



Maui Serenity Gazette

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AA ON MAUI

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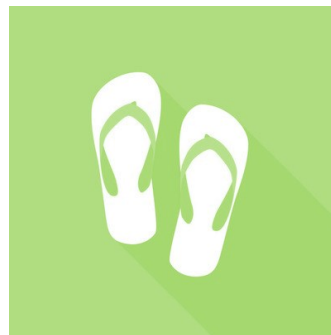
**AA approved
literature
is available for
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We accept cash
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Step One: *"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.*

I had difficulty understanding this step at first. The word "powerless" meant "weakness" to me. To admit weakness was intolerant; besides, I did not think that I had a problem with alcohol. My life was not unmanageable; I had a job, a home, a car, etc. As a result of these thoughts, I could not accept complete defeat. I had deceived myself with complete denial. I did not realize that my mental obsession to drink was actually causing chaos, dishonesty and unmanageabil-

ity. I learned that in the early days of A.A. mostly low-bottom cases understood Step 1 because they were desperate. Now I know that alcoholism affects all walks of life no matter who you



are. As I look back at my drinking history, I realize that I was "out of control", my drinking was not just a "habit", and my alcohol use was progressing. I got a DUI, lost a job, and caused chaos in my family. There is

an insistence that every A.A. must hit bottom. We all have different bottoms, but we all realize that it's difficult to start a recovery program in A.A. unless we do them to stay alive. It doesn't matter how we get to A.A.: whether through the court system, a recovery program, material and emotional loss, etc. We begin with acknowledging and accepting that we need help. Step 1 starts us off and we continue the journey of all the 12 Steps.

Karen Y.P.

2025

MAUI AA INTERGROUP
WWW.AAMAUI.ORG


Maui
AA
Intergroup




monthly business meeting



Every Second Saturday of the month

6 PM - 7 PM

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.



New meeting Highlight!

NEW MEETING ON LANAI

ISLAND FEVER


SATURDAYS 1PM

**LOCATION: HULOPO'E BEACH PARK, MANELE RD,
LANAI CITY, HI 96763**

CONTACT NUMBER: (305) 209-9049


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.



see www.aamaui.org for meeting schedules

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Hana Caravan

Leave Paia Community Center	2025
11:00 am	January 26
	February 23
Potluck Wananalua Church	March 30
4:30 pm	April 27
	May 25
AA Meeting follows	June 29
5:00 to 7:00 pm	July 27
	August 31
	September 28
	October 26
For more information call	November 30
Jack B. (720) 495 - 2918	December 28



When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Ke hele mai kekahi, ma nā wahi a pau, i ke kōkua, makemake au i ka lima o A.A. e noho mau. A no kēlā: 'O wau ke kuleana.

Card design by Lisa T

Aloha

From the desk at Central Office

New Hana Meeting!



Ikaika Ke'anae Group Wednesdays at 6pm

Lanakila Ihihi O Iehowa Ona Kava Church

316 Keanae Rd
Haiku, Hawaii

“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

call for submissions

February focus on Step 2 and Tradition 2!

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

pet of the month



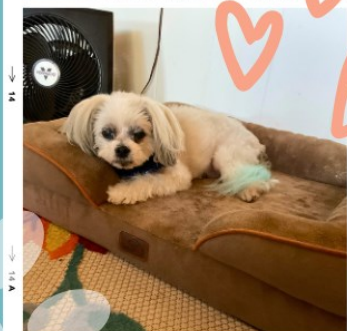
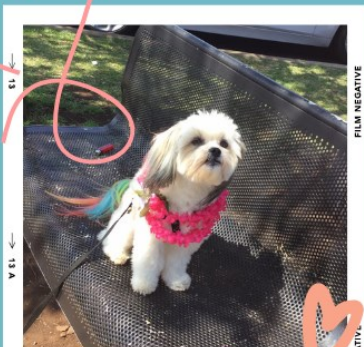
Do you have a pet that deserves to be in the spotlight? Whether it's a loyal dog, a curious cat, a playful parrot, or even a charming bearded dragon, we want to hear all about them.

