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MAUI SERENITY GAZETTE

November 2026

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"I've got a brand new feeling, gratitude -- a feeling that has visited me more and more frequently -- sometimes with the rush of cleansing tears -- sometimes with just a serene flow of mental thank-yous for some small, God-given bonus in a routine day."

"A Rush of Gratitude,"
Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 1983,
Spiritual Awakenings, AA Grapevine

(Grapevine books are available @ Central Office)

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Step 11

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Tradition 11

"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."

Concept 11

"The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern."

EVENTS

Monthly MICYPAA Beach Bonfire Meeting

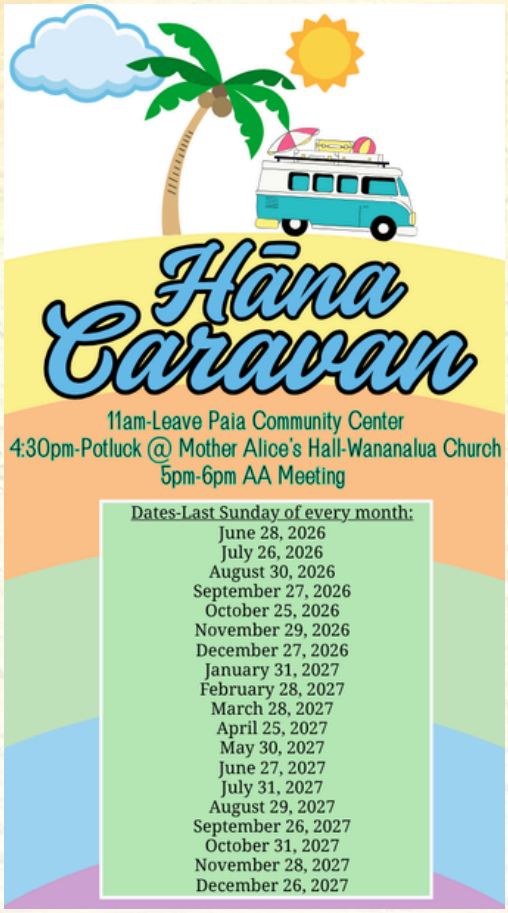
First Saturday of Every Month, Starting at 6p, meeting at 7p
Po'olenalena Beach, See website for details.

Dawn Patrol - Monthly Picnic

Every Second Saturday, starting at 11a - food and fellowship!
Hosted by "Dawn Patrol", See website for details

Alano Club Meetings

Daily AA Meetings @ 7a and 9a - with more to be added!
See website meeting schedule for details





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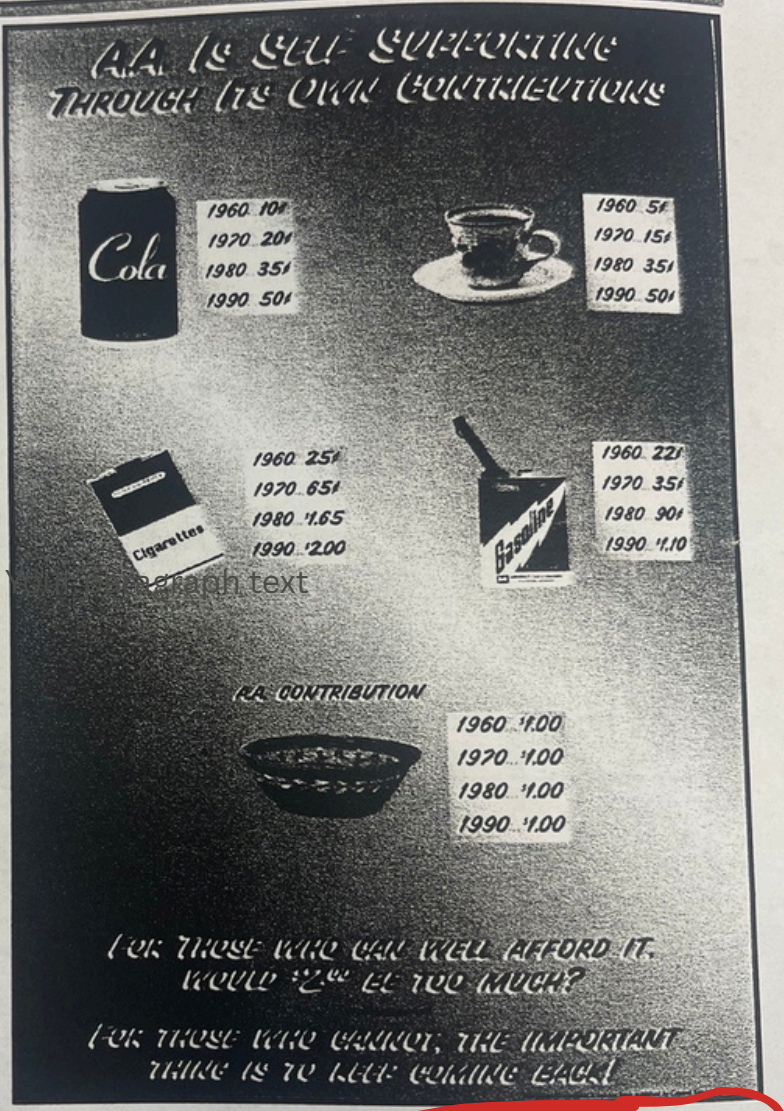
A Message from Maui Intergroup

