



# Maui Serenity Gazette

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**A.A. on Maui**

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## STEP TWO: Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

*"I am glad I am a woman who once danced  
naked in the Mediterranean Sea  
at midnight"*

*"I can choose to accelerate my disease to an alcoholic death,  
or incurable insanity, or I can choose to live within  
my thoroughly human condition."*

Mercedes McCambridge (1916 – 2004)  
Oscar winning actress of radio, stage, film, and television.  
Spokesperson for the National Council on Alcoholism.

*"Nothing is so difficult as not deceiving oneself"*

Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889 – 1951)  
Austrian-British Philosopher in logic, mathematics, the mind, and language.

Whatever the precise definition of the word may be, we call this plain insanity. How can such a lack of proportion, of the ability to think straight, be called anything else. We have sometimes reflected more . . . upon the consequences, but there was always the curious mental phenomenon - that parallel with our sound reasoning there inevitably ran some trivial excuse for taking the first drink. Our sound reasoning failed to hold us in check. The insane idea won out. Alcoholics Anonymous, *More About Alcoholism*, 48 (Works Publishing Company, 1<sup>st</sup> ed. 1939).

In some circumstances, we have gone out deliberately to get drunk, feeling ourselves justified by nervousness, anger, worry, depression, jealousy, or the like. But even in this type of beginning, we are obliged to admit that our justification for a spree was insanely insufficient in the light of what always happened, instead of casually, there was little serious or effective thought during the period of premeditation of what the terrific consequences might be. Our behavior is . . . absurd and incomprehensible. However, intelligent we may have been in other respects, where alcohol has been involved, we have been strangely insane. It is

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strong language, but isn't it true? [T]he actual, or potential, alcoholic, with hardly an exception, will be absolutely unable to stop drinking on the basis of self-knowledge. This is the point we wish to emphasize, and re-emphasize, to smash home . . . as it has been revealed to us out of bitter experience. *Id.* at 49-50. (*I can choose to accelerate my disease to an alcoholic death, or incurable insanity*).

The alcoholic, at certain times, has no effective mental defense against the first drink. Except in a few rare cases, neither he nor any other human being can provide such a defense. His defense must come from a higher Power. At first, some of us tried to avoid the issue, hoping against hope, we were not true alcoholics. But, after a while, we had to face the fact that we must find a spiritual basis of life, or else. Our experience shows that you need not be disconcerted. If a mere code of morals, or a better philosophy of life were sufficient to overcome alcoholism, many of us would have recovered long ago. But, we found that such codes and philosophies did not save us, no matter how much we tried. We could wish to be moral, we could wish to be philosophically comforted, in fact, we could will these things with all our might, but the needed power wasn't there. Our human resources, *as marshalled by the will*, were not sufficient; they failed utterly. Lack of power, that was our dilemma! *Id.* at 56-57. (italics added). (*nothing is so difficult as not deceiving oneself*).

The terms "spiritual experience" and "spiritual awakening" . . . upon careful reading, shows that the personality change sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism has manifested itself among us in many different forms. The impression that these personality changes, or religious experiences, must be in the nature of sudden and spectacular upheavals . . . is erroneous. [S]uch transformations, though frequent, are by no means the rule. Most of our experiences are what the psychologist William James calls the "educational variety" because they develop slowly over a period of time. What often takes place in a few months could seldom have been accomplished by years of self-discipline. *With few exceptions, our members find that they have tapped an unsuspected inner resource which they presently identify with their own conception of a Power greater than themselves.* Most of us think this awareness of a Power greater than ourselves is the essence of spiritual experience. Alcoholics Anonymous, *Spiritual Experience*, 569-70 (Works Publishing Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 1976). (italics added). (*I can choose to live within my thoroughly human condition*).

- Graciously submitted by Thomas E.

## AA Announcements



MAUI AA INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING  
IS NOW HELD *IN-PERSON*.  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS STILL NEEDED!

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.



[CLICK HERE](#)

