

Maui Serenity Gazette

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AA ON MAUI

12 steps, 12 traditions and 12 concepts

Step 6

"Were entirely ready to have God remove these defects of character."

Tradition 6 (short form)

"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."

Concept 6 (short form)

"On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous."

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aamaui.org

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We accept cash and checks only.

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We welcome submissions about recovery!

Please email info@aamaui.org to be featured in next month's Gazette!

This Big Blue Book Arista M

This evening I sat at my table and read Bill's Story with my sponsee. We are mutually taking part in the magic that occurs when two alcoholics meet with shared willingness. These two expressions of willingness, one to give and one to receive, share a golden chord between them, a sacred harmonic link that feeds back and forth to each other. Who is receiving and who is giving changes each moment as we take turns reading paragraph by paragraph, pausing every so often to maybe share a story both crushing and hilarious or to share our gratitude for this moment in time together.

I began to perceive my Big Book in a way I haven't before as my mind weaves in and out of reverence for the text and my own personal reflections that come up when I read literature that inspires me. I contemplate how my Big Book has become a living history stretching out in all directions of time. In it, are sticky notes hanging out of the side marking the name of each of my sponsees and where we last left off in our reading. They are a symbol of service and humility. I think about how this Big Book was freely given to me at my first meeting during one of the most emotionally complex nights of my life. I walked in seeped with incomprehensible demoralization and little did I know at the time but was given a balm of pure light to soothe sunlight back into my fragile spirit. All along the sides are notes in pencil of its former owner defining the out of fashion vocabulary words. It's highlighted by another hand that found those phrases particularly relevant or poignant to them when they read it that time through. There is another color of highlighter that makes the sentences that have moved me the first time I read this chapter. Then the second. And then the third time through. There is in pen my handwriting laying out the Set Aside Prayer and the 12 Principles in the first pages of my Big Book that I wrote with my sponsor who was taught that way by her sponsor. I've now been able to pass on to my sponsees. Along the margins are brackets pointing out the promises, the prayers, the decisions, and the daily routines. Bookmarks of ripped paper mark some of my favorite stories from the back of the book I return to from time to time before bed or when I remember something from someone's story decades ago that rings as true as my own journal. I think of the Book itself being almost 90 years old and how much it is adored and cherished in the present by millions of people similar and different in millions of ways. In it carries the history of all those who recovered. Of all those who went back out and never made it back in. Of all the future generations of hearts desperately seeking a reconnection to a Higher Power and an alleviation from alcoholic suffering yet to be born.

My Big Book is an archeological find of stories past and stories untold and it rests modestly and humbly by my bedside. It thumps with a heartbeat, a promise that the best is even yet to come. Sometimes my heart can't even handle the idea that things could get even better than where they are now for me in my life. I offer with a flowering gratitude all this to this book's presence and the community of diverse human beings that has been drawn to its liberating light.

I have truly come to know a new freedom and a new happiness. This Book now is expanded beyond its material form and now, for me, is a vibration that lives in each of my cells for "I simply had to believe in a Spirit of the Universe, who knew neither time nor limitation" (p. 10).

Aloha Pumehana, Arista

Happy 90th Birthday A.A.I



This year marks the 90th anniversary of AA Founders Day, honoring the historic meeting between Bill W and Dr. B on June 10, 1935. What began as one alcoholic helping another has grown into a worldwide fellowship, offering hope, healing, and a path to recovery for millions. As we reflect on nine decades of shared strength and service, we celebrate the enduring power of connection— and the miracle of one day at a time.

I was on a roller coaster before. Up and Down.

Now I am on a train to a promised destination.

Every stop is a revelation.

After leaving one stop (step) it always goes faster forward if you stay on the train.

When I reach my destination, I can go back to the beginning, if willing and start the journey again.

I can always look back, even while I am going forward.

I have gratitude, because every stop is beautiful.

The train is called AA.

There is no final destination.

Thank you for lending me a hand to get off that roller coaster and guiding me to the 1st stop to get on that train.

Thank you for reviving my "Higher Power."

I am looking forward to every stop.

I learn there is a forward motion and a promise, that

there is no end to this adventure.

It's a growing process.

I will stay on this train- no matter what.

It's a magical train.

Some stops are longer, some shorter

Sometimes it goes around corners and has to slow down.

It's not a fluent movement, but its forward.

It's a magic train.

Margarete B. Maui, HI



Maui Serenity Gazette needs your AA related: Stories, Writings Poems, Artwork, Jokes, AA Quips History, Trivia News, Events

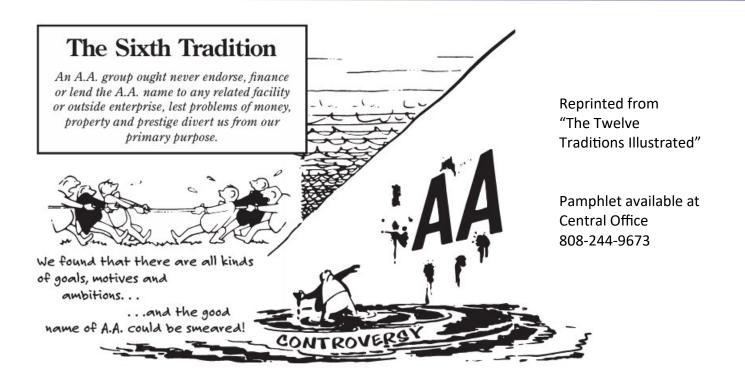
Submissions to info@aamaui.org



Big Mahalo and congratulations to Upcountry Sunrise for hosting Founders Day! Thank you again to Lauri C and all her terrific Volunteers for making the event at the Cameron Center a huge success!

