



# Maui Serenity Gazette

AUGUST 2023

**A.A. on Maui**

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10a - 4p

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Literature  
is available at  
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## **STEP EIGHT:** Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

Aloha. My name is Deborah. My sobriety date is April 15, 1988. I have made tons of mistakes along the way and continue to do so in my own human way. I am here to talk about the 8<sup>th</sup> step.

The 8<sup>th</sup> step is just one in the recovery process. It leads to the actual process of making amends. BUT, this is just about the list. I have had lots of regrets, but if I am unwilling to deal with the wreckage of my past I cannot move forward. I have tested this out so you can take my word for it. Later, I will touch on the wreckage of my presence.

Willingness is key here. Most people get this list from the 4<sup>th</sup> step. I did that in the beginning as well. From my resentments to my fear inventory, to my sexual inventory, my first 5<sup>th</sup> step took 9 hours to read. It exhausted both me and my sponsor at the time. Once I figured out who I needed to make amends to, I needed to be willing. That took longer to accomplish but it is required here.

Some amends can be made right away, some take longer, and some take forever. My advice is to do the best you can.

Through my years of sobriety, I have added many people to my 8<sup>th</sup> step list. I am only human and do run on "self will run riot" from time to time. I am impulsive and don't always make the best decisions. I guess that is what got me here. The one thing I never did was put myself on my 8<sup>th</sup> step list. I felt no need, this was about amends to others. All I can say is as you trudge the road of happy destiny, sometimes we need to take a hard look at ourselves. I wish you all the best.



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PRE-REGISTRATION: \$85

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GROUP ADVENTURES

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## *AA Announcement*

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING GROUPS HAVE  
**NEW MEETING LOCATIONS:**

TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE — 7A

PRIMARY PURPOSE — NOON

AA WAY OF LIFE/WOMENS MEETING — 6P

STRAIGHT PEPPER DIET — 7P



### 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, inter-group/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 AA (Kona)

808. 329. 1212

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

### Kaua'i AA

808. 245. 6677

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

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

808. 961. 6133

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

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Maui A.A. Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.





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 Eight:

**Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.**

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward—even if not money—for my personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?
5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
7. Have I paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition—How It Developed?

## TRADITION EIGHT:

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SHOULD REMAIN FOREVER NON-  
PROFESSIONAL, BUT OUR SERVICE CENTERS MAY EMPLOY  
SPECIAL WORKERS .

Written to protect us from ourselves, the Traditions reflect the collective problem solving experience during our fellowships first dozen years. In the 60 plus years since they were proposed then adopted, none have ever been changed. What held true then holds true today.

Bill W., says in his essay about Tradition 8 in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions; “Freely have ye received, freely give.” In the next paragraph Bill reminds us, “Almost from the beginning, we have been positive that face-to-face work with the alcoholic who still suffers could be based only on the desire to help and be helped.

Tradition 8 guides our financial responsibilities telling us that Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for. As A.A. members representing the A.A. program we are all volunteers and the only expertise we claim is our own experiences as active alcoholics and our individual recovery through the practice of the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. This one-on-one sharing is the basis for our fellowships existence and the key to the spiritual experience of one alcoholic relating to another alcoholic, thereby saving two lives.

The Twelve and Twelve also defines SPECIAL WORKERS as professionals or paid employees who make Twelfth Step work possible. Someone has to sweep the floors, answer our phones, edit and produce our literature and “man the AA lifelines.” None of these paid workers are considered to be professionalizing Twelfth Step work. Their jobs are to make Twelfth Step work *possible*.

In our Home Group none of our members are paid for the work they do. Someone sets up the chairs, someone lays out our literature display, someone provides our coffee (out of their pocket, not group funds), someone pays our rent and keeps our books, someone attends business meetings and provides reports and all are volunteers. The rent we pay does help pay for the clean, climate controlled, facility in which we meet. Those paid employees make Twelfth Step work possible but in no way do they professionalize Twelfth Step work.

A wise old-timer once remarked, “The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous often provide just enough rope for us to hang ourselves.”

Monte S.

Utah

# AA GRAPEVINE

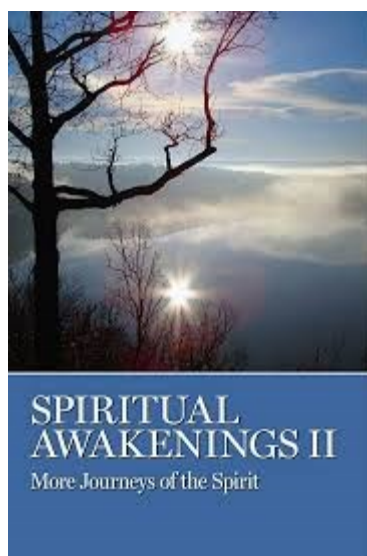
The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

## Grapevine Daily Quote August

"Alcoholism is relieved of its power when honesty, open-mindedness, and willingness combine within me to change my question from 'Why?' to 'How?' Then, I can get into the stream of life and out of my own way."

- "Listening and Learning," Penngrove, California, January 2008, AA Grapevine

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@  
MAUI AA  
CENTRAL OFFICE!



