

Maui Serenity Gazette

February 2025

AA ON MAUI

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We accept cash and checks only.

<u>Step Two</u>: "Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

Of course, I never thought I lost my sanity. Drinking or not drinking, I pretty much reacted logically. I had a job and relationships. I hadn't been arrested. Not insanity, just liked to party. I worked hard and liked to party hard.

But looking back, I know that the things I did, which perhaps were still within the confines of the law mostly, were self-destructive. And most poor behaviors that did not involve punishment, were mostly about not getting caught, yet.

So I found AA and after truly becoming aware that I was powerless over alcohol in Step One, I then had no where to turn. If truly powerless, am I to remain a victim to alcohol forever? No, because that is when Step 2 came in and took me on a path to recovery.

Initially, the part about being restored to sanity was bothersome. But as I



looked at behaviors and sacrifices I made in order to continue to drink, it really was a bit crazy. Working extra jobs since college so I would have money to drink. Staying out too late because I was drinking and then having to suffer through the workday until I could go home and sleep or

start drinking again.
Hiding behaviors from
people that cared about
me. Yes, there was
some insanity for sure.

I was told to read the book, Came to Believe. I started reading stories from people that revealed their personal experiences with spiritual inspiration. Of course, these stories could have been made up to sell the book. But as I read, I started to identify with the people and their feelings. I started to see things differently. A new perspective was developing with less cynicism and more trust. I started to feel better and more peaceful as I relaxed and let go of my defenses.

So now I still believe that a Higher Power can restore me to sanity. I

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pray for guidance and protection. I pray for the willingness to believe. I pray for sobriety and for people in my life. I pray for the willingness to want to and to be able to help people. I want to contribute and to make the world a better place now. I still don't understand a Higher Power. But what I understand that when I am willing to beam protection. I pray for the willingness to believe. I pray for sobriety and for people in my life. I pray for the willingness to want to and to be able to help people. I want to contribute and to make the world a better place now. I still don't understand a Higher Power. But what I understand that when I am willing to beam willing to believe, I feel better. My life runs more smoothly. I can manage the hardships with more grace and acceptance.

Thank you.

Denise D.

Kihei



The Spiritual Rewards of Step 2

Embracing Step 2 can lead to profound spiritual growth. It encourages trust, connection, and a sense of purpose. By surrendering control and cultivating faith in a Higher Power, I find greater clarity, resilience, and inner peace. Step 2 lays the foundation for the rest of the 12 steps, fostering a life of recovery, balance, and spiritual fulfillment.

Step 2 is not just about belief—it's about action. It's an invitation to grow spiritually by opening my heart and mind to new possibilities. By embracing this step, I take a vital step toward recovery, embarking on a journey of personal transformation and spiritual awakening.

2025

MAUI AA INTERGROUP WWW.AAMAUI.ORG

Every Second Saturday of the month

6 P M - 7 P M 2662 WAI WAI PLACE STE 201 KIHEI, HI 967533

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.



AA conference approved Literature for Sale!



Support your local Intergroup office!

We have conference approved literature for sale, including the Plain Language Big Book! (second printing)

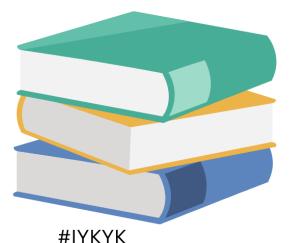
Reserve your copy or update your favorites...

Big Book
12x12
As Bill Sees It
Came to Believe
Living Sober
Daily Reflections
and more!

Ask us about our LARGE PRINT!

Including several Grapevine Publications

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Why go to the Big Box for your Big Book?
Buy local!

PRAASA 2025



SAVE THE DATE

March 7 - 9, 2025

Anchorage Convention Center (Egan Center)

The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and Areas of the Pacific Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. The Assembly and the PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of AA

Hosted by Alaska Area 02 additional Information please contact

www.praasa.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.



"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 be of service through H&I Please contact Regina if interested info@aamaui.org





pet of the month







SUBMITTED BY LIAH M, PUKALANI

NALA IS TRAINED AND CERTIFIED AS A PERSONAL PSYCHIATRIC SERVICE DOG TO HELP MITIGATE ANXIETY. NALA IS ALSO TRAINED AS A PET THERAPY DOG CERTIFIED THROUGH THE ALLIANCE OF THERAPY DOGS. WE VISIT PATIENTS AT BOTH OF THE HOSPITALS AND AT HOSPICE AND SCHOOLS. SHE IS GENTLE AND FRIENDLY AND SHE LOVES BOTH THE YOUNG AND OLD.

