Hawaii Area 17

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service

Standing Committee Report

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Standing Committee: CEC

Person reporting and position: Rochelle A., Chair

Aloha All,

This is the Cooperation for the Elder Community workbook put together by Marian and Stan from Kailua-Kona that is a reference source for Area 5 in California and now recognized by AAWS Inc. as a reference source in its Accessibilities Kit.
(hold up and show)

Since the last Assembly on Maui in April 2025, myself and three committee members participated in two workshops, one on Maui, the other on O'ahu and was able to present a history of Hawaii's CEC, pass out literature and a QR code page to access CEC literature electronically.

I got to attend Archives' Kupuna Zoom meeting and it was fabulous and I would like to see more. Thank you Mike.

I was honored to visit Bruce A. (homegroup Happy Hour on O'ahu) in hospice and happy to report he's back at meetings making announcements albeit in a wheelchair. Thank you friends of Bruce who make in-person meetings possible for him!

I received a 12-step call from O'ahu's Central Office from Ms. P., a 77-year old woman, who had dropped out of AA for the last 20 years and wanted to return. Three in-person meetings later and with a gleam in her eye, Ms. P. points out people she remembers. She speaks AA jargon as if she never left. Ms. P. has prompted me to present the following to our committee:

- Form a pool of drivers able to transport to AA meetings people like Ms. P.
- Create a "Kupuna Corner" in the Mynah Bird and enlist stories on elders being supported by homegroup members. I've already received a very inspiring piece from the GSR of Hui Kokua and plan to submit it to our Mynah Bird Chair (smile).
- Take time to identify elder communities and send letters of inquiry to introduce them to AA.
- Improve the CEC website and work with Area's webmaster to post past CEC reports and other CEC related information as seen on other committee websites.
- Work with elders to set up the zoom app and help them practice how to access online meetings.
- Go over the contents of the CEC Workbook with the committee members.
- Take AA meeting online to those hospitalized and in hospice.
- Find those already helping the elders and record their story.
- Create an "Elder Card" like a "Safety Card" on how to treat our elders with more attention, be more patient, talk louder so they can hear, seat them up front, etc.

We shall see… In love and service.