

Maui Serenity Gazette

May 2025

AA ON MAUI

12 steps, 12 traditions and 12 concepts

Step 5

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

Tradition 5 (short form)

Each group has but one primary purpose— to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept 5(short form)

Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

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Hello friends! We are officially almost halfway through the year. This month, we would like to give a special shout out to **DAWN PATROL**. (Good Shepard Church in Wailuku- Monday through Friday at 630a)

It is one of the oldest meetings on the island. Big thank you to Ashley K who coordinated the submissions to make this Maui Serenity Gazette possible. Big Mahalo for practicing Tradition 5 and carrying the message to our island Fellowship!

As always we welcome your submissions about recovery, please email info@aamaui.org.





By anonymous

It was March 15, 2025. I got to the church hall early that morning to help set up for my home group, Dawn Patrol. The rain had just stopped, leaving the pavement dark and glistening under the streetlights. As I opened the back door to the hall, I saw it—a small, hunched figure near the threshold. Its golden eyes were looking straight at me while it stayed completely still. A Pueo. It was bleeding, and its wing was clearly broken.

My heart pounded, unsure if it was fear or reverence. The Pueo is sacred to our people. An 'aumakua, a protector. And here it was, wounded, just outside our meeting place.

I hesitated. I didn't know if I should touch it, but I knew I couldn't leave it there, vulnerable to predators in the area. A few years ago, I might have ignored it, or not even seen it. A year ago, I might have been too lost in my own darkness to recognize a sign when I saw one. Because that's what this was. A sign. The Pueo

comes when guidance is needed, when someone has strayed too far from the path. The Kupuna say that if a Pueo crosses your path, you better pay attention—change is coming, whether you're ready or not.

As I stood there, the members of the Dawn Patrol began to arrive. They rallied around the Pueo, careful not to touch it, their faces filled with quiet reverence. The moment was thick with the Queen's Aloha, an unspoken understanding of the sacredness before us. Phones were brought out, and professionals were called in to help the fallen warrior. Of course, a few pictures were taken as well.

As I walked back into the church, my thoughts drifting to my own brokenness, the nights I had spent outside, shivering and lost, until someone found me and told me I didn't have to fight alone. There was in fact a solution. This bird, this guardian, had been brought low just like I had been. And just like me, it needed time, care, and a safe place to heal. At some point during the meeting, the Pueo miraculously entered the hall seeking refuge while awaiting rescue and, as I like to think, listening to our ohana sharing experience, strength, and hope with each other.

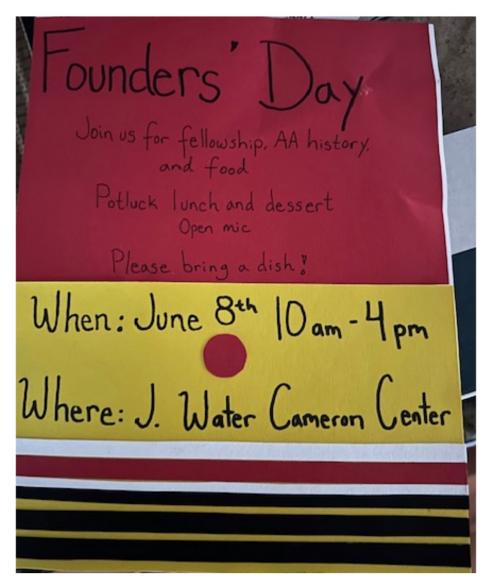
It reminded me of Step 5: "Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs." That moment of honesty, of allowing ourselves to be seen in our wounded truth, is where healing begins. The Pueo didn't hide its pain. It let itself be found. And we, gathered around it, offered what we could—presence, compassion, and the willingness to help. In doing so, I was reminded of my own vulnerability and the strength that comes from owning it. Dawn Patrol

provided our wounded warrior with same thing we offer to each other, to newcomer, and to visitors who find our ohana.

As I drove home after the meeting, those golden eyes came to mind. Those eyes stayed on me, unwavering and still. Maybe it knew.

Maybe it saw the same thing in me that I saw in it—a survivor, battered but not beaten. A sign that even when we fall, there is always someone willing to carry us home.







FOUNDERS' DAY

hosted by Upcountry Sunrise

Sunday, June 8th 10a-4p

Cameron Center Wailuku, HI

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

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Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers

- 1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
- 2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
- 3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
- 4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
- 5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
- 6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?