BIRTHDAY: 6-6-18

FAVORITE FOOD: CHICKEN TREATS
FAVORITE TOY: PURPLE FUZZY MONSTER

Do you have a pet that deserves to be in the spotlight? Whether it's a loyal dog, a curious cat, a playful parrot, or even a charming bearded dragon, we want to hear all about them.

Send us the following: Your pet's name, A brief story about your pet, A high-quality photo (or two!)

Email your submissions to info@aamaui.org

Don't miss the chance to show off your beloved companion and brighten everyone's day with their charm!

We can't wait to meet your amazing pets!

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 services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This

<u>keeps</u> A.A. free of outside influ-

ences that might divert us

from our

<u>primary purpose</u> 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

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

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



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Maui Intergroup Announcements

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

We are looking for a host group for Founders Day 2025

Sunday, June 8 2025 at the Cameron Center

Contact Central Office for more details: 808-244-9673 info@aamaui.org

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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East Hawai'i AA (Hilo & Puna)

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NEWS from 2025 Area17 Orientation Assembly

Delegate Report

Deborah S. January 25, 2025 Orientation Assembly

The Pacific Region Alcoholics
Anonymous Service Assembly

March 7 - 9 2025

Egan Center 555 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501

Hosted by Area 02 - Alaska

https://praasa.org/

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- Provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- •Foster the Recovery, Unity, and Service legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous.

2025 General Service Conference

April 27, 2025 - May 03, 2025

LOCATION/VENUE NAME

New York Hilton - Midtown

ADDRESS

1335 6th Ave

CITY

New York City

STATE

New York



"WORKING TOGETHER, INCREASING"TRUS"

Aloha and welcome to the 2025 *Orientation Assembly*. I am honored to serve as Conference Committee on Finance Delegate to Hawaii Area 17 Panel 75.

Thank you, Sally T., District Committee Member 4, and district members, for hosting our assembly, providing homestay, transportation and preparing meals. I am thrilled to be here with you this weekend.

The first order of business, for me, is to prepare for the 75th Annual General Service Conference slated for April 27 thru May 3 in New York. Key dates are:

Feb. 4-6, 2025, Panel 74 and 75 Delegate Orientation "Preparing for Conference: All you need to know with a Q/A session."

Feb. 17-21, 2025, Conference Committee Background Feb. 17-25, 2025, Final agenda list

Feb. 22, 2025, Share out agenda items and background to the area committee for distribution to the groups.

Mar. 12-21 Pre-Conference Week with the Delegate: Virtual Sharing sessions on agenda topics.

April 5-6, 2025, Assembly, Inform the Delegate

Post Conference Report Backs for Districts: May 31st through June 29th. Saturdays preferred due to neighbor island travel from Oahu. Please email delegate@area17aa.org to plan.

Following the conference I will focus on:

- 7th Tradition contribution education, our duty and responsibility to self-support.
- Help area committees encourage greater Seventh Tradition support for the area, GSO and other local service entities.
- Collaborate with DCMs, GSRs, and Standing Committee Chairs to hold sharing sessions or service activities that could generate greater interest among A.A. members in serving as GSRs and DCMs and in area positions.

TRADITION TWO:

"For our group purpose, there is but one authority- a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they don't govern."

Personally, I love how the traditions often expand on the steps.

Tradition2 is no different. First things first, Alcoholics Anonymous does not require our members to believe in God. How is this possible when the word "GOD" is written in this tradition itself?

I have witnessed my fellow AAs "clamor over this and that," and while I choose to call my Higher Power God, I do not wish to debate those with agnostic leanings here.

What I can share, based on my experience in AA, is that our society works exactly as "God" would have it.

To borrow from page 417, in the story "Acceptance"- "nothing, absolutely nothing happens in God's world by mistake."

Perhaps Tradition2 is just the right place for unruly, intolerant alcoholics to expand their spiritual consciousness and understanding.

For the alcoholic, it is just that. Acceptance and accepting that despite our differences, there is a common quantum thread that unites us all- whether we like it or not - "...like people on a sinking ship" BB pg 152.

