



Maui Serenity Gazette

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AA ON MAUI

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Step Five : Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

AA's Fifth Step suggested that I willingly admit the exact nature of my wrongs – out loud - to someone else. I'll tell you what, I admit that I thought this Step was unnecessary and pointless. (Especially after already working my Fourth Step!)

The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, on page 55, states that although *all* the steps are “contrary our natural desires – they all deflate our egos. When it comes to ego deflation, few Steps are harder to take than Five.” And yet, here they were suggesting I do it anyway?! I honestly thought skipping, or at the very least skimping on this step sounded so much better.

However, if you continue reading the Fifth Step, the very next sentence on page 55 states, “scarcely any Step is more necessary to longtime sobriety and peace of mind

than this one.” That became my motivator. I wanted so badly to experience peace since that feeling was so elusive during my years of active alcoholism. I thought if I could experience peace of mind, then maybe my need to escape through addiction could be arrested as well.



With that in mind, I took the suggestion and thoroughly worked the Fifth Step. Unbeknownst to me at the time, admitting and letting go of all the shame I carried would turn out to be *the biggest* Step towards my freedom. One day at a time, this promise came true!

The Fifth Step allowed me to understand the absolute power of shame. How it destroyed the beauty of my soul and took prisoner of me. It robbed me of ever feeling the peace I so desired. My ego may have been pulverized while working Step Five, but I came out of it a better human who is still willing to learn. Today, I'm walking-through life with just a bit more grace for others, and most importantly, for myself.

Step Five also helped me when it came time to make amends. I now realize that making amends means acknowledging and owning my wrongs (which I can do now - thanks again Step Five!) and then learning to alter my behavior so that I don't continue to hurt others moving forward. Step Five has gifted me integrity, for the first time in my life.

- Michelle

Maui Intergroup Announcements

Did you know ...

Maui A.A. Intergroup has a new monthly meeting location?

You do not need to be an Intergroup Rep to attend!

We invite all members to learn more about what Maui AA Intergroup does ... so, come and join us!

Second Saturday of Every Month @

2662 Wai Wai Pl., Suite 201 Kihei, HI 96753



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

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oahuaa.org

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Kaua'i AA

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kauaiaa.org

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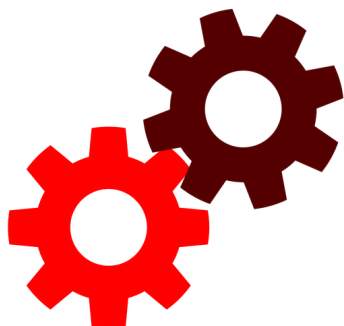
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Maui A.A. Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.



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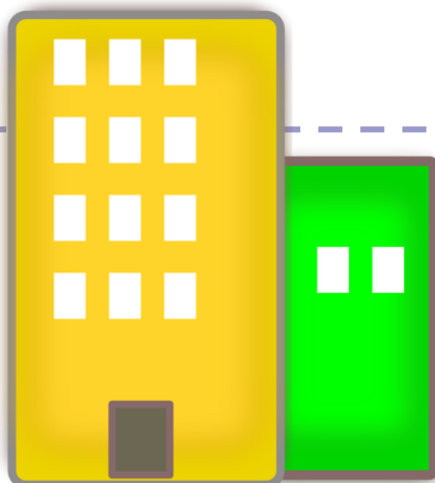


INSIDE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

How GSO Serves A.A.

The General Service Office in New York City serves all A.A. groups in the United States and Canada. GSO also offers services to A.A. overseas, especially in countries where there is no service structure. Many other countries have their own general service offices as well. The U.S./ Canada office works with committees of A.A.'s General Service Board and the General Service Conference (U.S. and Canada). GSO has broad responsibilities to its member groups, including the following:

- To collect and organize shared experience on group challenges and solutions, and to pass this information along to A.A. groups and members throughout the U.S. and Canada when asked.
- To work with alcoholics overseas and in the armed forces; with those living in areas with no meetings; with housebound and seagoing A.A.s; and with members in treatment and correctional facilities.
- To respond to letters requesting information about A.A. and the help it provides for alcoholics.
- To publish the A.A. newsletter, Box 4-5-9, and other bulletins; to publish and distribute A.A. books and pamphlets approved by the General Service Conference; and to provide a sampling of complimentary literature and service materials to each new group.
- To disseminate public information at the national and international levels for A.A. as a whole, in cooperation with print and electronic media as well as with organizations concerned with the treatment of alcoholism.
- To coordinate and support the work of General Service Conference committees.
- To maintain the GSO Archives.
- To operate and maintain the aa.org website and the Meeting Guide app.





