

MAUI SERENITY GAZETTE

August 2026

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96793

OFFICE HOURS

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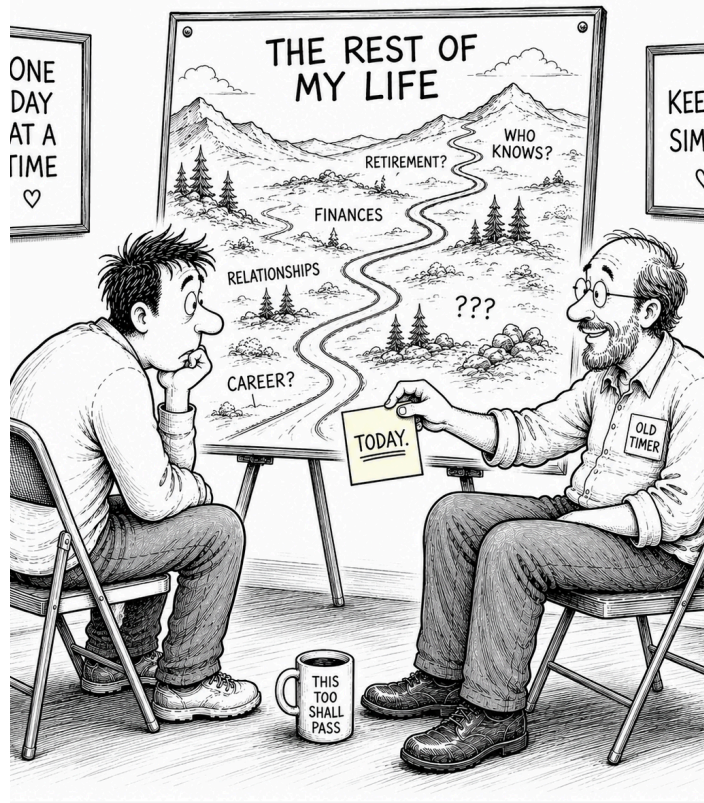
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Central Office

RULE 62:

Don't take yourself too seriously.



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Step 8

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Tradition 8

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Concept 8

“The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.”



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
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You can see more events on our website
aamaui.org



TRADITION EIGHT

“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”

“One drunk helping another” has been one of the sayings in A.A. that I have heard many times during my recovery. My fellow members explained that, as A.A. members, an important part of our journey is helping our fellow alcoholics in their recovery. In other words, we carry the message to others to help them, but also to help strengthen our own recovery.

I benefit every time I carry the message to another alcoholic, just like many others did for me. I cannot imagine if A.A. sponsorship was treated as “professional”, for example, if a sponsor charged a fee for helping a member work through the steps! How would that work? Would we tell a prospective sponsee that we charge \$50 per step, and that they can pay by cash or Venmo? Nope. We freely give back what has been given to us – for this alcoholic, a life free from the obsession of alcohol, along with a happiness and freedom that I could never have imagined. None of us are considered “professionals” or paid a fee for doing A.A. Twelfth Step work. Many members seek the services of paid psychologists or therapists to help them navigate recovery, but this is not considered Twelfth Step work.

Tradition 8, however, does allow for our service centers, such as A.A. Intergroup offices, to be staffed by paid workers with special skills. Many Intergroup offices require someone with special skills, such as Excel, Word, website maintenance, recording contributions received and expenses paid, coordination of volunteer phone shifts, ordering and selling A.A. literature, fielding calls from members and the general public, in addition to possessing effective communication skills and a great deal of patience and tolerance. For this reason, special workers such as Intergroup managers are typically paid for their services, with volunteers added as needed to help cover phones, etc. Certain types of work needed for Intergroup offices, ranging from carpet cleaning to tax services, are typically paid, though discounts may be offered to A.A.

TRADITION EIGHT (long form)

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional. 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. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for. (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions)

Jeanna T
Kihei, Hawaii

Passing More Than a Basket

The first time the basket came towards me, I had two thoughts.

