

Hawai`i Area World Service
Fall 2008 Assembly Minutes
October 25th & 26th, 2008

The Fall 2008 Assembly was held at the King Kamehameha Hotel in Kailua Kona, Hawai`i. The Assembly opened on the first day at 9:43 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer led by the Chair, Kay R. A reading from CAL literature was shared by Kelly. The Twelve Traditions were read by Shiloh.

The following first time attendees were introduced at the microphone: Deanean, Henrietta, Joy, Michael, Kelly, Kaethe, Dave, Tina, Mary N., Pat D. Betty, Carol, and Gloria.

Marilyn M. read a message from Serefinia S. who was hospitalized the night before in Kona after a fall.

Chair, Kay R. thanked everyone for allowing her to serve as Area chair this past 3 years and reminded all that she was accepting resumes for coordinator positions.

Announcements

- Ask-It-Basket and Evaluation sheets. Priscilla
- Housekeeping, JoAn
- RSS Table, Mary O. Explained purpose of the RSS table. Recognized Maureen who usually is handling the RSS table but could not be present.
- Literature Display, Steve A.
- HALDAC, Bridgida. Books were available for sale and the normal 8% handling charged waived.
- Alateen meeting, Julie, Alateen Coordinator.
- Nine Rules, Cecily C., Delegate. She also advised there were no love gifts available.

Ice Breaker – Carol C.

Workshop – The 12th Step in Action – Whats Next: Julie B., Ethel B. and Cecily C.

The Delegate shared a personal experience with service. Tina shared a funny story about service. Everyone gathered together in their perspective numbered groups to share their service experience.

Consent Agenda – After roll was taken the consent agenda was accepted without opposition.

Old Business

- Results from the Assembly Inventory and how it will be used was shared by the Chair.
- District Happenings: Each DR shared on what was happening in their district. Additional information on District Happenings were published in the Island Serenity.

Maui – Dwight M. Maui fest is scheduled for the weekend of May 27th, 2009

Leeward – Naomi H. Tentative date for the 2009 Spring Assembly is May 16th & 17th, 2009

Kauai – Marilyn announced for Sue R. that there are 7 active meetings, 1 new GR, 1 outgoing GR and an Alateen meeting.

W. Hawai'i – Emi P. will be the new DR, Dana D. Treasurer. New GR, Kathy R. Henrietta will be the new Secretary. The District is working on a new Alateen group at Kealakehe High School. Special thanks to Julie B.

Windward – Janet M. submitted a written report. The Windward District held their Annual Ice Cream Social at St. Christopher's Church in Kailua in July which featured an Al-Anon and an AA speaker who attended the Al-Anon International Convention. Janet expressed that she was honored to be the new DR and has visited several of the groups in her district and looking forward to visiting the rest. She attended her first area committee meeting in September. The district meeting has changed its time to the third Tuesday evening of the month. Her goal for the district is to make the groups stronger, enable more Windward members to practice their Al-Anon program in service positions and advised there are many opportunities to serve both on the group and district level.

Lunch

International Convention, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania – Carolyn A. shared pictures taken at the Convention.

Delegates Report: Cecily C. – The delegate shared her experience using the traditions and concepts. She shared pictures taken at her final conference and Stepping Stones. She thanked everyone for their support. She shared the theme for Panel 49 "Embracing the legacies, our bridges to expand the future". She encouraged everyone to read their conference summary. She announced that the next conference for the delegates is scheduled for April 19-23 2009. Forum – Steve A. shared the benefits of the Forum and his experience being a Literature coordinator. He also shared on the concerns surrounding the Forum such as a drop in subscriptions and the possibility of the quality of the Forum being in jeopardy as a result of that. Both Steve A. and the delegate invited feedback from the assembly attendees regarding the Forum.

Public Outreach – Marilyn

- Save all old copies of Forums, have an index on topics from the Forum.
- Don't give old copies out anymore, especially not to a new comer.
- Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism prints twice a year.
- 25 copies can be purchased for \$14.00. There is a discount price if more are ordered.
- Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism is for those who do not know about Al-Anon.
- A Public Outreach banner has been made to be used at events. A vendor in Kauai was responsible for creating this banner and they are willing to ship to any neighbor island.
- A new public outreach poster will be made soon.
- Podcast are available information can be obtained from www.alanon.org/members. Information on the Concepts is available.

Action Committee Breakout Report Back

Membership – The Home Group (Kay R. & JoAn B.)

- A group that one is most committed to.
- Where one does the most service work.
- The first group one goes to.
- Where one can reveal their heart
- Where a financial commitment is shared.

