



AA ON MAUI

CENTRAL OFFICE

70 Central Ave.,
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Wailuku, HI 96793

OFFICE HOURS*:

Mon—Tues
10a - 3p
Wed—Fri
10a - 1p

***Subject to change
please call ahead**

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808.244.9673

Maui AA Meeting
Schedules are
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aamaui.org

email:
info@aamaui.org

**AA approved
literature
is available for
purchase at
Central Office.**

**We accept cash and
checks only.**

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YOUR MAUI AA CENTRAL OFFICE.**

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STEP SEVEN

Humbly asked Him
to remove our
shortcomings.

TRADITION SEVEN

Every A.A. group ought
to be fully self-
supporting, declining
outside contributions.

CONCEPT SEVEN

Conference recognizes
that the Charter and the
Bylaws of the General
Service Board are legal
instruments: that the
Trustees are thereby fully
empowered to manage
and conduct all of the
world service affairs of
Alcoholics Anonymous. It
is further understood that
the Conference Charter
itself is not a legal docu-
ment: that it relies in-
stead upon the force of
tradition and the power
of the A.A. purse for its
final effectiveness.



GSR Orientation

WELCOME. CONNECT. SERVE.
Join us as we come together to learn, **connect**, and continue our shared purpose of **service** and **recovery**.

AUGUST 6, 2026
6:00 PM
JOIN US ON zoom

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OPEN TO EVERYONE!
BRING YOUR EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE!

Don't go to the BATHROOM and come back a GSR!

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. GROW IN SERVICE. CHANGE LIVES.



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Events

TO VIEW MORE EVENTS

SEE OUR WEBSITE: AAMAUI.ORG

Monthly MICYPAA Beach Bonfire Meeting—
starting at 6p, meeting at 7p—Po'olenalena
Beach, see website for more info

Dawn Patrol – Iao Picnic—every second Sat.
starting at 11am - food and fellowship, host-
ed by Dawn Patrol, see website for more info

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.



TRADITION SEVEN:

"An Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

The Seventh Tradition: Investing in the Future of Recovery

One of the quietest moments in an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting often comes when the basket is passed. There is no fanfare, no pressure, and no obligation. Many newcomers are told, "The Seventh Tradition is for members only." To an outside observer, it may seem like a simple collection for coffee and rent. It is much more than that.

The Seventh Tradition states:

"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

Those few words have protected Alcoholics Anonymous for generations. They ensure that AA belongs to its members and to no one else. Every dollar placed into the basket is an expression of gratitude and responsibility. It says, "This program was here for me. I want it to be here for the next person."

Recovery is not free.

While AA charges no dues or fees, meetings require places to gather. Literature must be printed and distributed. Phone lines need to be answered. Websites require maintenance. Correctional facilities, treatment centers, and hospitals depend on literature and volunteers. Service offices coordinate thousands of efforts that most members never see but benefit from every day.

None of this happens by accident.

The Seventh Tradition reminds us that freedom comes with responsibility.

If AA accepted funding from governments, corporations, or wealthy benefactors, outside interests could eventually influence its mission. Independence is one of AA's greatest strengths. By paying our own way, we preserve our ability to carry the message without obligation, politics, or commercial influence.

This principle becomes even more important as recovery enters the digital age.

Today's newcomer may never walk into a church basement as their first contact with AA. Instead, they may search online in the middle of the night, attend a virtual meeting from a rural community, or download the meeting app on a smartphone. Maintaining these resources requires financial support just as surely as renting a meeting hall once did.

The future of recovery depends on AA remaining accessible wherever people seek help.

Yet many groups and service entities report that contributions have declined, even while costs continue to rise. In many meetings, a small percentage of members provide the majority of financial support. This isn't about guilt or obligation. It is about awareness.

The Seventh Tradition is not a fundraising campaign.

It is an opportunity to practice gratitude through action.

Most of us entered AA with very little to give. We were encouraged simply to focus on staying

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sober. As our lives improved, however, many of us discovered that giving back became part of our recovery. Contributing financially is one expression of that principle. Service work, sponsorship, making coffee, greeting newcomers, and sharing our experience are others. Together, they strengthen the fellowship.

The basket is more than a collection plate.

It is a reminder that recovery survives because recovering alcoholics choose to support one another. Every contribution, whether large or small, helps preserve the independence that has allowed AA to remain focused on one purpose for more than ninety years: carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Future generations will depend upon the decisions we make today. They deserve the same opportunity that countless members before us received: to walk into an AA meeting, find hope without cost, and discover that recovery is possible.