If your group would like to host our upcoming Intergroup sponsored events, please contact Central Office.

Email info@aamaui.org



TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

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Tradition Six: An AA group ought 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.

- 1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
- 2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
- 3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
- 4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
- 5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities

Our DELEGATE Deborah S. REPORT BACK BRUNCH

Saturday June 21



Hosted by all three Maui Districts: No Ka Oi District #5 Kihei District #11 Tri-Island District #13



At Cameron Center Conference Room 95 Mahalani St., Wailuku, Maui (Between the Police Station & the Hospital)

Delegate Report Back Brunch 9:00am -11:30am with Deborah's presentation at 9:45am - 10:45am!!

BRUNCH will be served including coffee, tea, waters, fruit & vegetables, hummus & dips, cheese & crackers, pasta salad & green salad, muffins & croissants

Don't miss this wonderful presentation about our Delegate Deborah's experience at the 2025 General Service Conference in New York. Please support our AREA 17 general service! Please bring your friends and join us.



FOR MORE DETAILS: Maui Central Office at 244-9673





Events

Sat, June 21– Delegate Report Back Brunch—Hosted by all 3 Districts—9a at the Cameron Center, Wailuku

Sun, June 29 - Hana Caravan— Every last Sunday— Hana Meeting— Meet at 1030a Paia Community Center (see website for details)

Thurs, July 3 - Happy Hour BBQ— Every first Thursday after 530p meeting— Kalama Park Kihei (July 3, Aug 7, Sept 4)

July 3-6—AA International Convention– Vancouver, Canada

Sat, July 12– Iao Picnic—every second Sat. starting at 11am - food and fellowship, hosted by Dawn Patrol

Sat, July 12– Intergroup Meeting—every second Saturday at 6p - Good Shepard Church, Wailuku

Submit your event info@aamaui.org



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!

Thank you Upcountry Sunrise for hosting Founders Day 2025

We need host groups for Gratitude Night, Thanksgiving, Christmas and NYE Alkathons!

Contact Central Office for more details: 808-244-9673 email: 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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Maui AA Intergroup Meeting Summary May 10, 2025

CONVENE: 6:00p.m.

OPENING: Serenity Prayer.

Introductions: Steering Committee and Intergroup Representatives.

PRESENT: Jimmy Jamez, Vice-Chair; Ann- Upcountry Sunrise; Malia- At Some of These We Balked; Wally; Pamela- TTOSBT (online); Elijah -Alt-DCM; Kevin- Treasurer; Denise- Sober and Crazy; Ellen- KMS; Jody- Sober Wahin; Bonnie- SOS; Regina- office manager; Mark- Chair

MOTION: (Regina/Kevin) - To accept the minutes of the March mtg. – APPROVED.

Intergroup Representative Group Reports:

- ➤ Bonnie SOS- good attendance; new phone list
- Jody- Sober Wahine- nothing new, good attendance, with visitors
- Ellen KMS- coffeemaker position, good attendance; 4 days in church, 3 days on zoom; hoping for an alt IGR.
- > Denise- Sober and Crazy- avg 10-12 people; still needing treasurer; better attendance.
- ➤ Pamela- TTOSBT online "full of strong, respectable drunks"- newcomers in attendance.
- Wally/Alika Maui Strong- looking to make a group; lots of newcomers; 2nd annual Memorial Day Beach Bash at Kanaha; meeting for finances; first speaker at 9a
- Malia- At Some of These We Balked- positions getting filled.
- Ann- UCS- all good, service postions filled- Founder's Day reminder
- Elijah Hawaii Reports; 2 new GSRs for Sober and Crazy and Ikaika Keanae; area meeting in Kihei "business as usual"; District 5 meeting every second Tuesday
- Terri S- New Awakenings- same, needs GSR

Steering Committee Reports

- Central Office Manager Regina always looking for articles for Gazette
- Treasurer's Report Kevin –

MOTION: Accept Treasurer's Report (Terri/Pamela) – APPROVED; voted to increase prudent reserve to \$21,000; operating budget to be completed by November 2025 with help of CPA; June – Budget Assembly; in process of changing signatories

Chair- Mark- Going to assembly June 17

Discussion: Switching analog phone line to Spectrum (internet/mobile/voice bundle)

OLD BUSINESS

- Founders Day reminder: June 8 at Cameron Center. Host group is Upcountry Sunrise.
- Voluncore training is June 20.

