



AA ON MAUI

CENTRAL OFFICE

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Mon—Tues
10a - 3p
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10a - 1p

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AA Meeting Schedules are available
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literature
is available for
purchase at
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*We accept cash
and checks only.*

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To Thine Own Self Be True

7a Meeting 7 Days a week (view)

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STEP FOUR

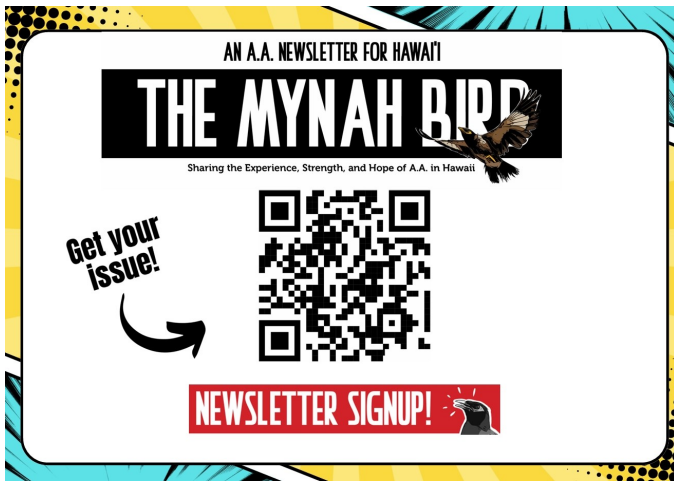
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CONCEPT FOUR

At all responsible levels,
we ought to maintain a
traditional "Right of
Participation," allowing a
voting representation in
reasonable proportion to the
responsibility that each
must discharge.



Responsibility Statement

I am responsible,
when anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA
always to be there,
and for that
I am responsible.



Events

Sat, May 2 – MICYPAA Beach Bonfire Meeting—every first Sat. starting at 5p, meeting at 6p Makena, see website

Sat, May 9 – Iao Picnic—every second Sat. starting at 11am - food and fellowship, hosted by Dawn Patrol, see website

Sat, May 9– Intergroup Meeting—every second Saturday at 6p - Good Shepard Church, Wailuku

Volunteers Needed

Service!

Central Office needs your help!

Help us to carry the message. Current openings:

Office Manager Position*
Office Volunteers
Remote Phone Volunteers

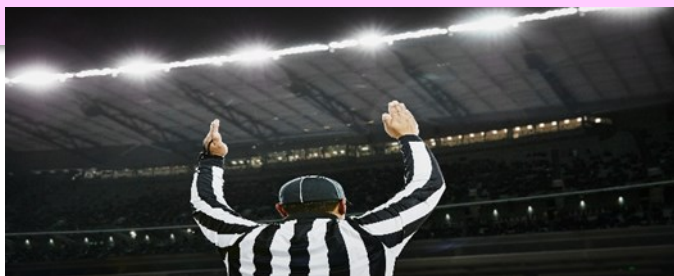
*See our website for Office Manager Position Requirements & Qualifications

aamaui.org

Service!

TRADITION FOUR:

"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."



If you've gone to a lot of AA meetings, then you know how different each meeting can be. Many meetings stick to a common format, like reading the AA Preamble/How it Works/12 Traditions, a brief speaker, then open it up for shares. But other meetings mix it up a bit, maybe having a panel of speakers, a book study, or no speaker at all. One of my favorite meetings where I got sober decided to skip the readings, announcements and clapping in order to give members more time to share. Some meetings have a timer to prevent long-winded shares; other meetings just roll with it when someone gets rambly. As long as A.A. as a whole is not affected by a group's decision to handle matters this way or that way, it's all good.

