



Maui Serenity Gazette

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AA ON MAUI

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AA Meeting Schedules are available
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aamaui.org

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**AA approved
literature
is available for
purchase at
Central Office.**

We accept cash
and checks only.

Step Ten : “Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.”

My AA life began after my first meeting, but then in a different sense it really didn't begin till I learned the AA program of action and put it into practice.

At first I thought just going to meetings and trying to practice the Twelve Steps as written on the clubhouse wall was living AA on a daily basis. Indeed, I had found a new happiness and developed many new wonderful friends.

My phone was just ringing off the hook and I was going to loads of meetings and coffee houses with AA friends afterward. I was a regular social butterfly! I was involved with a religious organization and remained very busy.

Yet I had not actually gone through the Twelve Step process with a sponsor. What's the hurry—I'm really doing well aren't I? Well maybe not!

One night I was alone on Hollywood Boulevard after a parade and somehow marched into a bar on Las Palmas Blvd; on my lips were: “Gin & tonic please!” Thank God those words were never spoken!



Rushing home, I prayed that God would bring a sponsor to take me through the steps and in a few weeks he did. Of course, one of the major parts of my post-step life was Step Ten of which I could never had done until I have learned, and lived, the middle steps. This is what I mean (Alcoholics Anonymous page 84):

1. Continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. Learned in Step Four
2. When these crop up, we ask God at once to remove them. Learned in Step Six & Seven
3. We discuss them with someone immediately. Learned in Step Five
4. And, make amends quickly if we have harmed anyone. Learned in Steps Eight & Nine
5. Then we resolutely turn our thoughts to someone we can help.

Love and tolerance of others is our code.

So, had I been living in the spirit of Step Ten, I would never have marched into that bar to begin with, and even if I did, I would have asked God at once to put me back on the beam. I have not had to drink since my first AA meeting—a long time ago—but if not for Step Ten, I certainly would have.

- Bob S

MAUI AA INTERGROUP

ELECTIONS

FOR STEERING COMMITTEE

**CHAIRPERSON
CO-CHAIRPERSON
RECORDING SECRETARY
TREASURER**

THE ABOVE POSITIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE UPCOMING 2025 PANEL

2 YEAR SOBRIETY / 2 YEAR MAUI RESIDENT / 2 YEAR COMMITMENT
REQUIRED

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON EACH POSITION, PLEASE ATTEND
ONE OF THE MONTHLY INTERGROUP MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 09

2662 WAI WAI
PLACE SUITE 201
KIHEI, HI 96753

2nd SATURDAY of the month @ 6p



As many of you have heard by now, I am retiring from the position of Manager at Maui Central Office at the end of October.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Maui AA Fellowship for allowing me to be a trusted servant and Maui Intergroup for hiring me as your 'special worker'! The position has helped me grow both professionally and personally, and for that, I will be eternally grateful.

Also, deep thanks to *all the volunteers* who have helped the Central Office remain open to carry the AA message 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Responsibility Statement truly captures what our volunteers do every hour of every day – "I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible." Our lives and the lives of those to come are so very grateful for your important service!

And, of course, many mahalos to *all the members and groups* who send in their contributions to Maui AA Intergroup. For without your financial support, our Central Office would not be able to continue to carry the AA message.

For decades here on Maui, Central Office has been; a hub for information, a safe space for those in need of a quick respite, an AA literature bookstore for both members and groups, a lifeline for many people, and so much more! I'm humbled to have been a part of it all over the past 8 years.

Thanks everyone for so many great memories and for participating in my recovery journey. My sober life is nothing short of amazing, one day at a time!

Aloha,
Michelle G.



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. 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](http://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 Announcements

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

Intergroup is STILL seeking Host Groups for the upcoming 2024 Alkathons!