The latter part of the tradition is a wonderful nod to "The Spirit of Rotation."

Thank God for longtimers who encouraged and lovingly "voluntentold" me to get into service and action.

It's a funny thing working with others, especially other alcoholics. I am blessed with an overabundance of opportunities to grow spiritually, usually after quite a bit of necessary ego deflation. And AA is a worldclass spiritual classroom.

Working the steps with a sponsor, my life continues to expand as my relationship with a higher power evolves. Symbiotically, the steps also somehow work me in a succinct but not always elegant system of checks and balances- a bone crushing juggernaut that somehow builds character upon an unshakeable foundation.

Despite myself, I am learning to love myself (and others) unconditionally and unapologetically through working with others in Alcoholics Anonymous.

In Loving service, RdJ

call for submissions

March focus on Step 3 and Tradition 3!

The Serenity Gazette is your newsletter. Please feel free to share. If you would like to share a story with us, please keep in mind that we need to receive it at least 10 days prior to publication. Publication is on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The Serenity Gazette welcomes articles on every aspect of recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous. We are always glad to get stories about any topic having to do with staying sober and helping others. In addition, we always welcome articles about the Traditions and the Twelve Steps. Suggested length is anywhere from one sentence to one page, typewritten. Include your name, phone number and e-mail address. Please keep a copy of your work because manuscripts cannot be returned. Refer to our Submission Guidelines for more information.

Email the article to info@aamaui.org



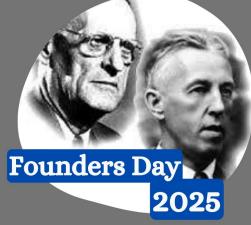
New Feature

Share your meeting space!
Include your group name and location.
Email: info@aamaui.org



upcoming events

June 10, 2025 will be the 90th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous



Let's make history!

We are looking for a Host Group(s):

Jenue: Cameron Center

ph: 808-244-9673

email: info@aamaui.org

A Maui A.A. Intergroup Sponsored Event

June 8, 2025
Sunday



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....



"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. "

- 1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
- 2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibilities?
- 3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs, praise for my AA ideas?
- 4. Do I often feel the need to "save face" in group discussions, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work along with it?
- 5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn with AA chores?
- 6. Do I complain about the decisions that my group makes, even though I do not attend the business meetings where these decisions are made?



Maui AA Intergroup Meeting Summary January 11, 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; Elizabeth, Ellen, Teri, Denise, Bonnie, Tracey, Pamela, Bernie, Matthew, Livit, Brooks, Pat.

MOTION: - To accept the minutes of the December mtg. - APPROVED

REPORTS

Service Position Monthly Report:

- Steering Committee Report- Mark.
- Steering Committee meeting was held Monday, Jan. 6. When asked, it was explained that the meeting is generally held at Central Office, the Monday before the monthly Intergroup meeting, and is primarily to set the agenda.
 - Mark drafts the Intergroup Meeting agendas.
 - Travel was approved to send Jimmy Jamez to the Area meeting (Jan. 25-26).
 - David attended the meeting to help the team transition.
- Recording Secretary Kim: Off to a good start. Will create a new summary minutes template.
- Treasurer's Report Kevin
 - Published in January `25 edition of the Maui Serenity Gazette (pg. 10).
 - Calendar year Ending Balance \$18,142.15.
 - Prudent Reserve \$15, 518.69.
 - Note: Had to pay Cameron Center \$50 fee to reset the room. Need to take care to do correctly in the future.

MOTION: Accept Treasurer's Report – Teri/Matthew APPROVED.

- Central Office Manager's/Serenity Gazette Regina
 - We have two new meetings: Saturdays on Lanai and Wednesdays in Keanae/Hana. Check the website for more information.
 - o Lost the Coffee Break meeting. Will end in two weeks.
 - Placed a book order for new service manuals.
 - New Big Book Plain Language is on back order. Non-substantive revisions are being made to the 2nd edition.
 - Serenity Gazette is available online and can be emailed to individuals by request.
 - Interest in revamp? (sorry, Kim cannot remember what this in her notes is about)
 - Asked for volunteers for Step 2/Tradition 2 for next addition. Asked everyone to promote submissions at all meetings we go to.
- Hawaii Area or Maui District reports/Standing Service3 Committee reports no one in attendance.

Maui AA Intergroup Minutes January 11, 2025 cont.

