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MAUI SERENITY GAZETTE

October 2026

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AA Approved Literature is available for purchase at Central Office

ALANO CLUB:

Daily A.A. Meetings are now being held at the club!

2530 Kekaa Dr., Ka'anapali

AA meeting schedule can be found on our website: aamaui.org

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Step 10

"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

Tradition 10

"Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

Concept 10

"Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined."

EVENTS

Monthly MICYPAA Beach Bonfire Meeting

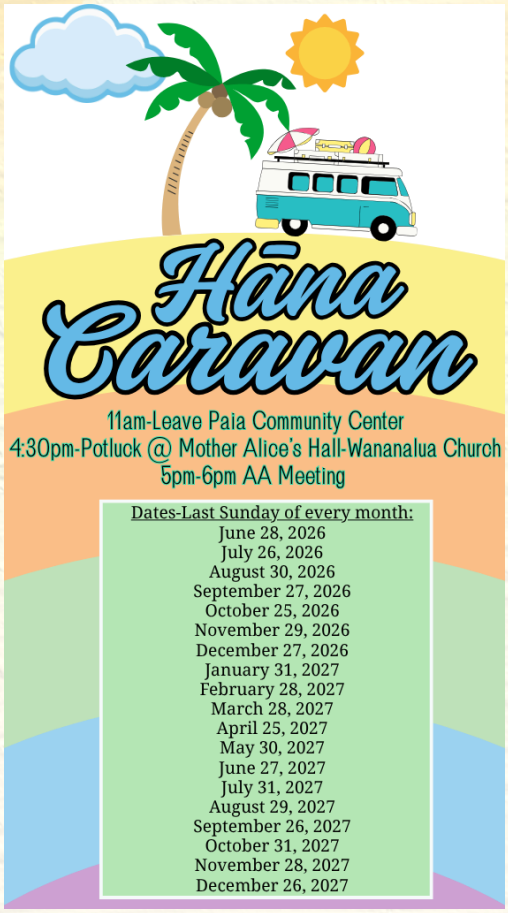
First Saturday of Every Month, Starting at 6p, meeting at 7p
Po'olenalena Beach, See website for details.

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



IG Elections to be held 12/12/26

TRADITION TEN

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

“Short Form: “Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

Long Form: “No group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues-particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matter, they can express no views whatever.”

Bill Wilson differentiates the responsibilities of the A.A. member and the A.A. group in this tradition by saying that the tenth tradition does not “mean that the members of Alcoholics Anonymous, now restored as citizens of the world, are going to back away from their individual responsibilities to act as they see the right upon issues of our time. But when it comes to A.A., that’s quite a different matter. In this respect, we do not enter into public controversy because we know that our society will perish if it does.”

My experience with tradition 10 reminds me to focus on a few things daily.

1. Primary Purpose: Am I focusing on how I can help the still suffering Alcoholic. In and outside the rooms of A.A.
2. Neutrality: Do I focus on the principles of A.A.? Do I keep my opinion on external social and political issues to myself to protect unity?
3. Individual Freedom: Do I share my true experience on getting and staying sober?

Step-Tradition Parallel

The relationship of the tenth tradition to the tenth step is this: I can be at peace and avoid outside issues by taking my inventory and not yours. I avoid controversy by taking stands with the attitude of a peacemaker.

The Washingtonian Caution: Early A.A. founders looked at the 19th-century Washingtonian Society, an earlier group that helped alcoholics. That society collapsed after getting involved in outside political and social causes like abolition and prohibition. A.A. learned that taking public sides destroys a recovery group's main mission

Together We Keep It Going

OUR GROUP • OUR RESPONSIBILITY • OUR FUTURE

UNITY
SERVICE
RECOVERY

THE 7TH TRADITION

"Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

A REMINDER TO GROUPS ABOUT MAKING SPLITS

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Our groups are self-supporting through our own contributions. Making regular splits helps carry the message beyond our meeting and supports the services that keep recovery available to all.

A BIGGER IMPACT TOGETHER

Group contributions (splits) help support our area, regional, and General Service efforts — including literature, public information, meetings, and the trusted servants who help carry A.A.'s message worldwide.