First: *I don't have any cash.* Second: *I hope nobody notices.*

Nobody did. Because in AA, the basket isn't a membership fee. It's not an entrance ticket, and it certainly isn't a sobriety subscription. If it were, most of us would've bounced on our first meeting.

The basket is something much quieter. It's a simple way of saying, "I'm grateful this place was here when I needed it."

Think about it

Long before any of us walked through those doors, someone we'd never met paid the rent. Someone else bought the coffee. Someone made sure there were books to read. They weren't investing in themselves. They were investing in someone they didn't even know yet.

Us.

Now it's our turn.

Whether it's a few dollars, a handful of quarters, or simply passing the basket to the next person because money is tight this week, we're taking our place in the chain.

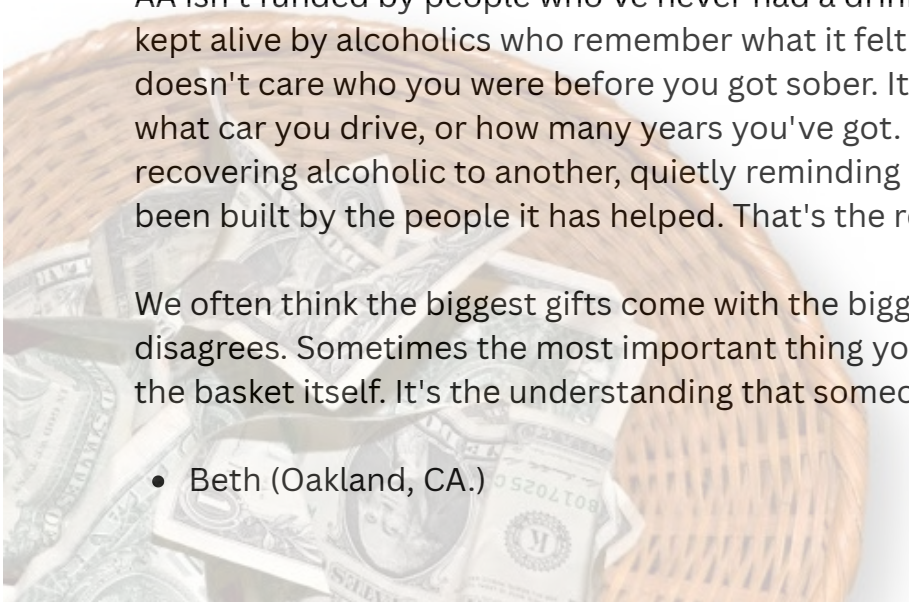
AA isn't funded by people who've never had a drink and want to do a good deed. It's kept alive by alcoholics who remember what it felt like to need a meeting. The basket doesn't care who you were before you got sober. It doesn't care what job you have, what car you drive, or how many years you've got. It simply passes from one recovering alcoholic to another, quietly reminding us that this Fellowship has always been built by the people it has helped. That's the real beauty of Tradition Seven!

We often think the biggest gifts come with the biggest price tags. This AA member disagrees. Sometimes the most important thing you can pass to the next person isn't the basket itself. It's the understanding that someone did the same for you.

- Beth (Oakland, CA.)



LITTLE STEPS
MATTER



STEP Eight

“Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”

At first glance, this step can seem intimidating. After all, it asks us to revisit relationships that may carry shame, regret, or painful memories. Yet Step Eight is not about punishment. It is about preparing for freedom.

The first seven steps focus primarily on personal change. Members admit their powerlessness over alcohol, examine their lives honestly, acknowledge their shortcomings, and become willing to let go of harmful behaviors. Step Eight marks a transition. Recovery begins to extend beyond the individual and into relationships with others.

Alcohol addiction rarely affects only the person drinking. Family members, friends, coworkers, employers, and even strangers may have experienced the consequences of our addiction. Step Eight encourages us to recognize this reality with honesty rather than denial.

Creating the list requires courage and humility. It includes anyone who was harmed through actions, words, neglect, dishonesty, or broken promises.

Some names may come easily. Others may be difficult to acknowledge. Sometimes the list includes people we resent, because recovery often reveals that conflicts are rarely one-sided. It may also include ourselves, recognizing that addiction often causes deep self-inflicted wounds through neglect, self-hatred, or destructive choices.