Dear Group Members,

This letter is about money; the Central Office needs your financial support. By way of background, the Central Office is the creation of the A.A. groups that make up the Maui fellowship. Its purpose today—just as it was 18 years ago when it was founded—is to provide certain services thought useful not only to the groups themselves but also to people seeking help and to the concerned public at large.

Here are the basic services provided

1. Creation and distribution of a monthly newsletter (accompanied by individual group bulletins) to all AA County member groups. In this newsletter is not only material pertaining to Maui County activities but also to Area and G.S.O.
2. Creation and distribution (as requested) of a complete directory of A.A. meetings throughout Maui County. (the Central Office also has available national and international directories).
3. The Central Office stocks and sells a complete assortment of books and pamphlets published by AA (through A.A. W. S. Inc. and the Grapevine Inc.)
4. At the Central Office, staff and volunteers respond to a steady stream of incoming calls asking for general information, 12th step help, directions to meetings, (sometimes sending a new member to your home group), Public Information committee speakers, details of special events, help with questions about AA policies and procedures, and so forth.



The cost of providing these services is considerable and the Central Office is feeling a squeeze as certain costs rise (wages, rent telephone, maintenance) while group contributions do not meet the needs of Central Office without the events scheduled throughout the year.

We appeal to you to be responsive to the concept of responsibility, since Central Office is the creation of the groups it is the groups that are responsible for supporting it financially.

Thank You,
Central Office


Maui Intergroup
UNITY • SERVICE • RECOVERY
Thanksgiving
ALKATHON
24 HOURS OF AA MEETINGS
MEETINGS START
4:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR
THANKSGIVING DINNER
12:30 PM
ON THANKSGIVING DAY
SIDES AND DESSERTS ARE NEEDED AND WELCOMED.
AT THE
CAMERON CENTER
95 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, HI

TRADITION ELEVEN

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”

How are we doing so far?

When these traditions were written back in April of 1946, life was a little simpler. How often were we as individuals written about in the press, how often did we speak on the radio, how many of us starred in films? My guess would be, not many. In 1946 there were only about 7500 TV’ s used nationwide. We were not ‘out there’ the way we are now.

So today, how many of us are on Facebook or Instagram, are we on dating sites, do we make political statements to our friends or friends that are enemies while online. There was a clear understanding that we were not to praise ourselves in the name of AA.

Our world has changed. I don’t think Bill and Bob could have seen what was coming into our technological world.

Protecting AA through anonymity means we do not represent AA individually because if our actions become questionable, will others think AA does not work?

So, here’s the challenge - Can I practice the 11th tradition in my daily, normal life? Could my dealings with people be based on attraction rather than promotion? If like attracts like will my actions attract more like me as opposed to more that is difficult and challenging.

I believe our job is to behave, speak kindly, and take good and right action. Could we influence those around us to do the same? I would like to think so.

I am not in the world of public relations, but I would like to think that as an individual if I act right someone will notice.

-Deborah

STEP eleven

"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."

