



Maui Serenity Gazette

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AA ON MAUI

CENTRAL OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. thru Fri.
10a—4p
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Please call ahead

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AA Meeting
Schedules are
available online:

aamaui.org

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**AA approved
literature
is available for
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*We accept cash
and checks only.*

Step Six : “Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

A willful person is obstinately bent on having his way, persistent in a self-determined course of action...self will run riot. By working the previous five steps we alcoholics find that we are run by many forms of fear being masked as resentment, anger, self-pity, self-importance, dishonesty, impatience, intolerance, insincerity, and perfectionism. When we come to Step 6 in our step work, we now need to become willing to embody more spiritual character traits in order to continue developing our relationship with our GOD. This takes courage and trust; spiritual principles we’ve developed in working the previous five steps. The spiritual principle of Step 6 is willingness.

Willingness is one of the essentials of recovery along with Honesty and Open-mindedness. AA has raised the significance of willingness to a virtue in its own right. Step 6 tells us to become entirely ready to have GOD remove our

defects of character. We get to move closer to GOD by our own choosing. We can’t remove our own defects, we need help from beyond ourselves, therefore we become willing to let GOD to remove defects which keep us from strengthening our connection with GOD.



When I think about Step 6 I realize that I’m just as powerless over my first thought as I am of that first drink. In Step 6 we choose to become willing to allow (yes, we have to give our permission) GOD to remove all of our defects of character.

I’ve heard of many people writing their defects of character on a rock and

then going to the beach or a cliff and tossing or “dropping” the rock. Figuratively this means we are willing to let go of those defects of character that block us from the sunlight of the spirit. The Big Book states that “If we still cling to something we will not let go, we ask God to help us to be willing.”

My first sponsor taught me to be willing to be willing and to pray for the willingness to be willing. I obviously liked to hang on to some of my defects as I thought they still served me or were useful survival behaviors. With some time and practice with this step I realized that in order to continue building my relationship with my higher power that I needed to be willing to have GOD remove anything that prevents me from being of maximum use to GOD and my fellows.

- Gloria G.

Maui Intergroup Announcements

As a reminder, when calling Central Office to confirm it is open, please call **during office hours**. (10a-1p/4p) This will allow the staff member on duty to relay up-to-date information. *If you call prior to the opening hour listed, you may not receive the most updated information.*

Remember, the majority of our operating hours (whether phone hours or office hours) are staffed by **volunteers** who are doing their best to help carry the message. We appreciate our volunteers and the time they commit!

If you'd like to volunteer for Central Office, please email us!



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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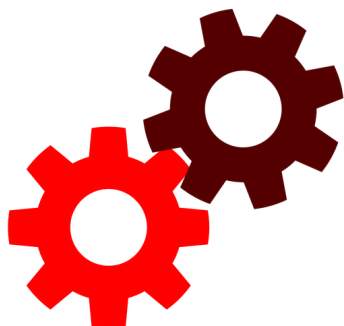
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INSIDE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

How GSR's Serve A.A.

A GSR represents your group!

Within a group, there are many service positions to help it fulfill its primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. One important aspect of an A.A. group, no matter how remote it may be, is continuing contact with the rest of A.A. In order to stay connected, groups often elect a general service representative (GSR) to represent it within the wider A.A. service structure. GSRs are a group's link with the A.A. world beyond the group and

help to carry the group's voice and collective conscience to other groups and to A.A. as a whole. Usually elected to serve two- year terms, they:

- Keep group members informed about general service activities and opportunities in their local areas.
- Represent the group at district meetings and area assemblies.
- Receive and share with their groups all mail from the General Service Office (GSO).

In serving their groups, they can draw on all the

services offered by GSO and also may assist their groups in solving a variety of problems, especially those related to the Traditions.