EVERY GROUP MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Whether your group is large or small, your split matters. Consistent contributions help ensure that A.A. is here today, tomorrow, and for the next person who walks through the door.

Thank you, Groups!

Your generosity, commitment, and care help keep A.A. strong.
Together, we make recovery possible.

SERVICE KEEPS US SOBER

SAME
MESSAGE
BRIGHTER
TOMORROWS

STEP TEN

"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

I love righteous indignation.

There. I said it.

Few things are as satisfying as being absolutely certain that someone else is wrong and I am the innocent victim of their defective personality. There is a warm glow to it. A spiritual coziness. I can replay the offense, improve my arguments, and add evidence.

I have standards. I have discernment. I have a compelling case. I have taste.

In other words, I am Charlie the Tuna. (if you know, you know)

Charlie's great problem in those old tv commercials was that he kept showing up with all the qualifications he thought mattered. He was sophisticated. Cultured. A tuna of distinction. Surely this time they would recognize his obvious superiority.

Nope.

Sorry, Charlie.

This is pretty much my relationship with Step 10. I arrive carrying an impressive résumé explaining why I am right, while Step 10 is looking for something else entirely.

I guess this AA Step isn't currently accepting applications for Most Justifiably Offended Person. Which seems like an outrageous oversight to me - because by the time Step 10 arrives, I have usually completed an exhaustive inventory of the other person. I know exactly what they did, why they did it, what character defect caused it and what they should do differently in the future. It is excellent work. Comprehensive.

Then Step 10 taps on my aquarium glass.

"What was your part?"

My part? I'm Charlie. I'm the sophisticated one. Have you seen my hat?

Step 10 is always so unimpressed.

Was I dishonest? Possibly. Selfish? That feels like a rather aggressive interpretation of events. Afraid? Well, yes, but I had excellent reasons. Did I owe an apology? Now you're just trying to get me rejected by StarKist.

Sorry, Charlie.

This is the terrible genius of Step 10. It doesn't necessarily tell me the other person was right.

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Sometimes they were spectacularly wrong. **Step 10 simply asks me to look at my side.** (Which is deeply inconvenient because I was having such a wonderful time looking at yours.)

And this is usually where my righteous indignation begins to develop serious structural problems. Five minutes earlier, I was standing at the bow of the S.S. Resentment, one foot on the railing, wind in my hair, completely certain that history would vindicate me. One little question later, and I'm a cartoon tuna outside the cannery wondering why nobody appreciates my sophistication.

The answer? Annoyingly simple: My qualifications are not the issue. *My conduct is.*

I can be right about what somebody else did and still be wrong about what I did next.

(Hmph, I would prefer a spiritual program with a clause stating that once another person behaves badly, I receive diplomatic immunity for the next 24 hours, but alas, no such clause exists.)

Sorry, Charlie.

Instead, Step 10 asks whether I was resentful, selfish, dishonest or afraid. It asks whether I harmed somebody. It asks whether I owe an apology. And then, displaying absolutely no respect for my need to marinate in the situation for several days, it suggests I handle the matter promptly.

Today's resentment is handled today. Today's dishonesty is noticed today. Today's apology is made today, when possible. Because I know that if I wait long enough, something remarkable happens: my memory improves my performance. Give me three days and I become calm, reasonable and practically saintly. Give me a week and I'm Gandhi with excellent communication skills. Meanwhile, the other person has somehow evolved into a Bond villain.

This is why "promptly" matters. It gets me before the rewrite.

And here is the truly annoying part: *It works!*

When I admit my part, the resentment starts losing oxygen. The courtroom empties. The jury goes home. The judge orders take-out. The S.S. Righteous Indignation returns to port. And Charlie is once again standing outside the cannery holding his résumé.

Turns out Step 10 isn't particularly interested in my excellent taste.
It just wants to know whether I'm still acting fishy.

- Michelle G.

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

Maui AA Intergroup Meeting Summary

September 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm by Chair – Mark
Opened with Serenity Prayer and A.A. Preamble. 9th Tradition shares by Ann, Livit and Spike.

