



Maui Serenity Gazette

December 2024

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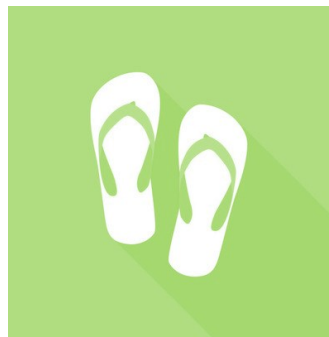
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Step Twelve : "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

As a recovering alcoholic, I am so grateful to my higher power that the 12th step reached me and began my road to recovery. I was already an alcoholic when I married my high school sweetheart. We had two children, a daughter and a son. Together we raised them into their teens, and I remember it all in a blur as I was drunk most of the time. My family begged me to get help. They prayed that I would specifically join AA, but because I was functional and could hold down a job, I rationalized I didn't need help. When our daughter turned 18, she moved out of the house and my alcoholism finally caught up to me. My wife and I divorced. My daughter refused to speak to me, blaming my alcoholism on the breakup of her family. Five years later, in March of 2020, I was still drinking every day and was laid off from my job. I went

on unemployment and could no longer afford to live in California. Divorced with two grown kids on their own, I called my older brother, who lived in another state. I asked if I could stay with him until I got back on my feet. He agreed, and I moved in with him, along with my sister-in-law and grown nephew. During that time all I did was drink. With steady unemploy-



ment checks coming in, I had too much time on my hands and spent all day drinking. This went on for six months until I finally wore out my welcome and was asked to move out. I spontaneously went on Craig's list and found a room for rent on the other side of the state. There I met a member of AA, who was

renting another room in the same house. She noticed my drinking habit and asked if I would join her in an AA meeting. At this point, my daughter still refused to speak with me, so in an effort to reconcile our relationship, I reluctantly agreed to go to my first meeting. It was then that miracles began to happen, and prayers answered. For the first time in my adult life, I went 30 days without a drink. I found a steady job and got off unemployment. I lost weight and was starting to get in better shape. My health improved. Anytime I had a craving, I received support from the fellowship. It wasn't easy, but I got a sponsor and started working on the steps. I had a few setbacks, including a DUI, but I kept coming back to the program and each time it got better and a little easier. I prayed daily, and



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one particular morning, I prayed that my relationship with my daughter could be repaired. That day, I went to my AA homegroup meeting. A visitor came from out of state and randomly sat right next to me. He introduced himself to the group saying he was visiting from California. After the meeting, I told him I was also from there and asked him, "What part of the state are you from?" "SF Bay Area", he replied. I said, "Me too!" "What part of the Bay?" He said, "East Bay" "Me too!" I went on to ask if he ever shopped at a specific shopping mall? "Yes, all the time" he said. "Do you ever go into a particular store?" "Yes, I was just there the other day" Wow", I told him my daughter works there, and he might have met her. "What's her name?" he asked. I told him and then he said her last name! I was shocked. He pulled out his phone and showed me a picture. "Is this her"? YES, IT IS!!" He said he went to college with her for four years and they are great friends. He asked, "Do you want to call her?" I was stunned. I didn't want to blindside her. I had only worked up to the 4th step and wasn't ready. He agreed to be my out of state sponsor, and when it comes time to make amends, he would be the bridge to contact her. My prayer was answered. It was an epiphany. I realized that my higher power (which for me is God) had been working all along. From my family praying that I get help and join AA, to randomly meeting my roommate, who was in AA and reached out to me in 12th -step practice that led me to the incredible encounter of meeting my daughter's friend. It was my spiritual awakening and all because of the 12th step put into practice. I am now approaching the 12th step in my recovery and look forward to helping the alcoholic newcomer the way I was helped. I'll keep coming back because it works. It really works.

-Tom S.

Step 12

After achieving sobriety, the practice of step 12 in an effort to help others achieve sobriety, results in the maintenance of our own continuing recovery.

By serving the lives of other members in our program, we keep the opportunity to live which we have been given.