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!



JANUARY PET OF THE MONTH



"ROCKY"

SUBMITTED BY
BONNIE M, PUKALANI

ROCKY IS A 13 YEAR OLD SHIH-TZU WHO WENT BLIND 3 YEARS AGO DUE TO MENINGITIS. UPCOUNTRY SUNRISE BECAME HIS HOME GROUP IN 2011. ROCKY ALWAYS SPORTS A COLORFUL RAINBOW TAIL AND IS A FIRM BELIEVER OF RULE 62, "DON'T TAKE YOURSELF TOO SERIOUSLY". HE USED TO LOVE HIKES IN THE FOREST AND WALKS ON THE BEACH, NOW HE SETTLES FOR RIDES IN HIS STROLLER AND ATTENDING AA MEETINGS. HIS FAVORITE TOY IS HIS BINKY WHICH IS NEVER FAR AWAY. IF YOU HAPPEN TO SEE ROCKY, HE'S ALWAYS READY FOR A TREAT!

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. 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](http://source.aa.org)

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

[CLICK HERE](#)

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
Trisland 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 Hawaii Area 17

Make checks payable to:

Hawaii Area Committee (include Group name, #)

Hawaii Area Committee

PO Box 1413 Honolulu, HI 96806

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.



More Information/Island Contacts

Oahu AA

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oahuaa.org

West Hawai'i AA (Kona)

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westhawaiiaa.org

Kaua'i AA

808. 245. 6677

kauaiaa.org

East Hawai'i AA (Hilo & Puna)

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easthawaiiaa.org

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Maui A.A. Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.



Correspondence from AAWS

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Anonymous®

www.aa.org

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

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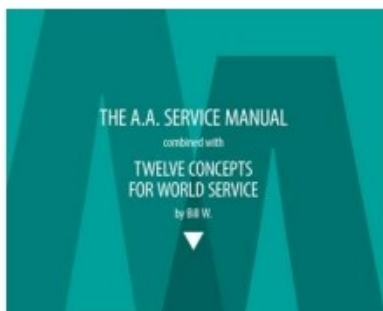
A.A. Service Manual, Revised and Updated 2024-2026 Edition

NOW IN PRINT!

December 20, 2024

Dear A.A. Friends,

We are delighted to announce that the new *A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service: 2024-2026 Edition, Revised and Updated (Item BM-31)* is now available in print format – in English.



**Reserve your copy and support your
local Maui Intergroup Office!**

Email: info@aamaui.org

Ph: 808-244-9673

NOTE: The digital version in English is also available for reading on aa.org.

And French and Spanish (in both digital and print editions) will follow soon, in early 2025.

With all best A.A. wishes,

David R.

David R.
Publishing Director

Karina C.

Karina C.
Group Services Staff coordinator

Malini Singh

Malini Singh
Director of Operations

TRADITION ONE:

“Our Common Welfare should come First; Personal Recovery Dependz on A.A. UNITY.”

Hau’oli MakaHiki Hou , IT’z another year -Aloha Nui... Jimmy Jaz Thennes here az an Recovered Alcoholic being part of an select society called Alcoholics Anonymous, that iz also a fellowship through Principlez of Honezty, Open-Mindedness ,Willingness, in Mindfulness to being Spiritual by Nature. In Nurturing these Principlez into our livez being E’Key (Chief) Stone that Holds, az Createz; E’Arch that we walk through Humbly in Unity.

“HOW shall we A.A.’z best preserve our Unity?”

“That iz the subject of thiz booklet” ...Referencing to the **Forward by Bill W. in 1955*** of pamphlet (P-17), “A.A. Tradition HOW IT Developed by Bill W.” (*Originally published in The A.A. Grapevine)

“When an alcoholic applies the Twelve Stepz of our recovery program to one’z personal life, az one’s *dis-integration* stops and one’z *unification* begins. The Power which now holds one together in one piece overcomes those forces which had rented them apart.

