



Maui Serenity Gazette

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AA ON MAUI

CENTRAL OFFICE

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10a—4p

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aamaui.org

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When I first recognized I was an alcoholic and admitted that I needed help it was with trepidation that I anticipated doing STEP FOUR. I heard many of your fears rise up around you doing your inventory and I wondered if there wasn't an easier, softer way.

I thought surely I could get by with the most recent and public humiliations and let sleeping dogs lay. But did I want to risk being in that incomprehensible demoralized place again? No, never again. Did I want to be free of those things that drove me to drink? If yes, then to what lengths was I willing to go? Willing to be embarrassed & ashamed? Willing to

lose the friends I was making in this fellowship?

This step written out as outlined in the BB let me see how self-centered fear, neediness and false pride drove me to drink. Not getting what I thought I deserved or



losing what I had caused me to be jealous and wary of you. Trying to fill the God-shaped hole in my soul with people caused me to place unreasonable demands on unsuspecting friends. Playing the big shot and know-it-all separated me from those who were willing to be of help if I would have only asked.

This step for me became a treasure hunt. I had to hunt through the muck and mire and crud that were my drinking life for the treasure that was the real Cathy. This step was an expression of faith & trust. I had faith in a Higher Power Whom I had turned my will & my life over to in STEP 3. Trusting that He would turn my defects of character into something for good was what I was doing when putting pen to paper.

Freedom is what I was gifted with. This step means freedom for those brave and courageous enough to go treasure hunting in a dark and treacherous place. Have you found the treasure that is you, yet?

Maui Intergroup Announcements

Did you know ...

Maui A.A. Intergroup is a committee of representatives from A.A.® groups in Maui County. Each group has the right and is encouraged to elect an Intergroup Representative to carry their group conscience to the Intergroup meeting held each month. Intergroup provides services for all groups which would be too much for individual groups to handle by themselves. Much of this work is coordinated through Central Office.

Does your Group currently have an INTERGROUP REP?



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.



More Information/Island Contacts

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Kaua'i AA

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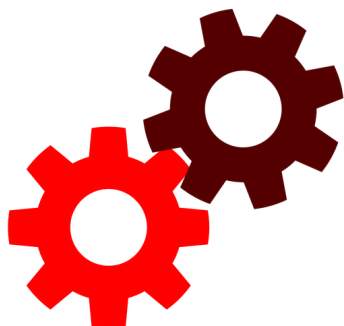
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Maui A.A. Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.



Material from GSO



INSIDE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Contributions and Self-Support

A.A.'s Seventh Tradition states: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." This means that only A.A. members contribute financially to A.A. — and even

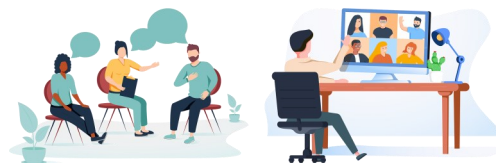
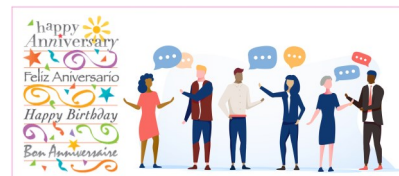
A.A. members are limited in the amount they can contribute. This keeps A.A. free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose — to help the alcoholic who still suffers. The

amount of the contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world

Where Money and Spirituality Mix

Members celebrate sobriety by giving time, energy and money in support of carrying the A.A. message. Members assure that group expenses are paid by voluntarily putting money into the basket passed at each meeting. Contributions support the group and A.A. worldwide. Contributions ensure that:

- Groups get meeting space
- Phones get answered
- Alcoholic persons in custody get Big Books
- Professionals get correct information about A.A.
- Lone A.A. members get letters
- Newcomers get literature and meeting lists
- A.A.s around the globe share experience, strength and hope



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“Each group should be autonomous except in matters effecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”

I liked the traditions from the very beginning. I had no idea what A.A. was all about. I knew I needed to quit drinking and A.A. was the place people like me went. I knew A.A. was a 12---step program, but I did not know anything about what those step were. The 12 Steps and the 12 Tradition banners were hanging on the wall my very first meeting. In between crying and shaking I could raise my head for a few minutes during each meeting and read those banners. The traditions gave me some idea how this new A.A. group functioned. This was important to me because I was so scared about getting sober.

The A.A. group can do what it wants. The long form of tradition four says the group is responsible to no other authority then it's own conscience. The group holding the meeting cannot interfere with another A.A group. The group holding the meeting should not get any interference from another A.A. group. Great. It's really balanced and simple to understand. I can just go to another meeting if I don't like this meeting. Tradition four informs me not all meetings will be alike. I meet a wide variety of formats and characters as I attend a lot of different meetings. It's fun to try different groups. The great fellowship represented by the A.A. members keeps things really interesting. The A.A. message of experience, strength, and hope is amplified when it is repeated from so many diverse members of the fellowship.

A.A. literature is the same everywhere. All A.A. literature and A.A. materials are published by A.A. World Services, Inc. The A.A. program is a common basic textbook used by the groups. Tradition Four lets me know the group holding the meeting functions without any central authority. This helped me relax in the beginning when everything is new and scary. All the big books on the table, sober people praying together, etc. I needed to know that there wasn't some A.A. leader somewhere calling the shots and trying to brainwash me. But the tradition also lets me know that my group should not take any action that would affect A.A. as whole. To me this means the good reputation of this group of drunks should be guarded as something very special.



