



# Maui Serenity Gazette

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## **A.A. on Maui**

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## **STEP FOUR: Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.**

When I turned my will and my life over to my higher power, I was ready to do my 4<sup>th</sup> Step. I wrote down all my resentments. I needed to let go of them. I was told by men in the fellowship that if I hold onto a resentment it is the number one offender of relapse. The 4<sup>th</sup> Step was the turning point of my recovery program because it taught me a great lesson on how to deal with resentment. I get to feel the anger and let it go. My life is so much better because of the 4<sup>th</sup> Step. I don't live in anger or resentment. AA has taught me to live in happiness.

One AA member said to me, when I shared about completing my 4<sup>th</sup> Step, "Welcome to AA." I got angry because I thought, 'What about the other three Steps? I work them too.' I learned that if I don't work a good 4<sup>th</sup> Step, I might not make it. I remember when I asked my sponsor to do the 4<sup>th</sup> Step, he asked me if I had let go of a resentment I had with my counselor. My counselor had torn up my completion of treatment, in my face. I told my sponsor, no. My sponsor said we could not work the 4<sup>th</sup> Step because I had to be free from resentment.

Today I still get resentments, but I don't hold onto them, I let them go. I truly believe the Big Book of AA because it is a design for living. It showed me how to change my attitude and my behavior in life. I know I will never be perfect, but I am a work in progress. I try to carry the message of the 4<sup>th</sup> Step – don't hold onto resentment. There is a saying; Let go of the rope, don't hold on or you might get dragged. I truly believe that with my higher power, my sponsor, and members of AA, I have learned how to live a better life and how to let go of resentment and be happy.

Submitted by: Kimo N.

## There is a Solution

Find the words taken directly from Chapter 2 in the Big Book.

V Q D Z I Q M Y I V T O G V I P Q O N E  
E D H Q R Y T T T Y A G N F H K S X G H  
Z L A R S U S G A L D L S S E N K C I S  
W X R F Q T E A C G U Q C Z Y U P U Q N  
I A M Z B T N O H P H C M Y C U W N R Y  
L V O S Y G O Z W A K O I M H P Q I T I  
S V N E B L H L C B F Y D F F L B Z T M  
M U I D K U E Y E T A L L K F S M H U E  
Q W O B S A V Q K R P N H T A I Z Q Y Y  
D I U L D T P H E U A U P W R B D F J L  
L L S W U F X C P W R N Q I S U H H I Q  
J L P Q N C O M F U E Q C L O N T A M I  
A I I P S V A C R I A B D E A G J H A F  
J N M A E F K R O P C C O W T I L G R M  
I G W R C G S W I B T I C D L J M Z O C  
G K E G E Z S Q V M I B C E Z H A O Z C  
U D L V Y L Y U A L O Y T Y P E I T L N  
I T H G L X V R H X N T O M Y T X Z V W  
B K M G R G A U E L S K F U Z M O M C Q  
R X O F Y L B U B S D Y L F T A N H X Y

HARMONIOUS  
DIFFICULTY  
BEHAVIOR  
TRUTH

RECOVERED  
TOLERANCE  
MIRACULOUS  
HONEST

SICKNESS  
REACTIONS  
ACCEPT  
WILLING

## *AA Announcements*

MAUI AA INTERGROUP MONTHLY  
MEETING IS HELD IN-PERSON.

### **CO-CHAIR POSITION** **IS STILL OPEN!**

**WHEN:** SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY  
MONTH @ 6P

**WHERE:** 30 LIPOA ST., SUITE 4105  
KIHEI, HI.



#### **Meeting Guide is a free-of-charge meet- ing finder app.**

The app helps people find A.A. meetings and resources near them. A.A. service entities provide the meeting data for the app. Meeting Guide is available for iOS and Android smartphones.

Meeting Guide syncs with area, district, intergroup/central offices and international general service office websites, relaying meeting information from more than 400 A.A. service entities directly to the app.



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## More Info: Other Island Contacts

### Oahu AA

808. 946. 1438

[oahuaa.org](http://oahuaa.org)

### West Hawai'i (Kona)

808. 329. 1212

[westhawaiiiaa.org](http://westhawaiiiaa.org)

### Kaua'i AA

808. 245. 6677

[kauaiaa.org](http://kauaiaa.org)

### East Hawai'i (Hilo & Puna)

808. 961. 6133

[easthawaiiiaa.org](http://easthawaiiiaa.org)

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Maui A.A. Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.



## TRADITION FOUR:

EACH GROUP SHOULD BE AUTONOMOUS EXCEPT IN MATTERS AFFECTING OTHER GROUPS OR A.A. AS A WHOLE.

Tradition Four is about each group managing their affairs as they please. The group, which is formed with this, states that there's no affiliation to an outside entity. The understanding is that the group does nothing to hurt or injure A.A. as a whole.

There is no individual who is in charge of a group or the A.A. fellowship, lest problems of ego arise. This tradition reminds us not to affiliate with anyone or anything. The group conscience is the most important voice in the meeting. Sobriety has to be the sole objective. In all other respects, there is perfect freedom of will and action. Every group has the right to be wrong.

