



Maui Serenity Gazette

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Step Four: *"Made a searching and fearless inventory of ourselves."*

The first time I got sober I didn't know I was angry. I didn't know I felt guilty and I didn't know any difference between guilt and shame, I didn't have any education or information about names of feelings. The first time I got sober, I thought I had the really good version of sobriety because I paid for it in rehab. Having crashed a car just before I went in for a 28 day "spin dry", the payoff on that wreck paid the deductible on my insurance payment at the institution. I didn't know ANYTHING

about recovery, especially that I was a lying, sneaking, manipulative, desperate drunk.

Against my better thinking, so I thought, I stayed in the rehab where I had landed just to make sure



I kept my job.

A recent nomination for Outstanding Young Professional Woman in my community was withdrawn. When I stopped using all mood altering things, I received a whole new window into

my brain and within the first 90 days I remembered, very clearly, devastating events from my entire childhood.

For the next year and a little, I followed the recipe I had been given about how to stay sober.

I learned how to feel, use my voice of truth and I fell in love. After moving across the country I did not get reconnected to AA and I did not go to meetings. I didn't hear the slogan "Meeting Makers Make It" until many years later.

Within a relatively short time, as I sat in a circle of folks I knew, I found myself passing a

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joint and I took a hit. My relapse had begun and I practiced controlled drinking for the next year. Countless opportunities to demonstrate I was still a hopeless drunk eventually convinced me my life IS unmanageable by me. Surrender to win is all I could do because I couldn't drink anymore and I couldn't not drink. I really thought I could manage. I believed that if I kept doing the things I was doing in therapy to deal with the trauma in my childhood that I would no longer want to drink or drink too much. I had finally proven to myself that it really didn't matter what I thought, believed or tried. I had crossed the line into alcoholism. Before I learned about the definition of a real alcoholic page 21 through 29 (BB), I didn't know you can't turn a pickle back into a cucumber. Somehow I missed that part the first time. I did the first half of the First Step in the first period of sobriety. When I went back out and did more research by another year of drinking, I laid the foundation to do the second half of Step One. This time I found a sponsor in AA because I wanted help, not because rehab told me I had to before they let me leave

All through the relapse, I kept attending a couple additional different kinds of 12 Step groups. I knew they had something I wanted. Eventually I started going back to AA by going to a Thanksgiving Alkathon for the free abundant food. At a meeting the following week, I heard a guy tell my story and I asked him for help. He told me he couldn't help me because I am a woman but he had someone who could. His girlfriend became my sponsor and the two of them took me through the first 164 pages of the Book 1 1/2 hours at a time once a week at the same time on the same day at their living room coffee table with a paper dictionary. I looked up every word I did not understand and wrote it in my book and I did daily reading assignments from week to week. I did full immersion into Program. It had been suggested I go to a meeting every day and not drink in between and I couldn't make it more than four hours so I went to a meeting every day at 7am before work, at noon lunch break, at 8 PM and often at midnight as well. I lived a block away from an Alano Club and a block away from my home group. By my truck, on rollerblades or walking with my cat on a leash I went to 3 and 4 meetings a day every day for 10 months before I could make it through an entire day without picking anything up. Eventually I tapered down to one or two meetings a day and I still have a pretty full meeting schedule. It works because I work it. It won't if I don't. I proved that the first time.

The FOURTH STEP I did the first time unlocked the external barricade. The FOURTH STEP I did the second time (this time), began a behavior that is now so much a part of my life I can't imagine not taking inventory all day throughout every day if not naturally by way of my sober consciousness, then at night in my inventory of the day and not just on my restless irritable discontent real alcoholic Self ~ instead on my Whole Self that lives Happy Joyous & Free (HJF is promised on page 133 line 3) in Today recoveredED (page xiii line 5) from a "seemingly hopeless state of mind and body." (page xiii line 3)

2025

MAUI AA INTERGROUP
WWW.AAMAUI.ORGMaui
A A
Intergroup

monthly business meeting



Every Second Saturday of the month

NEW LOCATION AS OF MARCH 8

6 P M - 7 P M

GOOD SHEPARD CHURCH, 2140 MAIN ST, WAILUKU

2025 Meeting Dates: January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9,
September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13

What is Intergroup?