The Seventh Tradition is not about money. It is about stewardship. It is about gratitude. Most importantly, it is about ensuring that when the next suffering alcoholic reaches out for help, AA will still be there, ready to extend a hand freely, because those who came before chose to support the fellowship that saved their lives.

- Anonymous



STEP SEVEN:

"Humbly ask Him to remove our shortcomings."

Magic Mirror, on the Wall ...

I had issues, right off the bat. Not with the shortcomings part, those were well documented.

"... Ask Him ..."

Ask? Him who, exactly?

"... to remove our shortcomings."

Remove them? Like they're barnacles?

Was I reading this correctly? Am I to ask some "HIM" to blast away my shortcomings with a celestial pressure washer?

"Hold still, Michelle. I'll get that impatience right off."

To me, that seemed a bit ... optimistic.

Hey, don't get me wrong, I totally understood why that concept was appealing. Heck, I would've gladly asked this "HIM" to remove my taxes, my menopausal sweats, and, while HE was at it, my tendency to think of the perfect comeback four hours too late.

It's just, as an atheist, that didn't quite fit with the way I see the world—and the older I get, the less I see my shortcomings as some mysterious "character defects" in need of absolution. I tend to see them more as habits of thought and behavior. Things I've practiced for decades. Things I've learned, inherited, repeated, and reinforced over time.

I have practiced impatience.

I have practiced self-righteousness.

I have practiced sarcasm. (Actually, scratch that. Who am I kidding? My goal isn't Mastery of the Human Condition! It's choosing which imperfections are worth the maintenance cost and which aren't. I'd prefer to find a middle ground where authenticity and alignment can coexist.)

The point is, I didn't wake up one morning possessing these delightful qualities ... er, I mean shortcomings. I practiced them. Rehearsed them. Repeatedly. For DECADES.

And if I learned them, maybe I could unlearn them. Maybe even unlearn them a heck of a lot *faster*.

Yes! One day I'm a flawed alcoholic; the next a sober, enlightened, emotionally regulated person with



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excellent boundaries and a pocket full of chips. Ha! No problem!

Problem: Reality absolutely refused to co-sign my wishful thinking ... hmph, jerk.

And as a direct result, my recovery journey has not only been slow as molasses, but it's been about as glamorous as a wet cardboard box.

It looks a lot like this:

- Apologizing without adding the word "but."
- Showing up on time.
- Choosing not to send the text I really want to send.
- Going to a meeting.
- Admitting I'm wrong before the evidence becomes overwhelming.
- Failing a bunch but still getting up the next day and trying all over again.

So, if lasting change actually comes from repeated acts of humility and daily practice, then the words I was focusing on right off the bat ...

"Ask"
"Him"
and
"Remove"

... weren't really the words that needed focusing.

Spoiler Alert: "*Humbly*" was the freakin' crown jewel all along!

Humility is not self-contempt. Or self-denial. Humility is simply accepting that I may not be the foremost expert on ... well, me. Truth be told, I'm a little embarrassed by how surprising that realization was :/

Looking back, the funniest thing about reaching Step 7 with my sponsor was how confidently prepared I was for an intellectual discussion about the concept of asking 'HIM' to remove anything.

In no way was I prepared for what I actually got: the Evil Queens Magic Mirror.

That's right, while one of us was secretly hoping for a philosophical debate, the other was interested in accountability. (still not thrilled about that, Ken!)

Yet here I am, over a decade later, continuing to look through it. Because the magic mirror I got isn't interested in flattery or criticism. It's interested in **truth**. And while that can be super uncomfortable at times, it turns out to be exactly where humility begins, and my pesky shortcomings start to loosen their grip.

- Michelle G. (a grateful member of AA who occasionally speaks fluent sarcasm)

**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

[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
Tril 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 Hawaii Area 17

Make checks payable to:

Hawaii Area Committee (include Group name, #)