The purpose of the list is not to assign degrees of guilt or reopen old arguments. It is simply to identify where healing may be needed.

Many people assume that Step Eight is about making amends, but that work actually belongs to Step Nine. Step Eight is about willingness. And that distinction matters.

A person may not yet know how to apologize, whether reconciliation is possible, or whether contact is even appropriate. Some individuals may have passed away, become unreachable, or would be harmed by direct contact. Step Eight does not demand immediate action. Instead, it asks us to develop an open heart and a

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sincere willingness to do what is right. Willingness often grows gradually. It is less about feeling emotionally ready and more about choosing to let go of resistance.

This step naturally brings uncomfortable emotions to the surface. These fears are normal. Recovery is not about guaranteeing a particular response from others. It is about taking responsibility for our own actions while accepting that we cannot control another person's reaction.

Step Eight encourages accountability without self-condemnation.

Healthy accountability recognizes that people can cause real harm while still being capable of growth. Recovery teaches that we are not forever defined by our worst decisions. Instead, we are defined by the willingness to change and to live differently today.

Step Eight lays the emotional and spiritual groundwork for making amends. By honestly identifying those we have harmed and cultivating genuine willingness, we prepare ourselves to approach others with sincerity rather than obligation.

This preparation helps ensure that future amends are motivated by healing instead of guilt, fear, or the desire to relieve our own discomfort.

Step Eight is an invitation to restore integrity. It asks us to look beyond ourselves and acknowledge the impact our actions have had on others. While it may feel daunting, it is also deeply liberating. By replacing denial with honesty and resistance with willingness, we take another significant step toward lasting recovery.

The journey of recovery is about becoming honest, responsible, and willing to grow. Step Eight reminds us that healing often begins with a simple but courageous decision: to become willing to make things right whenever possible.

--- Peter C.

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

MAHAALO

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

Maui AA Intergroup Meeting Summary

July 11, 2026

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

Opened with Serenity Prayer and A.A. Preamble. 7th Tradition share by Kevin M and Jimmy James.

PRESENT:

Steering: Mark– Chair; Jimmy James– Alt Chair; Kevin – Treasurer; Jeanna – Secretary; (Michelle – Office Mgr – absent.)

Intergroup Reps: Bill– Maui Sunset; Ann (Upcountry Sunrise); Jack (To Thine Own Self Be True); Deborah (Kihei Morning Serenity); Bonnie (Sisters of Sobriety); Terri (Spiritual Awakening); Kevin (449); Karen (Sober & Crazy); Mateo (Misfit Toys/Better than Gold)

District/Area reps: Elijah – Alt DCM, District 5

Members: None

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: Motion/Second by Bill (Maui Sunset) and Deborah (KMS) and passed to accept the 6/6/26 minutes.

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVE GROUP REPORTS:

- Bill – Maui Sunset: Meets at 5 pm, 7 days/week at Waipulani Park; about 15-20 in attendance each meeting; all positions filled except GSR.
- Ann – Upcountry Sunrise: The group is doing a group inventory and considering hosting Gratitude Night.
- 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; steady attendance; GSR needed.
- Terry – New Awakenings: Sunday, 10:30 am at Eddie Tam; large turnout at meetings; 7th Tradition collections to be distributed by Treasurer soon.
- Bonnie – Sisters of Sobriety: Attendance is up, and all positions are filled.
- Amy- High in the Sky: No coffee served now; will lower sobriety requirements to help fill positions.
- Kevin – Club 449: All is going well at the meeting.
- Deborah – Kihei Morning Serenity: KMS swapped with Intergroup: a large coffee maker for a smaller coffee maker. Radiant Ron from Kihei passed away – celebration of life will be held at Kamaole III, 1 pm on Sunday, Aug 9th.
- Mateo – Misfit Toys/Better Than Gold: Both meetings are going well; most positions are filled.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT – Jeanna reported in Michelle's absence:

- We now have all Mon-Fri volunteer Central Office positions filled!
- Phone/office coverage is good for now, but we can always use more back-up volunteers.
- Please take the Serenity Gazette to your group so that members read about upcoming Maui AA activities, etc.
- We had the Central Office carpet cleaned; other areas filled in with carpet squares donated by a member.
- Literature sales are down – please remind your groups that are buying AA books from Amazon that they could be supporting Maui AA instead by buying them from Central Office!
- Jeanna will write a Tradition 8 article for the August Serenity Gazette. No takers for Step 8 article.
- 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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HAWAII AREA/MAUI DISTRICT/STANDING SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Elijah (Alt DCM, District 5) – No news to report this month.

