



Maui Serenity Gazette

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STEP TWO

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

When I first looked at this step (2), it was not out of the Big Book. It was on the wall at the Good Shepard Church in Wailuku. Some call it window coverings; my friend Colin called it the pool rules, and they were positioned right next to Jesus on the cross. After all, I was in a church for a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. I assumed that power meant God and that AA was pedaling God as Jesus, being in church and all. That belief changed once I got a sponsor and started listening. But, at that time, over nine years ago, I had what I later learned from our book, which was "contempt prior to investigation" (*Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 568, Herbert Spencer*). We learned of this principle as a bar against all information to keep a man like me in everlasting ignorance (paraphrase). This is a classic example of the importance of doing the steps in order. The little asterisks* on page 25 (*Alcoholics Anonymous*) regarding the *Spiritual Experience* prepared me to have an open mind about this power greater than myself in step two. I would hear a curmudgeon of a man named Dave D. emphatically state at meetings (regarding this step) that, "All you need to know is two things: one, there is a god, and two, you're not him/it!"

I was raised in a reformed Judaic home with a very loving family. I enjoyed going to the temple on Friday nights and the fun at Jewish holiday celebrations. As a child (6yr), I remember questioning my father about others' beliefs in religion. I posed the question, "Dad, why isn't everybody Jewish?" My father leaned down to give me the answer and said it in a somewhat secretive whisper of a way, "David, everybody is Jewish; they just don't know it, or they don't want to admit it." At the time, that made me feel special about our religion - which I knew next to nothing about at six years old. Later in life, I would vehemently reprimand people knocking on my door early in the morning with a little black book in hand.

Thanks to AA, I have no such contempt today and no longer live in everlasting ignorance. I am still not that bright (overstatement, ha!), but my mind opened up after reading page 56 (*Alcoholics Anonymous*), "Is it possible that all the religious people I have known are wrong? "Who are you to say there is no God?" As you understand God is what makes this program work for me! That's why we have a whole chapter devoted to it (*Alcoholics Anonymous Chapter 4: We Agnostics*).

- Mahalo & Aloha from Alohadave - Hair of the Dog "Love All Serve All"

A.A. on Maui

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www.aamaui.org

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AA Approved Literature is available at Central Office



Maui AA Announcement

Want to know where AA meetings are held on Maui?
Check out our meeting schedule [online](#)

Please email Central Office
info@aamaui.org

if your group needs to have any updates or changes made

Mahalo!



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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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Maui A.A. Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.



Material from GSO

INSIDE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



What Is an A.A. Group?

As the long form of Tradition Three clearly states, "Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation." Further clarification of an A.A. group may be found in the Twelve Concepts for World Service, Concept Twelve, Warranty Six:

- no penalties to be inflicted for nonconformity to A.A. principles;
- no fees or dues to be levied — voluntary contributions only;
- no member to be expelled from A.A. — membership always to be the choice of the individual;
- each A.A. group to conduct its internal affairs as it wishes — it being merely requested to abstain from acts that might injure A.A. as a whole; and finally
- that any group of alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group provided that, as a group, they have no other purpose or affiliation.



The Difference Between Open and Closed A.A. Meetings

The purpose of all A.A. group meetings, as the Preamble states, is for A.A. members to "share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism." Toward this end, A.A. groups have both open and closed meetings.

Closed meetings are for A.A. members only, or for those who have a drinking problem and "have a desire to stop drinking."

Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism. Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.

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For more information click [here](#)

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

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

amaui.com



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

TriIsland District #13 P.O. Box 11814, Lahaina, HI 96761

Contributions to GSO

Make checks payable to:

GENERAL FUND

General Service Office

PO BOX 2407

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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!

TRADITION TWO:

“FOR OUR GROUP PURPOSE THERE IS BUT ONE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY—A LOVING GOD AS HE MAY EXPRESS HIMSELF IN OUR GROUP CONSCIENCE. OUR LEADERS ARE BUT TRUSTED SERVANTS; THEY DO NOT GOVERN.

Al O’Ha O’Hana, Being our common welfare depends upon our Unity; az We agree on Tradition One. Whilst, Tradition Two iz taking the next step of our agreed Unity az part of having an Loving God as being understood az each person's Higher Power, in that iz needed for exprezzing one's self best az being responsible towards az being altruistic of obtaining az that Loving God az one group conscience. Az perception being key in seeing what is being “one “ as an ”group of drunks,” az sober together in Unity for being “best” for Alcoholics Anonymous starting at a group level.