FOUNDER'S DAY

AA's 89th Anniversary

Let's Celebrate!

SUNDAY JUNE 9TH

**Fellowship, Pot Luck Lunch,
Trivia, & Speakers!**

JW Cameron Center
95 Mahalani St
Wailuku, HI 96793

11a - 4p

(pot luck around noon)

Sponsored by Maui AA Intergroup
Hosted by Something Better Than Gold

TRADITION FIVE:

EACH GROUP HAS BUT ONE PRIMARY PURPOSE - TO CARRY ITS MESSAGE TO THE ALCOHOLIC WHO STILL SUFFERS.

Alcoholism is a disease that only another alcoholic can help another alcoholic. Every alcoholic finds that the key to staying sober is sharing our experience with another suffering alcoholic - but call it a suggestion. For example, if a doctor wants to find a cure for a disease (like cancer) he will find a group of doctors to help him. Same for an alcoholic. A person in Alcoholics Anonymous takes suggestions from other people in AA to help them stop drinking - which is our primary purpose. The singleness of purpose is important because it's one alcoholic helping another alcoholic. We can only keep what we have by giving it away.

Also, we don't promote AA, we try to attract the newcomer and only give them suggestions and never force AA on them. The saying is that the primary purpose is to help the suffering alcoholic. Being in the fellowship of AA we are there for one another. The alcoholic that came before me paved the recovery path for me. I was never told I *had* to do anything. I was always given suggestions - for whatever I was going through. The primary purpose is not to promote but to attract. I was amazed that in the fellowship of AA everyone just wants to help and expects nothing in return. Alcoholics are kind loving people and practice the purpose of one alcoholic helping another alcoholic. My three sponsors only gave me suggestions when I had problems. To me, it was my decision whether I wanted to use it or not. For example, my sponsors (three of them) always suggest to me I should find a home group, do the step, find a power greater than me and believe in that higher power.

My experience is that by people sharing their stories in the meeting they remind me that a clean and sober life is the true happiness of life. I have ups and downs in life, but I can always find help in the fellowship and get suggestions for what I am going through. The best quote I heard was, 'The key to a happy life is to live life on life terms.' The fellowship on Maui is awesome. They practice the 5th Tradition; the primary purpose is one alcoholic helping another alcoholic. I will always remember that I am never alone in life because I have another alcoholic to talk to. I will always remember all the alcoholics that have helped me in my quest to stay clean and sober, giving me suggestions along the way. And the alcoholics who inspired me to do service work in AA - mahalo for being there for me and practicing the 5th tradition.

Kimo



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
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 Monthly Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2024

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

Maui Intergroup Preamble

PRESENT: Ben, Maui Sunset; Kimo, Hair of the Dog; Pat, 11th Step Meditation; Ellen, Alt. KMS; Michelle, Central Office; Christopher, Chair; Terry, New Awakenings; Dave, Co-Chair; Diana, Something Better Than Gold; Kim, HICYPAA; Jim H, Treasurer; Portia, Happy Hour; Kevin, Sunday Beach; Jen, AA Women's Way of Life; Brooks, High in the Sky/Upcountry Sunrise; Bonnie, Sisters of Sobriety; Marc, visiting member from Boston/Michelle's brother.

PRIOR MINUTES APPROVED.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Portia filling in for Karen (Recording Secretary)

TREASURER REPORT: Jim H, Treasurer, See report in Gazette

CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT: Michelle, Central Office: Books were ordered; Request for articles in Gazette: Kimo will submit tradition 5 article.; Spread the word that anyone can contribute to the Gazette; article is due a week before monthly meeting.

HAWAII AREA/MAUI DISTRICT/STANDING COMM. REPORTS:

Kimo attended area assembly; feedback/input to be shared with New York; the consensus was to keep 'hopeless alcoholic' in literature.

INTERGROUP REPORTS:

Ellen, Alt. KMS: Nothing to report.

Pat, 11th Step Meditation: Positions filled, good attendance, need improvement getting splits dispersed.

Kimo, Hair of the Dog: Attendance dropping, service positions open, meeting may not continue.

Ben, Maui Sunset: Would like to rotate out of secretary position; GSR went to assembly.

Portia, Happy Hour: Will provide flyer to C. O. with Monthly BBQ info. First Thursday of the Month; good attendance; need GSR.

Terri, New Awakenings: GSR has moved off-island so may go to Assembly as fill-in GSR; Founders of this meeting are both leaving island; filling positions difficult because of small group.

Kevin, Sunday Beach: need GSR and Literature rep; good attendance.

Jen, AA Women's Way: Treasurer on top of things getting done, need GSR and maybe literature rep.

