

# Maui Serenity Gazette

AUGUST 2024

#### **AA ON MAUI**

#### **CENTRAL OFFICE**

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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon. & Fri.
10a—4p
Tues., Wed., Thurs.,
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10a—1p

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#### aamaui.org

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Central Office.

# Step Eight: "Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."

When it came time to do step 8, I had to have willingness. It was a key component of step 8 for me. I was, and still am, willing to go to any lengths for my sobriety, so I started my journey of step 8 with my Higher Power.

The first part was making the list of people I had harmed, which came out of my step 4. The next step was for me to review that list with my sponsor and then work on writing letters of what I wanted to say to the people I had harmed The letters would be used during my direct amends so I could be clear about the harms I had caused with my drinking and my actions.

I wanted to make amends and do my best to repair the relationships with the persons I had harmed. I didn't want to just be sorry. I didn't want to just say the things I was supposed to say. I wanted the amends to be genuine and come from my heart. I needed to own what I had done, and do what I could to make it right.



It took soul searching and asking my Higher Power to find the right words and the willingness to live those words.

Many times, during the process of step 8, I became fearful of what might happen during my amends. My sponsor lovingly pointed out that was step 9 and right now I was simply

making the list and writing letters while becoming willing to take the action in step 9.

For me, the biggest part of step 8 was that by the time I had finished writing the letters, I was willing to make the actual direct amends. I wanted to be free of these burdens that I had carried for years. The only way to start that journey towards freedom was to finish the list and then make the amends.

Willingness has been one of the greatest gifts of my sobriety. From the moment I stepped into Alcoholics Anonymous until now, I have been willing. It has helped me walk through all the fear and my Higher Power has always been there with me.

- Lea V.

# WHAT'S SERVICE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

Join Us for a Celebration of AA Unity And the Spirit of Service

Delicious Catered Lunch Will Be Served

Sunday August 18, 2024 11:00 – 1:30

KENOLIO HALL
131 South Kihei Road

Panel Discussion, Skits, Fun and Fellowship

Hosted by The Kihei District



# Maui Intergroup Announcements

Maui Groups—please be aware that our online contribution service was primarily established to accommodate for *member* contributions, not group contributions. Intergroup pays fees to have this service available. As such, the larger the donation, the larger the fee.

Therefore, we suggest that if can, please send your group contributions (splits) in via mail—Mahalo!

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# 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



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## 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

<u>keeps</u>

A.A. free of outside influences that might divert us

from our

<u>primary purpose</u> to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

<u>- source aa.org</u>

#### 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

<u>Members</u> may contribute online <u>CLICK HERE</u>

#### **Contributions to Districts**

Make checks payable to:

each individual District, include Group name, #

<u>Kihei District #11</u> P.O. Box 815, Puunene, HI 96784 <u>No Ka Oi District #5</u> P.O. Box 843, Puunene, HI 96784 Trilsland District #13 P.O. Box 11814, Lahaina, HI 96761

#### **Contributions to GSO**

Make checks payable to:

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>

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



#### TRADITION EIGHT:

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SHOULD REMAIN FOREVER NONPROFESSIONAL, BUT OUR SERVICE CENTERS MAY EMPLOY SPECIAL WORKERS.

Tradition Eight, Long Form—Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics.

#### Paid Staff Help Make 12 Step Work Possible

The eighth tradition makes it clear that A.A. may employ professional secretaries and other professional staff members. Their job is not to DO Twelve Step work: but to make Twelve Step work possible. "Our Twelfth Step is never paid for, but those who labor in service for us are worthy of their hire." (12×12, Page 171)

There is a difference between doing twelve step work for pay and working for a master's degree as a counselor in the field of alcoholism and being of service in a hospital where more and more newcomers first find sobriety. Professional counselors do their counseling job and THEN go to A.A. meetings and carry the message "for free and for fun" just like the rest of us ...

We must always remember that we cannot do the work of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic if we don't have people in our various service centers assisting us in the logistics of US carrying out our primary purpose. We see that our few paid workers are performing only those service tasks that our volunteers cannot consistently handle. Primarily these folks are not doing Twelfth Step work. They are just making more and better Twelfth Step work possible.

We give freely what has been given freely to us.

#### - Anonymous



### Material from GSO



## DID AON KNOMS

Taking place once every five years, the A.A. International Convention marks the anniversary of Bill W.'s first meeting with Dr. Bob and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. A.A. members and their families and friends from around the globe attend the event. At the International Convention people attend meetings, workshops, dances and events. A highlight is the traditional flag ceremony to celebrate sobriety worldwide.

Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding. The International Convention will take place from July 3 - 6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Centre and BC Place Stadium.

Let's celebrate sobriety together in Vancouver in 2025!



#### Maui Intergroup Meeting Minutes July 13, 2024

Call to Order: Chris I. (Chair) at 6:00 pm.

Open with then Serenity Prayer, Maui Intergroup Preamble.

Introduction of Steering Committee/Intergroup Reps

PRESENT: Chris (Chair), Michelle (Central Office, Karen (Recording Secretary)

Ben (Maui Sunset), Pat (previous 11th Step Meditation), Diana (Something Better than Gold), Brooks (Upcountry Sunrise), Terry (New Awakenings/Sisters of Sobriety), Portia (Happy Hour), Kim (HICYPAA/449 Acceptance), Kat

(KMS Online), Michael (Guest).