Where to Send Contributions:

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

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
Trisland 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 AA Intergroup Monthly Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2024

Call To Order: Christopher I. (Chair)

Open with the Serenity Prayer, Maui AA Intergroup Preamble.

PRESENT: Christopher, Chair; Diana (Something Better Than Gold); Kimo (Hair of the Dog); Michelle (Central Office); Karen (Wailuku Group/Recording Secretary); Kevin (Sunday Beach Group); Ben (Maui Sunset); Brooks (Upcountry Sunrise); Pat (11th Step Meditation); Ellen (Alt. KMS); Debra (AA Way of Life); Mark (High in the Sky); Kim (Hicypaa); Portia (Happy Hour); Jimmy James (District).

Prior Minutes: none available as there was no quorum last month.

REPORTS:

Steering Comm. Report (Chair)

1. Moving prudent reserve to Bank of Hawaii to match checking account.
2. HostMoster is currently unavailable to send Gazette via email at this time. It is available on our website under newsletter tab – aamaui.org

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Central Office Report (Michelle)

1. Will be bringing up prudent reserve to 9 months (as recommended by General Office).
2. Next month's 4th Step will be by Christopher; 4th Tradition will be by Karen.
3. All shifts are filled.

Hawaii Area/Maui Dist/Standing Service Comm. Report: Kimo (Dist. 5):

April 6-7 is the Informed Delegates meeting; Dist. Financially stable; Budget Assembly in August. Jimmy James (Dist. 11). Nothing new to report.

Intergroup Reports:

Portia (Happy Hour): 1 open secretary position available; 1st Thursday, May 2, barbecue; old Coolers can be donated to Happy Hour if needed.

Brooks (Upcountry Sunrise): great attendance, some safety concerns (addressed), will take inventory, all positions filled.

Kim (Hicypaa): Been meeting since Dec. 2023; Event at Camp Maluhia August 9-11, registration 808-500-8033; Theme: To Rise From the Ashes; more info on AA website.

Ben (Maui Sunset): 1 secretary position needed.

Mark (High in the Sky): good attendance; some service positions available.

Kevin (Sunday Beach Group) good attendance

Debra (AA Way of Life): No info at this time; good attendance at this outdoor venue.

Ellen (Alt. KMS): good attendance; need Intergroup Rep

Pat (11th Step Meditation): meeting almost every day

Kimo (Hair of the Dog): last Sat. Meeting very small due to the weather.

Diana (Something Better than Gold): All positions filled.

Karen (Wailuku Group): Rent increased to \$50/month; Facility requested insurance: found/paid \$315/year. Need service positions.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Need Founders Day host; dates are June 8-9 or 15-16; applications for rentals placed; waiting for response.

B. Space for Intergroup monthly meeting will change in the near future - 2662 Waiwai Pl, Ste 201, Kihei a possibility.

NEW BUSINESS: None

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS: 1. Need Founders Day Host 2. Hicypaa announcements on website. NEXT MEETING: April 11, 2024

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	March	2024 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei		\$741.40
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$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
CDM Mens Stag Kihei		\$0.00
Club 449/Acceptance		\$0.00
Dawn Patrol		\$0.00
Emotional Sobriety		\$0.00
Gold Diggers		\$0.00
Hair of the Dog		\$180.00
Hana Group		\$0.00
Happy Hour	\$338.00	\$338.00
HICYPAA		\$0.00
High In The Sky		\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting		\$54.00
Kahana Sober Wahines		\$40.00
Kahana Spinners		\$200.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group	\$254.00	\$380.00
Kihei District 11		\$0.00
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$147.00	\$368.85
K'ue Meeting	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina		\$0.00
Lahaina Whalers	\$70.00	\$70.00
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$0.00
Maui Sunset	\$176.14	\$529.11
Misfit Toys		\$403.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$0.00
Ohana Group	\$600.00	\$1,920.85
Online Member Contributions	\$240.91	\$2,021.06
Paniolo Group		\$0.00
S. A. M. Meeting		\$200.00
Samurai's in Sobriety		\$0.00
Saturday Night Speakers		\$188.79
A Spiritual Awakening	\$28.60	\$107.40
Sober & Crazy		\$0.00
Something Better Than Gold		\$200.00
Sisters of Sobriety		\$75.00
To Thine Own Self Be True		\$0.00
TTOSB (online)	\$205.00	\$205.00
Tri-Island District 13		\$0.00
Twelve by Twelve/12x12 (online)		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunset	\$81.00	\$221.00
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise		\$111.00
Womens AA Meeting (online)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group	\$123.20	\$123.20
Wake Up Call		\$0.00
We Agnostics		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life		\$100.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$4,063.85	\$13,560.66

INFLOW: March	
Starting Balance	\$14,923.04
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$4,063.85
Literature Sales	\$672.20
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$4,736.05
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$14,889.86
OUTFLOW: March	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Mgr salary first 1/2 Mar	\$630.00
Spectrum (Internet)	\$86.27
IRS Federal Withholding	\$572.16
Hawaii State Withholding	\$188.30
MOBI (phone)	\$29.55
HEMIC	\$22.00
Hawaiian Tel	\$25.84
Mgr salary last 1/2 Mar	\$630.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$2,709.12
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$9,893.32
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	\$2,026.93
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	\$4,996.54
ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$16,949.97
Prudent Reserve	\$15,515.20

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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