

Area Chair's Report

February 11, 2026

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Aloha Everyone,

Thank you for inviting and allowing the Area to be a part of your meeting. I am pleased to say that the Area 17's Inventory Assembly hosted by District 13, Tri-Island last month was a success. They did a wonderful job hosting the area for the weekend. It was a pleasure to be in Lahaina and compared to last year, there's been a lot of progress, it was encouraging to see Lahaina coming back to life after the tragedy several years ago. The area officers along with a past delegate will be reviewing the inventory results carefully and will bring the results back to the Area May Committee Meeting, hosted by District 10 (Waikiki) , March 7, 2026, and forwarded to the area body during the remaining of this panel.

We had a strong turnout of participants with new GSR's confirming that more groups are getting involved, showing up, and engaging in this level of service. I especially appreciated the opening of the assembly with an icebreaker activity and seeing everyone up and out of their seats, interacting with members they may not have met before was a happy moment for me to see. I am hoping to do more interactive moments like that in the upcoming assemblies.

I am also excited to know that the Hawaii Area has been actively involved in getting ready for the Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly that is in 2 weeks and looking forward to seeing you all there. The last PRAASA that I attended last year was in Alaska. There is a lot of excitement in the air and thank you all for getting into service. Here is where trusted servants come together to learn, share experiences, and deepen understanding of the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts, especially as they relate to service. It's not a decision-making assembly- no motions are passed, its purpose is education, inspiration, and fellowship in service.

Immediately following PRAASA, for Area business, next in line is the Inform the Delegate Assembly, hosted by District 5, Maui No Ka Oi, April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Service continues to stretch me, teach me, and deepen my understanding of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts in my own life. I'm grateful for the opportunity to grow alongside all of you. Thank you for letting me serve.

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