



# Maui Serenity Gazette

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## AA ON MAUI

### CENTRAL OFFICE

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We accept cash and checks only.

**Step Eleven : “Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”**

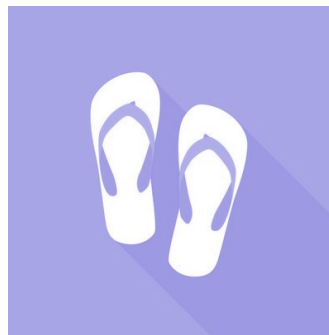
I remember when my children were young and I was in couple’s counseling, something that the therapist said that really stuck with me.

She said “If you want to develop a closer relationship with each other you must spend enough quantity of time together so that the quality moments can happen. Quality moments don’t happen with very little time together.” She explained that if my husband and I were only communicating over day-to-day tasks and duties with no true heart to heart sharing then our relationship would not be able to grow and deepen. She was right and we got divorced.

If I apply this same idea of creating enough quantity of time to have quality moments to my connection with my Higher

Power, then I must acknowledge that this relationship also deserves to have a significant amount of time spent on developing the connection.

Dr John DeMartini once said “if you want to know a person’s values don’t listen to just what they say, instead look at where they spend their time and mon-



ey and then you will know.” I now meditate and pray every day because I value my conscious contact with God.

Those moments sitting quietly with God took a while to unfold in my life. When I first came to AA, I was an-

gry with and felt forgotten by the God of my understanding. I felt sure the entire universe was against me and I was the victim of life.

My sponsor asked me if I believed in God. I curtly answered “Yes but, I don’t think God cares anything about me.”

Little did I know that I would discover a loving and caring Higher Power that can and does support and sustain me through anything. How did this remarkable change happen? It was through working the steps!

By the time I got to step 11 I was finally ready to commit to spending time every day in quiet and meditation. I had already been practicing prayer and asking to know God’s will in my life.

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In fact, I memorized the Third Step prayer, the Seventh Step prayer and the St Francis prayer (the Eleventh step prayer). I was saying these prayers daily but I still felt I had more of an intellectual connection with God rather than a heart-to-heart communication.

Through regular meditation my mind began to be tamed like a wild horse that was ready to team up with their trainer rather than to fight any more. I could gradually feel a comforting presence sitting in my heart. A beautiful white light greeted me in my third eye (between my brows) and my breath slowed to a comfortable, deep rhythm. This stillness is in direct contrast to the pace I live my life. I am often booked up back-to-back and jumping from one commitment to the next. I have ADD and PTSD. Being still is not easy for me. But while I am in meditation, I can feel my relationship with the God of my understanding (that I like to call "Spirit of the Universe") I have learned to trust this powerful source of inspiration, guidance and love in my life.

Unlike my marriage that ended in divorce from lack of time together I bring my Higher Power with me wherever I go. I check in regularly for God's will for me and I take time to meditate and feel the powerful invisible sense of the great universal spirit within me. I value my connection to the Divine.

-Liah H



# THANKSGIVING ALKATHON 2024

FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND FUN

WEDS &  
THURSDAY  
27-28  
NOV

24 HOURS  
OF  
MEETINGS

STARTS  
AT 3PM

JW CAMERON CENTER  
95 Mahalani Street,  
Wailuku, HI

MEAL SERVED AT 1PM THURSDAY

(Please bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert to share)

Sponsored by Maui AA Intergroup  
Hosted by Maui Sunset Group and TTOSBT



*Aloha Kākou!*

*Please allow me to introduce myself:  
My name is Regina dJ and I am an alcoholic. I am extremely  
honored to serve as the new Central Office Manager of Maui  
Intergroup.*

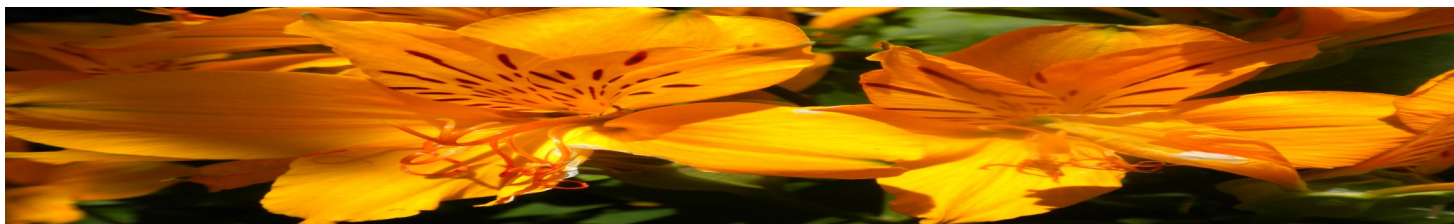
*I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our Maui AA  
Fellowship for allowing me to be a trusted servant and the  
Maui Intergroup for hiring me as a special worker.*

*A big thank you and A Hui Ho to Michelle G for her many  
years of service and dedication.*