Brooke, Upcountry Sunrise: Business meeting conflicts; splits not done; positions filled; Packed attendance.

Brooke, High in the Sky: Issue with bank account, need to close; need to register with DCAA to open new account; once resolved, Splits will be made; Alt. GSR & coffee maker needed. Average attendance.

Kim, HICYPAA: Camp Maluhia, Aug.9-11, 2024; registration is \$80, Higher at the door, includes 5 meals and 2 nights. Theme: To Rise From Ashes. \$1100 has been raised for scholarship Funds to help attendees from other islands; website: hicypaa2024.com (Thanks to Annie and Amar for creating website), T-shirt created.

Diana, Something Better Than Gold: Meets Sat. At 7 PM; good attendance, need alt. GSR; Group agreed to host Founders Day at Cameron Center, hours TBD.

Bonnie, Sisters of Sobriety: 1st split is done; positions filled; held on Wed. At 6 PM; doing Well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Founders Day Potluck, speakers needed; time will be majority of the day, 11-4pm possibly. Host is Something Better than Gold; there may be some trivia; once finalized go to aamui.org for details. Monthly Intergroup meetings are held the second Saturday of the month; new location: 2662 Waiwai Place, #201, Kihei, HI 96753; all are welcome.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS:

Kimo: The district needs committee chairs such as Public Information, Professional Community Info, etc.;

CONTRIBUTION TO GAZETTE: Anyone can contribute an article; articles for Steps/Traditions will be banked until the corresponding month.

FOUNDERS DAY: June 9 at the Cameron Center; hosted by Something Better Than Gold; details to follow.

HICYPAA: Maui is hosting on August 9-11.

Adjourn at 7 PM - NEXT MEETING: MAY 4

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	April	2024 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei	\$410.00	\$1,151.40
11th Step Meditation Pukalani	\$63.00	\$106.00
Alana Ohana		\$0.00
Anonymous Contributions	\$50.00	\$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	\$446.00
CDM Men's Stag North Shore		\$1,890.00
CDM Mens Stag Kihei		\$0.00
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	\$198.00	\$378.00
Hana Group		\$0.00
Happy Hour	\$94.50	\$432.50
HICYPAA		\$0.00
High In The Sky		\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$57.00	\$111.00
Kahana Sober Wahines	\$40.00	\$80.00
Kahana Spinners	\$200.00	\$400.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group	\$174.50	\$554.50
Kihei District 11		\$0.00
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$28.01	\$396.86
K'ue Meeting		\$1,800.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina		\$0.00
Lahaina Whalers		\$70.00
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$0.00
Maui Sunset	\$169.18	\$698.29
Misfit Toys	\$285.00	\$688.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$0.00
Ohana Group		\$1,920.85
Online Member Contributions	\$232.00	\$2,253.06
Paniolo Group		\$0.00
S. A. M. Meeting		\$200.00
Samurai's in Sobriety		\$0.00
Saturday Night Speakers		\$188.79
A Spiritual Awakening	\$50.00	\$157.40
Sober & Crazy	\$155.00	\$155.00
Something Better Than Gold		\$200.00
Sisters of Sobriety		\$75.00
To Thine Own Self Be True	\$600.00	\$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	\$40.00	\$151.00
Womens AA Meeting (online)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group	\$100.00	\$223.20
Wake Up Call	\$190.00	\$190.00
We Agnostics		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life	\$150.00	\$250.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$3,732.19	\$17,292.85

INFLOW: April	
Starting Balance	\$16,949.97
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$3,675.19
April Literature Sales	\$308.75
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$3,983.94
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$18,873.80
OUTFLOW: April	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Mgr salary first 1/2 April	\$630.00
Hawaiian Telcom (call forwarding service)	\$25.84
IG Monthly Meeting (room rent 6mo.)	\$60.00
CPA Services	\$200.00
AAWS (literature)	\$662.80
MOBI (office cell phone)	\$29.43
Spectrum (Internet)	\$86.27
Founders Day Event - Rental Fee	\$350.00
Federal IRS withholding	\$572.16
Hawaii State withholding	\$188.30
Mgr salary last 1/2 April	\$630.00
Hawaii Unemployment Insurance (1st Quarter)	\$34.34
Hartford Insurance (Temp Disability Insurance)	\$29.03
Office Supplies (paper, stamps)	\$27.98
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$4,051.15
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$13,944.47
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	(\$67.21)
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	\$4,929.33
ENDING BALANCE	\$16,882.76
Prudent Reserve	\$15,515.95

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.





THANK YOU TO OUR CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS!

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BILL L., JIMMY JAMES.**

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KEEP IT SIMPLE
ONE DAY AT A TIME

Keep Coming Back

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