In order to truly following Tradition Two, personally each of individually must do a little personal reflection. Due to the presence of spirituality in using spiritual tools in the Second Tradition, it is vital that anybody who takes a leadership position in Alcoholic Anonymous has made an effort to reflect upon their own spiritual beliefs. Without applying as HOW IT WORKS of chapter five (*Alcoholics Anonymous*) of the program in this place, one cannot honestly lead az in giving what don’t have as being suggested of the tradition. As being from personal experience with admitting to my inzanity of not believing in a Higher Power, with having the realization of IT, discovered oddly while working Step Two az being of service & best fulfilling my responsibility serving within an group conscience.

Second Tradition can be tied to story that is told in the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions book. It involves one of AA’s original members receiving a financial opportunity from the same hospital being of service with other alcoholics, that employed William Silkworth (physician who wrote “The Doctor’s Opinion” - *Alcoholics Anonymous pp. xxv-xxxii*). There were many benefits of accepting this offer, but it was ultimately the Second Tradition that held him back.

Practicing the Spiritual Principles of Honesty, Open-mindedness, & Willingness, Bill spoke with several alcoholics who were staying in his house and attending meetings there. He told them that AA would be able to conduct its business in the hospital, he would make more money, and he’d be able to help them out by acting as a lay therapist. In his mind, this all sounded good, and ethical. But he had run it by his wife, and she had been less than enthused. When he ran it by the group, they reminded him that “sometimes the good is the enemy of the best,” something he had told them himself.

Bill realized upon hearing this that his prayers on the matter, during which he came to the conclusion that it would be the best option, were misled. In the spirit of the unity promised by Tradition One, he had to heed group conscience. And in the mind of the group, affiliating AA with an outside institution would be harmful to the program. Bill may have technically been in charge, but he was being led by the feelings of the group. Because it was through his friends that his perception of God was revealed.

Being the Key to Kingdom as perception goez is where those without religious faith will be able to forge their own interpretation of the Second Tradition. To these WHOM, the Second Tradition is less about God and more about the willingness to allow the group to conduct itself naturally. Rather than imposing self will on things, can let go and see how the group runs best. Whilst, looking at matters in a fashion that is not quite objective, az still serves more than their own desires. In concluding the Second Tradition really requires humility of the Spiritual Principles laid at our feet; az ability to put the group before oneself. Embracing the Second Tradition as providing valuable insight to the group, and become a part of the fate that defines the group. Az that Loving God will speak through myself as through everybody else whether believing in or not is irrelevant, az to becoming involved is never a bad thing, and will help to remain sober. This, more than anything else, should be always be primary goal.

- Mahalo’z Jimmy James

AA Member Article

AA LITERATURE

Do you ever feel too tired to read something your sponsor has suggested you read (like Page 417 in the big book) every night before you go to sleep?

Is the chapter, like Bill's Story, a sleeper for you and you just can't get yourself to read the whole thing? (When I was 23, by the way, and new around here, that was the truth for me.)

Are you ever in too much of a hurry to create the time to read the body of a title of a story in the back of the book that catches your interest?

Do you ever encounter a writing that could be said in much fewer words and would take too much time to read so you just skip it?

Is the print of an article sometimes too small to read and you haven't surrendered to "reader" glasses from Longs?

Do you have a disability that makes it impossible for you to access much of the available literature?

If any of these five questions are a "yes" for you, you might be as grateful as I am for the improvements that are happening in the world of Accessibility.

While many of us do not necessarily have a documented learning disability or physical disability or anything they want labeled in any way whatsoever, we can all definitely benefit from listening to paragraphs while driving, walking.....

Here are a few helpful examples of alternate Receivability Options now available.

