



# Maui Serenity Gazette

MARCH 2023

**A.A. on Maui**

## **Central Office**

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**Suite 1,**  
Wailuku, Maui, HI  
96793

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon., Wed.,  
Thurs., Fri.,

10a - 4p

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**Phones are  
answered  
24/7**

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[www.aamaui.org](http://www.aamaui.org)

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Literature  
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## **STEP THREE:** **Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him.**

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over the care of god as we understood him. I do this by stepping to the side and letting my God direct me in the way I live my life. Because my direction and thinking, would take back me back to my bottom again in my life.

Today I turn things over to my higher power and it always turns out okay. In the 12 and 12 of AA, it states or suggests that we have willingness - which is one of the keys to keeping a clean and sober life. In my life today, because I made a decision to turn my will and life over to a power greater than me, I've got a relationship with my daughter, son, and my family. My daughter who lives in Austin, Texas, my son who lives in Kahului, along with my family - two sisters and two brothers - I've got them all back in my life.

I disgraced my family name by drinking alcohol and using drugs - being a man in addiction. My family disowned me for 6 and a half years, but by following my higher powers direction everything turned out okay. Point me in the right direction and everything is okay. My determination to stay clean and sober made everything right in my life. I started gaining respect and people were talking to me, which pointed me in the right direction and made my life better. My willingness to do anything made it so easy to change my life! But, it is a one day at time process. I am so happy I made a decision to turn my life over to my higher power and I am willing to follow his direction in life.

Since I have turned my will and my life over to my higher power, I have been helping alcoholics and addicts for 17 years to find their way in life - a sober and clean life. I can only keep what I have by giving it away. So again, by turning my will and life over to a power greater than myself I have a clean and sober life. This is my take on the third step of AA.

- Kimo



**MICYPAA** is back!

*Bring a sponsee  
or newcomer!*

**Volleyball  
Fellowship  
Food**

*(Potluck  
desserts/sides)*

**Sunday, March 19  
Kam III  
After the 9 a.m. meeting**

**MICYPAA:**

**Maui Island Campout of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous**

## *AA Announcements*

MAUI AA INTERGROUP MONTHLY  
MEETING IS NOW HELD IN-PERSON.

### OFFICER POSITIONS ARE 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 THREE:

THE ONLY REQUIREMENT FOR A.A. MEMBERSHIP IS A DESIRE TO STOP DRINKING.

**Tradition Three** – “The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking”

*The long form* of this traditions states: “Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. 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.”

Thankfully, our early members saw fit to make A.A. inclusive, and not to restrict its membership to only ‘respectful alcoholics’! I can declare myself a member if I have a problem with alcohol and a desire to stop drinking, regardless of any other issues!

When I came back into A.A. in my late 30’s, it took quite a long time for the desire and craving to finally be removed. During it all, I was ALWAYS welcomed back and encouraged to stay. My repeated relapses were not always welcomed by some members, who had lost patience with me and questioned why I was wasting my time and theirs. I had at times, also asked myself the same question. I am so very grateful to my long time sponsor and others in the group that stuck by me, seeing that I did, in fact, have a sincere desire to get, and stay sober. I had been to outside treatment programs, they no longer allowed me back. I recall the program director stating to me, that they could not help me and I would most likely die. The addicts and alcoholics like me break their heart, and there was no longer anything they can do for me.

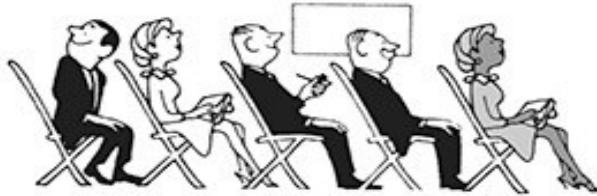
We often hear, “Don’t leave 5 minutes before the miracle happens.” Because I was never refused by A.A., the miracle DID happen and today, I am eternally grateful to be alive, sober, and a member in service to Alcoholics Anonymous!

Dave S. – Kihei.



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 Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.**

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?



# 2023 HAPPY HOUR BBQ SCHEDULE

YOU'RE INVITED! – THURSDAY NIGHTS

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\* APRIL 6TH

\* MAY 4TH

\* JUNE 1ST

\* JULY 6TH

\* AUGUST 3RD

\* SEPTEMBER 7TH

Location: Kalama Park Kihei

“Open” Meeting: 5:30 to 6:30pm (BBQ: 6:30pm)

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**Please bring:** *salads / side dishes / deserts*

**Group supplies:** hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, chips, bottled water

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

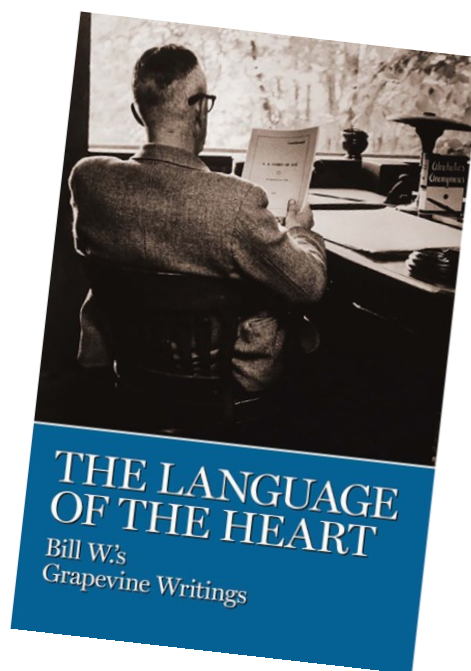
The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

## Grapevine Daily Quote March

"Even in self-protection, we do not wish to erect the slightest barrier between ourselves and the fellow alcoholic who still suffers. We know that society has been demanding that he conform to its laws and conventions. But the essence of his alcoholic malady is the fact that he has been unable or unwilling to conform either to the laws of man or God. If he is anything, the sick alcoholic is a rebellious nonconformist. How well we understand that."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W.,  
February 1948, "Tradition  
Three," The Language of  
the Heart

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@  
MAUI AA  
CENTRAL OFFICE!