NEW BUSINESS:

Standing Committees- Jimmy J- *requesting to carry the message; service committes, contact Christy; request by Jimmy J to include a presentation of the step, tradition, and concept of the month at each IG meeting

Take Back to Groups:

- Founders Day June 8, 2025- Cameron Center 10a-4p
- Maui Strong Memorial Day Celebration

Sunday, May 25, 2025 at Kanaha Beach (3rd Entrance)

- WOMEN Service Opportunity (treatment center panel)- please contact Regina at info@aamaui.org for more information
- MAUI SERENITY GAZETTE

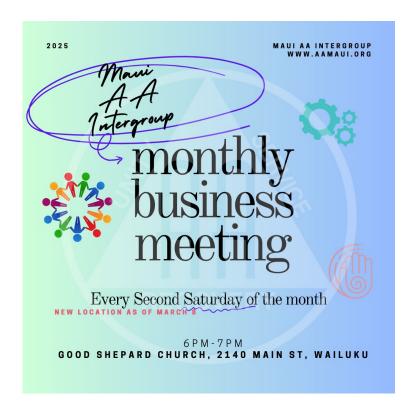
Encourage members to sign up for monthly email request at info@aamaui.org, digital copies available online (www.aamaui.org)

- Newsletter needs submissions email at info@aamaui.org
- GRATITUDE NIGHT looking for Host GROUP
- Looking for HOST GROUPs for this year's ALKATHONS at Cameron Center (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years)
- Please encourage groups to go to website www.aamaui.org for more information.

Seventh Tradition Collection: Done.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn



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.

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CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	May	2025 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei	\$127.00	\$910.50
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$70.00
Aloha Friday	\$250.00	\$250.00
Anonymous Contributions		\$407.67
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		\$0.00
CDM Men's Stag North Shore		\$0.00
CDM Mens Stag Kihei		\$63.02
Club 449/Acceptance		\$220.03
Dawn Patrol		\$230.00
Emotional Sobriety		\$1,000.00
A Group of Drunks (YP)		\$0.00
Hair of the Dog		\$249.00
Hana Group		\$0.00
Happy Hour	\$275.50	\$878.00
High In The Sky	, , , , , , ,	\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$19.00	\$139.00
Kahana Spinners	, 22.00	\$0.00
Keep It Simple Sunday (Molokai)		\$122.02
Kihei Sunday Beach Group	\$211.21	\$473.64
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$64.44	\$214.67
K'ue Meeting	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina	, , , , , , , , , , , ,	\$0.00
Lahaina Whalers		\$98.51
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution	\$50.00	\$132.00
Living Sober	400.00	\$115.00
Maui Sunset	\$101.50	\$893.90
Misfit Toys	\$215.00	\$215.00
Maui Strong	4=====	\$0.00
New Awakening		\$270.50
No Ka Oi Group		\$0.00
Ohana Group	\$587.87	\$2,661.62
Online Member Contributions	\$48.51	\$78.40
Paniolo Group		\$503.11
S. A. M. Meeting		\$65.00
Turning Point		\$75.60
Saturday Night Speakers		\$0.00
Serenity (Molokai)		\$52.92
Spinners	\$500.00	\$800.00
(A) Spiritual Awakening	ψ200.00	\$70.00
Sober & Crazy		\$0.00
Sober Wahine		\$80.00
Something Better Than Gold	\$215.00	\$215.00
	Ψ213.00	
Sisters of Sobriety To Thine Own Self Be True		\$0.00
		\$1,084.95
TTOSB (online) Twolvo by Twolvo/12v12 (online)		\$0.00
Twelve by Twelve/12x12 (online)		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunset		\$0.00
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise		\$286.00
Womens AA Meeting (online)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group		\$50.00
Wake Up Call		\$0.00
We Agnostics		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life		\$0.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$3,865.03	\$14,975.06
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INFLOW: May		
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$3,865.03	
	4427.00	
Maui County Deposit return (Wailuku Comm	\$425.00	
Literature Sales	\$416.20	
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$4,706.23	
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$18,844.01	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00	
Good Shepard Church - IG meeting	\$25.00	
Mgr salary first 1/2 May	\$630.00	
Founders Day Seed	\$300.00	
Office Max (supplies)	\$84.94	
Minit Stop (emergency batteries)	\$4.18	
IRS Federal Witholding	\$331.34	
Philadelphia Insurance (gen. liability annual poli-		
cy)	\$311.00	
Grapevine Subscription (3 year)	\$90.00	
MOBI (office cell phone) *discontinued 5/22/25	\$31.05	
Spectrum (Internet)	\$96.27	
Spectrum (new mobile phone)	\$150.78	
iCell (phone accessories)	\$52.36	
AAWS (literature)	\$249.90	
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Office Max (supplies)	\$74.82	
Target (office cordless phone for landline)	\$26.69	
Hawaiian Telcom	\$26.99	
Mgr salary last 1/2 May	\$630.00	
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$3,640.32	
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$18,585.66	
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	\$1,065.91	
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	\$258.35	
ENDING BALANCE	\$18,710.03	
Prudent Reserve	\$15,520.23	

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.





MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1030AM-430PM

10AM-1PM

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10AM-1PM

CLOSED

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