

MAUI SERENITY GAZETTE

September 2026

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purchase at
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KEEPIN' IT SIMPLE

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who come together to solve their drinking problem.



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Step 9

“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

Tradition 9

“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

Concept 9

“Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.”



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



Hāna Caravan

11am-Leave Paia Community Center
4:30pm-Potluck @ Mother Alice's Hall-Wananalua Church
5pm-6pm AA Meeting

Dates-Last Sunday of every month:

June 28, 2026
July 26, 2026
August 30, 2026
September 27, 2026
October 25, 2026
November 29, 2026
December 27, 2026
January 31, 2027
February 28, 2027
March 28, 2027
April 25, 2027
May 30, 2027
June 27, 2027
July 31, 2027
August 29, 2027
September 26, 2027
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INTERGROUP ELECTIONS

Your Group Conscience in Action!

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

We are seeking trusted servants for the following Intergroup service positions:



SERVICE
— is the —
FOUNDATION
of our Fellowship



CHAIR
• Leads business meetings
• Sets agendas
• Oversees the organization's service activities on behalf of the member groups



CO-CHAIR
Supports the Chair and assists in carrying the message.



TREASURER
Oversees Intergroup finances with integrity and responsibility.



RECORDING SECRETARY
Records and maintains accurate minutes of meetings.



2 YEAR COMMITMENT
Make a difference.
Grow in service.

Be of Service!

SERVICE. UNITY. RECOVERY.
Together we carry the message.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR GROUP'S INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVE.
WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Elections Date TBA



TRADITION NINE

“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

I am enjoying the process of getting reacquainted with tradition nine.

Tradition nine reminds us that Alcoholics Anonymous should remain simple, flexible, and focused on its primary purpose: carrying the message of recovery to the alcoholic who still suffers.

It tells us that AA should never become highly organized, with the kind of governing structure that might turn a fellowship of equals into a formal institution. At the same time, tradition nine recognizes that some service structure is necessary. Groups, districts, areas, and other service bodies help us accomplish together what no individual or group could easily do alone.

There's a beautiful balance in tradition nine: we organize our service, but we don't organize AA itself. Trusted servants are there to help, not to rule. Their responsibility is to serve the fellowship and help carry the message - not to tell other members how to live their recovery.

Tradition nine also offers a reminder about humility. In AA, leadership is not about power or prestige. We rotate responsibilities, listen to each other, and trust that no single person has all the answers. When we keep service about helping rather than controlling, we protect the spirit of unity that makes our fellowship possible.

For many of us, tradition nine is a practical lesson in recovery: we can work together without needing to control one another. We can accept responsibility, contribute our experience, and then step aside when our part is finished.

In a way, tradition nine keeps AA focused on what matters most - one alcoholic helping another find a new way of life.

Spiritually, this tradition emphasizes humility, service, and freedom from the need to control others. Rather than creating a hierarchy where one person has authority over another, AA tries to keep its members focused on the primary purpose of carrying the message of recovery. The tradition reflects the spiritual principle that recovery is not about power or status, but about learning to cooperate and serve.

Tradition nine also reminds us that spiritual growth can happen when we let go of our desire to run everything our own way. AA still needs structure to function, but that structure is meant to support the fellowship rather than dominate it. In that sense, tradition nine is an exercise in trust, responsibility, and humility: we participate, contribute, and accept responsibility without seeking personal power. It encourages the idea that when individuals place principles above personalities and service above self interest, the fellowship becomes healthier and more spiritually grounded.



Jody E.



ALL MAUI AA GROUPS

OUR FELLOWSHIP NEEDS
A HOST GROUP FOR THE
**THANKSGIVING
ALKATHON**



**GIVE BACK WHAT
WAS FREELY GIVEN!**



CENTRAL OFFICE
(808) 244 9673
info@aamaui.org

BACK-UP AA OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We're looking for volunteers to help
provide back-up coverage in the AA office.

DAYS NEEDED

Wed. • Thurs. • Fri.