Hawaii Area Committee

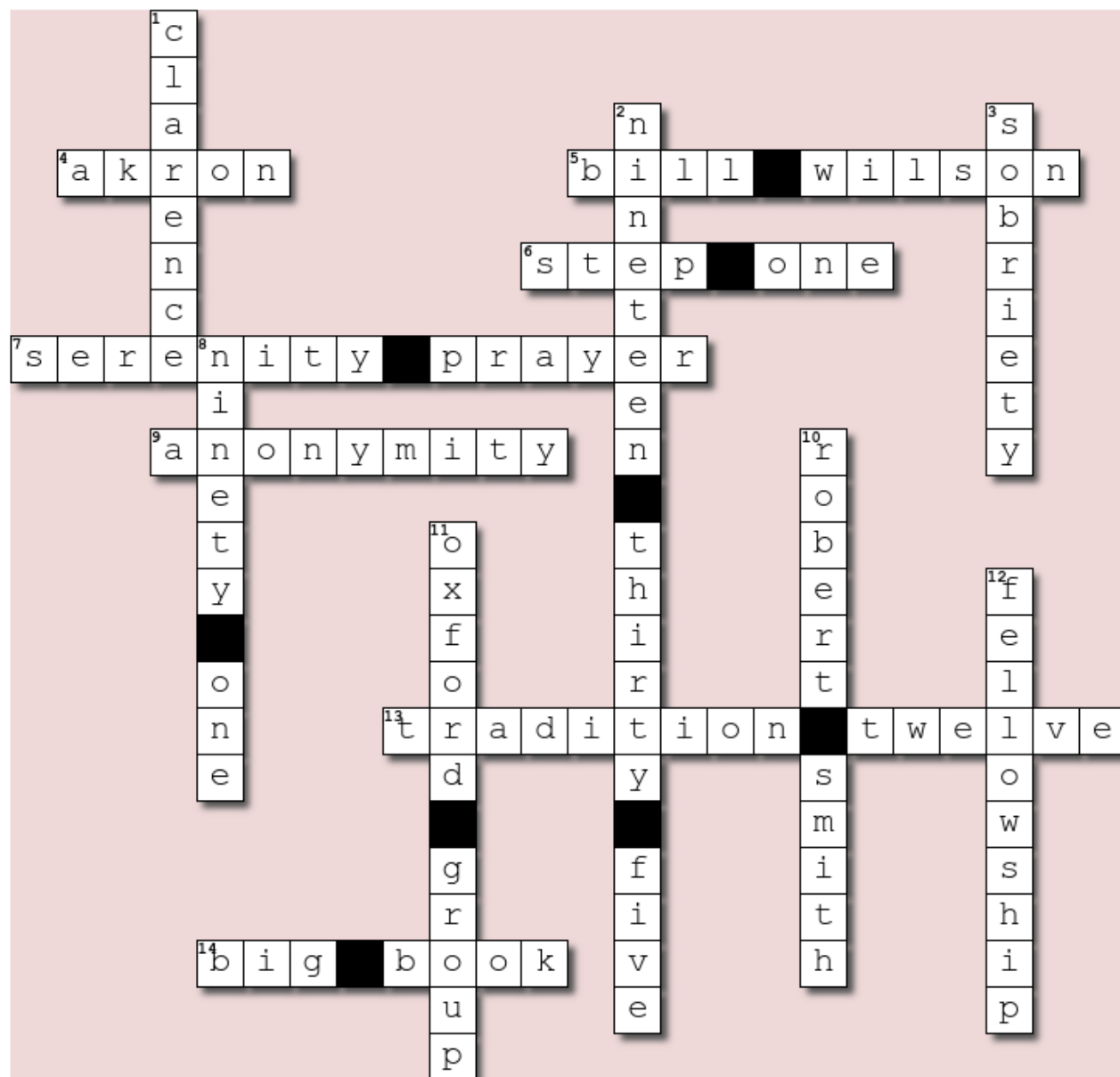
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MAHALO!

Crossword Answer Key (June Maui Serenity Gazette crossword puzzle)

Founder's Day!

Complete the AA History Crossword

**Across**

4. The city where Alcoholics Anonymous was founded (**akron**)
5. Co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous who struggled with alcoholism (**bill wilson**)
6. We admitted we were powerless (**step one**)
7. A New York member, Jack, brought this to everyone's attention (**serenity prayer**)
9. What does Alcoholics Anonymous state to be its 'spiritual foundation' (**anonymity**)
13. The tradition emphasizing anonymity in AA (**tradition twelve**)
14. Classic text outlining the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous (**big book**)

Down

1. Started the first A.A. meeting in Cleveland, Ohio (**clarence**)
2. Year Alcoholics Anonymous was founded (**nineteen thirty five**)
3. The primary focus of Alcoholics Anonymous (**sobriety**)
8. The number of years AA has been around (**ninety one**)
10. Co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, known as Dr. Bob (**robert smith**)
11. Prior to starting A.A. both co-founders were in contact with this fellowship (**oxford group**)
12. AA's approach to addiction emphasizes this kind of support (**fellowship**)

Maui AA Intergroup Meeting Summary

June 6, 2026

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

Opened with Serenity Prayer and A.A. Preamble. 6th Tradition share by Spike.

