



Maui Serenity Gazette

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A.A. on Maui

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AA Approved
Literature
is available at
Central Office



STEP SEVEN: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

This step concerns itself with humility. We should pause here to consider what humility is and what the practice of it can do for us. Indeed, the attainment of greater humility is the foundation principle of each AA Twelve Steps, for without some degree of humility no alcoholic can stay sober. Nearly all AA's have found too, that unless they develop much more of this precious quality than may be required just for sobriety, they still haven't much chance of becoming truly happy. Without it, they cannot live with too much purpose, or in adversity, be able to summon the faith that can meet any emergency. Humility, as a word and as an ideal, has a very bad time of it in our world. Not only is the word intensely disliked, many people haven't even a nodding acquaintance with humility as a way of life. Much of the everyday talk we hear, and a good deal of what we read, highlights man's pride in his own achievements. Shortcomings and defects will be good because it will change your life and may make you happy.

The newcomer in AA is told, and soon realizes for himself, that his humble admission of powerlessness over alcohol is the first step toward liberation from the paralyzing grip.

So it is that we first see humility as a necessary but barest beginning. To get completely away from aversion to the idea of being humble, to gain a vision of humility as something to be desired for itself, takes most of us a long, long time. A whole lifetime geared towards self-centeredness cannot be set in reverse all at once. Rebellion dogs our every step.

When we finally admitted without reservation that we were powerless over alcohol, we are apt to breathe a sigh of relief, saying, "Well thank God that's over." I never have to go through that again.

Kimo



June Edition Word Search KEY

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Practice These Principles ...

Find the Twelve Principles we try to practice in all our affairs in this word search

H	K	E	U	J	U	U	W	I	L	L	I	N	G	N	E	S	S	F	Z	HONESTY
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F	I	T	Y	C	Z	V	N	X	E	G	H	E	S	A	O	D	L	K	I	JUSTICE
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S	M	E	S	C	J	N	S	R	U	R	K	X	G	O	H	N	T	X	E	SPIRITUALITY
H	Q	J	O	Q	M	T	T	V	A	X	M	V	V	L	C	L	Y	G	L	SERVICE
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AA Announcement

A.A.'S SEVENTH TRADITION STATES:

**"EVERY A.A. GROUP OUGHT TO BE FULLY
SELF-SUPPORTING, DECLINING OUTSIDE
CONTRIBUTIONS."**

THIS MEANS THAT ONLY A.A. MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO A.A. – AND EVEN A.A. MEMBERS ARE LIMITED IN THE AMOUNT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE.



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

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oahuaa.org

West Hawai'i AA (Kona)

808. 329. 1212

westhawaiiiaa.org

Kaua'i AA

808. 245. 6677

kauaiaa.org

East Hawai'i AA (Hilo & Puna)

808. 961. 6133

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 Seven: Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

1. **Honestly now**, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?



"Passing the basket" at meetings is our way of meeting our responsibility for the work of A.A. Our own contributions support the group, the General Service Office, and all A.A. activities

For more information click [here](#)

TRADITION SEVEN:

EVERY A.A. GROUP OUGHT TO BE FULLY SELF-SUPPORTING,
DECLINING OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTIONS.

Open Letter to Maui AA Fellowship

7th Tradition Support Continues to Drop for Maui AA Intergroup

Aloha Maui AA members,

I'm a grateful member of AA on Maui, and in recent years have served as Maui Intergroup Treasurer for 4 years, Secretary for 4 years, and have been Maui Intergroup's tax accountant for about 10 years.

I want to alert you to a concerning trend that we've experienced for the past several years. Our 7th Tradition contributions have gone down 28% since 2017, and 41% since 2019. In dollar amounts, that's \$6,054 down since 2017 and \$8,821 down since 2019.

Here are the numbers for the past 5 full years:

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Group contributions	\$21,318	\$22,063	\$16,015	\$30,139	\$27,586	\$27,372
Total contributions*	\$24,947	\$29,510	\$22,303	\$31,047	\$30,352	\$28,511

As you can see, there was some recovery in 2021, but 2022 contributions were down again. As of April 2023, Intergroup is operating at a slight loss, even with Intergroup's continuing to trim its expenses. 2022 Maui Intergroup expenses—primarily, a modest wage paid to our part-time Central Office Manager and below-market rent for our office—were still lower than pre-COVID expenses, yet group contributions fell far short in covering those expenses. Most of our services continue to be provided by volunteers. For the past several years, Maui Intergroup has not been able to fill all of its positions, so the work has been done by fewer people. Our number of Intergroup Representatives has also shrunk.

Even with most of our meetings now being back to "in-person," our group contributions are still much lower than pre-Pandemic. There seem to be many reasons -- the rents have gone up for many meeting locations, certain meetings being required to provide insurance to the meeting place, in-person attendance still a bit lower than before, groups setting up higher prudent reserves, Treasurers sending in the 7th Tradition split more slowly than before, and many other reasons.

Let's keep supporting Maui Intergroup, our Maui Districts, Hawaii Area 17, and AA World Services to carry the message and to serve our members. If you're able to give extra when the basket goes around, any amount is helpful. And please encourage your group to regularly send 7th Tradition splits, if it's able to. And a big Mahalo to the members who contribute to Maui AA Intergroup online each month to provide an extra boost to support our services on-island!

Yours in service,

Jeanna T

*includes online, anonymous, and other out-of-the ordinary contributions.