Weds, May 14 -Dry Run to Hana— Every second Weds— Ikaika Kenae Meeting— Meet at 4p Haiku Community Center (see website for details)

Sun, May 25 - Hana Caravan— Every last Sunday— Hana Meeting— Meet at 1030a Paia Community Center (see website for details)

Sun, May 25- Maui Strong Memorial Day Weekend Sober Festival – Kanaha Beach Park (3rd Entrance)

Thurs, June 5 - Happy Hour BBQ– Every first Thursday after 530p meeting– Kalama Park Kihei (June 5, July 3, Aug 7, Sept 4)

Sun, June 8– Founders Day hosted by Upcountry Sunrise—Cameron Center (see pg 4)

Sat, June 14– Iao Picnic—every second Sat. starting at 8am - food and fellowship, hosted by Dawn Patrol

Sat, June 14– Intergroup Meeting—every second Saturday at 6p - Good Shepard Church, Wailuku

July 3-6—AA International Convention—Vancouver, Canada (see pg 7 for details)

Submit your event info@aamaui.org



Sunlight Over Maui

I never understood how heavy silence was until the day I cracked it wide open. Step Five asked me to drag every secret, lie, and twisted motive into the light, admitting "the exact nature of my wrongs" to God, to myself, and to another living, breathing human. No filters. No brand management. Just my inventory poured out on a rickety chair on a beach, while my sponsor nodded, unshakable.

I walked into that conversation clutching shame like a weighted vest. I walked out thirty pounds lighter. The Big Book calls it a spiritual "archway" into freedom; I call it the moment the lockbox in my chest finally clicked open and rust flakes scattered like confetti. The sunlight of the spirit, that phrase used to sound corny. Now it feels like Maui's dawn pouring through my ribs.

The Geography of Grace

Maui is more than a postcard in my recovery. It's proof I'm living on borrowed miracles. Each morning the trade winds slap salt on my skin, reminding me I get to be awake for this. The volcanoes stand patient against the horizon like old timers at a meeting, silent witnesses to the simple truth: stay humble, stay present, stay sober.

I used to chase tropical vacations to escape myself; now the island is a classroom where I finally sit still. Folding tees in the shop, chopping veggies in culinary school, praying under a palm at noon none of it feels small. Sobriety shrinks my ego but enlarges my life.

Gratitude, Unapologetic

I'm thankful for every painful syllable I spoke in Step Five, because those confessions stitched me back together stronger than any lie ever could. I'm thankful for my sponsor's quiet "me too," which demolished isolation in a single breath. And I'm thankful that recovery shipped me to Maui, not as a reward but as a responsibility: to live transparently, to serve, to let this island's Aloha seep into my bones and radiate out.

Anger, selfpity, false pride, they still tug at my ankles like rip currents. Step Five didn't make me bulletproof; it made me honest. When the undertow pulls, I plant my feet in the sand, call another drunk, and tell the truth quickly. That's the ongoing amends I make to myself: refuse the luxury of silence.

Tonight I'll stand on the shore, watch the sun grin its final orange grin, and whisper the same line that carried me through that beach bench: God, thank You for another day I don't have to lie about who I am. Because here on Maui; sober, seen, and unfinished, I've learned the greatest luxury isn't anger or acclaim. It's the clean freedom of nothing left to hide.

Matthew H.

Homage To Dawn Patrol Morning light Serves mourning drinker, Morning light Serves awakened thinker, Horrendous plight, Horrendous plight, Replaced with morning light.

Anonymous.

Here's to first appearance of light, Mere words connect us to one another, Sisters, brothers held by the ineffable, Held by the real, Awakened.

Anonymous.



"We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being, the exact nature of our wrongs."

After a fearless look, deep within my being, a lot of flash backs, old memories I was seeing, take most shit to the grave, between myself and God, admitting to another human, feels kind of odd, my wrongs are many, left tons of scars, they need to be released sober, not with whiskey in bars, exact nature of my past, what God could forgive? I'd I don't admit the sin, how can I live, to finally be free, to live without fear, no more cravings, not even beer, life is short, I am forever free, all thanks to AA, for saving a drink like me.