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.



Central Office will have reduced hours
(10a—1p) on the following dates:

MONDAY, April 14
FRIDAY, April 18
MONDAY, April 21
FRIDAY, April 25

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Email: info@aamaui.org

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pamphlets**

Traditions Checklist

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

Practice These Principles....

Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

Aloha

From the desk at Central Office

Recap on "Central Office Bash"

Thank you again to all of our volunteers and Intergroup and Steering Committee.

The event was a fabulous success!
We wanted to bring back the preCovid Maui AA tradition and we did so in style!

We had approximately 80 people in attendance and a wonderful catered spread by CINDI and her team.

We had a few giveaways, collectible purple chips and AA conference approved literature, and a special message in our program from Mayor Bissen.

Huge mahalo to our speaker panel (Andrea F, Chris I, Vicki P, and Charlie S) who shared their experience, strength, and hope and how service is an integral part of how we carry the message and stay sober.

Looking forward to next year's Bash!
Stay Tuned!

"Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail." — Alcoholics Anonymous, page 8

**Calling women to join a
Treatment Center Panel**

**Please contact Regina
info@aamaui.org**

More on STEP 4...

For whatever reason, the 4th step is an unnecessary sticking point for many of us.

For me, I had never cared to look at myself with an honest self appraisal.

When I finally came all the way in, and sat all the way down, with the "desperation of a drowning man," I let go of all that stood in the way of completing the 12 steps.

With much love from H.P. and the support and guidance of a good sponsor, the 4th step provided me with the facts about myself that empower me to move forward in recovery.

I had to trust the process. I had no idea what would happen as I began to write about all of the people, places, institutions, and policies I had spent life until now fearing, resenting, and obsessing about others.

With regard to sex, in my alcohol infused life I had lived in a bubble within which sex was only for personal satisfaction. In this state of mind I had not only been selfishly harmful towards those who chose to partner with me, I had been deteriorating myself to a point of miserably low self esteem.

Putting this all down on paper allowed me to see clearly how sick I had become as an alcoholic.

As the process unfolds, I am allowed to learn, and to accept that the center point of all of this mess has always been me.

My false ideas and beliefs, have driven my behaviors, which have resulted in adverse affects for everyone.

Completing a thorough 4th step, I can continue moving forward with the rest of the steps, wherein I will find the solutions to the chaos that has been revealed.

Blessed and Grateful
-Ben S.

**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:

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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 Announcements

Intergroup and Central Office operate within the spiritual principles of A.A.'s 12 Traditions and Concepts. Help us carry the message!



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.



More Information/Island Contacts

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westhawaiiaa.org

Kaua'i AA

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kauaiaa.org

East Hawai'i AA (Hilo & Puna)

808. 961. 6133

easthawaiiaa.org

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Maui A.A. Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.



Hawaii Area Standing Committees



Free Workshop Maui



Public Information **Saturday, April 26, 2025**
8am - 3pm



Meals Provided-<https://bit.ly/RSVP-Meal-Count>

8am Breakfast Meeting

9am Standing Committee Presentations

11:30 Break for Lunch & "Round Tables"

1pm Standing Committee Presentations

3pm Closing / Q&A / Sign up to volunteer

5pm TBA Group dinner and fellowship

7pm regular weekly AA meeting "Live! Saturday Night!"

**In-Person at Iao Congregational Church,
Kanda Hall, 2371 W. Vineyard St., Wailuku, 96793**

For more info: Juenlee B. 808-280-1284

"Mynah Bird"
Statewide Newsletter



ONLINE HYBRID
Zoom ID: 83805075782
Passcode: savelives

or Link here:
<https://bit.ly/HI-Area-17-Standing-Committee-Workshop>

TRADITION FOUR:

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

Or, as I like to call it: "You do you—unless your 'you' blows up the whole program."