- The heart of Al-Anon.
Goals of the group for 2009
- More members, more recovery.
- More service participation.
- To still be available.
- Increase Forum Subscriptions.

Business Action Committee

Calendar Project

- Suggested Price \$5.00
- 12 month calendar beginning January 2009
- List Al-Anon activities
- Pictures of CAL Literature can be used
- 8 ½ x 11 card stock will be used. It will be printed in black and white.
- The goal would be to get it out before Christmas.
- It will be distributed to DRs, 2 per group
- Dates will have to be given to Carolyn A. within a week

Communication Action Committee

Ethel shared on the different issues the Forum addresses. She advised that the Forum still wants and needs stories and photos from members. Steve A. shared on E-Cal and shared his award winning slide show that was played at the Al-Anon International Convention. Al-Anon has also been heard on Pod Cast and YouTube.

Ask-It-Basket – Priscilla (All Ask-It-Basket Questions and Responses attached)

Adjournment – 4:34 p.m.

Continued, October 26, 2008

The Fall Assembly 2008 opened on the second day at 9:35 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Concepts were read by Dana and a Literature reading was shared by Kelly. Announcements for the day were made. Roll Call was taken by the Secretary.

Alateen Policy – Ethel B. and Julie B. presented the revised Alateen Policy. The vote was 30 for and 3 against. The new policy was adopted.

2009 Proposed Budget – Mary O., Treasurer presented the proposed 2009 budget.

Vote was as follows:

Section I – It was moved by Misty, seconded by Charlotte to accept Section 1 of the 2009 proposed budget. Motion approved without opposition

Section II – It was moved by Misty, seconded by Judy to accept Section II of the 2009 proposed budget. Motion approved without opposition.

Section III – It was moved by Warren, seconded by Misty to accept Section III of the 2009 proposed budget. Motion approved without opposition.

It was motioned by Misty, seconded by Ethel to accept the 2009 proposed budget. The 2009 budget was approved without opposition.

Break

Ask-It-Basket Questions (All Ask-It-Basket Questions are attached to the minutes)

Elections – The Chair reviewed the election policy with the assembly. The Elections results are as follows:

Delegate – Kay R.

Alternate Delegate – Mary O.

Area Chair – Cecily C.

Area Secretary – Patti A.

Area Treasurer – Priscilla H.

Concept 9 Skit – Leeward District presented a skit on Concept 9 and shared information from the 12 Concept pamphlet.

Passing the Pouch – Former Delegates as well as the current delegate presented the new delegate for panel 49 various items that would help her as she serves as the new Hawaii Al-Anon Delegate. This is a ceremony that has taken place for years each time a new delegate is elected.

Group Picture

Delegate's Time

Cecily C. shared some of the key changes that came about in her term ie: Knowledge Based Decision Making and the Consent Agenda. A power point presentation was shown summarizing what she experienced in the past 3 years of her term. She invited everyone to participate in an exercise to simulate what goes on at conference when issues need to be talked out. Four groups were made and the following topics were available for discussion: Dual Members, Group Conscious Meetings, Outside Literature, Filling Service Positions, Keeping and Welcoming Newcomers, Conducting Group Inventories and Using the Groups at Work Inventories. Each group got to share how they handled each topic that their group chose.

Group 1 chose Group Conscious/Business Meetings.

Group 2 chose Filling Service Positions, Group Finances & Attracting Members.

Group 3 chose disruptive or domineering members or members who interrupt the meeting to ask questions. They also discussed Filling Service Positions.

Group 4 discussed the issue of how to stay on topic at meetings and getting beginners involved in service.

Alternate Delegate Time

Ask-It-Basket (Ask-It-Basket Questions available as an attachment to the minutes)

Conventions – Julia R. who is this years Program Chair for the Hawaii Convention advised that the Conference will be held on November 13-16, 2008. Registration fee is now \$70.00. She also advised that there is still a need for speaker volunteers and facilitators.

Next Area Assembly – Naomi H. DR for Leeward district announced that the tentative dates for the Spring Assembly 2009 are May 16th and 17th, 2009 at the Pagoda Hotel on Oahu.

7th Tradition – Treasurer Mary O. announced that a total of \$236.00 was collected at this assembly.

RSS – The RSS table sold \$304.00 worth of items.

Closing Comments – All assembly attendees, especially the newcomers, were invited to the microphone to share their final comments.

Adjournment – The Fall Assembly 2009 was adjourned at 3:52 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