We need HOST GROUPS for each of the following:

Thanksgiving Alkathon (Nov. 27/28)

New Years Alkathon (Dec 31/Jan1)



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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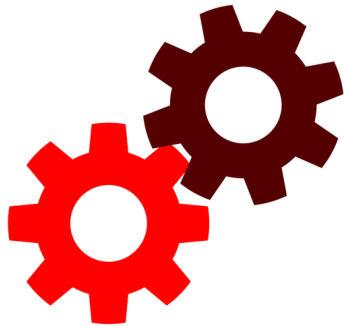
East Hawai'i AA (Hilo & Puna)

808. 961. 6133

easthawaiiaa.org



Material from GSO



INSIDE **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

What are central offices / intergroups?

A central office or intergroup is an A.A. service office that involves partnership among groups in a community — just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. A central office/intergroup is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups — functions that are best handled by a centralized office — and it is usually maintained, supervised and supported by these groups in their general interest. It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

When our group contributes to a central office or intergroup, does our money get distributed to the area, district and GSO as well?

No. Each A.A. entity — group, district, area, central office and GSO — provides a specific service and is autonomous. Contributions should be made directly to each entity.

**TRADITION TEN:
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS HAS NO OPINION ON OUT-
SIDE ISSUES; HENCE THE A.A. NAME OUGHT NEVER
BE DRAWN INTO PUBLIC CONTROVERSY.**

Tradition 10 tells us that AA has no opinion on outside issues and should not be involved in public controversy. My understanding is that Tradition 10 was written by Bill W. to help us focus on our common purpose and, perhaps more importantly, to avoid controversy, both within the fellowship and in the public eye.

We neither endorse nor oppose or get involved in controversial issues by publicly asserting our opinions as those of AA. Particularly those of politics, alcohol recovery/rehabilitation, or (sectarian) religion. We endorse no one, we oppose no one. In nearly 16 years, I've witnessed this tradition practiced in all sorts of manners, matters, and to a variety of degrees.

I've seen an elder take aside one of our youths for wearing a t-shirt with an anti-nuke slogan on it... In another case, a member rushed to the meeting after work, but turned his uniform shirt inside out before entering. On a few occasions, I've witnessed secretaries interrupt shares on a particular religious philosophy and shut down shares about political views. On most of those occasions, it was deftly handled, and the meeting continued fluidly. On another occasion, an attendee intentionally wore a political cap to a meeting during an election cycle, knowing full well it went against Tradition 10 and would likely offend others... he bragged about wearing it for that very purpose. ☐

Some say that anything that doesn't help the suffering alcoholic is an outside issue... and I suspect that all of us can give examples of seeing the tradition adhered to, and examples of what not to do, as well. It's not all that much different from other experiences we may have outside the rooms. For instance, at work we may have a stellar co-worker that sets the bar high, and we may want to strive to attain that level work ethic... conversely, we may have a fellow co-worker that takes shortcuts, lacks initiative and may be less concerned about their work performance - someone we do not wish to emulate at all. Just as we have a choice in establishing our work ethic, we too have a choice - a responsibility to uphold the traditions to the best of our knowledge and ability. After all, our program is based on attraction, not promotion - so what kind of example do you want to set?

I, like others, may slip here or there - and if/when I do, I certainly hope that I will catch myself. And if not, I want a fellow to give me a nudge so I can do a course correction!! ☐☐

None among us are perfect, but I found myself bragging a little recently to a couple of family members about AA's long-standing success. While I was cautious, at the same time I'm quite proud to acknowledge that our program has survived all these years, in large part based on the idiom, "if it's not broken, don't fix it."

In my humble opinion, the traditions - or should I say, close adherence to our traditions, is a very significant part of our success. And while other *organizations* continuously struggle to modify and change their business models to keep up with the times, AA is doing just fine as is, and it's my opinion that avoiding public controversy has had a very significant impact on our longevity.

Be well friends
~ Lisa Sue



Maui A.A. Intergroup Monthly Meeting Minutes Sept. 14, 2024

Call To Order: Christopher I. (Chair)

Open with the Serenity Prayer, Maui Intergroup Preamble

Introduction of Steering Committee and Intergroup Reps

Prior Meeting Minutes: Reviewed and approved

Steering Committee Report (Chris, Chair)

Michelle G. Retiring at the end of October. Steering Committee accepting applications for new office manager. Requires 5 years sobriety; 2 years on Maui. Elections for Steering Committee coming up in Nov. Open Positions: Chairperson, Co- Chairperson, Recording Secretary, Treasurer. Requirements: 2-year sobriety, 2-year Maui resident, 2-year commitment.