Let's be real. Tradition Four is basically the AA version of a family road trip. Every group is its own car. You've got the Prius with the meditation readings, the Jeep blasting the Big Book on cassette tape, and that one rusted van that insists on group inventory every other week (God bless 'em). Everyone's on the same highway, but we all pack snacks differently.

This tradition gives groups the freedom to operate in their own way—within reason. You want to open the meeting with interpretive dance? Sure, if it helps someone stay sober. Want to serve vegan donuts instead of coffee? Bold, but okay. But the second your group decides to start handing out "AA-Approved Crystals" or declares sponsorship is best done through sock puppets...well, the Fellowship might need a chat with you.

Autonomy is a beautiful thing. It allows creativity, flexibility, and the occasional meeting on paddleboards. But it's not a free-for-all. If what you're doing affects another group or causes mass confusion (like starting "Tequila Tuesdays: A Relapse Appreciation Meeting"), it's time to pump the brakes.

So go ahead, be your wonderfully weird, independent AA group. Just don't crash into the other cars.

-anon

call for submissions

We want to share your articles, jokes, artwork, poetry,
Anything Recovery related.

Next month the focus is on Step 5 and Tradition 5.

Email submissions to info@aamaui.org

Upcoming events

April 26— Saturday

Hawaii Area Standing Committees Free Workshop

8am-3pm at Iao Congregational Church;

See page 8 for more information.

2025 Happy Hour BBQ is on!

Every first Thursday, after the 5:30p Meeting

Location: Kalama Park Kihei

May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4

June 8— Sunday

Founders Day hosted by Upcountry Sunrise

Cameron Center

July 3-6

2025 AA International Convention

Vancouver, Canada

See website for more information

pet of the month Hawai'i

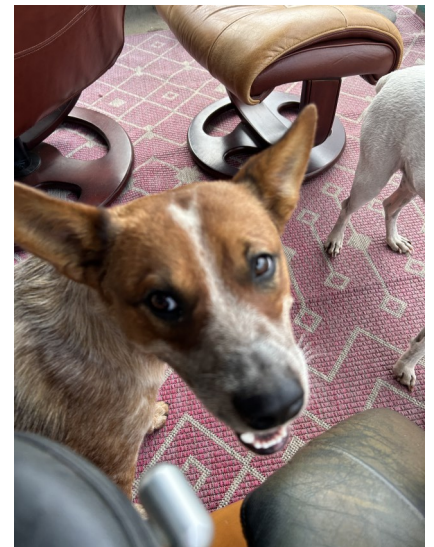
Hawai'i is a red heeler pup,
born in Haiku, raised in Paia.

He is a sweet mommas boy
but can be quite
mischievous and *kolohe*.

He is always on the search for
the perfect stick.

A worldclass athlete, he loves
running on the beach, and
playing golf with his dad.

He is currently training to be a
cat ally like his Unko Romulus.





Maui AA Intergroup Meeting Summary
March 8, 2025

CONVENE: 6:00 p.m.

OPENING: Serenity Prayer, Maui AA Intergroup Preamble.

Introduction: Steering Committee and Intergroup Representatives.

PRESENT: Mark, Chair; Jimmy Jamez, Vice-Chair; Kevin, Treasurer; Kim, Recording Secretary; Regina, Central Office Manager; Jean, Mateo, Ann, Malia, Chuck, Elijah, Ellen, Terry, Bonnie, Pamela, Matthew, Livit, Mateo, Jody, Ben.

MOTION: - To accept the minutes of the January mtg. – APPROVED with two revisions.