*To our many dedicated volunteers and trusted servants, I  
look forward to joining you in our continued work and  
efforts to serve our community and connecting with all of the  
members and groups of our beautiful Maui AA Fellowship.*

*Mahalo again for all of your trust and support.*

*In loving service,  
Regina dJ - Central Office Manager*



**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  
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 Announcements

**Mahalo to our Maui AA Fellowship for helping to carry the message!**

**THANK YOU TO OUR HOST GROUPS!**

**Maui Sunset and TTOSBT-  
Thanksgiving Alkathon (Nov. 27/28)  
KMS- Christmas Alkathon (Dec. 24/25)**

Intergroup is STILL seeking a Host Group for the upcoming **2024 NEW YEARS EVE Alkathon!**



**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

### Oahu AA

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[oahuaa.org](http://oahuaa.org)

### West Hawai'i AA (Kona)

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[westhawaiiaa.org](http://westhawaiiaa.org)

### Kaua'i AA

*808. 245. 6677*

[kauaiaa.org](http://kauaiaa.org)

### East Hawai'i AA (Hilo & Puna)

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[easthawaiiaa.org](http://easthawaiiaa.org)



# NEWS from AAWS



## Announcing: a new book from AAWS on sale November 1, 2024

### PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK

A Tool for Reading  
*Alcoholics Anonymous*

This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature

The *Plain Language Big Book* is a tool to help readers understand the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which was first published in 1939. This new book is designed so that the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery from alcoholism may be easily understood and accessible by all people who have a desire to stop drinking.

Members of A.A. fondly call the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous* “the Big Book.” It is the basic text of the A.A. program. The *Plain Language Big Book* has been written to present the original ideas and same spiritual message of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

This new text is not intended to replace the much beloved Big Book. Rather, the *Plain Language Big Book* is a book crafted over several years by A.A. members and publishing professionals to support alcoholics on the path to recovery. The book is intended to help people who have a problem with alcohol gain access to A.A.’s lifesaving message.

For years, A.A. members have expressed a need for a *Plain Language Big Book*. Based on the shared experience of A.A. members, some people may not have regular contact with other A.A. members to help them understand the A.A. program of recovery and the specific vocabulary as it is used throughout the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Other people have a hard time reading, especially books that were written long ago. This *Plain Language Big Book* is written in simpler language to support readers in their recovery.

This book is published in accordance with Advisory Actions passed by substantial unanimity of the General Service Conference (GSC) of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2021, the 71st GSC advised that this book be developed. Progress reports, then sample chapters were reviewed at the 72nd and 73rd GSCs. The final draft of the *Plain Language Big Book* was reviewed and approved by substantial unanimity at the 74th GSC, in April 2024. This process and outcome adopts this text as Conference Approved Literature.

The *Plain Language Big Book* covers the core content of what is the “abridged version” (the edition without personal stories) of the original Big Book.

Readers are also encouraged to seek out the current edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and meet with A.A. members to support their own individual paths of recovery from alcoholism.

**The *Plain Language Big Book* is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.**

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous*

- **Publication (on-sale) date: November 1, 2024**

Did you know you can support Maui Intergroup  
through our Literature Sales?  
Call 808-244-9673 to reserve your copy today!

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL INTERGROUP**

## TRADITION ELEVEN:

“OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS POLICY IS BASED ON ATTRACTION RATHER THAN PROMOTION; WE NEED ALWAYS MAINTAIN PERSONAL ANONYMITY AT THE LEVEL OF PRESS, RADIO AND FILMS.”

Tradition 11 protects our anonymity in public spaces.

This principle has been essential to AA's success and unity, emphasizing respect, humility, and the importance of shared experiences rather than individual personalities.

The tradition encourages members to share AA's message by living their recovery, rather than through public announcements or publicity that could spotlight individuals. This "attraction rather than promotion" approach helps people find AA naturally, drawn by the visible changes in others' lives rather than by external advertising. By maintaining anonymity in public media, members protect their privacy and reduce stigma, while also preventing AA from becoming associated with any particular member's personal story. This respect for anonymity fosters equality within AA, where no member is held above another.

The anonymity of Tradition 11 underscores that AA is a fellowship, not a platform for individuals. It reminds members to stay focused on their primary purpose of helping each other, a foundation that continues to attract newcomers in search of recovery.

Through Tradition 11, AA maintains a welcoming, safe space where anyone suffering from alcoholism can find support, confidentiality, and hope.

