

**Hawaii Area World Service Spring 2009 Assembly Minutes**  
**May 16 & 17, 2009**  
**Pagoda Hotel, 1525 Rycroft St., Honolulu, HI**  
**Hosted By Leeward District**

Spring 2009 Assembly Theme: "Embrace the Legacies – Our Spiritual Bridges to Expand the Future"

HAWSC Vision: All the people of Hawaii will have a vibrant and welcoming Al-Anon meeting in their neighborhood.

HAWSC Mission: We plan for continuous improvement of the Hawaii Assembly in order to inform and unify the Al-Anon groups in Hawaii.

## **Day One - Saturday, May 16, 2009**

### **I. Group Representative (GR) and District Representative (DR) Orientations**

The GR Orientation was conducted by Mary O; and the DR Orientation was conducted by Kay R.

### **II. Opening and Welcome**

Area Chairwoman Cecily C called the meeting to order at 9 am with the Serenity Prayer.

- Ginger of Leeward District read from "In All Our Affairs."
- Twelve Traditions – Leeward
- New Group Representatives were introduced.
- Announcements & Upcoming Events
  - AA International Convention with Al-Anon Participation from July 1-4, 2010, in San Antonio, TX
  - Maui Fest ;
  - Windward District Annual Ice Cream Social 07/25/09;
  - East Hawaii District's Annual July 4 Fellowship and Silent Auction w/ AA participation (E. HI is accepting donations)
  - East Hawaii District and West Hawaii District hold a joint "A Day in Al-Anon" on 08/15/09 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Waimea;
  - AA Convention w/ AFG Participation 10/29/09 – 11/01/09 at Hawaii Convention Center (Julia has flyers for ea. GR) Julia, chairwoman for the Al-Anon segment of the Annual AA Convention, which includes a costume party on Saturday night, requested that someone volunteer to be literature coordinator.
- Mary explained the Ask-it-basket.
- Naomi briefed us on the location of restrooms, meals, parking validation .
- Kay pointed out the Love Gift Table.
- The Ten Rules were presented.

### **III. Delegate's Time**

Kay reported on the 49<sup>th</sup> World Service Conference, the theme of which was "Embrace the Legacies, Our Spiritual Bridges to Expand the Future. Kay's slide show presentation on the WSC is available on the HWSC 49 egroup "Files" in the PowerPoint Presentations file.

Kay introduced Together Empowering Al-Anon Members (TEAM), a service event that utilizes the talent and resources of WSO and the Areas. This is a new device to replace Regional Service Seminars. The HOST, which requests a TEAM event, will provide a facility, registration, food options, equipment and publicity. WSO would assign staff and volunteer (and pay their expenses) and provide a template for the flyer. The Host and WSO would share development of program topics, supplies/materials and literature. Kay's presentation slide show on the topic is available on the HAWSC 49 egroup "Files" in the Powerpoint Presentations file.

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Kay gave a slide presentation on "Abundance in Al-Anon" spiritually, financially and re service. Five breakout groups discussed the topic. Their reports are included as Attachment B.

### IV. General Session

Cecily & Kay presented an explanation of Knowledge-Based Decision Making (KBDM), including a slide show, which is available on the HAWSC 49 egroup:

- To conduct a thorough examination of issues without a predetermined end result,
- to be flexible,
- to build a culture of trust

Thought Force = a brainstorming session;

Task Force = develops a list of tasks necessary to accomplish objectives;

Work Groups = groups that actually execute the tasks.

Two groups broke out to review and gain an understanding of KBDM. The two break-out groups reported back on their sessions (Ofelia for Group One and Raina for Group Two).

Originating Group has an idea that it wants to pursue, so a Thought force is designated to explore that idea thoroughly. The Thought Force then gives the info to the Originating Group, which decides whether to pursue the matter. If yes, then a Task Force is designated to decide how to implement the matter. That is given to the Originating Group, which decides whether to go forward. If yes, a Work Group is designated.

### V. Fitness Break - Misty

Misty taught us a line dance.

### VI. Meet Your AWSC

Each of the officers, coordinators and district representatives introduced him or herself and outlined the duties of his or her position.

### VII. Team Building - JoAn and Kay

Ten groups were formed to practice a bridge building exercise. The groups developed ten very original and creative expressions of bridges.

### VIII. Adjournment for the Day

Cecily adjourned the meeting for the day at 4:52 p.m.