HOURS

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

If you're available to help cover the office
when needed, we'd greatly appreciate your support!



Please contact the AA office
for more information or to volunteer.

Thank you for your service!

MAUI AA INTERGROUP STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

A GREAT WAY TO BE OF SERVICE!

GET INVOLVED. GIVE BACK. HELP SUPPORT AA ON MAUI.

Upcoming Maui AA Intergroup
Steering Committee Elections
are an opportunity to carry
the message through service
and help strengthen our
local AA community.

CONSIDER STANDING
FOR A POSITION OR
ENCOURAGING ANOTHER
MEMBER TO SERVE.



SERVICE



UNITY



RECOVERY



For more information, contact Maui AA Intergroup.

Intergroup Elections Date TBA!
Keep Coming Back :)

STEP NINE

“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

Justice is the principle behind Step 9.

How free do you want to be? Do you want the 9th step promises to come true? These are important ideas to consider when embarking upon Step 9. Step 9 is an action step. This is not the time to procrastinate. I'll be honest, it is not an easy step, but the payoff is incredible! Please don't endeavor to do the amends without the guidance of a capable sponsor. Now, let me explain the process to you, of doing amends the way that my sponsor taught me.

First, I had my 8th Step list in hand and it was divided into 3 sections: 1.) amends I'm ready to do, 2.) amends I may do and 3.) amends I don't know when I'll ever be ready to do. She suggested I start with the amends I was ready to do. She summed up the process of doing amends quite succinctly, calling it the 3 R's of Step 9. Here they are: 1. I Regret, 2. I take Responsibility, 3 To Repair this, I will ...

My sponsor then coached me on my first letter. She suggested I write the amend out (not so I could read it to the person) but more so that I understood clearly what I was making an amend for and how I was going to do it, before I met with the person face to face. With each person, agency, institution or situation where I had caused harm, I reflected on these 3 R's of the amends. I wrote many letters. My sponsor encouraged me to always end the amend by asking if there is anything else that I need to know about how I harmed them. She mentioned that it is a good idea to pray before writing each amend and certainly to also pray before making the direct amends. She helped me to see what appropriate amends would be in each situation and to consider the circumstances of each.

Most importantly, along with this simple formula she emphasized to me that the amends must be done in person whenever possible. She explained that the word “direct” is the most important word in Step 9. “Why?” I asked. She quickly responded. “Because, when amends are done face- to -face it takes courage to do that, but, in the end, this is how we gain humility and stay sober so we can raise our heads high again.” I learned from this wise sponsor that video calls, text, email and letters are better than no amends but in person offers the greatest rewards.

There are many various forms of amends. Some amends are financial restitution. Some amends require apologizing and then doing acts of kindness instead. Some amends are best done by leaving a person alone after the face-to-face apology and then hearing them say they don't want to see you again. Honor their wishes and then wait. Sometimes time has a way of healing hurts. Sponsors can you help figure the best way to make amends. Lean into your sponsors experience, strength and hope for getting through your amends.

A 9th Step summary would not be complete without a mention of how the promises have come true in my life. I came into AA broken, scared, angry and alone. Now I am whole, and happy. I have a faith that sustains me, lifts me, and guides me. I have friends that support me and love me. I have a new life and purpose and you can too! Whether you or new to AA, recommitting to AA after a break, or if you have been in the program a while and are feeling lost and alone, try the 3 R's and get your amends done! Step 9 takes courage but you don't have to do it alone and I promise the work is worth it. How free do you want to be?

--- by Liah H (Pukalani)

Service: It Takes All of Us

Service in AA isn't just something individual members do. Groups have a responsibility to serve, too.

Every meeting, Alkathon, phoneline, website, meeting schedule, public-information effort, and Intergroup Service exists because AA members and AA groups decided to participate.