AA GRAPEVINE

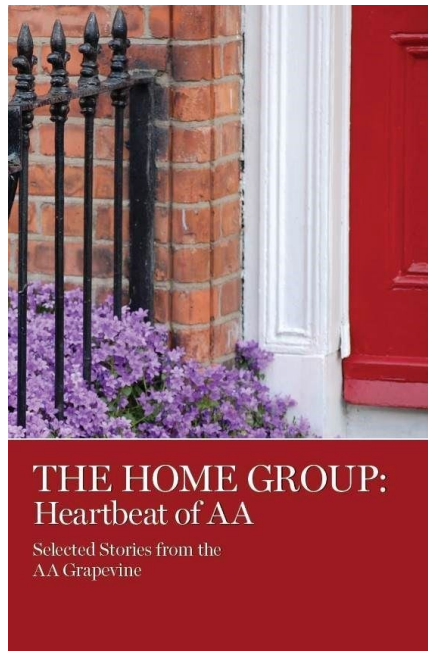
The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

Grapevine Daily Quote June

"AA is not a place; it's an attitude of mind, a warmth of the heart – a spiritual fourth dimension where material things can't get the upper hand."

- "A New Truth," Los Angeles, California, May 1966, Thank You for Sharing: Sixty Years of Letters to the AA Grapevine

AVAILABLE
@
MAUI AA
CENTRAL OFFICE!



Heard at a meeting

"Sobriety is no laughing matter, but laughing matters when you're sober."

By: Denny C. | Atoka, Tennessee



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



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



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!

Hair of the Dog

3rd yr. Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, July 22nd 8 AM



Breakfast Potluck Buffet at 8 AM
Speakers at 9 AM
Please bring food by 8 AM

Free Raffle Great Prizes! You must Be Present to Win!
Bring Bodies & Beach Chair

Wailuku Elementary School Park up Malako Street



Maui A.A. Intergroup Meeting Minutes – June 2023

Chris I. opened meeting at 6:00pm with the Serenity Prayer and IG preamble

Steering group and IG Rep introductions.

Present: Kat (TTOSBT Online), Portia (H.H.), Michael (Can Do-Thurs, Kimo (HOTD,Area PI), Brook (Upcountry Sun.), Jen (Womens AA Way of Life), Jimmy-James (AltDCM-11), Ben (MauiSunset)

Last months meeting minutes were approved.

Steering Cmt Report: Chris I. Discussed Founder's Day committee chairs.

Treasurers report: Jim H. read pg. 12, April's Net Income was +\$177.96

Central Office report: Michelle reports phone coverage needed Thursday night, 4pm until 10am, MUST BE AN 808 phone number. Jim H. volunteered. Sunday night is now needed as well, 4pm-10am. Central Office is open and available for business and talk story. There are new meeting schedules reflecting new meetings. Dave S. volunteered for Step 6 article.

Area/District/Standing cmt reports: Kimo, Area 17 PI reports Area 17 committee meeting upcoming Saturday, 9am-4pm @ Keolahou Church, Kihei.

Old business: Need volunteers for Founders Day committees, contact committee chairs. Paia community center cost \$387 up front, which most will be refunded.

New business: PSA radio announcement considered for A.A. and motion to amend original, to add Central Office phone number was voted on and approved unanimously.

Seventh tradition basket passed.

Groups Take Back:

Monthly IG meetings in person: Maui Meeting Place, Lipoa St. #4106 Kihei.

Looking for volunteers for Founders Day, June 11th 11a-4pm.

Phone coverage needed, now Sunday nights, 4pm-10am Monday.

Central Office open and available Mon, and Wed thru Friday!

Meeting closed with Declaration of Unity.

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	June	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	\$190.00	\$437.00
Hair of the Dog		\$131.39
Happy Hour		\$0.00
Hawaii AA Ohana		\$576.11
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting		\$131.00
Kahana Sober Wahines		\$200.00
Kahana Spinners		\$400.00
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$49.87	\$292.29
Maui Sunset	\$140.30	\$832.15
No Ka Oi Group		\$65.00
Online Contributions	\$435.00	\$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		\$328.00
Straight Pepper Diet		\$300.00
To Thine Own Self Be True		\$845.00
TTOSB (online meeting)	\$107.50	\$372.50
Tri-Island District 13		\$100.00
Upcountry Sunrise	\$121.00	\$786.00
Wailuku Group		\$240.00
Wake Up Call	\$101.00	\$101.00
Womens AA Way of Life	\$150.00	\$275.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$1,294.67	\$11,929.55

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	
INFLOW: June	
Starting Balance	\$475.48
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$1,294.67
IRS ERC (employee retention credit)	\$3,804.60
Founders Day Contributions	\$465.00
Literature sales	\$406.00
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$6,445.75
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$20,056.48
OUTFLOW: June	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Mgr Salary 1st half	\$630.00
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Founders Day Expenses (food/drinks/lrg trash bags/parking)	\$311.96
Office Security Renovations (plexiglass, wood)	\$66.67
MOBI (phone)	\$29.44
Hawaiian Tel (call forwarding service)	\$24.68
Bank of Hawaii Business Checks (order)	\$89.28
AAWS (literature)	\$675.86
IRS Federal Withholding	\$572.16
Hawaii State Withholding	\$188.30
Spectrum (Internet)	\$86.27
Mgr salary last 1/2 June	\$630.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$3,199.62
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$19,093.69
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	\$3,246.13
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	\$962.79
ENDING BALANCE	\$2,616.13
Prudent Reserve	\$11,512.38

**Thank you for your
generous contributions!**

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





HICYPAA 2023

AT THE
HILO HAWAIIAN HOTEL
AUGUST 18-20

EARLY BIRD EVENTS STARTING WEDNESDAY AUG 16TH

Pre-Registrater NOW only \$40

Venmo- basketcase808

*In the memo include
Given Name and Email Address
(confirmation will reply from hicypaa@gmail.com)*

KEEP IT SIMPLE
ONE DAY AT A TIME



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

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WENDY, TINA G., KRISTINA, JIM H.,
MATTY.**

Keep Coming Back

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