## Day Two - Sunday, May 17, 2009

### IX. General Session

#### **Public Outreach**

Dianne D., Public Outreach Coordinator, presented some ideas for public outreach and got ideas from the attendees. She passed around a sign-up sheet for those who would like to receive public outreach ideas from her, distributed order forms for *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2010*, and order forms for *The Forum*. She also discussed several ideas for public outreach, including:

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- Literature to your child's school, your doctor's office;
- Group adopts a clinic/hospital/rehab center and keeps it supplied with literature;
- When you have a doctor's appt, distribute literature to all offices on your doctor's floor;
- Leave a piece of literature with a meeting schedule in your cart at the grocery store.

Over the last year, the overall number of Al-Anon groups has grown, with 600 new groups added, and the biggest increase being in Spanish-speaking groups. Also *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* orders have tripled since the first printing, and it's an excellent tool to reach newcomers. Large numbers of people are tuning into the Al-Anon podcasts: 99,000 people listened to at least one and more than 22,000 were downloaded. In addition, she played the current television PSAs and radio PSAs (ordering information is included in this issue of *Island Serenity*).

### Alateen

Ethel reported on Alateen for Michelle, who was unable to attend. Ethel provided background on the Alateen safety policies, which started in 2003 (her panel as delegate). Then she provided an overview of Alateen service.

## X. Area Business Meeting

- Cecily C., Area Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.
- 12 Concepts of Service and Warranties – were read by John from Leeward District.
- Ginger read a selection from page 31 of "In All Our Affairs."

### Announcements

- Julia announced that OIS needs a chairperson.
- Kay reminded us to take Love Gifts back to our groups.
- Susan L. acknowledged the District Archive display and thanked Leeward for sponsoring the assembly.
- Mary reminded everyone to complete their evaluation.
- Tanya reminded the DRs to pick up their subscriptions to *Island Serenity* and CDs of the photos taken yesterday.
- Priscilla reminded Area committee members to submit their reimbursement requests.

### Roll Call (voice answer) – Patti

Thirty-four voting Group Representatives or Alternate Representatives were present.

## XI. Consent Agenda

The following items were included in the consent agenda:

- Financial Report;
- Fall 2008 Assembly minutes;
- HALDC Report;
- Coordinator's Reports (included as Attachment A).

## XII. Old Business

Carolyn reported on the success of the Hawaii Al-Anon 2009 Calendar project. The project netted \$397.86. In addition, sales at Assembly totaled \$60.

The Seventh Tradition collected \$325.37 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket. We also sold \$88 worth of t-shirts.

Kay gave a live presentation of the Al-Anon website ([www.al-anon.alateen.org/members](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members)).

Cecily presented the Area's need for someone to take over the sales of RSS fundraisers, which will now be TEAM (see Delegate's presentation) fundraisers. Please consider this service position.

## XIII. New Business

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**Assembly Goals**

Cecily presented the idea of adopting Assembly goals:

- #1 - The spiritual tone of the Hawaii Assembly will prevail by the demonstration of mutual respect and acceptable conduct by its members.
- #2 – Hawaii Assembly members will understand the purpose of the Hawaii Assembly, relationships within the structure, and be able to articulate Hawaii Assembly decisions.

After much discussion, that included suggestions to replace “acceptable conduct” with “aloha” or “pono,” it was decided that the matter would be discussed at the next Area Committee meeting. Two notes from Hawaiian members: Donnette noted that, as a Hawaiian, she found it offensive that a non-Hawaiian group insert words from her language into their wording. Priscilla said as a Hawaiian she would rather see the entire goal written in Hawaiian and then translated into English because just inserting Hawaiian words into English sentences changes the meaning.

**Fundraiser**

Do we want to produce a 2010 AFG Hawaii calendar as a fundraiser? (31 GRs present)  
There was consensus to go forward with the calendar.

**XIV. Concept 10**

Kauaʻi District, which will be hosting the Fall 2009 Assembly, presented Concept 10, “Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority and double-headed management is avoided.” The Kauai members did a skit based on materials from *Paths to Recovery*, pages 309-315.

**XV. Alternate Delegate's Time**

Mary reported on her experience at SWRDM; the full report is in *Island Serenity*.

- Ask-it-Basket Questions and answers are included as Attachment D.

**Additional funds**

Assembly sales of RSS T-shirts netted \$88 and Hawaii Area 2009 calendar sales netted \$60.

Kauai District will host the Fall 2009 Assembly at the Aston Kauai Beach Resort at Makaʻiwa on Oct 24-25, 2009.

The bridges were reviewed.

- Evaluations

**XVI. Closing Comments**

A number of those attending Assembly for the first time shared their experience at the microphone.

**XVII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm with the Al-Anon Declaration.