Anonymous.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Alcoholics Anonymous to Celebrate 90 Years of Recovery at 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, Canada, July 3–6

(NEW YORK, NY) - April 16, 2025 - Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) will bring together tens of thousands of members and guests from around the world, July 3–6, 2025, for its International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, to mark the Fellowship's 90th anniversary.

Held every five years, the event celebrates the founding of A.A. in 1935, when one alcoholic reached out to another with a message of hope—and a new way of life. Since then, A.A. has grown to a global community of more than 1.6 million members in more than 180 countries, helping individuals from all walks of life recover from alcoholism through one-on-one support and shared experience.

The International Convention promises to be one of the largest-ever convention hosted by the city of Vancouver. Events will take place at the Vancouver Convention Centre and BC Place Stadium. They include:

- A huge Block Party Thursday night to kick off the festivities featuring music, dancing, and joyful fellowship.
- An opening ceremony in which A.A. members from more than 80 countries carry flags that represent A.A.'s presence within their borders.
- Three "Big Meetings" that will fill BC Place Stadium, as all attendees gather for some of the largest A.A. meetings in the world.
- An "Old Timers" meeting where A.A. members with long-term sobriety are invited to share their
 experience, strength, and hope.
- More than 250 meetings, panels, and workshops in a variety of languages.
- · Hospitality Suites hosted by groups from around the world.

For registration details, housing options, and travel information, visit: aa.org/international-convention



Convention flyer available at: 2025 Convention Registration Flyer (PDF)

Founded in 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous is an effective and enduring program of recovery that has changed countless lives and is committed to making its program of recovery available to anyone who reaches out for help with a drinking problem. To find a local A.A. meeting, contact a local A.A. office or visit **aa.org/meeting-guide-app** to learn about the Meeting Guide app and how to use it.





Support your local intergroup office!
We sell AA Conference approved literature, pamphlets, and supplies.

Call 808-244-9673 or email 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-

<u>vice</u>.

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

<u>primary purpose</u> to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

<u>- source aa.org</u>

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

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Hawaii Area Committee

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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

Sunday, June 8 2025 at the Cameron Center 10a-4p

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 April 12, 2025

CONVENE: 6:01 p.m.

OPENING: Serenity Prayer.

Introductions: Steering Committee and Intergroup Representatives.

PRESENT: Jimmy Jamez, Vice-Chair; Kevin, Treasurer; Kim, Recording Secretary; Regina, Central Office Manager; Wally (visitor), Alika, Jean, Shine, Mateo, Ann, Teri, Pamela, Matthew, Livit, Karin(visitor), Pat (visitor), Ben, Ashley.

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

SERVICE POSITION MONTHLY REPORT:

- Steering Committee Report Jimmy Jamez (for Mark).
- Provided a summary of two important topics from the Inform the Delegate Assembly.
 - o Consider discussion of adding 12 Concepts to the 12 X 12.
 - o Consider discussion relating to updating the *Living Sober* book.
- Treasurer's Report Kevin
- Published in April `25 edition of the Maui Serenity Gazette (pg. 12).
- > Ending Balance \$16,446.81.
- Prudent Reserve \$15,519.86.
- There was discussion to take back to Steering Committee re: should we transfer some money into prudent reserve to make us able to cover 6 mos. Worth of expenses?
- Ashley from Dawn Patrol mentioned did not get a receipt for split and Regina said to get together after meeting.
- After question, Regina stated that Puunene address is a good mailing address.

MOTION: Accept Treasurer's Report (Ben/Pamela) - APPROVED.

- Central Office Manager's/Serenity Gazette Regina
- ➤ All is going well with transition.
- District 11 borrowed supplies.
- Will be ordering new plain language big books and service manuals.
- Ashley volunteered to draft Step 5 editorial for Gazette.
- Monday and Friday will have reduced hours: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and will mention in the Gazette.
- Hawaii Area or Maui District Report No Report

Intergroup Representative Group Reports:

- Alika Maui Strong: New to the position. Meeting is now held at Kepuilani Park.
- Kim Club 449 Acceptance: All good.
- Mateo Monday/Saturday Misfits All good.
- Matthew Wailuku Group: Steady attendence. Have a new secretary, but there are still open positions.
- Karin ? There will be a bash in August to celebrate the oldest meeting on Maui.
- Livit Women's AA: All good.
- Pamela All good.
- Shine: Ohana Group: online meeting. They will be adding a Grief Meeting on the 15th of each month.
- Teri New Awakenings: All good.
- Jean Sober & Crazy: All good.