Exactly the same principle applies to each A.A. group and to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Nobody *invented* Alcoholics Anonymous. *IT grew*. Trial and error haz produced an rich experience. Little by little we have been adopting the lessons of that experience, first az policy & then iz *Traditions*. That process still goes on & we hope IT never stops. Should we ever harden too much, the letter might crush that Spirit.

A.A. Unity cannot automatically preserve itself. Like personal recovery, we shall always have to work to maintain IT. Here, too, we surely need honesty, humility, open-mindedness, unselfishness, and, above all—vigilance. So we who are older in A.A. beg you who are newer to ponder carefully the experience we have already had of trying to work & live together. We would like each A.A. to become just az much aware of those disturbing tendencies which endanger us as a whole az one iz conscious of those personal defects which threaten one’z own sobriety & peace of mind. For whole movements have, before now, gone on benders too!

Many of A.A.’z already feel that these 12 Traditions are sound enough to become the basic guide & protection for A.A. az a whole; that we ought to apply them seriously to our group life az we do the 12 Recovery Steps to ourselves individually. Of thiz, IT Will take Time to tell. May we never forget that without permanent Unity we can offer little lasting relief to those scores of thousands yet to join us in their quest for Freedom.”

We Hope for A.A.’z common welfare of HOW IT’z Primary Purpoze being the foundation stone that carry’z on through E’Archway-Unified. Being IT, Love for next suffering Alcoholic that usually doesn’t mix well emotionally amongst can with Unity & Principles before Personalities practiced from Language of Heart listened too!



Maui A.A. Intergroup Monthly Meeting Minutes Dec. 14, 2024

Call to Order: Chris, Chair. 6:01pm
Open with Serenity Prayer, Maui Intergroup Preamble

Introduction of Steering Committee: Chris (Chair), Dave (Co-Chair), Karen (Recording Secretary), Regina (Central Office Manager)

Introduction of Intergroup Reps: Kim, Acceptance 449/MICYPAA (sp?); Ellen, KMS, Andrea, Crazy & Sober; Tracey, Alt. TTOSBT; Ben, Maui Sunset; Bedusha, guest; Bonnie, Sisters of Sobriety; Pamela, TTOSBT, Portia, Happy Hour; Teri, New Awakenings; Jen, Tuesday Womens; Brooks, Upcountry Sunrise; Diana, Something Better Than Gold.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Approved with correction: Next meeting date corrected to Dec. 14 instead of Dec. 19.

REPORTS

Steering Committee (Chris, Chair): 1) Some updates on financial accounts; 2) C.O. To send out reminders to phone people; need new steering committee recording Secretary.

Treasurer's Report (Jim, NH): Accepted with update pending Central Office (Regina, manager): 1) made another book order; 2) Amazon printer Ink ordered; 3) Need to update business hours; 4) Gazette Step 1 (Karen), Tradition 1 (Jimmy Jaz)

Dist. 11 Report (Jimmy Jaz):
Elections held last month: Claire (DCM), Colin (Treasurer), Betsy (ALT.DCM). Group meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Dist. 13 meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Intergroup Reps Reports: Kim, Acceptance 449: lost a member, Steve; MICYPAA: Paige is chair for 2025; Meeting on Jan 5 in Maalaea at 3:00.; Ellen, KMS: Planning Christmas Alkathon: need side dishes, only service dogs are allowed at Cameron Center; Andrea, Sober & Crazy: filling in for Denise; Pamela, TTOSBT: new treasurer, Tensile; Tracey, Alt. TTOSBT: new SR in January; Ben, Maui Sunset: a few positions available; Bonnie, Sisters of Sobriety: Turned over new positions, all filled. Portia, Happy Hour: inconsistent attendance; Karen, Saturday Speaker: need commitments; Diana, Something Better Than Gold: looking for commitments. Brooks, Upcountry Sunrise: all positions filled, large attendance; Jen, Tues. Womens AA Way of Life: Jenn is GSR, Livit is Intergroup rep, Dec.24 no meeting; Teri, New Awakenings: need Commitments, meet at 10.30 on Sundays @ Eddie Tam Community Center; Mark, High in the Sky (Brooks for Mark): Bank account still a problem; Matt, Wailuku Group: Also for MICYPAA, campout is planned.