## Heard at a meeting

"A lot of trouble can spill out of an open bottle."

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



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

## 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!**



## Maui A.A. Intergroup Meeting Minutes – July 2023

Call To Order: Christopher—Open with the Serenity Prayer

**PRESENT:** Christopher (Chair), Ben (Maui Sunset), Kimo (Hair of the Dog), Jim, (Treasurer) Pat (Kihei Meditation), Val (KMS), Deborah (Central Office), Heather (Sisters of Sobriety), Brooks (Upcountry Sunrise), Kat (TTOSBT), Diana (SBTG), Karen (Saturday Wailuku Speaker)

**STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT:** No meeting (July 4th)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim, see Gazette. Per Chris, Intergroup has been in the "red", but we received IRS ERC \$3,804.60, which placed us in the "black". Treasurer's report accepted.

**CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT:** Deborah filling in for Michelle. Coolers are missing from Founder's Day. Per Chris, Happy Hour has them for their BBQ. There were no trespassing issues @ Central Office. Great feedback for Founders Day. Sunday phone person needed; 4pm-10am. Jim volunteered. Read Tradition 7 letter by Jeanna T., Contributions are down; encourage your group to regularly send in Tradition 7 splits. Gazette Article Volunteers: 8th Step: Debra/ Tradition: Christopher

**PI AREA CHAIR REPORT:** Kimo; Annual convention will be in October. AREA 17; Sept. Budget committee report; July 9 @ Cameron Center.

### **INTERGROUP REP REPORTS:**

- KAT (TTOSBT) Having difficulty getting secretaries.
- Brooks (Upcountry Sunrise) Very well attended, all service positions filled.
- Diana (Something Better Than Gold) Speaker discussion.
- Val (KMS) Good participation.
- Kimo (Hair of the Dog) Attendance fluctuates. 3 year anniversary breakfast potluck July 22
- Heather (Sisters of Sobriety) Attendance varies.
- Ben (Maui Sunset) Some service positions available. Every day has a different format.
- Pat (Kihei Meditation) Meets every day but Tues. and Thurs.
- Karen (Saturday Wailuku Speakers) Need service positions.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- GRATITUDE NIGHT; Upcountry Sunset may be interested, per Brooks.
- INTERGROUP exposure; Chris working on possibilities.

### **TAKE BACK TO GROUPS:**

- August 5 Lanai meeting
- July 30 Memorial for Rich H. 11.00 at Maui Bridge Club
- Encourage group to contribute to 7th Tradition

**NEXT IG MEETING AUGUST 12, 2023**



CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	July	2023 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei		\$299.00
Alana Ohana		\$1,265.54
Anonymous Contributions		\$50.00
Can Do Maui-Lahaina Group		\$450.00
CDM Mens Stag Tues, Kihei		\$200.00
Club 449		\$437.00
Hair of the Dog		\$131.39
Happy Hour	\$334.00	\$334.00
Hawaii AA Ohana		\$576.11
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$34.00	\$165.00
Kahana Sober Wahines		\$200.00
Kahana Spinners	\$200.00	\$600.00
Kihei Morning Serenity		\$292.29
Maui Sunset	\$136.16	\$968.31
No Ka Oi Group		\$65.00
Online Contributions		\$1,705.00
Paniolo Group		\$147.50
Primary Purpose		\$998.07
Sober & Crazy		\$155.00
Saturday Night Speakers		\$227.00
Spot Check		\$20.00
Something Better Than Gold	\$200.00	\$528.00
Straight Pepper Diet		\$300.00
To Thine Own Self Be True	\$700.00	\$2,295.00
TTOSB (online meeting)	\$226.00	\$598.50
Tri-Island District 13		\$100.00
Upcountry Sunrise		\$786.00
Wailuku Group		\$240.00
Wake Up Call		\$101.00
Womens AA Way of Life		\$275.00
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,830.16</b>	<b>\$14,509.71</b>

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	
INFLOW: July	
Starting Balance	\$2,616.13
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$1,830.16
July Lit sales	\$758.50
<b>TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH</b>	<b>\$2,588.66</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE INFLOW</b>	<b>\$22,645.14</b>
OUTFLOW: July	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Mgr salary first 1/2 July	\$630.00
Spectrum (internet)	\$86.27
MOBI (office cell phone)	\$29.44
Quarterly CPA Service	\$200.00
Hartford Group (TDI)	\$21.99
Office Supplies (paper, toner)	\$103.91
IRS Federal Withholding	\$572.16
Hawaii State Withholding	\$188.30
Hawaii unemployment insurance	\$21.99
Mgr salary last 1/2 July	\$630.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH</b>	<b>\$3,009.06</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW</b>	<b>\$22,102.75</b>
<b>THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:</b>	<b>(\$420.40)</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE NET:</b>	<b>\$542.39</b>
ENDING BALANCE	\$2,195.73
Prudent Reserve	\$11,512.68

**Thank you for your  
generous contributions!**

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



KEEP IT SIMPLE  
ONE DAY AT A TIME



**THANK YOU TO OUR  
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**PHONES: BILL D., KIMO, KEVIN M.,  
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MATTY.**

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