- Ben Maui Sunset: All Good.
- Ann Upcountry Sunrise: All good.
- Kash? Dawn Patrol: Going extremely well with 50 individuals average. Had the monthly BBQ that day at 11:00 am. Invited to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

- Founders Day reminder: June 8 at Cameron Center. Host group is Upcountry Sunrise.
- Voluncore training is April 25 and all positions are filled.

NEW BUSINESS

• MICYPAA information and donation request – Jimmy J tabled this discussion.

Take Back to Groups: None mentioned.

Seventh Tradition Collection: Done.

Next Meeting: May 10, 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	April	2025 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei	\$216.50	\$783.50
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$70.00
Aloha Friday		\$0.00
Acceptance Group		\$220.03
Anonymous Contributions		\$407.67
Awakenings		\$0.00
At Some of These We Balked		\$0.00
Back to Basics		\$0.00
Big Book (online/zoom) Can Do Maui-Lahaina Group		\$0.00
CDM Men's Stag North Shore		\$0.00 \$0.00
CDM Mens Stag Kihei		\$63.02
Club 449/Acceptance		\$0.00
Dawn Patrol	\$230.00	\$230.00
Emotional Sobriety	Ψ250.00	\$1,000.00
A Group of Drunks (YP)		\$0.00
Hair of the Dog		\$249.00
Hana Group		\$0.00
Happy Hour		\$602.50
High In The Sky		\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$30.00	\$120.00
Kahana Spinners		\$0.00
Keep It Simple Sunday (Molokai)		\$122.02
Kihei Sunday Beach Group		\$262.43
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$19.97	\$150.23
K'ue Meeting		\$800.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina		\$0.00
Lahaina Whalers	\$48.51	\$98.51
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$82.00
Living Sober	****	\$115.00
Maui Sunset	\$342.28	\$792.40
Misfit Toys		\$0.00
Maui Strong	# 2 70.50	\$0.00
New Awakening	\$270.50	\$270.50
No Ka Oi Group Ohana Group	\$763.99	\$0.00
Online Member Contributions	\$763.99	\$2,073.75 \$29.89
Paniolo Group	\$20.56	\$503.11
S. A. M. Meeting		\$65.00
Turning Point	\$55.20	\$75.60
Saturday Night Speakers	ψ33.20	\$0.00
Serenity (Molokai)		\$52.92
Spinners		\$300.00
(A) Spiritual Awakening	\$10.00	\$70.00
Sober & Crazy	Ψ10.00	\$0.00
Sober Wahine		\$80.00
Something Better Than Gold		\$0.00
Sisters of Sobriety		\$0.00
To Thine Own Self Be True	\$844.29	\$1,084.95
TTOSB (online)	ψ077.27	\$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
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Wailuku Group		\$50.00
Wake Up Call		\$0.00
We Agnostics Womens AA Way of Life		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life MONTHLY TOTAL	¢2 051 02	\$0.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$2,851.82	\$11,110.03

INFLOW: April	
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$2,851.82
Literature sales	\$688.95
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$3,540.77
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$14,137.78
OUTFLOW: April	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Mgr salary first 1/2 April	\$630.00
Hawaiian Telcom (call forwarding service)	\$26.99
Good Shepard Church (IG meeting)	\$25.00
Assembly Registration (Vice Chair)	\$35.00
AAWS (literature)	\$253.95
MOBI (office cell phone)	\$29.43
Spectrum (Internet)	\$96.27
COB reimbursement - Terry S (coffee, supplies)	\$53.00
ICOAA Seminar Registration(office manager seminar)	\$150.00
IRS Federal tax for April	\$331.34
Mgr salary last 1/2 April	\$630.00
Hawaii Unemployment Insurance (1st Quarter)	\$5.15
CPA (January-March 2025)	\$200.00
USPS (stamps)	\$14.60
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$3,005.73
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$14,945.34
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	\$535.04
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	(\$807.56)
ENDING BALANCE	\$17,644.12
Prudent Reserve	\$15,519.86
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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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TUESDAY

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We will also have reduced hours (10a-1p) on the following days: Monday- May 19, Friday – May 23, and Friday—May 30



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