PRESENT:
Steering: Mark (Chair); Jimmy James (Alt Chair); Kevin (Treasurer); Jeanna (Secretary); Michelle (Office Manager)
Intergroup Reps: Livit (Women's AA Way of Life); Bill (Maui Sunset); Ann (Upcountry Sunrise); Jack (To Thine Own Self Be True); Deborah (Kihei Morning Serenity); Karen (Sober & Crazy); Amy (High in the Sky); Terri (New Awakenings)
District/Area reps: Tim (DCM, District 5)
Members: Chris; Spike

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Deborah (KMS), Second by Amy (High in Sky) and passed to accept the 8/8/26 minutes.

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVE GROUP REPORTS:

- Bill – Maui Sunset: Meets at 5 pm, 7 days/week at Waipulani Park next to tennis courts; typically, 12-20 people attending each day; all is well; all positions filled except for GSR.
- Deborah – Kihei Morning Serenity: Meeting is in-person Mon-Thurs; online Fri-Sun. Trying to increase awareness on 7th Trad collections. Some meetings attended by only 5-6 people, while monthly birthday meeting has 40+.
- Ann – Upcountry Sunrise: The group has completed a group inventory and received good feedback from members.
- Karen – Sober & Crazy: The group meets on Wednesdays at Good Shepherd; there is a new Secretary, very enthusiastic. There is a good mix of old/new members. Need some positions filled.
- Jack --To Thine Own Self Be True: Meets 7 am, 7 days/week at Waipulani Park; well-attended, sometimes up to 40 people. GSR still needed.
- Livit – Women's Way of Life: A nice mix of old timers/newcomers; many connections made between members.
- Terri -- New Awakening: Located at Eddie Tam Center, with a small group studying the Big Book. GSR still needed. Low 7th Tradition collections, but the group recently made splits.
- Amy- High in the Sky: Group will host the NYE Alkathon! (still looking for another group to cohost.) All positions are filled.
- Karen – reporting for Wailuku Group: Group meets 7 pm Thursdays at Iao Congregational Church, with a speaker/discussion format.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT – Michelle:

- Mon-Fri volunteer Central Office positions filled, but can always use more back-up volunteers for office/phones.
- Mahalo to Woody for filling in on Wednesdays for our regular volunteer, who is off-island in September.
- We still need a group to host the Thanksgiving Alkathon.
- Literature sales continue to be strong. Thank you to the IG Reps for following up with their groups on this.
- 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, etc.
- Central Office received a call from a person who needed to have his court card signed. Michelle explained that each group is autonomous on whether or not it signs court cards.
- Hair of the Dog (Sat 9 am at Wailuku Elementary School Park) is still meeting. Someone called CO about that.
- Spiritual Awakening group is no longer meeting.
- Groups should let Michelle at Central Office know (phone/email) if they need literature so she can order.

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Tim will write a Tradition 10 article for the October Serenity Gazette. Michelle will write a Step 10 article.

HAWAII AREA/MAUI DISTRICT/STANDING SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS:
• Tim (DCM, District 5) – Discussed the difficulty in getting members involved in service, including filling group positions. District can sometimes help financially with travel to assemblies, if a group cannot afford to fund GSR travel. Tim discussed the concept behind "the spiritual coinage of inconvenience," in which we can flip the idea of service in AA from being an inconvenience to being an excellent opportunity for spiritual maturity, patience and character.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Kevin: See report in the Serenity Gazette.
• For the month of August, expenses exceeded contributions by $3,254. YTD expenses exceeded contributions by $16,166. Ending checking account balance is $10,854, Prudent Reserve savings account balance is $21,026. Groups are encouraged to send in 7th Tradition funds when they can.