Prior Meeting Minutes: reviewed & approved

Steering Committee Report: Chair, Chris. NONE

Treasurer's Report: Jim (Treasurer) absent: review &approved.

Central Office Report: Michelle: Need 8th Tradition Article, submit by Aug. 2. Central Office now open 4 days a week: Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Volunteers needed for Tuesdays and Wednesday (requirement of 1 year sobriety and 1 year on Maui). Hours to be 10:00-1:00.

Hawaii Area or Maui District Reports/Standing Service Committee: No reps present but flyer available by Kihei District. Celebration of AA Unity and Spirit of Service, Sunday, August 18, 2024, 11:00-1:30, Kenolio Hall, 131 So. Kihei Rd. Delicious Catered Lunch will be served, Panel Discussion, Skits, Fun and Fellowship.

Intergroup Reports: Ben (Maui Sunset), Going great. Terry (Sisters of Sobriety), held on Wed. @ 6:00pm, all positions filled. (New Awakenings) Sundays at 10:30, 10-15 in attendance, need GSR. Cat (KMS Online) Need secretaries, GSR. Ellen (KMS) Need secretary on Fridays Online, Venmo available, Splits minor. Brooks (Upcountry Sunset), All positions filled, Alternate for Mark (High in the Sky), Need GSR and coffee maker. Waiting for bank approval for account. Kim (HICYPAA/449/Acceptance), HICYPAA2024.com (online) August 9-11, register online, good donations for scholarships. Pat (Under the Tree), Need secretary for Saturdays, Karen (Live! Saturday Night), Need positions. Diana (Something Better Than Gold), Position changes Occurring now. Portia (Happy Hour), 4th of July B-Cue went well, Saturday attendance sparse, other good. Secretary positions available.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

NEW BUSINESS: Gratitude Night event discussion. Upcountry Sunrise to host with Intergroup Sponsoring.

7th Tradition Basket passed.

#### TAKE BACK TO GROUPS:

- 1. HICYPAA information
- 2. August 18, 2024 Celebration of Unity Flyer
- 3. Article for Tradition 8 to C.O by August 2
- 4. Volunteers needed at Central Office on Tuesdays/Wednesdays

Next Meeting: August 10 at 6:00pm Close with Declaration of Unity

<b>CONTRIBUTING GROUPS</b>	July	2024 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei	\$225.00	\$1,644.80
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$106.00
Anonymous Contributions		\$1,100.00
Awakenings		\$0.00
At Some of These We Balked		\$100.00
Back to Basics		\$0.00
Big Book (online/zoom)		\$0.00
Can Do Maui-Lahaina Group		\$446.00
CDM Men's Stag North Shore		\$1,890.00
CDM Mens Stag Kihei		\$350.00
Club 449/Acceptance		\$291.09
Dawn Patrol		\$0.00
Emotional Sobriety		\$0.00
Gold Diggers		\$0.00
Hair of the Dog		\$378.00
Hana Group		\$0.00
Happy Hour		\$791.00
High In The Sky		\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting		\$186.00
Kahana Sober Wahines	\$40.00	\$120.00
Kahana Spinners	\$200.00	\$600.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group	\$145.54	\$700.04
Kihei Morning Serenity	42.000	\$416.59
K'ue Meeting		\$3,200.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina		\$0.00
Lahaina Whalers		\$120.00
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$0.00
Maui Sunset	\$111.50	\$1,123.34
Misfit Toys	Ψ111.50	\$688.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$0.00
Ohana Group	\$940.41	
Online Member Contributions	\$333.04	\$3,057.02
Paniolo Group	\$555.04	\$0.00
S. A. M. Meeting		\$220.00
Samurai's in Sobriety		
		\$0.00 \$188.79
Saturday Night Speakers A Spiritual Awakening		
		\$165.40
Sober & Crazy		\$155.00
Something Better Than Gold	\$25.00	\$500.00
Sisters of Sobriety  To Thing Over Solf Do True	\$35.00	\$110.00
To Thine Own Self Be True		\$600.00
TTOSB (online)		\$205.00
Twelve by Twelve/12x12 (online)		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunset		\$221.00
Upon Awakening	Ø107.00	\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise	\$106.00	\$482.00
Womens AA Meeting (online)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group		\$223.20
Wake Up Call		\$190.00
We Agnostics	<b>0.5 5 5 5</b>	\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life	\$150.00	\$400.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$2,286.49	\$24,769.94

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET		
INFLOW: July		
Starting Balance	\$16,533.99	
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$2,286.49	
July Lit sales	\$424.00	
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$2,710.49	
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$28,016.89	
OUTFLOW: July		
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00	
Mgr salary first 1/2 July	\$630.00	
Spectrum (internet)	\$86.27	
MOBI (cell phone)	\$29.43	
Quarterly CPA Service	\$200.00	
Hartford Group (TDI)	\$23.09	
IRS Federal Witholding	\$572.16	
Hawaiian Tel (call forward))	\$25.84	
Hawaii State Witholding	\$188.30	
Hawaii UI (quarterly)	\$34.34	
Mgr salary last 1/2 July	\$630.00	
TÖTAL ÖUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$2,944.43	
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$23,040.27	
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	(\$233.94)	
YEAR TO DATE NET:	\$4,976.62	
ENDING BALANCE	\$16,300.05	
Prudent Reserve	\$15,516.80	

## 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.



# Maui Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

**SATURDAY** 

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10 AM - 1 PM

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# THANK YOU TO OUR CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS!

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