-Anonymous







## Maui A.A. Intergroup Monthly Meeting Minutes OCTOBER 12, 2024

Call to Order (Chris Chair) 6P.M  
Open with Serenity Prayer, Intergroup Preamble  
Prior Minutes approved (Jim, Dave)

### **Steering Committee Chair Report**

-Regina is the new Office Manager, starts Oct 14  
-Dave will be temporary signer until Regina is on board

### **Treasurer Report ( see P 9 Maui Serenity Gaxette) approved (Ben,Ellen)**

### **Central Office Report**

-letter from Michelle (p. 3 Maui Serenity Gazette)

### **Intergroup reports**

-Ben, Maui Sunset all good  
-Pat, Friday nite upcountry speaker meeting – all good  
-Kat, TTOSBT online- all good, need GSR  
-Ellen, KMS – hosting Christmas Alcathon, good attendance  
-Bonnie, Sisters in sobriety – all good  
-Terry, new meeting Sunday a.m., attendance small  
-Jimmy James, alt DCM Kihei-elections for District on Tuesday  
-Mark, High in the sky-all good  
Matthew, Wailuku – all good  
-Kim , 449 – all good  
Kevin, Sunday beach grp, requested from Michelle to not use PayPal  
Denise, sober and Crazy-could use sober support at meetings  
Diana, Something better than gold – good attendance

### **New Business**

-need Thanksgiving and New Years alcathon hosts ( Mare will approach Under the Tree meetings)  
-Elections for steering committee next month ( Chair, Co-chair, Secretary. And Treasurer)

### **Seventh tradition collection**

### **Take back to groups**

-elections next month  
Alcathon hosts for Thanksgiving AND New Years

Moved to Adjourn at 6:35 (Jim, Ellen)  
Declaration of Unity  
Next meeting: November 9, 2024 in person.

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	October	2024 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei		\$1,900.30
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$106.00
Aloha Friday		\$100.00
Anonymous Contributions		\$1,100.00
Awakenings		\$0.00
At Some of These We Balked		\$100.00
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
Conscious Contact		\$98.00
Club 449/Acceptance		\$291.09
Dawn Patrol		\$100.00
Emotional Sobriety		\$0.00
Gold Diggers		\$0.00
Hair of the Dog		\$782.00
Hana Group		\$0.00
Happy Hour		\$937.35
High In The Sky		\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting		\$248.00
Kahana Sober Wahines		\$120.00
Kahana Spinners		\$600.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group		\$836.76
Kihei Morning Serenity	\$87.94	\$712.72
K'ue Meeting	\$800.00	\$4,881.60
Ladies Night - Lahaina	\$68.00	\$68.00
Lahaina Whalers	\$138.50	\$258.50
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$0.00
Maui Sunset	\$142.36	\$1,553.94
Misfit Toys		\$688.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$240.00
Ohana Group	\$940.41	\$6,122.49
Online Member Contributions	\$132.80	\$3,746.77
Paniolo Group		\$0.00
S. A. M. Meeting		\$260.00
Turning Point		\$0.00
Saturday Night Speakers		\$188.79
(A) Spiritual Awakening	\$49.60	\$275.80
Sober & Crazy	\$155.00	\$310.00
Sober Wahine	40.00	\$40.00
Something Better Than Gold		\$690.00
Sisters of Sobriety		\$110.00
To Thine Own Self Be True	\$1,535.37	\$2,135.37
TTOSB (online)		\$205.00
Twelve by Twelve/12x12 (online)		\$0.00
Under the Tree	\$102.00	\$102.00
Upcountry Sunset		\$221.00
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise	\$120.00	\$809.00
Womens AA Meeting (online)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group		\$273.20
Wake Up Call		\$190.00
We Agnostics		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life		\$600.00
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,311.98</b>	<b>\$34,687.68</b>

INFLOW: October	
Starting Balance	\$14,552.26
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$4,311.98
Gratitude Night Contributions	\$604.00
October Literature sales	\$309.50
<b>TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH</b>	<b>\$5,225.48</b>
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$39,811.13
OUTFLOW: October	
Description	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Gratitude Night Seed Money	\$300.00
Mgr salary first 1/2 October	\$630.00
CPA (Quarterly tax work)	\$200.00
MOBI (office phone)	\$29.53
Spectrum (office internet)	\$86.27
IRS Federal Withholding	\$572.16
Hawaii State Withholding	\$188.30
Quarterly Workers Comp Insurance	\$23.09
Mgr salary last 1/2 October	\$1,272.33
Hawaiian Telcom	\$25.84
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH</b>	<b>\$3,852.52</b>
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$35,209.34
<b>THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:</b>	<b>\$1,372.96</b>
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	\$4,601.79
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$15,925.22</b>
Prudent Reserve	\$15,517.54

**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.



New Hours!



# MAUI ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CENTRAL OFFICE

<b>MONDAY</b>	1030AM-430PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10AM-1PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10AM-1PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10AM-1PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	1030AM-430PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10AM-1PM
<b>SUNDAY</b>	CLOSED

PHONES OPERATE 24 HOURS

## CONTACT

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# **THANK YOU TO OUR CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS!**

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JAMES, ANDREA**

**PHONES: BILL D., KIMO,  
PAMELA, KRISTINA,  
JIM H., MATTY, JIMMY  
JAMES.**

**KEEP IT SIMPLE  
ONE DAY AT A TIME**

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