Step 12 manifests in many actions. Regularly attending and participating in meetings. Committing to service positions. Supporting each other as we each practice working all 12 steps.

As individuals, we were sick and dying. Together we share life.

Step 12 connects us.

Submitted by Ben S.



ALKATHON SEASON

Maui AA INTERGROUP presents
www.aamaui.org

Christmas Alkathon 2024

Meetings, fellowship, and food!

Starts at 3pm Christmas Eve
Hosted by Kihei Morning Serenity

December 24-25, 2024
JW Cameron Center
98 Mahalani St. Wailuku

Meal served Christmas Day at 12pm

Please bring your favorite side dish or vegetable to share

Hosted by CDM North Shore - Men's Group

New Year's Alkathon

2024

24 hours of meetings and fellowship

Meal served at 1pm New Years Day

December 31, 2024 - January 1, 2025

★ **Starts at 3pm NYE Tuesday**

★ **Ends at 3pm NYD Wednesday**

JW Cameron Center
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Aloha

From the desk at Central Office

kāhea!

To call, to summon

Calling for submissions for our monthly newsletter. Requesting submissions for Step 1 and Tradition 1 for January 2025.

Queries to info@aamaui.org

Literature Update:

As many of you know we received an order of 50 Plain Language Big Books. They have been very well received and there are a few copies left to be purchased.

Please see page 7 of this month's newsletter to see the official letter from General Service Office to stay up to date on the corrections for the first printing.

BIG MAHALO!

To our Thanksgiving Alkathon 2024 Host Groups!

Maui Sunset To Thine Own Self Be True

THANKS

NEW FEATURE



PET OF THE MONTH

"ROMULUS"

SUBMITTED BY
REGINA DJ, PAIA

ROMULUS IS A 15 YEAR OLD JACK RUSSELL. HE LOVES TREATS, WALKS ON THE BEACH AND ATTENDING RECOVERY MEETINGS.

QUITE A STYLISH HOUND, HE LOVES TO SPORT BANDANAS TO SHOW OFF HIS PERSONALITY.

FOUND ON THE BACK OF OUR COINS, HIS FAVORITE AA QUOTE IS BORROWED FROM WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE. "TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE."

Here at Maui Serenity Gazette, we are adding a new feature to our monthly newsletter. Due to popular demand, we want to celebrate our companions- whether they are furry, feathered, scaly or anything in between.

Please submit photos and a brief write up about your companion in sobriety. Include their name, age, and any fun facts about your pals to be featured. Mahalo!

info@aamaui.org



**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

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Contributions to Districts

Make checks payable to:

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Kihei District #11 P.O. Box 815, Puunene, HI 96784
No Ka Oi District #5 P.O. Box 843, Puunene, HI 96784
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Hawaii Area Committee

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MAHALO!

Maui Intergroup Announcements

Mahalo to our Maui AA Fellowship for helping to carry the message!

THANK YOU TO OUR HOST GROUPS

2024 ALKATHON SEASON

Maui Sunset and TTOSBT - Thanksgiving Alkathon
KMS– Christmas Alkathon (Dec 24/25)
CDM North Shore - NYE ALKATHON (Dec 31/Jan 1)

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.



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Maui A.A. Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.



Communication to Fellowship: Changes to the Plain Language Big Book

November 24, 2024

To: GSRs, Alt GSRs, DCMs and Chairs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs, Delegates, Alt Delegates, Appointed Committee Members, Non-trustee Directors, Trustees, GSO Employees, Intergroups and Central Offices, Group Contacts

Please direct all communications to:
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Fax: (212) 870-3003

Dear A.A. Friends:

The response to the release of the Plain Language Big Book has been heartwarming. The initial print run of just over 70,000 copies sold out in only two weeks!

In preparation for a second printing, the General Service Board noted revisions that better align with the 74th General Service Conference's recommendation (Advisory Action) to move ahead with the printing of the book.

Prior to the first printing, the General Service Board made adjustments to align with the Conference's direction. However, the Board now realizes the adjustments that were made fell short. A regrettable and unintentional mistake had been made. We have worked together to correct those mistakes quickly.

