

HAWAII AREA 17

October 10, 2007

Reminder: the 46th Annual Hawai'i Convention is fast approaching. It is November 1-4 at the Hawai'i Convention Center. If you have not already registered, you may still do so or you can register on site on Thursday, November 1 starting at 3:00 PM. the Web site for the convention is www.lava.net/~hconv. There is a link to the convention Web site from our Hawaii Web site, www.hawaii-aa.org, and from our Intergroup site, www.oahucentraloffice.org. As always, the Thursday of the convention is a free day. Starting Friday morning, you will need an *authentic* badge to get into the convention center. The theme of the convention this year is "The spiritual life is not a theory. We have to live it." I hope to see you all there, where there will be plenty of opportunity to get into service to support our spiritual practice. In addition, on Saturday October 20 there will be a session to stuff envelopes from 10-2 at the old Gold Bond building on Ala Moana. Lunch will be served.

This coming Saturday is the final Area Committee Meeting on Maui. It will be a review for the committee members and a planning session for the Area 17 Inventory Assembly on January 26 & 27 to be hosted by the Central North Shore District at Wahiawa district Park. I will remind you of this date over the next 3 Intergroup Meetings, but you always check out the newly improved area Web site.

So far, during these meetings, I have given you brief overviews of some of our Hawaii Area Standing Committees. Tonight, the topic is area archives. In our Hawaii Area, we are fortunate to have two archivists. Ted K. is our permanent archivist. He works tirelessly to maintain not only our area's history but that of each meeting, district, and island. We also have a rotating area archivist that collects and preserves area history. Written materials (books, pamphlets, newsletters, etc) photographs, and audio/video tapes, CDs, and DVDs are the foundations of the collection. Local AA historical material is sought out from old-timers (preferable known as long-timers), past delegates, committee members, and others with experience to share. Our rotating Archives Chair coordinates all activities with our permanent non-rotating (and completely voluntary) archivist. And guess what? You can contact our current (rotating) Area Archives Chair through the Hawaii Area Web site!

In love & service,
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