I've been blessed to see the 4th Tradition at work, as different situations arise in A.A.:

- Members bringing court cards to be signed as proof that they attended AA meetings. This was a controversy back in the 1980's, partly because A.A. meetings didn't want to be seen as affiliated with the court system. What some groups did was add a sentence to the meeting preamble to say that, "although we are not affiliated with the courts, we will cooperate if a member asks us to sign their card to show attendance." Some groups declined to sign them, as was their choice.
- Dual addiction identification at AA meetings (saying, "I'm Joe/Jane and I'm an addict/alcoholic") was another growing opportunity for AA groups. With time, compromise and acceptance, groups eventually found their way on this topic, as well.
- Some groups have experienced rent increases at their meeting places, and have had to reduce or stop their contributions to GSO, Intergroup, Area and District. Things always seem to work out, as long as we stay sober!
- During Covid, some meetings made the decision to go online, while other meetings continued to meet in person, following the guidelines of the county health groups and the host meeting places. Some members were upset about one decision or the other, but we all had choices of where to attend, to stay sober and carry the message.

It's fitting that Tradition 4 is bookended by Tradition 3 ("The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.") and Tradition 5 ("Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.") It really hammers home that we recovering alcoholics are entrusted to make decisions that are good for the group, for A.A. as a whole, and most of all, for the still-suffering alcoholic coming into our rooms, computer screens, beach parks, etc.

Jeanna T.
Kihei, HI

STEP FOUR:

"Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

1, 2, 3, AND OUT

When I attended my first Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, I had no idea what any of the steps, entailed but at that meeting I heard the things that were read, and sharing about steps. And, I now realize that I came away from that meeting a different man. My life took a 180° turn, and I have never been the same since.

For the first time in my life, I saw a refreshing, new approach to living and all I had to do, was to show up and listen. That may have been the taking of step 1, but I did not know it at the time. I realize that, from that day on, I have had a huge change of perception and I have learned to recognize faulty thinking and to find the answers to life issues as they were articulated by the collective sharing in that meeting.

I have heard people in the program, when attending a structured step study meeting, say that there may be as many as 35 people at the meeting when they started on step 1, but by the time they got to step 4 they might be down to 12 or 13 people left in the room, and they say it is like, 1. 2. 3. And out. There seems to be something in step 4 that their ego would not let them address at the time.

Like myself, I had things that I thought I would take to the grave with me. When this happens, I believe that they may not be ready for this step yet. And, if they are hurried into it, they may start to search for an easier softer way. If they stay on that softer path for long, they may end up having a half measures approach, which avails them nothing and they may waste precious years. Or worse, they may relapse and do irreparable damage that cannot be undone.

When I hear of a person who has a relapse after having long term sobriety I often wonder if it was due to skimping on steps 4 and 5, which leads to a much more superficial approach to the remaining steps. Thoroughness is the watch-word when taking these steps.

I use the Fourth Step in the 12&12 to illustrate what I mean when I try to describe the way reading and hearing the things that they describe in step 4, are things that we live with every day of our lives. Each time we read them again, we realize that we have addressed some of these issues without being aware of it.

I have heard people who have not taken step 4 yet, using terms such as, "restraint of pen and tongue, or remove the word blame from my speech and thought" and, without realizing it, they are reducing their problems as the result of this different mindset. If they are honest, about not being ready to take step 4 and 5 it leaves the door opened for the time when they are more confident, and they will be able to revisit this step and make a clean slate of it without feeling guilty or being in denial about it.

I believe that the main reason why they wrote and published the 12&12 was because they did not want to establish a precedent of editing the Big Book, and they wanted to give amplifying information and examples of how to navigate the twelve steps (a road map if you like).

We can tell stories and drunkalogues of our drinking days and that's fine. But, if we don't go through a meaningful process of addressing the causes and solutions to our problems, we will be selling ourselves short, and life is too precious to waste. The question is: If this applies to me, am I strong enough to revisit step 4 and 5.

- Rick R.

Maui AA Intergroup Meeting Summary March 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm by Chair – Mark

Opened with Serenity Prayer and A.A. Preamble. 3rd Tradition share by Livit (Women's Way of Life.)

PRESENT:

Steering: Mark– Chair; Jimmy James– Alt Chair; Kevin M– Treasurer; Jeanna – Secretary; Michelle – Interim Office Mgr

Intergroup Reps: Bill– Maui Sunset; Francoise– Saturday Speakers; Bonnie- Sisters in Sobriety; Deborah – Kihei Morning Serenity; Terry – A New Awakening; Livit – Women's Way of Life; Karen – Sober & Crazy; District/Area reps: Elijah – Alt DCM, District 5)

Members: Austin (Dawn Patrol)

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: Motion/Second by Livit (Women's Way) and Karen (Sober/Crazy) and passed to accept 2/14/26 minutes.