A healthy AA group does more than hold its weekly meetings and pay its own rent. It participates in the larger Fellowship. It sends an Intergroup representative. It supports AA services financially when it can. It takes commitments. It volunteers for events. It considers hosting Alkathons and other Fellowship activities. **Most importantly, it asks: How can our group be of service?**

It's easy for a group to become comfortable. The meeting is running, the coffee gets made, people show up, so why bother with anything beyond that? Because **AA doesn't work very well when everybody waits for somebody else to do the work.**

The same principle that helps an individual alcoholic applies to a group: we get out of ourselves by helping others.

Service connects groups to one another. It strengthens our Fellowship and makes sure AA is available for the alcoholic who hasn't walked through the door yet. Other members and groups carried the load before us. They created the meetings, services, and Fellowship we benefit from today.

Now it's our turn.

Take a commitment. Send a representative. Host an event. Support Intergroup. Step up when there is a need.

GIVE BACK WHAT WAS FREELY GIVEN.
AA needs participation, not spectators.

--- Beth



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

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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 August 8, 2026

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

Opened with Serenity Prayer and A.A. Preamble. 8th Tradition share by Jody.

PRESENT:

Steering: Mark– Chair; Jimmy James– Alt Chair; Kevin – Treasurer; Jeanna – Secretary; Michelle – Office Manager

Intergroup Reps: Bill– Maui Sunset; Ann (Upcountry Sunrise); Jack (To Thine Own Self Be True); Deborah (Kihei Morning Serenity); Leah (Alt-IGR, Sisters in Sobriety); Karen (Sober & Crazy); Carl (Sunday Beach Meeting); Amy (High in the Sky); Francoise (Sat Night Live Speaker);

District/Area reps: Elijah – Alt DCM, District 5; Jody, GSR – Sober Wahine

Members: Joey: Chris (visitor)

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH’S MEETING MINUTES: Motion/Second by Amy (High in Sky) and Kevin (Treasurer) and passed to accept the 7/11/26 minutes.

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVE GROUP REPORTS:

- Bill – Maui Sunset: Meets at 5 pm, 7 days/week at Waipulani Park; all is running smoothly.
- Deborah – Kihei Morning Serenity: Recently there has been low attendance, sometimes as few as five people. About 30 members attend last Thursday of month for B-Day celebrations. Will discuss at next KMS business meeting re: whether the meeting is still sustainable.
- Ann – Upcountry Sunrise: The group has agreed to host the Christmas Alkathon! Also considering co-hosting Gratitude Night with another group.
- Karen – Sober & Crazy: The group is meeting only on Wednesdays now, at Good Shepherd; service positions open, especially literature and coffee. Storage is limited at the church.
- Jack --To Thine Own Self Be True: Meets 7 am, 7 days/week at Waipulani Park; well-attended; GSR still needed.
- Leah – Sisters of Sobriety: Well attended with residents and visitors; all positions are filled.
- Amy- High in the Sky: Group will host the NYE Alkathon! They were reimbursed for lost money order that was mailed last year for 7th Trad splits.
- Trish - TTOSBT Zoom: Attendance ebbs and flows.
- Francoise – Wailuku Speaker meeting: Meeting is well-attended.
- Jody_(GSR) – Sober Wahine: Group had to relocate due to a flooded area.

OFFICE MANAGER’S REPORT – Michelle:

- Mon-Fri volunteer Central Office positions filled, but we can always use more back-up volunteers for office/phones.
- We’ll need a fill-in volunteer for the month of September, Wednesdays 10-1. Regular volunteer will be off-island.
- Thank you to the IG Reps for following up with their groups on literature sales and 7th Tradition splits – both have improved in July.
- 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.

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- Please take the Serenity Gazette to your group so that members read about upcoming Maui AA activities, etc.
- Leah will write a Tradition 9 article for the September Serenity Gazette. Jody will write a Step 9 article.