PRESENT:

Steering Committee: Mark– Chair; Jimmy James– Alt Chair; Kevin – Treasurer; Michelle – Office Manager (Jeanna - Secty – absent.)

Intergroup Reps: Bill– (Maui Sunset); Livit – (Women’s AA Way of Life); Ann (Upcountry Sunrise); Carl (Kihei Beach Group); Jack (To Thine Own Self Be True); Deborah (Kihei Morning Serenity); Bonnie (Sisters of Sobriety); Terri (Spiritual Awakening); Amy (High in the Sky); Kevin (449).

District/Area reps: Elijah – Alt DCM, District 5; Jody – GSR, Sober Wahine;

Members: Spike

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Motion/Second by Amy (High in Sky)/Jack (TTOSBT) and passed to accept the 5/9/26 minutes.

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVE GROUP REPORTS:

- Livit – *Women’s AA Way of Life*: All is going well; Alt-IG and Alt-GSR positions ARE open.
- Bill – *Maui Sunset*: Meets 7 days/week at Waipulani Park; more secretaries needed.
- Ann – *Upcountry Sunrise*: The group is considering hosting Gratitude Night.
- Carl – *Kihei Beach Group*: Group meets on grass of Kam III, 9 am Sundays. Maui County will soon restrict parking to residents only until 10 am; Group now has a coffee maker.
- Jack – *To Thine Own Self Be True*: Business meetings are well-attended.
- Terry – *New Awakenings*: Discussed splits of 7th Tradition collections.
- Bonnie – *Sisters of Sobriety*: All is well.
- Amy- *High in the Sky*: No coffee served now; will lower sobriety requirements to help fill positions.
- Kevin – *Club 449*: No coffee maker, so getting it from Starbucks. Group will have a booth at Maui Pride Event.
- Jody – reporting for *Sober Wahine*: group has changed the splits; relocated to different location due to road closure for about two months. Online schedule updated for this.
- Deborah – *Kihei Morning Serenity*: Some positions still open.

OFFICE MANAGER’S REPORT – Michelle (Central Office Manager):

We now have a volunteer for Wednesdays (Mahalo, Kris!), so Mon-Fri positions are all filled!

Phone/office coverage is good for now, but we can always use more back-up volunteers.

No takers for Step 7 or Tradition 7 articles for the July Serenity Gazette.

We will have the Central Office carpets cleaned.

Literature sales are down.

HAWAII AREA/MAUI DISTRICT/STANDING SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Jody (GSR – Sober Wahine) – District 5 is working on Delegate Report Back Assembly (June 13th.)
- Elijah (Alt DCM, District 5) – Discussed upcoming assembly and related expenses.

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

Intergroup’s rent deposit was increased by \$100 in accordance with monthly rent increase.

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Motion/Second by Kevin (449) and Ann (Upcountry Sunrise) and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT – Mark:

Mark repaired the lights at Central Office.

Please consider being a part of the Intergroup Steering Committee, including positions for the next panel.

A reminder that all AA members are welcome to our Steering Committee meetings – see below for day/time.

The Maui Strong meeting has shut down.

Please bring salads and desserts to our Founders' Day event on June 13th. Tim will be providing the food with seed money provided for event.

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS:

Service Opportunities: Backup volunteers (office, phones, etc.) always needed; Serenity Gazette articles needed. Email Michelle at info@aamaui.org or call (808) 244-9673 if you can help.

Steering Committee Meeting, 2:30 pm or TBA on the Monday before the Intergroup meeting.

Next Intergroup meeting is Saturday, July 11th @ 6 pm at Good Shepherd Church, Wailuku.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanna T, Secretary (Mahalo to Deborah for taking notes in my absence!)

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	June	2026 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei		\$1,053.57
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$50.00
Anonymous Contributions	\$500.00	\$1,112.65
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		\$692.00
High In The Sky		\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$39.00	\$200.00
Kalama Park Happy Hour		\$156.00
Keep It Simple Sunday (Molokai)		\$0.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group	\$68.51	\$183.19
Kihei Morning Serenity		\$145.17
K'ue Meeting		\$1,600.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina		\$47.00
Lahaina Whalers		\$0.00
Living Sober		\$65.67
Makawao Speaker Meeting		\$0.00
Maui Sunset		\$711.28
Misfit Toys		\$0.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$0.00
Ohana Group		\$592.10
Online Member Contributions	\$1,115.37	\$1,261.40
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 Wahine		\$160.00
Something Better Than Gold		\$390.80
Sisters of Sobriety		\$90.00
To Thine Own Self Be True		\$622.00
TTOSB (ONLINE)		\$67.47
Turning Point/Living It Up		\$261.00
Upcountry Speaker		\$84.00
Upcountry Sunset		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise		\$400.00
Womens AA Meeting (ONLINE)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group		\$140.00
Wake Up Call		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life		\$200.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$1,722.88	\$11,741.68