I learned how to pray at the age I learned how to speak. My parents and other adults from my family and church would tell me the words to say and I would repeat them. I was told how, when, where, and why to pray. I was also taught much that was limited in perspective or outright wrong. What a gift, though, to be taught at an early age that we have a way to connect to God as we understand Him. AA showed me how this connection would become the key to my serenity and peace.

Meditation, on the other hand, was something I made fun of others for doing. It was seen as fake prayer for hippies in Paia or for non-God people. As I grew older guilt and shame kept me from prayer until it was a foxhole, on my hand and knees, bargaining type of desperate move. Prayer was for the many times I was out of options. Naturally that type of prayer never works in the way we want. Only in the way we need.

By the time I walked in the door of my first meeting, I was so broken and battered. Prayer had the bitter taste of resentment all over it. The words God and Prayer and Meditation hanging on the wall infuriated me. Alcoholism had me running from my Higher Power, my pain, and my problems for far too long. I had finally been brought to my knees literally and figuratively.

Still yet, I immediately rejected the idea of actually trying the suggestions that others had or shared in meetings. That didn't apply or didn't work for ME. I was special and needed specific tailored or at least handcrafted treatment that didn't include any prayer or meditation. I did start trying to maintain sobriety for more than a few days and failed miserably. When I drank again after 30 days, the words" bitter morass" rang true, but I tried again. Then, I reached 90 days and drank the next day. I had been mentally laying the foundation to drink again. Fantasizing about drinking, planning the details in my mind, counting down the days. I was obsessed. As I poured the drink and took the first swallow it almost choked me. Something inside me screamed "NO!", and I walked to the bathroom and flushed it all. Here was the end. I was on my knees and DONE. Rock bottom does have a basement.

Sitting in meetings day after day and listening to shares about prayer and meditation planted seeds that quickly sprouted in the fertile muck of the basement floor. I had begun forming tools for my tool box. One of my sponsors helped me develop a routine for prayer and meditation. It is my anchor, and it has changed many times over the last few years. Meditation for me is sitting at the beach, long drives in silence, and mostly Presence. Being right here, right now. Not worrying about the past or in fear of the future for as much as I can each day.

I was being taught and really learning WHY I pray only for knowledge of his will for me and the power to carry that out. No longer asking my Higher power to "fix things" or "save me". I pray for how I should change or accept what is challenging me. What others should or ought to do is none of my business. Accepting that what I can't change, He can - if I let Him. Asking for courage to change where I can, if it needs to be me. Slowly, I am gaining wisdom and hopefully one day I will know the difference. I'll get there, one day at a time.

- Amy

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

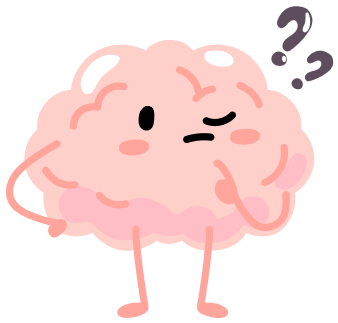
Contributions to Maui Intergroup
Make checks payable to:
Maui AA (include Group name, #)
70 Central Ave, **Suite #1**,
Wailuku, HI 96793

Members **may contribute online**

Contributions to Maui 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
Tri-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 Hawai'i Area 17
Make checks payable to:
Hawaii Area Committee (include Group name, #)
Hawaii Area Committee
PO Box 1413 Honolulu, HI 96806
area17aa.org



Does your group have a 7th TRADITION ANNOUNCEMENT?

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 person who can't afford it yet?
How generous was I when drunk in a barroom?
- AA Grapevine Traditions Checklist

__ONLINE MEETING 7th TRADITION SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT:***__

"7th Tradition: A.A. is fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. While we don't pass a physical basket, our virtual expenses (like Zoom licensing) continue, as well as supporting our local Intergroup, District, and GSO in NY - so that A.A. will always be here for the next suffering alcoholic who needs help.

How to contribute:

- Venmo: @YourGroupName (Last 4 digits: 1234)
- PayPal: paypal.me/YourGroupLink
- Zelle: treasurer@yourgroupemail.com

🙏 If you are a newcomer or experiencing financial hardship, please let this meeting be our gift to you. Your presence is what matters most!"