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

- Contributions are down this year. Groups are encouraged to send in 7th Tradition funds when they can.
- Motion/Second by Jack (TTOSBT) and Kevin (449) and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT – Mark:

- Mark reminded all that the Steering Committee positions are up at the end of 2026 – take back to your groups and please consider serving on the committee. Come to one of our Steering Committee meetings (Monday before the Intergroup meeting) to see service in action.
- Mahalo to the volunteers working shifts at Central Office to serve our fellowship. All positions are now filled.
- The Steering Committee will be updating Maui AA Intergroup's bylaws, primarily to clarify certain policies. We'll use other Intergroups' bylaws as a guide. We'll give groups time to review the changes, then we'll vote on accepting the amended bylaws in 2-3 months.

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 three holiday Alkathons.
- Steering Committee Meeting at Central Office at 3 pm or TBA on the Monday before the Intergroup meeting.
- Next Intergroup meeting is Saturday, August 8th @ 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	July	2026 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei		\$1,053.57
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$50.00
Anonymous Contributions	\$1,720.00	\$2,832.65
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		\$60.00
HICYPAA		\$749.14
Hana Group		\$0.00
Hawaii AA Ohana - ONLINE		\$0.00
Hair of the Dog	\$290.00	\$982.00
High In The Sky		\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting		\$200.00
Kalama Park Happy Hour	\$148.98	\$304.98
Keep It Simple (Molokai)		\$0.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group		\$183.19
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$24.88	\$170.05
K'ue Meeting		\$1,600.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina	\$70.00	\$117.00
Lahaina Whalers		\$0.00
Living Sober		\$65.67
Makawao Speaker Meeting		\$0.00
Maui Sunset	\$395.00	\$1,106.28
Misfit Toys		\$0.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$0.00
Ohana Group	\$598.96	\$1,191.06
Online Member Contributions	\$42.41	\$1,303.81
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		\$0.00
Sober & Crazy		\$50.00
Sober <u>Wahine</u>		\$160.00
Something Better Than Gold		\$390.80
Sisters of Sobriety		\$90.00
To Thine Own Self Be True	\$380.00	\$1,002.00
TTOSB (ONLINE)		\$67.47
Turning Point/Living It Up		\$261.00
Upcountry Speaker		\$84.00
Upcountry Sunset		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise	\$500.00	\$900.00
Womens AA (ONLINE)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group		\$140.00
Wake Up Call		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life	\$200.00	\$400.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$4,370.23	\$16,111.91

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	
INFLOW: July	
Starting Balance	\$12,805.39
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$4,370.23
Literature sales	\$386.00
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$4,756.23
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$21,946.76
OUTFLOW: July	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Hawaii Equity Mangement (rent)	\$625.00
Home Depot (supplies - duct tape)	\$6.05
Spectrum (internet)	\$114.02
Quarterly CPA Service (April-June)	\$522.50
IRS Federal Withholding	\$572.16
Hawaii State Withholding	\$268.30
State of Hawaii (Unemployment Insurance)	\$6.19
Spectrum Office Cell Phone (June-July)	\$80.00
Mgr salary mo/July	\$1,260.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$3,454.22
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$34,859.64
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	\$1,302.01
YEAR TO DATE NET:	(\$12,912.88)
ENDING BALANCE	\$14,107.40
Prudent Reserve	\$21,025.20

**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

Maui Intergroup thanks you for your
generous contributions.

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
westhawaiiaa.org

East Hawai'i AA (Hilo & Puna)
808. 961. 6133
easthawaiiaa.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!

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