

# Standing Committees for West Hawaii, District 8

## Descriptions and Ideas

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### Archives

- Collects and stores the district's pertinent information including meeting schedules, meeting and group histories, group and district newsletters, special events like Unity Day & Founder's Day, district minutes, everything that has anything to do with West Hawaii.
- Ideas
  - Encourage groups to write their own history, including new groups. If they have already done one, update it. It's important to know about groups splintering.
  - The history will be so much richer if group members write it themselves.

### Cooperation with the Elder Community, C.E.C.

- Coordinates all activities with regard to carrying our A.A. message of recovery to the older alcoholic.
- Ideas
  - Start meetings in locations where seniors gather (like retirement homes) and in places easily accessible to seniors.
  - May provide rides to meetings including night meetings as many seniors don't drive or don't drive at night.
  - Speak up in meetings and encourage others to. Often "hearing challenged" folks don't ask others to speak loudly.

### Cooperation with the Professional Community, C.P.C.

- Shares with professionals what A.A. is, what A.A. is not and where A.A. can be found, i.e. meeting schedules.
- When we speak to others about AA, remember we speak of AA, not for AA.
- Works closely with PI and Hospitals.
- Ideas
  - Consider having a luncheon and invite professionals. Professionals include not just those in the medical or mental health field but also lawyers, judges, clergy, corrections officers, parole officers and dentists.
  - Encourage AA members to talk to their professionals about the fellowship and provide them with literature and schedules.

### Corrections

- Coordinates the service work of individual A.A. members to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who is confined in a correctional facility. Those interested in taking meetings into jails need to go through a screening process.
- Ideas
  - Spread the word about need for members to correspond with inmates through the Corrections Correspondence Service. More info and sign up at:  
[http://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/nopage/f-26-corrections-correspondence-a-special-kind-of-aa-service](http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/nopage/f-26-corrections-correspondence-a-special-kind-of-aa-service)

### Grapevine

- Informs the fellowship of the many benefits that can be derived from reading the Grapevine magazine and having a subscription.

- Ideas
  - Encourage all groups to have a Grapevine/La Vina rep. They can register with Grapevine @ <http://www.aagrapevine.org/gvr> to get on the mailing list.
  - Provide a display at AA events like Founder's Day, and Unity Day. Consider having books by GV for purchase.

### **Mynah Bird**

- Mynah Bird is the Area newsletter that focuses on A.A. topics, including actions decided by the area.
- Ideas
  - Make district members aware of the Mynah Bird and encourage articles for submission to the Mynah Bird by announcing at meetings and reminding secretaries to announce.
  - Make copies of Mynah Bird available.
  - Write an article for the Mynah Bird yourself.

### **Public Information (P.I.)**

- Responsible for creating an understanding and preventing misunderstanding of the A.A. program through the public media, electronic media, P.I. Meetings, and speaking in community groups. Provide literature to schools and libraries.
- P.I. works closely with CPC and Treatment committees.
- Ideas
  - Hotels - Insure hotels in West Hawaii have access to meeting schedules. May include delivering schedules on a quarterly basis.
  - Libraries - Keep libraries stocked with AA books like the Big Book, 12 x 12, Came to Believe, and Living Sober. Check back with libraries from time to time.
  - Schools - Check with schools to see if they are addressing alcohol abuse. GSO has videos available at [http://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/videos-and-audios#video-player](http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/videos-and-audios#video-player).
  - Media - Approach radio stations about airing Public Service Announcements, PSAs.
  - Other - DUI classes, signs on buses

### **Treatment/Bridging the Gap/Hospitals**

- Coordinates the service work of individual A.A. members to alcoholic treatment programs, sets up means of bridging the gap from treatment to A.A. and works to clarify what A.A. can and cannot do, within the Traditions, to help alcoholics in treatment.
- Works closely with CPC and PI.
- Ideas
  - Develop a list of people willing to be temporary contacts/sponsors for those being discharged from treatment.
  - Arrange with hospitals in district to have Big Books available to patients, e.g. at the nurses' stations.
  - Check to see if hospitals have a health fair and arrange to have a table if they do.

### **Website Liaison**

- Works with webmasters for Central Office and Area 17 to maintain current information on their sites including activities & officers.