__IN-PERSON MEETINGS 7TH TRADITION SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT:***__

"The Seventh Tradition states: 'Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.' We are self-supporting through our own voluntary contributions. The money we collect goes toward rent, literature, supporting our local intergroup, district, and the General Service Office in NY.
So A.A. will always be here for the next suffering alcoholic who needs help.

🙏 If you are a newcomer or experiencing financial hardship, please let this meeting be our gift to you. Your presence is what matters most!"

Maui AA Intergroup Meeting Summary
October 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm by Chair – Mark
Opened with Serenity Prayer and A.A. Preamble. 10th Tradition share.

PRESENT:
Steering: Jeanna (Secretary); Michelle (Office Manager); Absent: Mark (Chair); Jimmy James (Alt Chair); Kevin (Treasurer)
Intergroup Reps: Bill (Maui Sunset); Ann (Upcountry Sunrise); Dave (To Thine Own Self Be True); Deborah (Kihei Morning Serenity); Amy (High in the Sky); Chris (Wailuku Group); Carl (Kihei Beach Group)
District/Area reps: Jody (GSR, Sober Wahine)
Members: Kimo (Upcountry Sunrise)

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Deborah (KMS), Second by Amy (High in Sky) and passed to accept the 9/12/26 minutes.

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVE GROUP REPORTS:

- Bill – Maui Sunset: Meets at 5 pm every day at Waipulani Park; all is well -- all positions filled except for GSR.
- Deborah – Kihei Morning Serenity: Meeting is in-person Mon-Thurs; online Fri-Sun. The group is updating the meeting format to increase awareness of the importance of 7th Tradition contributions.
- Jody – Sober Wahine: All is well after some flooding challenges at the meeting site. Seeking to fill service positions.
- Ann – Upcountry Sunrise: The group had to be flexible and meet at some different places recently, due to the church needing the meeting room. Meeting continues to have good attendance.
- Dave --To Thine Own Self Be True: Meets 7 am, 7 days/week at Waipulani Park; well-attended, especially on weekends -- sometimes up to 40 people. All positions are filled.
- Amy- High in the Sky: Would welcome another group to cohost the NYE Alkathon. All positions are filled.
- Chris -- Wailuku Group: Group meets 7 pm Thursdays at Iao Congregational Church, with a speaker/ discussion format. Last Thurs of month is Birthday Chip mtg; attendance is higher with women's recovery group; need a GSR.
- Carl (Kihei Beach Group): attendance has dropped due to the recent beach parking restrictions, but still more than 10 people attending.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT – Michelle:

- Mon-Fri volunteer Central Office positions filled,can always use more back-up volunteers for office/phones.
- Literature sales have been strong, including literature purchased by the Alano Club, recently reopened since the Lahaina fires. Groups have been great at communicating info to Central Office. Mahalos to the IG reps for spreading the word!
- Since no group has stepped up to host the Thanksgiving Alkathon, in time, Intergroup (i.e. steering committee members, Intergroup reps and others) will be hosting it. Michelle gave out sign-up sheets for all to take to their groups. Several people in attendance signed up to help. Since no group contacted Intergroup to host Gratitude Night in time (and with Intergroup already hosting the Thanksgiving Alkathon), Maui Intergroup will not be involved in organizing or funding Gratitude Night this year.
- For groups that send 7th Tradition funds to Intergroup via PayPal, be sure and communicate what group it comes from, since it generally comes from a member's personal PayPal account.
- Please take the Serenity Gazette to your group so that members read about upcoming Maui AA activities.
- Groups should let Michelle at Central Office know (phone/email) if they need literature so she can order.

Deborah will write a Tradition 11 article for the November Serenity Gazette. Amy will write a Step 11 article.

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HAWAII AREA/MAUI DISTRICT/STANDING SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS: Jody (GSR, Sober Wahine): The Alano Club of Lahaina is hosting a Member Bash on Saturday, Nov 27th at 6:30 pm to celebrate the new members of the Alano Club at 2530 Kekaa Drive, Ka'anapali! There are monthly, annual and lifetime memberships available – visit alanocluboflahaina.org to join.

TREASURER'S REPORT- (Michelle reported in Kevin's absence): See report in the Serenity Gazette.