Motion/Second by Jack/Ann, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT – Mark:
• Mark was not able to attend the Area 17 Budget Assembly on Oahu due to the storm. He attended part of the Assembly via Zoom, with the Sunday portion being cancelled due to the heavy storm. The proposed Area 17 budget was passed.
• Reminder that all Intergroup Steering Committee positions (except Office Manager) will need to be filled for the next 2-yr panel beginning January 2027.
• The Steering Committee asks group representatives and others to review the proposed amendments to Maui AA Intergroup's Bylaws. These proposed changes comply with State of Hawaii requirements, clarify certain policies, update language, etc. IG Reps have been provided copies of the proposed amended Bylaws to take back to their groups. Please bring back any questions/concerns/comments for our next IG meeting. Upon request, Michelle can email a pdf of the proposed Bylaws to IG reps with changes indicated.
• With no venue reserved and still no host, we're running out of time to put together Gratitude Night.
• If no group volunteers to host the Thanksgiving Alkathon, then Intergoup will host it.
• After discussion, and assuming that no group volunteers in the next week or so to host Gratitude Night, there was a motion by Tim, Seconded by Kevin and passed to combine the Gratitude Night and Thanksgiving Alkathons into one, to be held on Thanksgiving and hosted by Intergroup. We would welcome a group to assist us with that.

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS:
• Service Opportunities: Backup volunteers (office, phones, etc.) always needed; Consider writing an article for the Serenity Gazette! Email Central Office at info@aamaui.org or call (808) 244-9673 if you can help.
• If no host groups volunteer for Gratitude Night or the Thanksgiving Alkathon, Intergroup will combine these into one event on Thanksgiving. Mahalo to Upcountry Sunrise for hosting the Christmas Alkathon, and to High in the Sky for hosting the New Year's Eve Alkathon's.
• Inform your group of the proposed Maui Intergroup Bylaws amendments and bring back questions/comments.
• Steering Committee Meeting at Central Office at 3 pm or TBA on the Monday before the Intergroup meeting.
• Next Intergroup meeting is Saturday, October 10th @ 6 pm at Good Shepherd Church, Wailuku.
• Consider serving on the 2027-2028 Steering Committee – it's a great way to serve our AA community and to grow in your recovery.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanna T, Secretary

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	September	2026 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei		$1,053.57
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		$50.00
Anonymous Contributions	$37.00	$2,979.65
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	$50.00	$110.00
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	$32.00	$283.00
Kalama Park Happy Hour	$50.97	$402.95
Keep It Simple Sun. (Molokai)		$0.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group	$72.43	$255.62
Kihei Morning Serenity		$170.05
K'ue Meeting		$1,600.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina		$117.00
Lahaina Whalers		$0.00
Living Sober		$65.67
Makawao Speaker Meeting		$0.00
Maui Sunset	$243.12	$1,349.40
Misfit Toys		$0.00
Maui Strong		$0.00
New Awakening	$160.00	$160.00
No Ka Oi Group		$0.00
Ohana Group		$1,191.06
Online Member Contributions	$119.52	$1,661.51
Paia Pono		$0.00
Paniolo Group		$0.00
S. A. M. Meeting (ONLINE)		$0.00
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		$1,369.00
TTOSB (ONLINE)		$67.47
Turning Point/Living It Up		$261.00
Upcountry Speaker		$84.00
Upcountry Sunset		$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise		$900.00
Women's Meeting (ONLINE)		$0.00
Wailuku Group		$190.00
Wake Up Call		$0.00
Women's AA Way of Life		$400.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	$765.04	$17,977.85

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	
INFLOW: September	
Starting Balance	$10,853.74
Total Group Contributions this month:	$765.04
September Literature sales	$654.00
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	$1,419.04
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	$24,836.70
OUTFLOW: September	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Hawaii Equity Management (rent)	$625.00
AAWS (Literature)	$316.51
Hawaii State Witholding	$188.30
IRS Federal Witholding	$572.16
Spectrum (Internet)	$92.36
Office Phone	$30.00
Grapevine (Literature)	$94.44
Mgr salary Sept	$1,260.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	$3,178.77
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	$42,762.97
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	($1,759.73)
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	($17,926.27)
ENDING BALANCE	$9,124.01
Prudent Reserve	$21,025.55

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

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.

MAHALO

Central Office Volunteers!

Office Volunteers

LEI, KRIS, ANN, WOODY

Phone Volunteers

PAMELA B., KRISTINA, MELISSA, JIMMY J.

ONE DAY AT A TIME!

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