



Maui Serenity Gazette

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A.A. on Maui

Central Office

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96793

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Wed.,
Thurs., Fri.,
10a—4p

Sat. 9a—Noon

808-244-9673

**Phones are
answered
24/7**

AA Meeting schedules can be found online:

www.aamaui.org

To receive this newsletter via email,
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info@aamaui.org

AA Approved
Literature
is available at
Central Office



Step Three

***Made a decision to turn our will and our lives
over to the care of God as we understood Him.***

In my opinion, taking step three is like making a decision to go back to school and earn a degree. When the work has begun, one realizes how much there is to learn about the impacts of the decision that was made. While I was in school, I was shown how much there was to learn about things I didn't even know existed. When I made the decision to earn my degree I couldn't have predicted or understood what going to college meant all I could do was trust the process, and I have had a similar experience in taking step three.

I took step three for the first time when I called the Minneapolis Intergroup Central Office, and I took step three again when I called back a week later because I had hung up the first time. The third time I took step three was when I decided not to go out and drink the weekend I got out of detox. The fourth time I took step three was when I made a decision to go to a meeting for the first time (see the process?).

I continue to gratefully (grudgingly) take step three, because I am as stubborn as a mule, and I forgetfully live my life wrongly convinced that my intelligence alone will be able to successfully guide me through my life. As a result, I frequently take the wrong path, and when I re-take step three I let God, as I understand it, redirect me. I take step three every time I walk into a meeting, pick up the phone to call my sponsor, get down on my knees to pray, or call a newcomer. There are also times when I find it necessary to put stipulations on my Higher Power, during these times I try to read the chapter "We Agnostics" in the Big Book.

In the beginning of my recovery, step three was staying sober. As I continue to (re)work the steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, I am able to (with the help of a sponsor) apply the meaning of step three to my life appropriately, whether it's to a relationship, finances, or any other life "problem". There are many things this step has taught me, and most of them came from giving away the things I thought I needed to hold on to the hardest.

- Sarah A. (Minneapolis)

Maui AA Announcement

CENTRAL OFFICE REMINDER:

Sometimes the office is closed
due to holidays, staffing issues, etc.

Therefore, we suggest that you
please call ahead.

Save time by calling ahead to confirm
the office is staffed and open.

Mahalo!

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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. Meet-
ing Guide is available
for iOS and Android
smartphones.

Meeting Guide syncs
with area, district, inter-
group/central offices
and international gen-
eral service office web-
sites, relaying meeting
information from more
than 400 A.A. service
entities directly to the
app.



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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

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Maui A.A. Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.

Material from GSO

INSIDE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



What are Service Committees?

A.A. service committees work to ensure the A.A. message reaches people who may need it. Many alcoholics first hear A.A.'s message of hope thanks to the work of the volunteers on these committees.

What are some of the different Service Committees?

Archives Committees

Archives committees work to collect, preserve and share the history of A.A.

Corrections Committees

Corrections committees work to carry the A.A. message of recovery to incarcerated alcoholics.

Accessibilities Committees

Accessibilities Committees serve to assist those who have significant barriers that must be overcome to insure full participation in A.A.

Treatment Committees

Treatment committees work to carry the A.A. message into treatment settings where there may be suffering alcoholics.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.) Committees

C.P.C. committees work to inform professionals who are likely to come into contact with problem drinkers about A.A.

Remote Communities Committees

Remote Communities committees work to bring A.A. to communities that are difficult to reach because of geography, language or culture.

Public Information Committees

Public Information committees work to convey A.A. information to the general public.



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!

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

THE SIMPLICITY OF THE THIRD TRADITION

I MAY BE AN ALCOHOLIC.
AN ALCOHOLIC I MAY BE.

WOULD I LIKE IT IF I STOPPED DRINKING?

I MIGHT NOT.
I MIGHT NOT LIKE THAT THING THEY CALL SOBRIETY.

WOULD I LIKE SOBRIETY THERE?

I MIGHT NOT LIKE IT HERE OR THERE.
I MIGHT NOT LIKE IT ANYWHERE.
I MIGHT NOT LIKE SOBRIETY.
OH BOY, NOW I FEEL ANXIETY.

WOULD I LIKE IT IN A HOUSE?
WOULD I LIKE IT AND BE LESS OF A LOUSE?

I MIGHT NOT LIKE SOBRIETY IN A HOUSE.
I MIGHT STILL ACT LIKE A BIG OLE LOUSE.
I MIGHT NOT LIKE SOBRIETY HERE OR THERE.
I MIGHT NOT LIKE IT ANYWHERE.

WHAT IF I COULD DRINK OUT OF A BOX?
WHAT IF I COULD DRINK BUT ONLY IN MY SOX?

OKAY, MAYBE NOT OUT OF A BOX. MAYBE NOT ONLY IN MY SOX.
MAYBE NOT IN A HOUSE. MAYBE I'M NOT EVEN A BIG OLE LOUSE.
I MIGHT LIKE SOBRIETY.
ALL THIS THINKING SURE KICKS UP MY ANXIETY.