- For the month of September, income fell $1,780 short of expenses.YTD expenses exceeded contributions by $17,926. Ending checking account balance is $9,124, Prudent Reserve savings account balance is $21,026. Groups are encouraged to send in 7th Tradition funds when they can. Groups sent only $765 during the month of September. The current situation of groups not sending contributions is not sustainable. Many online groups' contributions are drastically down compared to last year. Online groups that don't have a dedicated point in the meeting where they "pass the basket" – for example, asking members to use a Venmo or other digital payment platform during the meeting – are not helping to sustain GSO, Intergroup, Area and District. Please raise this concern at online meetings!

Motion/Second by Amy/Deborah and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT – (Jeanna reported in Mark's absence):

- Reminder that all Intergroup Steering Committee positions (except Office Manager) will need to be filled for the next 2-yr panel beginning January 2027. It's a great way to grow in your recovery and to help AA on Maui.
- We were one voting member short of a quorum, so we will table the vote to approve the amended Bylaws until the November Intergroup meeting.
- As no group has volunteered to host the Thanksgiving Alkathon, Intergoup will host it. It will not be a combined event with Gratitude Night. Michelle has prepared sign-up sheets to take to your groups so that they can help. We need many hands!

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS:

- Service Opportunities: Backup volunteers (office, phones, etc.) always needed; Consider writing an article for the Serenity Gazette! Email Michelle at info@aamaui.org or call (808) 244-9673 if you can help.
- Intergroup will host the Thanksgiving Alkathon. Mahalo to Upcountry Sunrise for hosting the Christmas Alkathon, and to High in the Sky for hosting the New Year's Eve Alkathon!
- In November, we will vote on the proposed Maui Intergroup Bylaws amendments.
- Steering Committee Meeting at Central Office at 2 pm or TBA on the Monday before the Intergroup meeting.
- Next Intergroup meeting is Saturday, November 14th @ 6 pm at Good Shepherd Church, Wailuku.
- Consider serving on the 2027-2028 Steering Committee – it's a great way to serve our Maui AA community, work with some amazing people, and to grow in your recovery. Elections to be held @ December 12th IG Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanna T, Secretary

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	October	2026 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei		$1,053.57
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		$50.00
Anonymous Contributions	$500.00	$3,479.65
At Some of These We Balked		$0.00
Back to Basics		$0.00
Big Book - Online		$0.00
Can Do Maui-Lahaina Group		$0.00
CDM Men's Stag North Shore		$0.00
CDM Mens Stag Kihei		$220.03
Club 449/Acceptance		$224.80
Dawn Patrol		$0.00
Emotional Sobriety		$152.41
Friendly Island - ONLINE		$0.00
Friday Night YP Group	$75.00	$185.00
HICYPAA		$749.14
Hana Group		$0.00
Hawaii AA Ohana - ONLINE		$0.00
Hawaii Annual AA Convention		$0.00
Hair of the Dog		$982.00
High In The Sky		$150.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	$35.00	$318.00
Kalama Park Happy Hour	$84.29	$487.24
K.I.S.S (Molokai)		$0.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group		$255.62
Kihei Morning Serenity	$183.76	$353.81
K'ue Meeting		$1,600.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina		$117.00
Lahaina Whalers		$0.00
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution	$120.00	$120.00
Living Sober		$65.67
Maui Sunset	$119.00	$1,468.40
Misfit Toys		$0.00
Maui Strong		$0.00
New Awakening		$160.00
No Ka Oi Group		$0.00
Ohana Group	$326.00	$1,517.06
Online Member Contributions	$213.06	$1,874.57
Paia Pono		$0.00
Paniolo Group		$0.00
S. A. M. Meeting (ONLINE)	$125.00	$125.00
Saturday Night Speakers		$0.00
Serenity (Molokai)		$0.00
Spinners		$0.00
(A) Spiritual Awakening		$87.72
Sober & Crazy		$50.00
Sober Wahine		$160.00
Something Better Than Gold		$390.80
Sisters of Sobriety		$90.00
To Thine Own Self Be True	$489.56	$1,858.56
TTOSB (ONLINE)		$67.47
Turning Point/Living It Up		$261.00
Upcountry Speaker		$84.00
Upcountry Sunset		$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise	$500.00	$1,400.00
Upon Awakening		$0.00
Women's Meeting (ONLINE)		$0.00
Wailuku Group		$190.00
Wake Up Call		$0.00
Women's AA Way of Life	$200.00	$600.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	$2,970.67	$20,948.52