[aa.org](https://www.aa.org) or (<https://www.aa.org>)

1. Accept (AA "cookies" will just transfer information to your device faster)
2. Scroll down to THE BIG BOOK
3. Scroll down to Read Watch Listen
4. Select Listen
5. Scroll down to Chapters
6. Scroll down to Chapter One - Bill's Story

Touch the arrow on the left and turn up your volume

PS: When you find something online that you want to read, check the upper right hand corner. Those three dots might contain an option for Read To Me or Listen. Try mouse around! ☞

Love, Pamela B.
Maui, Hawaii



INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Dave S (Co-Chair); Christopher I (Chair, Absent) 6:01 PM OPEN with the Serenity Prayer

PRESENT: Dave (Co-Chair), Jim (Treasurer), Michelle (Central Office), Kevin (Sunday Beach), Kimo (Dist.5/CPC chair/Hair of the Dog), Ben (Maui Sunset), Cat (TTOSBT Online), Debrah (alt. Tuesday Women's), Ellen (alt. KMS), Mark (High in the Sky), Pat (11th Step Meditation), Terry (New Awakenings), Portia (Happy Hour), Jimmy James (alt. Dist. rep), Brooks (Upcountry Sunrise), Steve (TTOSBT and SAM).

Steering Committee Report

Dave (CO-Chair) : Central Office Bash, discussed if to have event

Jim (Treasurer) : Approved prior report (see Gazette); Prudent reserve to be bumped to \$15,000; Have more money due to fire contributions. Bought new coolers. Paid insurance.

Michelle (Central Office) : We are low on books, need large print books – order placed; Alcathons were successful; positive feedback, will call Cameron Center to set up future alcathons. Need Friday Night phone person from 4PM to 9AM Saturday. February Gazette: Step 2 (Jimmy James), Tradition 2 (Dave). Take Back to groups: Gazette is online and anyone can write and submit articles.

Karen (Recording Secretary) : Absent, Portia filling in.

Hawaii Area or Maui Dist. Reports

Kimo (Dist.5/CPC) Inventory assembly on Big Island next month; GSR's will answer 20 questions prior to assembly and 15 questions at the assembly. Need CPC, Public Info archives. Need people to set up Feb. 4 for what AA can do for the alcoholic at Lao United Church of Christ as requested by church congregation. Discussed radio spot public information; has anyone heard the radio spot? Yes

Jimmy James (Alt. Dist. rep): Not much going on other than Inventory Assembly on Big Island next month. District may want to get involved in the insurance for individual meetings to keep meetings alive. GSR's are paid to attend Inventory assembly on Big Island for district. There are 4 throughout the year.

Intergroup Reports

Terri (New Awakenings): Small meeting but all service positions are filled. Attendance is inconsistent due to the holidays.

Portia (Happy Hour): 2 positions need to be filled for Friday and Saturday. Attendance is solid.

Ben (Maui Sunset): Solid attendance even with poor weather (usually 10-20 in attendance) Visitors cause increase in attendance. One secretary position open on Saturday.

Steve (TTOSBT and SAM): SAM Zoom meeting used to be held at the hospital; need Intergroup rep and GSR.

Kevin (Sunday Beach): Need GSR; Treasurer position filled and splits have been done.

Mark (High in the Sky): Positions are filled; have business meeting tomorrow and there will be a shift in positions. Alternate will become GSR and alternate GSR will become open. Up to 50 in attendance.

Brooks (Upcountry Sunset): Packed attendance; all positions filled; inspiring meeting. Pat (11th Step Meditation): All positions filled.

Kimo (Hair of the Dog): Attendance fluctuates. Most positions need to be rotated. Rain has caused meetings to occur in the parking lot; attendees either get wet or go home.

Ellen (alt KMS) Secretary positions are filled and good attendance. New coffee maker.

Deborah (AA Women's Way Of Life): Attendance skyrocketed. Since moving outside, there is a question about what to do when it rains. Other outdoor meetings were asked about what they do. Kimo- meet in parking lot. Ben-meets in the rain for 10 minutes to see if it clears up or if newcomers show up. Pat-4 guys showed up during the rain and try to have a meeting. Wear jackets, bring umbrellas if someone really needs a meeting. Suggested group conscience at a meeting when raining.

Cat (TTOSBT Online): Secretary positions needed; need to rotate; inconsistent attendance, depends on speaker. Never had a GSR.

Old Business - Alcathons went well.

New Business - MMP not available 2nd Saturday of the month Feb. Other day is possible or Zooms possible. Voted to hold Zoom meeting. Kat/Michelle will coordinate to send paper work to IG reps. Jim will get hard copy to Patrick one time only - Feb 10 Zoom.

