to close the balloting.
- 13) I have been at Al-Anon meetings where, at the end of the meeting, the chairperson asks a member “would you please take us out?” Then that person says “Let us take a moment to remember those still suffering”. So, is this an Al-Anon closing? Is it acceptable? A) Service manual, pg. 46 – 47, has the “suggested Al-Anon closing”. I find that all groups use this standard closing. Does not have an addition that includes, “Let’s take a moment to remember those still suffering”. Must be a group conscience decision. Acceptable? At this time, no (unless the group conscience is ok with this). Was informed that this addition came from AA.
- 14) I have a business website and on it I have links to the websites of various community organizations I belong to, purely for providing the public with information about those organizations. Could I put the Al-Anon triangle logo with the words “does someone’s drinking bother you” as a link to the Hawaii AFG website or the World Service website? Again, I would not be saying “I am a member” and my purpose in using the logo would be to raise Al-Anon awareness in people who may need it. A) pg. 87, third paragraph from the bottom of the Service Manual.
- 15) Could Al-Anon re-asses the issue of crosstalk? Sharing, (generally) on topic of someone else’s sharing is not negative. A) pg. 47 paragraph 2 under suggested group policies. Newcomers and others need to be heard without feeling they will be criticized or told what to do. They need to be listened to.

- 16) Why don't we "grab" newcomers and sponsor them like in AA? Why do we wait to be asked to be a sponsor instead of picking our sponsee? A) Take newcomers' phone number, call a few times... Al-Anons don't grab.
- 17) A) pg. 47 – membership is open; pg. 48 – new members, 1st line; pg. 49 – 2nd paragraph where this is no beginners' meetings and pg. 52 – group problems and solutions. *Unfortunately, I don't have the question that goes with this answer.*

Motions:

- 1) Fundraisers: A) Motion to have each district hold a fundraiser for Lois' birthday and send splits to WSO, area and district. B) Area to continue to sell T-shirts to raise funds. They will do pre-orders this time. C) Try an area fundraiser at the assemblies with donations from all districts for raffle.
- 2) Motion by Mary O. to accept part I of budget, 2nd by JoAn B.: unanimous Motion by Mary O. to accept part II of budget, 2nd by Ginger questions and point of order by Clay D. Motion made by Misty to accept parts I & II of budget, 2nd by Kristi. Passed 27 aye, 1 nay. Motion made by Misty H. to accept total budget, 2nd by Ginger A.. Passed by 26 aye, 2 abstentions.
- 3) Motion made by Kathy R. to call for questions, 2nd by Tina K. Passed 26 aye, 2 nay.
- 4) Motion made by Ana K. to accept proposed income, 2nd by George S. Passed 26 aye, 1 abstention, 1 absent.
- 5) Motion made by Michelle O. to close the ballot for Alt. Del., 2nd by Maureen B. Passed 20 aye, 6 nay.