## 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

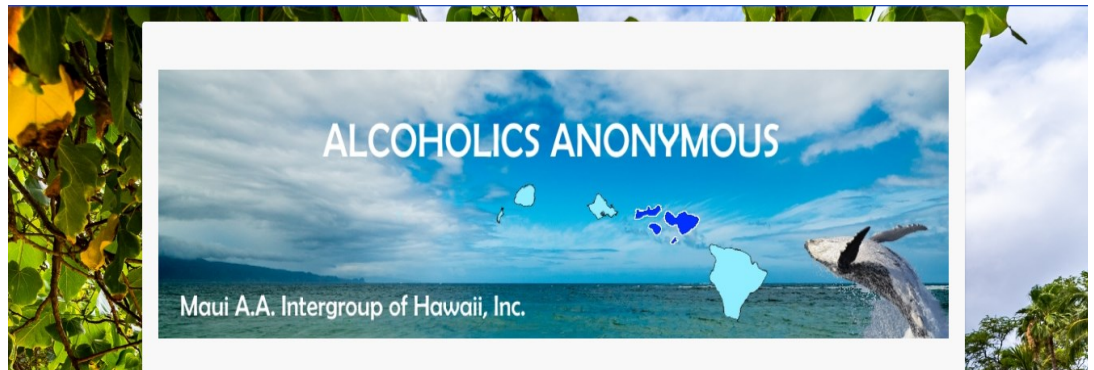
808. 245. 6677

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

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

808. 961. 6133

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



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!**

## TRADITION TWO:

FOR OUR GROUP PURPOSE THERE IS BUT ONE ULTIMATE  
AUTHORITY—A LOVING GOD AS HE MAY EXPRESS

TRADITION TWO: Four our group purpose there iz but one ultimate authority- a loving God az *God* may express *Itself/ii* in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Before we get into what tradition two represents, Have you ever wondered?  
Why is the long form of Tradition Two iz shorter than the short form?

As being a question that G.S.O.'s Archives receives nearly every week; it also comes up at Regional Forums. ANSWER :  
<http://www.e-aa.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=10390> Please, reference link @ e-AA.org.

Aloha Nui Fellow A.A.er'z, Jimmy James Thennes here, az being alwayz an recovering alcoholic. Even if Iamme may feel recovered from by surrendering in admitting We are powerless of having a manifestation of a physical allergy, also having acquired ignorance too. Being guided by acquiring a new set of spiritual toolz, that practicing on the daily az habitual. Thuz, experiencing the feeling of what God iz Love of being united with the solution of what iz experienced with a Spiritual Awakening of being recovered. Whilst, now gratefully sharing altruism to whom desires that for what Alcoholics Anonymous has unconditionally given to still beingzhere now and for future generations that are in need of what we have experienced. Now with staying in recovery with life being on life'z termz and what iz sanity to acknowledging what occurred with keeping the insanity going way longer than jutz the drinking part of what iz our E.G.O.'z (Etching God Out), still in my life, az ending up responsible for that producez over otherz.

Bringing forth why Bill Wilson being a celebrated organizer, A.A. co-founder, naturally putting an stigma onto himself to being an leading figure of an life changing organaztion what can be called a gift of Hope, of trusting and having faith of an Power greater than self being God of our own understanding, turning into what iz one of the biggest movementz for helping man-kind from an seemly hopeless disease. Being prophetic in wayz , to what iz the truth now and growing az being a disease that effectz physically, mentally & spiritually, in turn needz of what not human. Az one of the ABC'z in How IT Workz, to a spiritual based solution over IT, by Love of another grateful alcoholic that gracefully will help of another suffering from.

Altruistically having no expectationz over outcome, az in carrying the message of hope from one to another with having AA groupz all around for having that connection in the community attracting more, az with what Bill embarked on with having to of the support of fellow A.A.'z for this waz brought to International Conference az to be motioned in, az that waz then in 1945 for what Bill waz encountering az what haz felt, the energy of God, Spirit of Light, Love, being connected az "We", and what one sentence added to tradition 2 waz created in turn, to be added too the, short form of 12 Traditions. Why the short form of traditionz verses long form of them?

So We would hear and read the short form of traditions every time waz read az suggested at every meeting, az repetition being the mother of learning. Reminding each one of us az all of W.H.O. each az we carry the message of AA meeting iz same set of traditions at conference where "Our leaders are but trusted servants: They do not govern."

**/ii—Italic words have been changed to words referencing to neutralize gender az referenced for "as we understood God;" being a spiritual word representing az Creator of, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Light, or az our Higher Power represented by the fellowship az a whole. For which leaders do not govern, az being of service for the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, Mahaloz.**

- Jimmy James

## Make plans to attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention scheduled in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada



Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding. The International Convention will take place from July 3 - 6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Centre and BC Place Stadium. As the Convention approaches, we will update our website with registration information.



"As soon as I walked into the registration hall, I knew this weekend would be like no other in A.A. Everywhere people were smiling, laughing and hugging one another. Excitement filled the air. Until that day, I hadn't realized just how big A.A. really is."