In the early years of A.A., the groups took a battering. They had to eventually conform to whatever principals would guarantee A.A.'s survival.

The long form of Tradition Four states, "Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation."

Kimo N.



Service Material from GSO

## TRADITIONS CHECKLIST FROM THE AA GRAPEVINE



**These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.**

**Practice These Principles...**

### **Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.**

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA?  
Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?





Want to know where AA meetings are held on Maui?  
Check out our meeting schedule both [online](#) and in [print](#)!



The Seventh Tradition states:

*“Every A.A. group ought to  
be fully self-supporting,  
declining outside*

*contributions.” While  
contributions cover each  
group's rent and other  
expenses, the Seventh  
Tradition is essential*

*at every level of A.A. service.*

*It is both a privilege and a  
responsibility for groups  
and members to ensure  
that not only their group,  
but also their*

*intergroup/central office,  
local services, district,  
area, and the General Service*

*Office remain  
self-supporting. This keeps*

*A.A. free of outside influences that  
might divert us from our*

*primary purpose —  
to help the alcoholic who still  
suffers.*

*- [source aa.org](http://source.aa.org)*

## Where to Send Contributions:

### Contributions to Maui Intergroup

Make checks payable to:

Maui AA (include Group name, #)  
70 Central Ave, Suite #1, Wailuku, HI 96793

**Members may contribute online**

[aamaui.com](http://aamaui.com)



### Contributions to Districts

Make checks payable to:

each individual District, include Group name, #  
Kihei District #11 P.O. Box 815, Puunene, HI 96784  
No Ka Oi District #5 P.O. Box 843, Puunene, HI 96784  
TriIsland District #13 P.O. Box 11814, Lahaina, HI 96761

### Contributions to GSO

Make checks payable to:

GENERAL FUND

General Service Office

PO BOX 2407

James A Farley Station

New York, NY 10116-2407

### Contributions to Hawaii Area 17

Make checks payable to:

Hawaii Area Committee (include Group name, #)

Hawaii Area Committee

PO Box 1413 Honolulu, HI 96806

**MAHALO!**

# AA GRAPEVINE

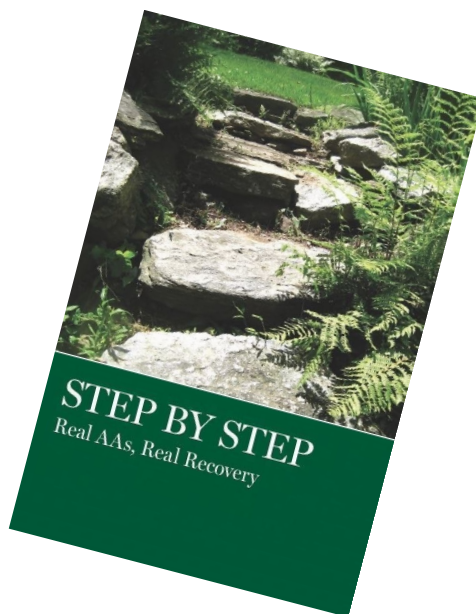
The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

## Grapevine Daily Quote April

"As I carried the Fourth Step into the next directional action, the Fifth ... I began to gain by pain, to win by losing, to get control by letting go of control. And good feelings poured in from all sides. I discovered how many words that I had been fond of using were actually traps, setting off negative thinking -- 'If only..., 'You always..., 'never,' 'forever,' 'If you would only..., 'and so on. I dug in and tried desperately to change word habits, to share time instead of spending it."

Pompano Beach, Florida, June 1978, "It Takes What It Takes," Step By Step

AVAILABLE  
@  
MAUI AA  
CENTRAL OFFICE!



## Heard at a meeting

"Our leaders are butt-twisted servants."

By: Anonymous



Each week long-time AA members Don and Sam will interview a different member about their experience, strength and hope, in a casual "meeting after the meeting" manner. Special features will enhance each episode.



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FOR MORE INFO







**Maui A.A Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.**  
**Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2023 @ 30 Lipoa St. #4106, S. Kihei Rd., Kihei, HI**

Call To Order by Dave S. @ 7:05pm

Open with the Serenity Prayer, Preamble by Dave, Intro of Steering Comm. and Intergroup Reps

February 2023 IG Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved.

Steering Committee Report: (Dave S.) Met previous Monday, 3/6/23. Budget issues discussed; Salary increase for Central Office Mgr, increase for cost of books with price list available in April. Discussion of upcoming AA events.

Treasurer's Report: See page 10 of Gazette. There was some discussion of contributions by New members.

Central Office Report/Serenity Gazette Report (Michelle G.)

Some fairly significant price increases on books coming up in April from GSO. Phones are busy; some new group interest (new group forms available at CO). Central Office is closed on Tuesdays, but we have good phone coverage, call List info was discussed. Step 4 articles for March Gazette are due 4/8/23; Christopher I. will do Step 4. No volunteer for Tradition 4.

Michelle brought meeting schedules and Intergroup pamphlets for the taking.