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVE GROUP REPORTS:

Francois – Saturday Speakers: The group's rent has increased, so they are struggling financially. Elijah suggested contacting District 5 to request help.

Bonnie – Sisters in Sobriety: Positions are filled and will be able to make splits this month.

Terry – A New Awakening: About ten people attend on average, positions filled. All is going well.

Livit – Women's Way of Life: All is going well, but being an outdoor meeting, it's affected by the weather.

Karen – Sober & Crazy: All positions covered. Reporting on behalf of Wailuku Group, announced that it will change locations April 1st to Good Shepherd Church. Still Thursdays at 7 pm.

Deborah -- Kihei Morning Serenity: Meeting is in person 4 days, online 3 days. Contributions have not been enough to make splits after paying the rent. KMS needs a Secty for Fri/Sat 7 am Zoom and a Volunteer Coordinator.

Bill – Maui Sunset: The rainy weather has affected attendance; with no rent to pay, the group continues to make splits monthly.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT – Michelle (Interim Mgr):

Maui Intergroup is accepting resumes for the position of Central Office Manager. The qualifications and job requirements will soon be posted online on the AA Maui website. People interested in the position can email their cover letter and resume to info@aamaui.org. Prior to coming to Central Office, members should check the website and call the office first to make sure someone is here at the office. If anyone has info re: the morning meeting at Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center, please call/email Central Office. We're getting calls that no one is there, so unless anyone claims the meeting, we'll remove it from the meeting listing.

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays (10 am – 1 pm) to work at Central Office, answering phones and providing A.A. literature as needed to groups.

Bill (Maui Sunset) volunteered to write an article on Step 4 for the Serenity Gazette. Jeanna (IG Secretary) will write an article on Tradition 4.

HAWAII AREA/MAUI DISTRICT/STANDING SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS: Elijah (Alt DCM, District 5) report-

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-ed that PRAASA was well-attended in February on Oahu. District 5 needs help with serving meals for the Inform the Delegate Assembly on April 18-19 at Hannibal Tavares Community Center in Pukalani. Help is also needed for transportation and home stays.

TREASURER'S REPORT- (Kevin working late, so Mark gave report) : See report for month of February.

The prudent reserve will be increased to \$21,000, representing six months of expenses. We have closed the Central Pacific Bank savings account and opened a savings account at Bank of Hawaii, where we have the checking acct.

Motion/Second by Deborah (KMS) and Terry (New Awakening) and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT – Mark:

The Steering Committee has dismissed the Central Office Manager. We currently have an interim CO manager and we are accepting resumes for the permanent position. We'll post the job description, along with the qualifications/

requirements for the position within a few days of this meeting. The Steering Committee will hire a permanent CO Manager in one month.

We received a notarized Disclaimer Notice from the Trustee of Sylvia W's estate, confirming that Maui AA Inter-group released back to the estate all funds over and above the \$12,500 already received. Those excess funds have been distributed evenly to the other six nonprofits named in Sylvia's will.

We have requested a lease agreement from the new property manager, but still have not heard back, so we are still on a month-to-month lease. The rent was increased from \$525 to \$625 per month, effective April 1, 2026.

We have shelved the topic of a hybrid Intergroup meeting due to lack of support amongst the Intergroup Reps, along with the cost of equipment and internet connectivity.

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS:

Our next Intergroup-sponsored event will be Founders' Day – ideally, June 6th or 13th, but other June dates are OK.

Maui AA Intergroup is accepting resumes for Central Office Manager. See website for details.

Copies of the first edition Big Book is available at \$4 – please contact Central Office for large orders.

Grapevine softcover books on sale (1 for \$16, 2 for \$30, 3 for \$40)

Service Opportunities: Office Volunteers needed Tuesdays 10a-1pm; backup volunteers (office, phones, etc.); Serenity Gazette articles needed.

Steering Committee Meeting, 2 pm or TBA on the Monday before the Intergroup meeting.