## **Heard at a meeting**

"Although I try, I do not always walk the way I talk. But today I am grateful--and so are others--that I don't walk the way I think!" "

By: Jamie C. | Gaylord, Michigan



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 Feb 11th, 2023 @ 30 Lipoa St. #4106, S. Kihei Rd., Kihei, HI**

The meeting was called to order by Intergroup Dave S. at 6:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer, Service Preamble, and introductions.

**In attendance:** Dave S. (Chair), Jim H. (Treasurer), Mare (Substitute Recording Secretary), Michelle (Central Office) Kat (TTOSBT- Zoom), Jimmy James (Alt DCM District 11), Corey (Wailuku Group), Leonardo (Alt. GSR Wailuku Group), Kerry (Member) Kimo (Area 17 Public Information Committee/Hair of Dog) Portia (Happy Hour)

**Steering Committee Report** (Dave S.): No Committee Meeting this month.

**Treasurer's Report:** Discussed the monthly IN/OUT flow. (Jimmy James made motion to accept report, Michelle second—motion passed) Last months meeting minutes reviewed. (Dave S. made motion to accept, Jim H. second— motion passed)

**Central Office Manager's Report:** – Phone coverage all good. Need volunteers to share experience, strength, and hope via newsletter article - seeking Tradition and Step articles. Phones have been slower than usual. All literature backorders are in. Groups can make copies of Maui Serenity Gazette and bring to their meetings.

**Area/District/IG Rep reports:**

Kimo (Public Information/Area 17) Area 'Inform the Delegate' upcoming – need committee members.

Kat (TTOSBT – Zoom meeting) All positions filled. Group doing well.

Portia (Happy Hour) All positions filled, BBQ begins in April- schedule to TBA

Corey (Sat. Wailuku Group) Group doing well, attendance is picking up, solid home group.

Jim (Whaler's) 50% of groups 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition goes to rent, rest is split.

Kimo (Hair of the Dog) Meeting takes place rain or shine, well attended meeting.

**Old Business:**

IG Officer Positions that still need to be filled – Chair & Co-Chair - Officers attend Steering Committee meeting which usually takes place on Zoom on the Monday before IG Monthly meeting.

**New Business:**

IG Sponsored Events for 2023 – Founder's Day (June), Gratitude Night (November), Thanksgiving Alkathon (November), Christmas Alkathon (December), New Years Eve Alkathon (December). Looking for Groups to Host.

**Take Back to Groups:**

- Seeking Host Groups for upcoming 2023 IG Sponsored events.
- Intergroup Elections Ongoing - Officer Positions open; Chair and Co-Chair. Requirements: 2 yrs sobriety. 2 year residence in Hawaii, 1 yr. on Maui.

**Next IG Meeting Date: March 11th, 2023 - 6pm in-person @ 30 Lipoa St #4106, Kihei, HI**

Report respectfully submitted by Substitute Recording Secretary - Mare

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS February 2023 YTD		
11th Step Meditation Kihei		\$167.50
Alana Ohana		\$1,265.54
Anonymous Contributions		\$50.00
Can Do Maui-Lahaina Group		\$450.00
Club 449	\$247.00	\$247.00
Hawaii AA Ohana	\$377.65	\$377.65
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$36.00	\$60.00
Kahana Sober Wahines		\$100.00
Kihei Morning Serenity		\$105.77
Maui Sunset	\$117.00	\$340.75
Online Contributions	\$82.50	\$380.00
Primary Purpose		\$580.04
Saturday Night Speakers		\$227.00
Something Better Than Gold		\$128.00
Straight Pepper Diet		\$300.00
Upcountry Sunrise	\$100.00	\$250.00
Wailuku Group		\$240.00
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$960.15</b>	<b>\$5,416.75</b>

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	
INFLOW: February	
Starting Balance	\$5,104.75
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$960.15
Literature Sales	\$423.10
Add'l Christmas Alkathon Contributions (KMS)	\$105.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH</b>	<b>\$1,488.25</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE INFLOW</b>	<b>\$6,903.85</b>
OUTFLOW: February	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Manager Salary first 1/2 Feb	\$600.00
Hawaiian Telecom (Call Forwarding Service)	\$25.24
IG Monthly Meeting Space/Rent (6 mo.)	\$120.00
A.A. World Services (Literature)	\$593.44
MOBI (Phone)	\$29.44
IRS Federal Withholding	\$543.50
Hawaii State Withholding	\$180.76
Spectrum (Internet)	\$76.27
Manager Salary last 1/2 Feb	\$600.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH</b>	<b>\$3,293.65</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW</b>	<b>\$6,341.33</b>
<b>THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:</b>	<b>-\$1,805.40</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:</b>	<b>\$562.52</b>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$3,299.35</b>
Prudent Reserve	\$11,510.96

**Thank you for your  
generous contributions!**

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

**For more information,  
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**THANK YOU TO OUR  
CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS !**

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

## Keep Coming Back

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