— A.S., Middletown, PA Grapevine, December 2016

For more information click [here](#)





## Open Meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous Welcome Everyone to the Fellowship

(NEW YORK, February 2, 2023) A remarkable effect can take place in an Alcoholics Anonymous group meeting when an individual struggling with a drinking problem asks for help and someone is there to share with them that AA may be a solution. For some AA members, their journey of sobriety began at “open” AA meetings, which can be attended by any member of the community, alcoholic or nonalcoholic. Open meetings have long been a vital source of information for anyone who wants to learn more firsthand about the AA Fellowship. The only request is that attendees not disclose the names of AA members outside the meeting so that members’ anonymity may be maintained. A typical open meeting will have a “leader” and other speakers. The leader opens the meeting, introduces each speaker, then closes the meeting after sharing and discussion. With rare exceptions, the speakers at an open meeting are usually AA members. Each may share some drinking experiences that led them to join AA and they also may talk about how their life has changed because of the AA Fellowship and the Twelve Steps.

Open meetings are among the variety of meeting types offered by AA. “Closed” meetings are open to anyone with a desire to stop drinking, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, income, or profession. There also are AA meetings specifically geared toward groups, topics, and communities, such as, young people, men and women, beginners, meditation, LGBTQ+, and online, to name a few.

More information on meetings and the Fellowship can be found in our [Frequently Asked Questions pamphlet](#) and on [aa.org](#).

Open meetings are searchable by contacting a local A.A. office and by using the [Meeting Guide](#) app, where you can search by meeting type, location, day and time, and other features. For nearly 90 years, AA has helped millions recover from alcoholism—to get sober and stay sober.

Alcoholics Anonymous is for anyone who wants to stop drinking.

For more information, visit [www.aa.org](#)

\*and for more information on A.A. in Maui, visit [www.aamaui.org](#)

# AA GRAPEVINE

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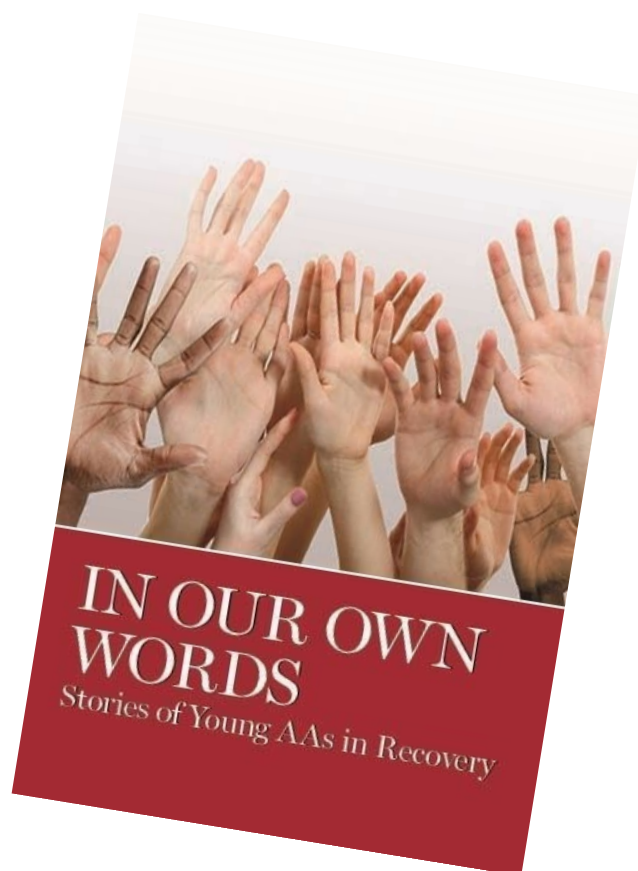
## Grapevine Daily Quote February 10

"The day we begin working the Steps, the bottom becomes the foundation."

- Chelsea, Michigan

November 2002, "The Foundation," *In Our Own Words*

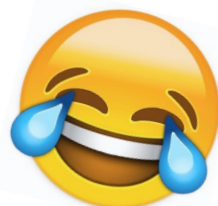
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@  
MAUI AA  
CENTRAL OFFICE!



## Heard at a meeting

"I'm an old dog and sobriety is a new trick."

By: Ed L. | Wrightwood, California



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.



CLICK LINK BELOW  
FOR MORE INFO







### **Maui Intergroup Monthly Meeting**

Minutes for January 14, 2023, 6:00p held at 30 Lipoa St # 4106 Kihei

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave (Chairperson), Val (KMS), Steamer (Maui Sunset), Portia (Happy Hour), Kimo (Area 17 Rep, Hair of the Dog), Michelle (Central Office Manager), Chris (Upcountry Sunrise), Karen (IG Recording Sec., Wailuku Speaker), Mare (AA Member), Melissa (AA Member), Leonardo (Alt. IG Hair of the Dog)

Call To Order: Dave S. Read the Preamble.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: Dave welcomed everyone. Discussed the purpose of Intergroup. Reported that Holiday Alcahons were successful.