Next Intergroup meeting is Saturday, April 11th, 6 pm at Good Shepherd Church, Wailuku.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanna T, Secretary

**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. ser-
vice.**

**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 ser-
vices, district, area, and the
General Service Office re-
main self-supporting. This**

keeps

**A.A. free of outside influ-
ences 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

[CLICK HERE](#)

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
Tril Island 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 Intergroup Announcement

**WE ARE
HIRING
NOW!**

Maui AA Intergroup of Hawaii

OPEN POSITION

 Central Office Manager

APPLY NOW!

 Email cover letter & resume to
info@aamaui.org
subject: job opening

Please review job qualifications
and requirements posted at:

www.aamaui.org

prior to resume submission!

More Information/Island Contacts

**Meeting Guide is a
free-of-charge
meeting 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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Kaua'i AA

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kauaiaa.org

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Maui A.A. Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.



CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	March	2026 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei	\$274.07	\$1,053.57
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$50.00
Anonymous Contributions		\$412.65
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		\$0.00
CDM Mens Stag Kihei		\$0.00
Club 449/Acceptance		\$94.80
Dawn Patrol		\$0.00
Emotional Sobriety		\$0.00
Friendly Island Fellowship		\$0.00
Friday Night YP Group		\$0.00
HICYPAA	\$749.14	\$749.14
Hana Group		\$0.00
Hawaii AA Ohana Group -		\$0.00
High In The Sky		\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$28.00	\$80.00
Kalama Park Happy Hour		\$0.00
Keep It Simple Sunday		\$0.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group		\$37.15
Kihei Morning Serenity		\$0.00
K'ue Meeting	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina	\$47.00	\$47.00
Lahaina Whalers		\$0.00
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$0.00
Living Sober		\$65.67
Makawao Speaker Meeting		\$0.00
Maui Sunset		\$348.50
Misfit Toys		\$0.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$0.00
Ohana group- Weds12p		\$219.00
Online Member Contributions		\$0.00
Paia Pono		\$0.00
Paniolo Group		\$0.00
S. A. M. Meeting		\$0.00
Saturday Night Speakers		\$0.00
Serenity (Molokai)		\$0.00
Spinners		\$0.00
(A) Spiritual Awakening		\$0.00
Sober & Crazy	\$50.00	\$50.00
Sober Wahine		\$40.00
Something Better Than Gold		\$390.80
Sisters of Sobriety		\$0.00
To Thine Own Self Be True		\$622.00
TTOSB (online)		\$67.47
Turning Point/Living It Up	\$261.00	\$261.00
Upcountry Speaker		\$84.00
Upcountry Sunset		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise		\$400.00
Womens AA Meeting (online)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group		\$60.00
Wake Up Call		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life		\$98.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$3,009.21	\$6,830.75

INFLOW: March	
Starting Balance	\$26,003.76
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$3,009.21
Literature Sales	\$208.00
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$3,217.21
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$11,254.60
OUTFLOW: March	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Hawaii Equity Management (rent)	\$625.00
Office Supplies (keyboard/mouse)	\$40.29
Central Office Mgr Salary (Severence)	\$1,386.00
Central Office Mgr salary 1st half March	\$693.00
Hawaii State Withholding Tax	\$40.00
IRS Federal Withholding Tax	\$1,315.68
BOH Bank Fees for supplies (deposit bag/key)	\$30.00
HEMIC	\$5.00
Spectrum (Internet)	\$114.01
Hawaii UI Insurance (quarterly)	\$9.42
Interim Mgr Salary March	\$1,260.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$11,018.40
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$20,072.31
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	(\$7,801.19)
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	(\$8,817.71)
Transfer from Checking to Prudent Reserve	\$5,500.00
ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$18,202.57
Prudent Reserve	\$21,024.67

**Example of Suggested
Group Contributions to
A.A. Service Entities**

- * 40-50% to Intergroup
- * 20-30% to District
- * 10-20% to Area
- * 10-20% to GSO

**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!

OFFICE: ANN, TAMMY & LEI

**PHONES: BILL D., PAMELA,
KRISTINA, JIMMY J.**

Keep Coming Back

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