- Kim Club 449 Acceptance: All good.
- Ellen KMS: All good. Meeting well attended. Printing new cards
- Matthew Wailuku Group: Real good meeting. Well attended.
- Bonnie Sisters of Sobriety: Meeting attendance approx. 20 people; all positions filled except Secretary. It was mentioned that District can also help with \$ to send GSR to off-island meetings.
- Bernie Upcountry Sunrise Back in action! Broks mentioned all positions are filled except coffee person.
- Denise Sober & Crazy: Reminded this is the Noon Wed. meeting at Good Shepherd. Used to be Mon-Fri.
 Attendees are mostly those getting court cards signed. Could use some old-timers. Struggling with service positions. Pass the word.
- Livit Women's AA: Well-attended meeting with at least 20 women each week. Serving the alcoholic at the group level.
- Pamela and Tracey (outgoing) TTOSBT Online: Good meeting, but does struggle for new attendees; all positions will be filled when soon to be filled GSR person comes aboard.
- Teri New Awakenings: Big book study, line by line, followed by discussion including cross-talk; all positions filled; still a small group
- Elizabeth High in the Sky: Well-attended outdoor meeting. Looking for an alternate GSR.

OLD BUSINESS

• Bank Change – Regina is the accountant and Kevin and Regina will be signatores.

NEW BUSINESS

- Central Office Bash
 - This is a gathering to show gratitude for Central Office.
 - Sponsored by Intergroup
 - March 15 no good as there is going to be a Women's retreat that weekend.
 - Community centers may be busy due to spring break.
 - There was a motion made by Kevin/Ellen, but that was probably not necessary. All agreed with one abstention.
- Discussion regarding the replacement of a card at the office to use Grapevine copyright approved wording. TABLED.
- Jimmy Jamez received a phone call from Sam (39 yrs.) whose sister Riki (41 yrs.) has cancer. Tracey
 will be looking into this more.

Take Back to Groups:

- Looking to increase old-timer and member w/ some time attendance at the Sober & Crazy meeting to support newcomers.
- Two new meetings: Lanai and Hana.
- Suggest/offer Gazette. Articles should be sent to Central Office 10 days in advance of each edition. Articles for Steps and Traditions can be sent anytime and held for future use if necessary.
- Central Office bash.
- Plain Language edition update.

Seventh Tradition Collection: Done.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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INFLOW: January
Contributions this month: \$4,388.34
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CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	January	2025 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei	\$156.50	\$156.50
11th Step Meditation Pukalani	\$70.00	\$70.00
Aloha Friday		
Acceptance Group		
Anonymous Contributions	\$33.32	\$33.32
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	\$63.02
Conscious Contact		
Club 449/Acceptance		
Dawn Patrol		
Emotional Sobriety	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
A Group of Drunks (YP)		. ,
Gold Diggers		
Hair of the Dog		
Hana Group		
Happy Hour	\$602.50	\$602.50
High In The Sky	\$00 2. 00	\$00 2.0 0
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$30.00	\$30.00
Kahana Spinners	ψ30.00	ψ50.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group	\$126.43	\$126.43
Kihei Morning Serenity	Ψ1 2 01.0	ψ1 2 02
K'ue Meeting		
Ladies Night - Lahaina		
Lahaina Whalers		
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution	\$82.00	\$82.00
Maui Sunset	\$179.99	\$179.99
Misfit Toys	\$177.55	\$177.53
Maui Strong		
New Awakening		
No Ka Oi Group		
Ohana Group	\$940.41	\$940.41
Online Member Contributions	ψ, .σ	ψ> .01
Paniolo Group	\$503.11	\$503.11
S. A. M. Meeting	ψ3 03.11	ψ3 03.111
Turning Point	\$20.40	\$20.40
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Saturday Night Speakers	\$200.00	\$200.00
Spinners (A) Spinitual Appalraging	\$300.00	\$300.00
(A) Spiritual Awakening		
Sober & Crazy Sober Wahine	\$40.00	\$40.00
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Something Better Than Gold		
Sisters of Sobriety		
Sisters of Sobriety To Thine Own Self Be True	\$240.66	\$240.66
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Upcountry Sunset		
Upon Awakening	+	
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Wailuku Group		
Wake Up Call		
We Agnostics	+	
Womens AA Way of Life		
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$4,388.34	\$4,388.34
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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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