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	
INFLOW: October	
Starting Balance	**$9,124.01**
Total Group Contributions this month:	$2,970.67
HEMIC 2026 policyholder dividend	$30.00
October Literature sales	$557.00
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	$3,557.67
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	$28,394.37
OUTFLOW: October	
DESCRIPTION	**AMOUNT**
Hawaii Equity Management (rent)	$625.00
AAWS Literature	$560.65
CPA (Quarterly tax work)	$522.50
Spectrum (office internet)	$92.36
IRS Federal Witholding	$572.16
Hartford Insurance	$23.09
Hawaii State Witholding	$188.30
Office Cell Phone	$30.00
Hawaii UI insurance Q3	$6.19
Mgr salary October	$1,260.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	$3,880.25
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	$46,643.22
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	($322.58)
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	($18,248.85)
ENDING BALANCE	$8,801.43
Prudent Reserve	$21,025.73

Without your financial support, Central Office cannot exist to serve Maui AA members/groups.

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***



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.



Neighbor Island Contacts

Oahu AA
808. 946. 1438
oahuaa.org

Kaua'i AA
808. 245. 6677
kauaiaa.org

West Hawai'i AA (Kona)
808. 329. 1212
westhawaiiaa.org

East Hawai'i AA (Hilo & Puna)
808. 961. 6133
easthawaiiaa.org





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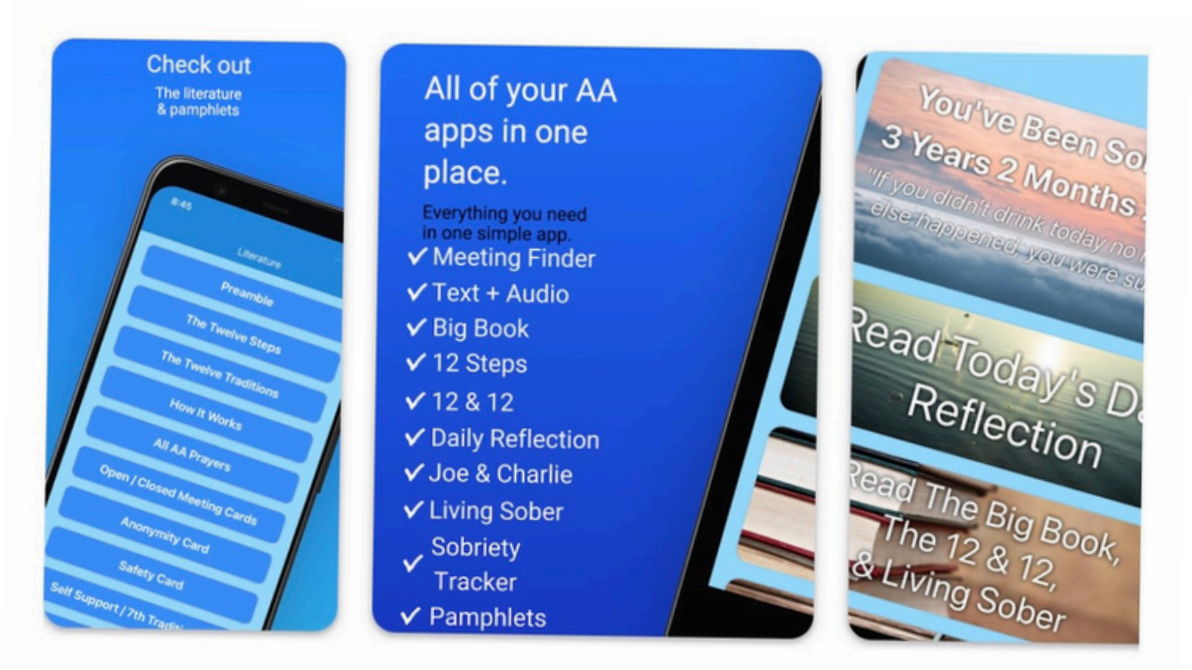
When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA
always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.

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Central Office Volunteers!

Office Volunteers

LEI, KRIS, ANN, WOODY

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PAMELA B., KRISTINA, MELISSA, JIMMY J.

ONE DAY AT A TIME!

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