OLD BUSINESS

KMS Christmas Alkathon: 12:00 Christmas Day lunch; see flyer online; need coffee, beverage committee.

Kula Can Do Stag hosting New Year's Alkathon

NEW BUSINESS

Outgoing Intergroup Rep please pass on knowledge to new rep.

TAKE BACK TO GROUP

1. KMS needs volunteers for Xmas Alkathon; contact Andrea @ 808-269-2463.
2. Only service dogs allowed at Cameron Center
3. Plain Language Big Book on order.
4. Call C.O. for hours.

NEXT MEETING: Jan. 11, 2025, see aamaui.org for location...

Meeting adjourned: 7:02pm.

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	December	2024 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei		\$1,900.30
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$106.00
Aloha Friday		\$100.00
Acceptance Group		\$278.87
Anonymous Contributions	\$24.01	\$1,146.01
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	\$300.00
Emotional Sobriety		\$0.00
A Group of Drunks (YP)	\$336.00	\$336.00
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	\$24.00	\$291.00
Kahana Sober Wahines		\$120.00
Kahana Spinners		\$600.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group		\$1,036.17
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$145.82	\$969.08
K'ue Meeting	\$800.00	\$5,681.60
Ladies Night - Lahaina		\$68.00
Lahaina Whalers	\$87.50	\$346.00
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$0.00
Maui Sunset	\$239.91	\$1,961.30
Misfit Toys		\$688.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$240.00
Ohana Group	\$510.00	\$7,572.50
Online Member Contributions		\$3,928.44
Paniolo Group		\$0.00
S. A. M. Meeting		\$284.01
Turning Point		\$0.00
Saturday Night Speakers		\$188.79
Spinners		\$250.00
(A) Spiritual Awakening	\$84.60	\$360.40
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	\$163.00	\$368.00
Upcountry Sunset		\$501.00
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise	\$323.00	\$1,132.00
Womens AA Meeting (online)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group		\$273.20
Wake Up Call		\$290.00
We Agnostics		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life		\$600.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$2,837.84	\$40,301.48

INFLOW: December	
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$2,837.84
December Literature sales	\$459.50
Alkathon Seed Money Return (Maui Sunset)	\$150.00
Xmas Alkathon Contributions	\$601.00
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$4,048.34
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$48,774.93
OUTFLOW: December	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Office Depot (envelopes and paper)	\$58.71
Room reset fee (Xmas Alkathon)	\$50.00
Mgr salary first 1/2 December	\$642.33
New Years Alkathon seed money	\$300.00
Hawaiian Tel (Virtual #)	\$25.84
Christmas Alkathon seed money	\$300.00
MOBI (phone)	\$29.61
Spectrum (Internet)	\$86.27
IRS Federal Withholding -November and December	\$316.68
DCCA (annual business registration on 11/1/24)	\$3.50
Going away lunch for Michelle	\$264.90
Mgr salary last 1/2 December	\$642.33
Literature AAWS	\$449.84
Amazon (office supplies- toner, paper, staples)	\$275.55
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$3,970.56
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$42,271.11
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	\$77.78
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	\$6,503.82
ENDING BALANCE	\$18,142.15
Prudent Reserve	\$15,518.69

Maui AA Intergroup thanks you for your generous contributions!

Without your financial support, Central Office cannot exist to serve



New Hours!



MAUI ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CENTRAL OFFICE

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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**THANK YOU TO OUR
CENTRAL OFFICE
VOLUNTEERS!**

**OFFICE: ANN, JIMMY
JAMES, ANDREA**

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PAMELA, KRISTINA,
JIM H., MATTY, JIMMY
JAMES.**

KEEP IT SIMPLE
ONE DAY AT A TIME

Keep Coming Back

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