Announcements - Door of Faith, No Ka Oi meeting may change time. Beach meeting at Baldwin, time changed to noon under the pavilion.

Back to Groups - Phone person needed at Central Office for Friday night 4PM to 10AM Saturday (1 yr sobriety and 1 yr on Maui requirement) Closed meeting with Declaration of Unity/Serenity Prayer

NEXT MEETING: Feb. 10, 2024

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	January	2024 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei	\$741.40	\$741.40
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$0.00
Alana Ohana		\$0.00
Anonymous Contributions	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
Awakenings		\$0.00
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 Mens Stag Tues, Kihei		\$0.00
Club 449/Acceptance		\$0.00
Dawn Patrol		\$0.00
Emotional Sobriety		\$0.00
Food For Thought		\$0.00
Gold Diggers		\$0.00
Hair of the Dog	\$180.00	\$180.00
Hana Group		\$0.00
Happy Hour		\$0.00
HICYPAA		\$0.00
High In The Sky		\$0.00
Hump Day Group		\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$54.00	\$54.00
Kahana Sober Wahines	\$40.00	\$40.00
Kahana Spinners	\$200.00	\$200.00
Kihei Beach		\$0.00
Kihei District 11		\$0.00
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$106.19	\$106.19
Kihei Speaker Meeting		\$0.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina		\$0.00
Lahaina Whalers		\$0.00
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$0.00
Maui Sunset	\$167.50	\$167.50
Misfit Toys	\$403.00	\$403.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$0.00
Ohana Group	\$1,320.85	\$1,320.85
Online Member Contributions	\$326.36	\$326.36
Paniolo Group		\$0.00
Primary Purpose		\$0.00
S. A. M. Meeting	\$200.00	\$200.00
Samurai's in Sobriety		\$0.00
Saturday Night Speakers	\$188.79	\$188.79
Spiritual Awakening		\$0.00
Sober & Crazy		\$0.00
Something Better Than Gold	\$200.00	\$200.00
Step Sisters		\$0.00
To Thine Own Self Be True		\$0.00
TTOSB (online)		\$0.00
Tri-Island District 13		\$0.00
Twelve by Twelve/12x12 (online)		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunset	\$140.00	\$140.00
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise	\$56.00	\$56.00
Womens AA Meeting (online)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group		\$0.00
Wake Up Call		\$0.00
We Agnostics		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life	\$100.00	\$100.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$5,474.09	\$5,474.09

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	
INFLOW: January	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$5,474.09
Literature sales	\$191.00
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$5,665.09
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$5,665.09
OUTFLOW: January	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Manager salary (1/2 Jan)	\$630.00
Event Supplies (new coolers)	\$282.69
CPA Services (Jeanna T)	\$200.00
Valley Isle CPR (Intergroup Monthly Meeting Rent/10 mo)	\$200.00
MOBI (Office Cell Phone)	\$29.55
Hawaiian Telecom (Call Forwarding Service)	\$24.68
AAWS (literature)	\$870.43
IRS Federal Withholding	\$572.16
Hartford TDI (Temp Disability Insurance Premium)	\$258.00
Hawaii State Withholding	\$188.30
Spectrum (Internet)	\$86.27
Manager salary (last 1/2 Jan)	\$630.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$4,497.08
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$4,497.08
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	\$1,168.01
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	\$1,168.01
ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$13,121.44
Transfer from Checking to Prudent Reserve	\$4,000.00
Prudent Reserve	\$15,513.82

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Hope to see you there!

2023

June 2-4	Northeast	Boston Marriott Burlington Burlington, MA
August 25-27	West Central	Hilton Garden Inn Missoula, MT
September 29-October 1	Southwest	Radisson El Paso Airport Hotel El Paso, TX
November 17-19	East Central	The Double Tree by Hilton Independence, OH

2024

May 10-12	Western Canada	Prestige Vernon Lodge Vernon, B.C., Canada
July 12-14	Pacific	Westgate Resort & Casino Las Vegas, Nevada
August 23-25	Eastern Canada	Delta Hotels by Marriott Ottawa, ON
December 6-8	Southeast	Golden Nugget Biloxi, MS



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ONE DAY AT A TIME

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