

HAWAII AREA 17

June 13, 2007

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Oahu Intergroup for their efforts to put on Founders' Day. I hope that the event was as successful financially as it was socially and spiritually. I thoroughly enjoyed the workshops, meetings, and all of the fellowship.

I was especially pleased to see the workshop facilitated by some of our standing committee chairs. Our standing committees are a vital link in our primary purpose to reach the still suffering alcoholic. It is through the various permanent committees that we reach out to the public, the professional community, treatment facilities, hospitals, etc. Anyone is invited to serve on any of these committees and/or to request their services. In order to make contact with any of the chairs, you can go to the Hawaii Area Website (www.hawaii-aa.org) or contact our Central Office.

I am also taking this opportunity to extend a big MAHALO to all who practice our 7th Tradition and to every group and meeting that supports the A.A. service structure by distributing any funds left after paying group expenses. On June 10, 1935 one sober alcoholic, Bill W., spoke with another sober alcoholic, Dr. Bob, and A.A. was born. Twenty years later Bill W. handed over the administration of our society to our Fellowship (us). He also gave us the Twelve Steps for our individual members, the Twelve Traditions for our groups, and the Twelve Concepts for our world service. The A.A. message is carried by our members, our groups, our intergroups, our districts, and our area committee. The Hawaii service structure provides identical service to all groups, contributing and noncontributing alike. We encourage self-support. Together, in unity, the various levels of our service structure carry the A.A. message of hope to the suffering alcoholic. We hope that all groups in our state will one day participate in this wonderful Twelfth Step work.

The next Hawaii Area Assembly is scheduled for August 25th and 26th and is being hosted by the Oahu Windward District. The assembly will be held at Kailua District Park and is our annual budget assembly. You are all welcome to review the budget by going to the area Website where there is a link to the 2008 Proposed Budget. Any comments or suggestions can be made through your group's GSR or directly to the Area Treasurer who can be accessed on the Website. And if you would like to see your Hawaii Area in action, everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please access the Hawaii Area Website (www.hawaii-aa.org), link to Service Structure, and then to Assembly Schedule. I hope to see you there.

In love & service,

Linda M

Hawaii Area Treasurer