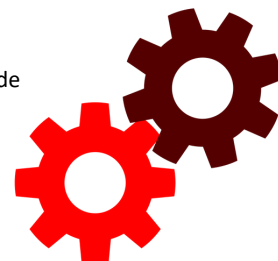
The changes outlined below may be very consequential for some, and less significant for others, but the Board feels responsible to see that the Advisory Action from the Conference is carried out.

In addition to the changes to the text of the Plain Language Big Book outlined below, the language on the back flap will be amended to better reflect the progress of this project. The third sentence will now read, "The 72nd GSC reviewed a progress report, and sample chapters were reviewed at the 73rd GSC."

My sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused any of our members, and I appreciate your patience and understanding. The order for the second printing has been placed to include the changes outlined below. We expect the book to be back in stock in approximately 4-6 weeks.

Thank you again for your understanding. I hope you find the Plain Language Big Book a useful tool for reading the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, and helpful with carrying our life saving message.

Scott H.
Chair, General Service Board



- On page 64, remove the sentence "It seems to control and punish people who are addicted to it" from the last paragraph.
- On page 9, remove the definition of "Addiction" from the Glossary section.
- On page 11, revise the sentence "Dr. Silkworth ran the Charles B. Towns Hospital for Drug and Alcohol Addictions in New York City during the 1930s."
To read:
"Dr. Silkworth ran the Charles B. Towns Hospital for alcoholism and drug addiction in New York City during the 1930s."
- On page 14, revise the sentence "I help people recover from their alcohol and drug addictions"
To read:
"I help people recover from their alcoholism and drug addiction."
- "On page 139, revise the sentence "In one of these cities there is a well-known hospital for the treatment of alcohol and drug addiction."
To read:
"In one of these cities there is a well-known hospital for the treatment of alcoholism."

A.A. World Services, Inc.
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115

TRADITION TWELVE: “ANONYMITY IS THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION OF ALL OUR TRADITIONS, EVER REMINDING US TO PLACE PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES.”

Tradition Twelve

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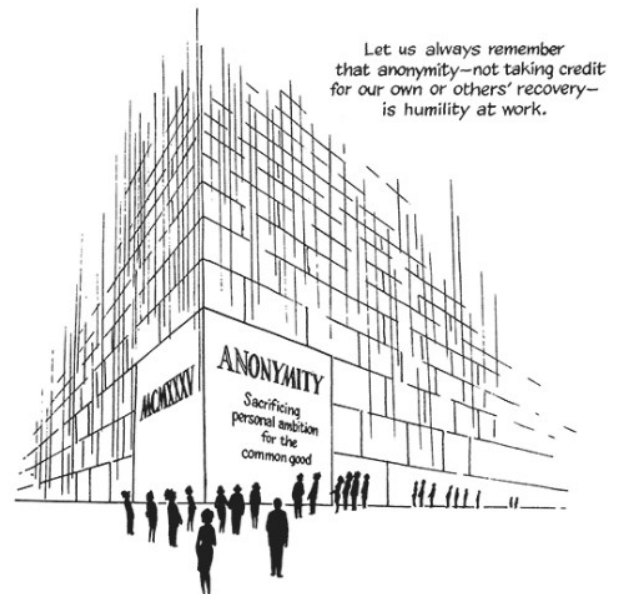
One may say that anonymity is the spiritual base, the sure key to all the rest of our Traditions. It has come to stand for prudence and, most importantly, for self-effacement. True consideration for the newcomer if he desires to be nameless; vital protection against misuse of the name Alcoholics Anonymous at the public level; and to each of us a constant reminder that principles come before personal interest—such is the wide scope of this all-embracing principle. In it we see the cornerstone of our security as a movement; at a deeper spiritual level it points us to still greater self-renunciation.