Additionally, in the many locations where an intergroup (or central office association) has been formed, groups usually elect an intergroup representative, who tries to keep the group well informed about what the local intergroup is doing, such as coordinating local Twelfth Step calls, providing meeting lists, [etc]

- source www.aa.org

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. 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

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
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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 FIVE:

AN A.A. GROUP OUGHT NEVER ENDORSE, FINANCE, OR LEND THE A.A. NAME TO ANY RELATED FACILITY OR OUTSIDE ENTERPRISE, LEST PROBLEMS OF MONEY, PROPERTY, AND PRESTIGE DIVERT US FROM OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE.

JoAnn: Aloha, Alan. Good meeting, ya?

Alan: Ya, the speaker shared some good stuff. So glad you're doing so well, JoAnn, you've got like what, five months now?

JoAnn: Almost! It's so great to be sober. My life is getting better, my relationship is better, my job too ...and my dad is ecstatic!

Alan: That's great!

JoAnn: You know when they asked for someone to be Thursday's secretary, I really wanted to do that but my sponsor says I have to wait until I have a year. However, I have an idea of how I can be of service to AA another way.

Alan: How?

JoAnn: My dad owns a large medical clinic here and he said he's willing to open a wing of it for an AA treatment center and that we could apply for grant money to keep it affordable!

AA's SIXTH TRADITION

"An AA Group out never endorse, finance or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

Alan: Your heart is in the right place JoAnn but you know in the early days of AA there was a lot of confusion, a lot of opinions and questions about how to best carry the message of recovery to suffering alcoholics. Through trial and error, AA's 12 Traditions, written by co-founder Bill Wilson, were adopted by the Fellowship in 1950, about 14 years after the Big Book was published. They have guided AA ever since. While your father's offer is very generous, our Sixth Tradition allows us to decline with grace and gratitude.

JoAnn: I'm not sure I understand. What does that have to do with my idea?

Alan: Well, let's look at Tradition Six more closely. For example, do you see where problems of money and property could occur? Do you see how it could be assumed that AA endorsed your father's clinic, and vice versa? Do you see the potential for misunderstandings and confusion? Tradition Six allows the AA name to stay clear of potential entanglements like these.

Jo Ann: I guess I understand the first part of the Tradition, you know, about endorsing and financing and putting AA's name on it, right?

Alan: Exactly!

JoAnn: I have a lot to learn about AA's history and I really want to because I owe my life to AA. I didn't even realize today's speaker was reading the Tradition!

Alan: That's OK, JoAnn. Now you'll notice when you hear the Traditions read. And you'll pay closer attention to them up on the wall at most meetings too. When I was new I didn't "get" them either. Now I understand that The Traditions keep AA sober like the Steps keep us sober... they work together. The 12 Steps are our way to recovery and the 12 Traditions ensure AA survives.

JoAnn: Mahalo, for taking the time to help me understand Tradition Six, Alan.

Alan: You're welcome. I'm so happy you are interested it what keeps AA going. Do you think you'd like to go to a Kihei District meeting?

JoAnn: A what?

Maui Intergroup Meeting Minutes May 11, 2024

Call to Order: 6PM by Christopher (Chair)
Open with the Serenity Prayer, Maui Intergroup Preamble

PRESENT: Chris, Chair; Dave, Co-chair; Michelle, C.O.; Karen, Recording Secretary; Ellen, KMS; Ben, Maui Sunset; Kimo, Hair of the Dog; Pat, 11th Step Meditation; Kevin, Sunday Beach; Diana, Something Better Than Gold; Jenn, AA Women's Way; Brooks, Upcountry Sunrise; Mark, High in the Sky; Heather, Sunday Meditation; Terry, Sister of Sobriety/New Awakenings; Kat, TTOSBT; Jimmy James, District 11 alt DCM

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair, Christopher: NONE

TREASURERS REPORT: Jim H. Approved.

CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT: Michelle: Need volunteers for June, 6th Step & 6th Tradition. Please submit by June 3rd. Office received q's about disability access for meetings; per Kimo, contact Accessibility Chair; Central Office is open Monday-Saturday now; Mon-Fri 10-4:00, Sat 10-1:00.

HAWAII AREA/MAUI DISTRICT REPORTS: Kimo, Public Info Chair: District 5 needs chairs; Area Assembly is on May 19, 9-4pm.