SERVICE POSITION MONTHLY REPORT:

- Steering Committee Report - Mark.
 - New venue – Good Shepherd Church - Committee agreed on \$25 donation as the Church works on a donation basis. (MOTION: Jimmy Jamez/Regina)
 - Signatures are at the bank and just waiting for it to appear in the queue.
 - The Committee will look into the need to update the prudent reserve account.
- Treasurer's Report – Kevin
 - Published in March `25 edition of the Maui Serenity Gazette (pg. 16).
 - Ending Balance \$18,673.43.
 - Prudent Reserve \$15, 519.50.

MOTION: Accept Treasurer's Report (ben/Teri) – APPROVED.

- Central Office Manager's/Serenity Gazette – Regina
 - Glo Up – Landlord made a decision that we have to pay for any renovations because we were not charged rent during Covid and the rent has not been raised.
 - Lost the Golddiggers meeting.
 - Ka Hale A Ke Ola, Maui homeless resource center is requesting a new meeting at their location. We are awaiting feedback from the Director.
 - Reminder that we do have a PSA announcement on 91.7
 - There has been interest in renewing The Crossing to Lanai. Perhaps a Lanai meeting on May 2.
 - Discussion regarding the lack of senior meetings.
 - The Aloha Treatment Center needs panelists.
 - There was no Step 3 article this month.
- Hawaii Area or Maui District Report – *No Report*

Intergroup Representative Group Reports:

- Kim - Club 449 – Acceptance: All good.
- Kim – MICYPAA – March 16 1:30 BBQ and volleyball.
- Mateo – Monday/Saturday Misfits – Combining funds to send a member to P)RASA.
- Jody – Sober Wahine. Again mentioned that Kahana Sober Wahine and Sober Wahine meetings are duplicated on Gazette page.
- Elizabeth - High in the Sky: Well-attended outdoor CHIP meeting. Working on the bank-
ing switchover.

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Maui AA Intergroup Minutes March 8, 2025 cont.

- Matthew – Wailuku Group: Steady attendance. Have a new secretary, but there are still open positions.
- Livit - Women's AA: Steady attendance. Have a new GSR for the first time and may go to PRASA; however, she must partially fund her trip.
- Pamela – A new GSR and may go to PRASA.
- Bonnie – Sisters of Sobriety: All good.
- Terry – New Awakenings: 12 to 15 attendees Looking for a GSR.
- Jean – Sober & Crazy: Mostly court card attendees, still looking for support.
- Ben - Maui Sunset: All positions are full. Sending someone to PRASA.
- Ellen - KMS: All good. Meeting well attended. Positions are filled except GSR.
- Ann – Upcountry Sunrise: Ann is new Intergroup. Two vacant positions.
- Malia – At Some of These We Babbled: New to Intergroup. Approx. 15 attendees.
- Chuck – Dawn Patrol: Mostly a court card meeting. Chuck is filling in temporarily.

OLD BUSINESS

- Central of Bash – 12-4 Velma McWayne Santos (open at 8)
- Intergroup facilitators:
 - Set up - Livit, Kevin, and seven volunteers.
 - Breakdown – Mark and volunteers.
 - Décor – Malia and Jimmy Jomez
 - Food – Kim and Terry
 - VOTE: Catered meal by AA member Cindy – up to \$1,000
 - Speakers – Regina - Four Speakers lined up.
 - Fellowship – All
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NEW BUSINESS

- Founders` Day – June 8 at Cameron Center. Host group is Upcountry Sunrise.
- New Meeting Spot – Yippee!
- Jody announced that there will be a training on March 25 from 9-4 for four people interested in attending women's meeting at the jail. Meetings are first and third and maybe last Friday of the month. Contact Jesse at (808)419-2093.

Take Back to Groups:

- Central Office Bash
- Founders` Day
- Jail meeting
- MICYPAA March 16 Potluck, 1:30 at pavilions at Kalama Park
- NA event at Kalama Park on Friday the 21st.
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Seventh Tradition Collection: *Done.*

Next Meeting: April 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn – 6:56 p.m. EARLY!!!!!!