A glance at the Twelve Traditions will instantly assure anyone that “giving up” is the essential idea of them all. In each Tradition, the individual or the group is asked to give up something for our general welfare. Tradition One asks us to place the common good ahead of personal desire. Tradition Two asks us to listen to God as he may speak in the group conscience. Tradition Three requires that we exclude no alcoholic from AA membership. Tradition Four implies that we abandon all idea of centralized human authority or government. But each group is enjoined to consult widely in matters affecting us all. Tradition Five restricts the AA group to a single purpose, carrying our message to other alcoholics.

Tradition Six points at the corroding influence of money, property, and personal authority; it begs that we keep these influences at a minimum by separate incorporation and management of our special services. It also warns against the natural temptation to make alliances or give endorsements. Tradition Seven states that we had best pay our own bill; that large contributions or those carrying obligations ought not be received; that public contributions or those carrying obligations ought not be received; that public solicitation using the name Alcoholics Anonymous is positively dangerous. Tradition Eight forswears professionalizing our Twelfth Step work but it does guarantee our few paid service workers an unquestioned amateur status. Tradition Nine asks that we give up all idea of expensive organization; enough is needed to permit effective democracy; our leadership is one of service and it is rotating; our few titles never clothe their holders with arbitrary personal authority; they hold authorization to serve, never to govern. Tradition Ten is an emphatic restraint of serious controversy; it implores each of us to take care against committing AA to the fires of reform, political or religious dissension. Tradition Eleven asks, in our public relations, that we be alert against sensationalism and it declares there is never need to praise ourselves. Personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and film is urgently required, thus avoiding the pitfall of vanity, and the temptation through broken anonymity to link AA to other causes.

Tradition Twelve, in its mood of humble anonymity, plainly enough comprehends the preceding eleven. The Twelve Points of Tradition are little else than a specific application of the spirit of the Twelve Steps of recovery to our group life and to our relations with society in general. The recovery steps would make each individual AA whole and one with God; the Twelve Points of Tradition would make us one with each other and whole with the world about us. Unity is our aim.

Our AA Traditions are, we trust, securely anchored in those wise precepts; charity, gratitude, and humility. Nor have we forgotten prudence. May these virtues ever stand clear before us in our mediations; may Alcoholics Anonymous serve God in happy unison for so long as he may need us.





Maui A.A. Intergroup Monthly Meeting Minutes– November 9, 2024

Call to Order (Chris, chair) 6PM

Open with the Serenity Prayer, Maui Intergroup Preamble.

Introductions of Steering Committee Present: Chris (Chair), Jim H. (Treasurer), Karen (Recording Secretary)

Prior Meeting Minutes - Reviewed and approved.

REPORTS:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (CHRIS-CHAIR) Bank signers letter is done; interim signers are Dave S. And Jeanna T.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Jim - Treasurer) Reviewed and approved.

CENTRAL OFFICE MANAGER'S/SERENITY GAZETTE REPORT (Regina) Unavailable tonight. 50 plain language Big Book ordered; she has been communicating With Michelle (previous C.O. manager); new couches have been approved but need help removing the old couches. Anyone with a big truck available? Articles for Step 12 & Tradition 12 needed; please submit by Dec. 1st.

HAWAII AREA or MAUI DISTRICT REPORTS JIMMY (DSM Dist. 11) Elections for Dist.11 coming up on Nov. 19
INTERGROUP REP REPORTS Ben (Maui Sunset): Hosting Thanksgiving Alkathon, Bill Lang (Chair), Wednesday-Thursday 3pm-3pm, meal served at 1pm Thursday. Elections/new positions coming up. Ellen (KMS): large group; hosting Christmas Alkathon (Andrea, Chair). Denise (Sober & Crazy): Attendance varies, need 7th tradition contributions. Matt (Wailuku Group): more commitments need to filled. Mark (High in the Sky): Bank issues still being resolved; new secretary and treasurer; other commitments still needed. Brooks (Upcountry Sunrise) absent but reported by Mark: Most positions filled. Kat (TTOSBT Online): new treasurer; still need a few positions filled. Jenn (Tuesday Women's): Good attendance; Jen is new GSR. Portia (Happy Hour); new elections at the next Business Meeting. Diana (Something Better Than Gold): Commitment rotations needed. Lisa (Happy Hour/Makawao Union Church): she is new to the position. Karen (Saturday Speaker): missed some meetings; need commitments filled.