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	
INFLOW: June	
Starting Balance	\$13,952.67
Total Group Contributions/Month:	\$1,722.88
Founders Day contributions	\$522.00
Literature sales	\$145.00
TOTAL INFLOW/ MONTH	\$2,389.88
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$17,190.53
OUTFLOW: June	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Hawaii Equity Management (rent)	\$625.00
Literature Refund	\$42.00
Carpet Cleaning (Office)	\$130.00
Founders Day (Food)	\$341.00
Founder's Day Supplies	\$64.75
New Carpet Install (Partial Office)	\$120.00
Hawaii State Withholding	\$268.30
IRS Federal Withholding	\$572.16
Spectrum (Internet/Phone)	\$113.95
Mgr salary June	\$1,260.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW/ MONTH	\$3,537.16
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$31,405.42
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	(\$1,147.28)
YTD NET INFLOW:	(\$14,214.89)
ENDING BALANCE	\$12,805.39
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 AA Intergroup thanks you
for your generous contributions!**

**Without your financial support,
Central Office cannot exist to serve
A.A. 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.



Gratitude SHOUT OUT!

To everyone who serves in Maui AA, thank you. Whether you set up the chairs, unlock the meeting room, answer the phones, make the coffee, chair a meeting, sponsor others, or serve behind the scenes as a GSR or IG Rep, your willingness makes recovery possible for countless people.

Your quiet acts of service create welcoming meetings, strengthen our Maui Fellowship, and help ensure that the hand of **AA is always there for the next person seeking hope**. Your commitment, humility, and generosity make a difference every single day. Mahalo for carrying the message through service.

More Information/Island Contacts

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kauaiaa.org

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easthawaiiiaa.org

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Maui A.A. Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.



*MAHALO to the Maui AA Members and Groups that
support our local Central Office*

DID YOU KNOW?

Buying AA literature at your **LOCAL CENTRAL OFFICE** supports local AA. ♥

AA Your local Central Office is part of the AA service structure—self-supporting through your purchases and contributions.

Books on shelves: ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, TWELVE BEHIND TRAP, AS BILL SEES IT, THIS IS A.A., LIVING SOBER THE JOURNEY CONTINUES, DAILY REFLECTIONS.

✓ **BUY LOCAL. SUPPORT LOCAL.**

- Supports your local AA services
- Helps keep your Central Office open and available
- Funds local outreach, phones, and meeting support
- Stays within your community

YOU SUPPORT AA

Your purchases help carry the message right where you live. ♥

✗ **BUY ELSEWHERE. NO LOCAL SUPPORT.**

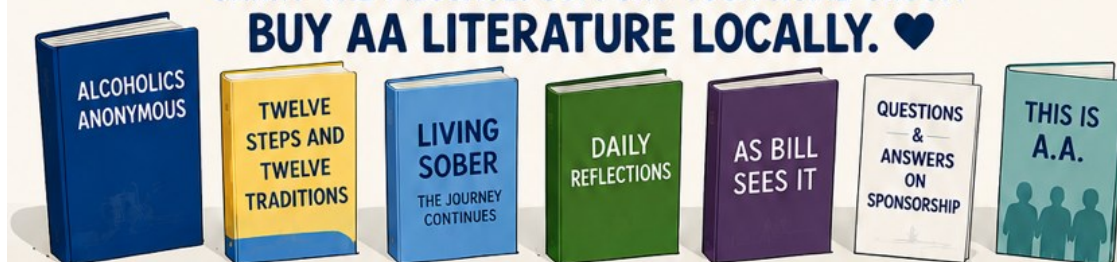
- No support for your local AA services
- Money leaves your community
- Local services may struggle
- Less personal, less connection



NO LOCAL SUPPORT

When you buy elsewhere, your local AA doesn't benefit. ♥

**CARRY THE MESSAGE. SUPPORT YOUR HOME GROUP.
BUY AA LITERATURE LOCALLY. ♥**



UNITY
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LOCAL AA. LOCAL SUPPORT. LOCAL SOBRIETY.

Thank you for supporting your Central Office! ♥



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