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	March	2025 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei	\$173.00	\$567.00
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$70.00
Aloha Friday		
Acceptance Group		\$220.03
Anonymous Contributions	\$200.00	\$407.67
Awakenings		
At Some of These We Balked		
Back to Basics		
Big Book (online/zoom)		
Can Do Maui-Lahaina Group		
CDM Men's Stag North Shore		
CDM Mens Stag Kihei		\$63.02
Club 449/Acceptance		
Dawn Patrol		
Emotional Sobriety		\$1,000.00
A Group of Drunks (YP)		
Hair of the Dog	\$249.00	\$249.00
Hana Group		
Happy Hour		\$602.50
High In The Sky		
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$38.00	\$90.00
Kahana Spinners		
Keep It Simple Sunday(Molokai)		\$122.02
Kihei Sunday Beach Group	\$136.00	\$262.43
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$74.71	\$130.26
K'ue Meeting		\$800.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina		
Lahaina Whalers		\$50.00
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$82.00
Living Sober	\$115.00	\$115.00
Maui Sunset	\$128.40	\$450.12
Misfit Toys		
Maui Strong		
New Awakening		
No Ka Oi Group		
Ohana Group	\$369.35	\$2,073.75
Online Member Contributions	\$9.31	\$9.31
Paniolo Group		\$503.11
S. A. M. Meeting		\$65.00
Turning Point		\$20.40
Saturday Night Speakers		
Serenity (Molokai)	\$24.01	\$52.92
Spinners		\$300.00
(A) Spiritual Awakening	\$60.00	\$60.00
Sober & Crazy		
Sober Wahine	40.00	80.00
Something Better Than Gold		
Sisters of Sobriety		
To Thine Own Self Be True		\$240.66
TTOSB (online)		
Twelve by Twelve/12x12 (online)		
Upcountry Sunset		
Upon Awakening		
Upcountry Sunrise	\$286.00	\$286.00
Womens AA Meeting (online)		

Wailuku Group	\$50.00	\$50.00
Wake Up Call		
We Agnostics		
Womens AA Way of Life		
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$1,952.78	\$8,258.21

INFLOW: March	
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$1,912.78
Literature Sales	\$262.80
Central Office Bash Contributions	\$395.00
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$2,175.58
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$10,557.01
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Good Shepard Church (March IG Meeting)	\$25.00
Etsy-Central Office Bash goodies	\$169.25
lei for speakers	\$100.00
Walmart (decorations and office supplies)	\$54.78
Hawaii State Tax Collector	\$200.36
Ace Hardware (painters tape- COB)	\$13.80
Literature giveaways (COB)	\$39.00
Fedex Kinkos	\$20.94
Mgr salary first 1/2 Mar	\$630.00
Spectrum (Internet)	\$96.27
Kim W reimbursement (Catering and supplies)	\$1,045.41
Hartford Insurance (01/01/25- 03/31/25)	\$23.69
AAWS Literature	\$418.73
MOBI (phone)	\$31.03
HEMIC	\$22.00
IRS (Federal Payroll tax for March)	\$331.34
Hawaii Employers (Workers' Comp)	\$24.00
Hawaiian Tel	\$26.99
Mgr salary last 1/2 Mar	\$630.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$4,427.59
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$12,292.35
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	(\$2,212.01)
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	(\$1,695.34)
ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$16,446.81
Prudent Reserve	\$15,519.86

**Maui AA Intergroup thanks you
for your generous contributions!**



New Hours!



MAUI ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CENTRAL OFFICE

MONDAY	1030AM-430PM
TUESDAY	10AM-1PM
WEDNESDAY	10AM-1PM
THURSDAY	10AM-1PM
FRIDAY	1030AM-430PM
SATURDAY	10AM-1PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

PHONES OPERATE 24 HOURS

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THANK YOU TO OUR CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS!

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JAMES, ANDREA**

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PAMELA, KRISTINA,
JIM H., MATTY, JIMMY
JAMES.**

Keep Coming Back

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ONE DAY AT A TIME