TREASURER REPORT/CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT: Michelle reported treasurer's report for Treasurer. Report approved. CO Report Serenity Gazette. Step 2 will be shared by Kimo next month; Tradition 2 will be shared by Jimmy James. Central Office is doing well; book sales are so-so; volunteer list is full. Jimmy James mentioned that it is important to purchase literature from Central Office to support our local Maui AA Fellowship.

Last month's minutes were approved.

DISTRICT REPORTS/AREA REPORTS: Tracy, DCM; more to be reported regarding elections. Kimo, Hawaii Area 17 Report; Kimo is PI chair; meeting on the Big Island; Tommy G is our Delegate from the Big Island for the Hawaii State Convention.

#### INTERGROUP REP GROUP REPORTS

VAL (KMS) Group hosted the Xmas Alcahion; chip meeting is on the last Thursday of the month.

STEAMER (Maui Sunset) Group meets 7 days a week; 1st Monday of the Month is the Business Meeting; Chips given on Mondays; need new Intergroup Rep.

PORTIA (Happy Hour) Group meets 7 days a week; sometimes there is a lack of secretaries.

KAREN (Saturday Wailuku Speakers) Meeting needs support; needs positions filled.

KIMO (Hair of the Dog) Meeting is well attended, Sat 9-10:00 am chip meeting; hosted the New Year Alcahion.

CHRIS (Upcountry Sunrise) Good attendance; last Friday of the month is chip meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Need to fill Intergroup Chair and Co-Chair positions. Dave is willing to take the Co-Chair Position if necessary. Need to update the by-laws. Requirement for Positions: 2 yrs sobriety, 1 year on Maui.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Encourage Intergroup participation.

#### TAKE BACK TO GROUPS:

IG meeting are now in-person at 30 Lipoa St, #4106, Kihei, 96753 (corner of Lipoa & S. Kihei Rd, directly across from Min-it Medical, parking located in rear of 30 Lipoa)

**NEXT MEETING: Feb. 11, 2023**

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	January
11th Step Meditation meeting Kihei	\$167.50
Alana Ohana	\$1,265.54
Anonymous Contributions	\$50.00
Can Do Maui-Lahaina Group	\$450.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$24.00
Kahana Sober Wahines	\$100.00
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$105.77
Maui Sunset	\$223.75
Online Contributions	\$297.50
Paniolo Group	\$147.50
Primary Purpose	\$580.04
Saturday Night Speakers	\$227.00
Something Better Than Gold	\$128.00
Straight Pepper Diet	\$300.00
Upcountry Sunrise	\$150.00
Wailuku Group	\$240.00
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,456.60</b>

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	
INFLOW: January	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$4,456.60
NYE Alkathon Contributions	\$573.00
Literature sales	\$386.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH</b>	<b>\$5,415.60</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE INFLOW</b>	<b>\$5,415.60</b>
OUTFLOW: January	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Manager salary (1/2 Jan)	\$600.00
CPA Services (Jeanna T)	\$200.00
MOBI (Office Cell Phone)	\$28.91
Hawaiian Telecom (Call Forwarding Service)	\$21.25
HEMIC (Workers Comp Insurance Premium)	\$250.00
IRS Federal Withholding	\$543.50
Hartford TDI (Temp Disability Insurance)	\$21.99
Hawaii State Withholding	\$180.76
Spectrum (Internet)	\$76.27
Manager salary (last 1/2 Jan)	\$600.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH</b>	<b>\$3,047.68</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW</b>	<b>\$3,047.68</b>
<b>THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:</b>	<b>\$2,367.92</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:</b>	<b>\$2,367.92</b>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$5,104.75</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>\$11,510.90</b>

***Thank you for your  
generous contributions!***

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



Are You Interested in Service?

# Maui AA Intergroup

**Needs Steering Committee Members!**



**Requirements:**  
2 yrs of Sobriety  
2 yrs in the State  
1 yr on Maui

**Open Positions:**  
**Chairperson**  
**Co-Chair**  
**Treasurer**  
**Recording Secretary**

**For more information,  
contact Central Office:**

**808.244.9673 or Email:  
info@aamaui.org**

KEEP IT SIMPLE  
ONE DAY AT A TIME



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

**OFFICE: ANN, DAVE S., BILL L.**

**PHONES: BILL D., KIMO, KEVIN M.,  
WENDY, TINA G., RICH, KRISTINA,  
MATTY.**

## Keep Coming Back

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