OLD BUSINESS: Alkathons: Maui Sunset hosting Thanksgiving; KMS hosting Christmas; Kula Can Do Stag hosting New Years.

NEW BUSINESS: Election of new Intergroup officers: Chair: Mark ; Co-Chair: Jimmy James; Treasurer: Kevin; Recording Secretary: Lisa; Central Office: Regina.

7TH TRADITION COLLECTION.

TAKE BACK TO GROUP:

- Alkathons

- Plain language Big Books on order - 12 Step/12 Traditions articles to C.O. by Dec. 1 for Gazette

NEXT MEETING: Dec. 14th, 6pm; see info @aamaui.org for location.

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	November	2024 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei		\$1,900.30
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$106.00
Aloha Friday		\$100.00
Acceptance Group	\$278.87	\$278.87
Anonymous Contributions	\$22.00	\$1,122.00
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
Conscious Contact		\$98.00
Club 449/Acceptance		\$291.09
Dawn Patrol	\$100.00	\$200.00
Emotional Sobriety		\$0.00
Gold Diggers		\$0.00
Hair of the Dog		\$782.00
Hana Group		\$0.00
Happy Hour		\$937.35
High In The Sky		\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$19.00	\$267.00
Kahana Sober Wahines		\$120.00
Kahana Spinners		\$600.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group	\$87.72	\$1,036.17
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$110.54	\$823.26
K'ue Meeting		\$4,881.60
Ladies Night - Lahaina		\$68.00
Lahaina Whalers		\$258.50
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$0.00
Maui Sunset	\$167.45	\$1,721.39
Misfit Toys		\$688.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$240.00
Ohana Group	\$940.01	\$7,062.50
Online Member Contributions	\$181.67	\$3,928.44
Paniolo Group		\$0.00
S. A. M. Meeting	\$24.01	\$284.01
Turning Point		\$0.00
Saturday Night Speakers		\$188.79
Spinners	\$250.00	\$250.00
(A) Spiritual Awakening		\$275.80
Sober & Crazy		\$310.00
Sober Wahine		\$40.00
Something Better Than Gold		\$690.00
Sisters of Sobriety		\$110.00
To Thine Own Self Be True		\$2,135.37
TTOSB (online)		\$205.00
Twelve by Twelve/12x12 (online)		\$0.00
Under the Tree	\$103.00	\$205.00
Upcountry Sunset	\$280.00	\$501.00
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise		\$809.00
Womens AA Meeting (online)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group		\$273.20
Wake Up Call	\$100.00	\$290.00
We Agnostics		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life		\$600.00
Monthly total	\$2,664.27	\$37,463.64

INFLOW: November	
Starting Balance	\$16,036.91
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$2,664.27
Gratitude Night Deposit Return	\$400.00
November Literature sales	\$1,024.50
Thanksgiving Alkathon Contributions	\$682.00
Insurance Dividend Payout	\$33.00
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$4,803.77
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$44,726.59
OUTFLOW: November	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Emergency Paper (Maui Print Works)	\$16.49
postage stamps/shipping	\$28.10
Thanksgiving Alkathon Seed Money	\$300.00
Mgr Salary first 1/2 November	\$642.33
MOBI (phone)	\$29.61
DCCA (Annual Filing)	
Spectrum (Internet)	\$86.27
IRS Federal Withholding	
Hawaiian Tel (Virtual #)	\$25.84
Hawaii State Withholding	
A.A. World Services (Books & Pamphlets)	\$795.24
Mgr salary last 1/2 November	\$642.33
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$3,091.21
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$38,300.55
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	\$1,712.56
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	\$6,426.04
ENDING BALANCE	\$17,749.47
Prudent Reserve	\$15,517.54

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New Hours!



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

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KEEP IT SIMPLE
ONE DAY AT A TIME

Keep Coming Back

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