Hawaii Area/Maui District Reports:

Area 17 GSR Robert reported that the next PRAASA will be in San Francisco; our Tech is falling behind and needs to be addressed.

Intergroup Rep Reports:

Whalers (Jim): getting more visitors attending meetings.

Happy Hour (Portia): April 6 will be Happy Hours first BBQ. They need a barbecue.

Attendance is up, have (or need) a new treasurer.

Saturday Wailuku Speaker (Karen): traveling, missed 3 meetings (no alt. Rep)

Hair of the Dog (Kimo): Well attended, rain or shine; need a GSR

TTOSBT (Kat): 6 month secretary commitment is difficult at times on Zoom; need GSR

Tuesday Women's (Jenn): need GSR

Sunday Beach (Vanessa): Good attendance; all commitments filled except GSR.

OLD BUSINESS: Intergroup Chair Position! Christopher I will begin chair in May; Dave will continue on as co-chair until replacement is found. Host Group needed for: Founders Day in June; Gratitude Night

NEW BUSINESS: World Service will increase cost of books in April; new prices available at Central Office in April 7th Tradition collected.

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS:

IG MEETINGS ARE IN PERSON at 30 Lipoa St. #4106 Kihei, 96753

Looking for host group for Founders Day in June.

Price increase on books in April; *Please order from Central Office* or your meetings.

**NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2023** in person.

Respectfully Submitted by, Karen Y.P

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	March	2023 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei		\$167.50
Alana Ohana		\$1,265.54
Anonymous Contributions		\$50.00
Can Do Maui-Lahaina Group		\$450.00
CDM Mens Stag Tues, Kihei	\$200.00	\$200.00
Club 449		\$247.00
Hawaii AA Ohana		\$377.65
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$41.00	\$101.00
Kahana Sober Wahines		\$100.00
Kahana Spinners	\$200.00	\$200.00
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$44.00	\$149.77
Maui Sunset	\$151.50	\$492.25
Online Contributions	\$400.00	\$780.00
Paniolo Group		\$147.50
Primary Purpose		\$580.04
Saturday Night Speakers		\$227.00
Something Better Than Gold		\$128.00
Straight Pepper Diet		\$300.00
TTOSB	\$129.50	\$129.50
Upcountry Sunrise	\$100.00	\$350.00
Wailuku Group		\$240.00
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,266.00</b>	<b>\$6,682.75</b>

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	
INFLOW: March	
Starting Balance	\$3,299.35
Total Contributions this month:	\$1,266.00
Literature Sales	\$620.75
<b>TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH</b>	<b>\$1,886.75</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE INFLOW</b>	<b>\$8,790.60</b>
OUTFLOW: March	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Mgr salary first 1/2 Mar	\$600.00
A.A.W.S. (Literature order)	\$611.80
Spectrum (Internet)	\$76.27
IRS Federal Withholding	\$556.97
Hawaii State Withholding	\$185.38
MOBI (phone)	\$29.44
Hawaiian Tel (call forwarding service)	\$24.68
Mgr salary last 1/2 Mar	\$630.00
Hartford Insurance (TDI Policy)	\$21.99
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH</b>	<b>\$3,261.53</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW</b>	<b>\$9,602.86</b>
<b>THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:</b>	<b>(\$1,374.78)</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:</b>	<b>(\$812.26)</b>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$1,924.57</b>
Prudent Reserve	\$11,511.49

**Thank you for your  
generous contributions!**

**Without your financial support, Central  
Office cannot exist to serve A.A. mem-  
bers and groups on Maui.**





## WHAT IS INTERGROUP?

Maui A.A. Intergroup is a committee of representatives from A.A.® groups in Maui County. Each group has the right and is encouraged to elect an Intergroup Representative to carry their group conscience to the Intergroup meeting held each month. Intergroup provides services for all groups which would be too much for individual groups to handle by themselves. Much of this work is coordinated through Central Office.

## HOW DO WE SUPPORT IT?

- **Group Collections**— A.A. groups may choose to participate in the support of Central Office by setting aside an amount each month from their collections. This ensures that Central Office has a regular income and helps it to plan to meet its obligations. The spirit of contributing voluntarily that prevails throughout A.A. applies. If groups cannot or choose not to pay their share of costs, the group will still receive all the services Intergroup provides.
- **Special Contributions**—Individual A.A. members may make direct contributions to Central Office, keeping in mind that the General Service Conference has recommended that contributions not exceed \$3000 in any one year. A.A.s can also make contributions to Central Office in celebration of their A.A. birthday or A.A. anniversary.
- **Literature sales**—Central Office buys and stocks books and pamphlets from General Service Office and sells them at a slight profit to help support the office.
- **Intergroup Events** sometimes bring in more money than is spent on the event and this extra income helps to support Intergroup and Central Office. Some of these events are budgeted for and funded by Intergroup by group conscience and thus are viewed as services provided to the Maui fellowship.

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KEEP IT SIMPLE  
ONE DAY AT A TIME



**THANK YOU TO OUR  
CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS !**

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WENDY, TINA G., RICH, KRISTINA,  
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