HAWAII AREA/MAUI DISTRICT/STANDING SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Elijah (Alt DCM, District 5) – There is a GSR study group first Tuesday each month held by a District 5 GSR. See or call Elijah for more information.
- Jody (GSR, Sober Wahine) – Jody emphasized that transparency is important when recruiting potential GSRs for the next panel, as there are many responsibilities that weren't communicated to some GSRs for this current panel regarding helping at assemblies, attending Intergroup and more. Jack (TTOSBT in person) noted that GSR's carry the 12 Traditions into the meetings, sometimes not popular in certain group meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Kevin: See report in the Serenity Gazette.

- Contributions had been down this year, but saw much improvement in July. Groups are encouraged to send in 7th Tradition funds when they can.
- Intergroup is checking prices/services between HawaiianTel and Spectrum. Michelle to follow up.
- Motion/Second by Deborah (KMS) and Jack (TTOSBT in person) and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT – Mark:

- Mahalo to the volunteers working shifts at Central Office to serve our fellowship. All positions are now filled, but we do need to fill Wednesdays (10a – 1p) in the office for a volunteer on vacation in September. Back up volunteers are always needed, as well.
- 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 is updating Maui AA Intergroup's bylaws, primarily to clarify certain policies, update language, etc. IG Reps have been provided copies of the proposed Bylaws to take back to their groups. Please bring back any questions/concerns/comments for our September 12th IG meeting. Michelle will email a pdf of the proposed Bylaws to IG reps with changes indicated.
- If your group makes 7th Traditions to Maui Intergroup via PayPal, be sure to indicate which meeting the funds are from, since the contributions typically come through an individual member's PayPal account.

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.
- We need host groups for Gratitude Night and 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!
- 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, September 12th @ 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	August	2026 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei		\$1,053.57
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$50.00
Anonymous Contributions	\$110.00	\$2,942.65
At Some of These We Balked		\$0.00
Back to Basics		\$0.00
Big Book - Online		\$0.00
CDM Men's Stag North Shore		\$0.00
CDM Men's 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		\$60.00
HICYPAA		\$749.14
Hana Group		\$0.00
Hawaii AA Ohana - ONLINE		\$0.00
Hair of the Dog		\$982.00
High In the Sky	\$150.00	\$150.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$51.00	\$251.00
Kalama Park Happy Hour	\$47.00	\$351.98
KIS Sunday (Molokai)		\$0.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group		\$183.19
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		\$1,106.28
Misfit Toys		\$0.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$0.00
Ohana Group		\$1,191.06
Online Member Contributions	\$238.18	\$1,541.99
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	\$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	\$367.00	\$1,369.00
TTOSB (ONLINE)		\$67.47
Turning Point/Living It Up		\$261.00
Upcountry Speaker		\$84.00
Upcountry Sunrise		\$900.00
Women's AA Mtg (ONLINE)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group	\$50.00	\$190.00
Wake Up Call		\$0.00
Women's AA Way of Life		\$400.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$1,100.90	\$17,212.81

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	
INFLOW: August	
Starting Balance	\$14,107.40
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$1,100.90
August Literature sales	\$370.00
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$1,470.90
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$23,417.66
OUTFLOW: August	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Hawaii Equity Management (rent)	\$625.00
JW Cameron Ctr. (Alkathons - Rentals)	\$1,650.00
Good Shepard Church: IG Meeting/Rent (January-August)	\$200.00
Hawaii TDI (2nd Quarter)	\$35.08
Spectrum (internet)	\$114.02
Hawaii State Withholding	\$268.30
IRS Federal Withholding	\$572.16
Mgr salary August	\$1,260.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$4,724.56
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$39,584.20
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	(\$3,253.66)
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	(\$16,166.54)
ENDING BALANCE	\$10,853.74
Prudent Reserve	\$21,025.55

**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

MAHALO!

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



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

westhawaiiiaa.org

East Hawai'i AA (Hilo & Puna)

808. 961. 6133

easthawaiiiaa.org



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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.



MAHAALO

Central Office Volunteers!

Office Volunteers

LEI, KRIS, ANN, SPIKE

Phone Volunteers

PAMELA B., KRISTINA, MELISSA, JIMMY J.

ONE DAY AT A TIME!

Contact Maui Serenity Gazette

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