INTERGROUP REP REPORTS:

Ellen, KMS: Need coffee maker, other positions filled, meeting has Chips on last Thursday in month.

Pat, 11th Step Meditation: Short some secretaries, need Intergroup Rep.

Kimo, Hair of the Dog: Has missed because of other commitments.

Kevin, Sunday Beach: Need some positions, not a Chip meeting

Terry, Sisters of Sobriety: All positions filled, New Awakenings meeting needs support.

Brooks, Upcountry Sunrise: Need literature person, attendance fluctuates, Chip last of the month.

Kat, TTOSBT online: All positions filled except GSR.

Mark, High in the Sky: Chip meeting every Sunday.

Jenn, Womens AA Way of Life: All positions filled.

Diana, Something Better than Gold: Chips every Saturday, need alt. GSR, Intergroup rep.

Happy Hour has Chips every Wednesday.

Karen, Wailuku Speaker: Good attendance, Mana Recovery in attendance, need positions filled.

Ben, Maui Sunset: Chip meeting on Monday nights, 30 in attendance most nights.

Misfit Toys has Chips on Monday nights.

OLD BUSINESS:

Founders Day on June 9th at the Cameron Center, flyers available, set-up at 10:00, pot luck

NEW BUSINESS: None.

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS:

Founders Day, volunteers meet at Calvary Church next Saturday night. Need volunteers for 6thStep/Tradition for Gazette. C.O. open 6 days a week.

NEXT MEETING: June 8th, 2024 – close with Declaration of Unity

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	May	2024 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei	\$168.00	\$1,319.40
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$106.00
Alana Ohana		\$0.00
Anonymous Contributions		\$1,100.00
Awakenings		\$0.00
At Some of These We Balked		\$0.00
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	\$350.00
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		\$378.00
Hana Group		\$0.00
Happy Hour		\$432.50
HICYPAA		\$0.00
High In The Sky		\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$45.00	\$156.00
Kahana Sober Wahines		\$80.00
Kahana Spinners		\$400.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group		\$554.50
Kihei District 11		\$0.00
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$19.73	\$416.59
K'ue Meeting		\$1,800.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina		\$0.00
Lahaina Whalers	\$50.00	\$120.00
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$0.00
Maui Sunset	\$113.55	\$811.84
Misfit Toys		\$688.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$0.00
Ohana Group	\$940.41	\$2,861.26
Online Member Contributions	\$190.62	\$2,443.68
Paniolo Group		\$0.00
S. A. M. Meeting	\$20.00	\$220.00
Samurai's in Sobriety		\$0.00
Saturday Night Speakers		\$188.79
A Spiritual Awakening		\$157.40
Sober & Crazy		\$155.00
Something Better Than Gold		\$200.00
Sisters of Sobriety		\$75.00
To Thine Own Self Be True		\$600.00
TTOSB (online)		\$205.00
Tri-Island District 13		\$0.00
Twelve by Twelve/12x12 (online)		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunset		\$221.00
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise	\$140.00	\$291.00
Womens AA Meeting (online)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group		\$223.20
Wake Up Call		\$190.00
We Agnostics		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life		\$250.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$2,037.31	\$19,330.16

INFLOW: May	
Starting Balance	\$16,939.76
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$2,037.31
Literature Sales	\$355.00
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$2,392.31
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$21,323.11
OUTFLOW: May	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Philadelphia Insurance Co. (liability insurance)	\$361.00
Mgr salary first 1/2 May	\$630.00
Founders Day Seed	\$300.00
IRS Federal Witholding	\$572.16
Hawaii State Witholding	\$188.30
MOBI (office cell phone)	\$29.43
Spectrum (Internet)	\$86.27
Hawaiian Telecom	\$25.84
Mgr salary last 1/2 May	\$630.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$3,348.00
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$17,292.47
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	(\$955.69)
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	\$4,030.64
ENDING BALANCE	\$15,984.07
Prudent Reserve	\$15,516.30

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.





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ONE DAY AT A TIME

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