WOULD I? COULD I? BE SOBER AND BIZARRE?
BE SOBER! BE SOBER! THERE THEY ARE.

I MAY LIKE IT. I COULD SEE.
I MAY EVEN LIKE IT 'UNDER THE TREE'!

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HEY NOW

STOP! YOU LET ME BE!
I DO NOT LIKE THIS DESIRE TO STOP DRINKING
I DO NOT LIKE ALL MY OVERTHINKING!
I DO NOT LIKE SOBRIETY
I DO NOT LIKE IT, CAN'T YOU SEE?

I DO NOT LIKE IT. (SO I SAY.)
TRY IT! TRY IT! TRY IT—AND I MAY, THEY SAY.

WELL, IF YOU JUST LET ME BE,
I WILL TRY IT. YOU SHALL SEE.

(... SOME TIME LATER ...)

SAY! I DO LIKE IT!
I DO! I LIKE SOBRIETY!
JUST FOR TODAY, I LIKE IT IN THE RAIN.
AND ON A TRAIN. IN THE CAR. AND FROM AFAR.
SOBRIETY IS SO GOOD, SO GOOD, YOU SEE!
JUST GO TO AN AA MEETING
AND THEN KEEP ON REPEATING.
TODAY I OFFER TO BE IN SERVICE.
AND I TRY NOT TO BE SO NERVOUS.
I AM SOBER JUST FOR TODAY.
SAY! I WILL BE OKAY!

I LIKE SOBRIETY
IT'S EVEN GOT ME WORKING ON MY ANXIETY!
AA'S INCLUSION IS ALLOWING ME TO BE ME!
MAHALO FOR UNDERSTANDING THIS DESIRE TO BE FREE!

THANKS TO THE THIRD TRADITION
I'M SLOWLY GIVING UP ON OPPOSITION
BECAUSE TODAY I'M IN A BETTER POSITION.

ONE DAY AT A TIME
SURE IS DIVINE!

- MICHELLE (A GRATEFUL MEMBER)

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	February	2024 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei		\$741.40
11th Step Meditation Pukalani	\$43.00	\$43.00
Alana Ohana		\$0.00
Anonymous Contributions		\$1,050.00
Awakenings		\$0.00
At Some of These We Balked		\$0.00
Back to Basics		\$0.00
Big Book (online/zoom)		\$0.00
Can Do Maui-Lahaina Group		\$0.00
CDM Men's Stag North Shore	\$1,890.00	\$1,890.00
CDM Mens Stag Kihei		\$0.00
Club 449/Acceptance		\$0.00
Dawn Patrol		\$0.00
Emotional Sobriety		\$0.00
Food For Thought		\$0.00
Gold Diggers		\$0.00
Hair of the Dog		\$180.00
Hana Group		\$0.00
Happy Hour		\$0.00
HICYPAA		\$0.00
High In The Sky		\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting		\$54.00
Kahana Sober Wahines		\$40.00
Kahana Spinners		\$200.00
Kihei Beach Group	\$126.00	\$126.00
Kihei District 11		\$0.00
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$115.66	\$221.85
Ladies Night - Lahaina		\$0.00
Lahaina Whalers		\$0.00
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$0.00
Maui Sunset	\$185.47	\$352.97
Misfit Toys		\$403.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$0.00
Ohana Group		\$1,320.85
Online Member Contributions	\$1,453.79	\$1,780.15
Paniolo Group		\$0.00
S. A. M. Meeting		\$200.00
Samurai's in Sobriety		\$0.00
Saturday Night Speakers		\$188.79
A Spiritual Awakening	\$78.80	\$78.80
Sober & Crazy		\$0.00
Something Better Than Gold		\$200.00
Sisters of Sobriety	\$75.00	\$75.00
To Thine Own Self Be True		\$0.00
TTOSB (online)		\$0.00
Tri-Island District 13		\$0.00
Twelve by Twelve/12x12 (online)		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunset		\$140.00
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise	\$55.00	\$111.00
Womens AA Meeting (online)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group		\$0.00
Wake Up Call		\$0.00
We Agnostics		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life		\$100.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$4,022.72	\$9,496.81

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET

INFLOW: February	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$4,022.72
Literature sales	\$466.00
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$4,488.72
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$10,153.81
OUTFLOW: February	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Manager Salary first 1/2 Feb	\$630.00
Hawaii Telecom	\$25.84
MOBI (office cell phone)	\$29.55
IRS Federal Withholding	\$572.16
Hawaii State Withholding	\$188.30
Spectrum (Internet)	\$86.27
Manager salary last 1/2 Feb)	\$630.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$2,687.12
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$7,184.20
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	\$1,801.60
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	\$2,969.61
ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$14,923.04
Prudent Reserve	\$15,514.71

**Maui AA Intergroup thanks you
for your generous contributions!**

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



KEEP IT SIMPLE
ONE DAY AT A TIME



THANK YOU TO OUR CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS!

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