Treasurer's Report (Jim H).

Reviewed and approved.

Central Office Report (Michelle G)

Need someone to write 10th Step article. Big Books should arrive next week.

Intergroup Representative Group Reports

Ben (Maui Sunset): 20 year potluck will be on Sept.23 @ 6 pm.; Kat (Online TTOSBT): Need GSR; Pat (Upcountry Speaker): All good; Ellen (KMS): Positions being filled; lots of visitors; Denise (Sober & Crazy): Meeting could use support; Mark (High in the Sky): Still figuring out bank situation; Debra (AA Way of Life): All good; Diane (Something Better than Gold): All positions filled; Brooks (Upcountry Sunrise): Need secretary and coffee positions; Mike L. (Corrections Chair): Pre-release and correspondence positions . Email info: Corrections@area17@AA.org

Old Business

Gratitude Night is Oct.13, hosted by Upcountry Sunrise, Brooks is coordinating, need volunteers

New Business

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Alkathons need host groups. IG reserved Cameron Center. Steering Committee Elections Nov. 9; time limited for other topics.

Take Back To Groups

Central Office Manager position open; check info@aamaui.org

Need hosts for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Alkathons

Gratitude Night, Oct. 13

Next Meeting: Oct. 12, 2024 in person. See aamaui.org for location

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	September	2024 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei	\$108.00	\$1,900.30
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$106.00
Aloha Friday	\$100.00	\$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	\$100.00
Emotional Sobriety		\$0.00
Gold Diggers		\$0.00
Hair of the Dog	\$404.00	\$782.00
Hana Group		\$0.00
Happy Hour		\$937.35
High In The Sky		\$0.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$62.00	\$248.00
Kahana Sober Wahines		\$120.00
Kahana Spinners		\$600.00
Kihei Sunday Beach Group	\$136.72	\$836.76
Kihei Morning Serenity		\$624.78
K'ue Meeting		\$4,081.60
Ladies Night - Lahaina		\$0.00
Lahaina Whalers		\$120.00
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$0.00
Maui Sunset	\$117.50	\$1,411.58
Misfit Toys		\$688.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$0.00
No Ka Oi Group		\$240.00
Ohana Group	\$940.41	\$5,182.08
Online Member Contributions	\$277.63	\$3,613.97
Paniolo Group		\$0.00
S. A. M. Meeting		\$260.00
Saturday Night Speakers		\$188.79
A Spiritual Awakening		\$226.20
Sober & Crazy		\$155.00
Something Better Than Gold	\$190.00	\$690.00
Sisters of Sobriety		\$110.00
To Thine Own Self Be True		\$600.00
TTOSB (online)		\$205.00
Twelve by Twelve/12x12 (online)		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunset		\$221.00
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise		\$649.00
Womens AA Meeting (online)		\$0.00
Wailuku Group		\$273.20
Wake Up Call		\$190.00
We Agnostics		\$0.00
Womens AA Way of Life	\$200.00	\$600.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$2,636.26	\$30,335.70

INFLOW: September	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Starting Balance	\$16,589.55
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$2,636.26
September Lit sales	\$211.00
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$2,847.26
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$34,545.65
OUTFLOW: September	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
IRS Federal Withholding	\$572.16
Mgr salary first 1/2 Sept	\$630.00
AAWS (Literature)	\$872.45
Hawaii State Withholding	\$188.30
Hawaiian Tel (call forwarding)	\$25.84
MOBI (phone)	\$29.53
Spectrum (Internet)	\$86.27
Mgr salary last 1/2 Sept	\$630.00
Alkathons Events Rental Fee (Cameron Ctr)	\$1,365.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$4,924.55
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$31,356.82
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	(\$2,077.29)
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	\$3,188.83
ENDING BALANCE	\$14,512.26
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.





THANK YOU TO OUR CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS!

**OFFICE: ANN, JIMMY
JAMES, ANDREA**

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

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

Keep Coming Back

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