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12 steps, 12 traditions and 12 concepts

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Step 9

“Made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

Tradition 9 (short form)

“A.A. as such ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

Concept 9 (short form)

“Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.”

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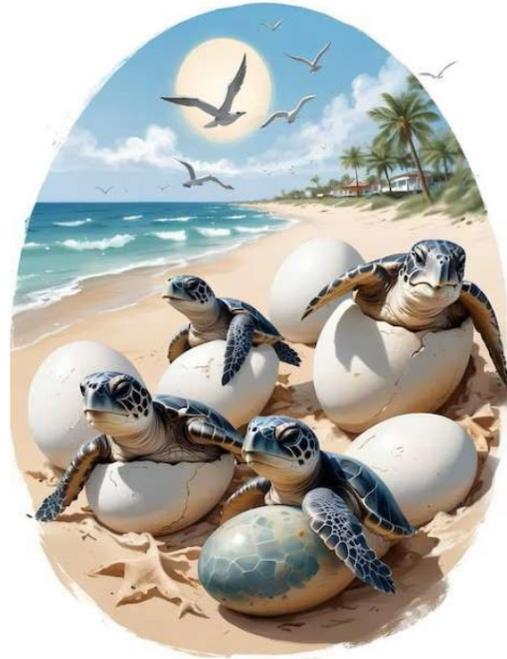
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Life Within

An egg is one of the simplest of forms, yet it carries one of the deepest truths. It looks so fragile, but within it rests possibility, waiting in silence.

When an egg cracks from the outside, it is an intrusion. Pressure not born of the life within, but of circumstances beyond, shatters it. What was once full of potential spills out unfinished, unready. In our own lives, we have known that feeling – when the weight of the world, or the pull of addiction, cracked us open before we understood who we were. That breaking brought only loss and confusion. But when an egg cracks from the inside, something very different happens. The same shell that once protected is no longer a home. The life within stirs, restless, pressing outward. What looked like destruction is, in truth, a birth.



So it is with us. The shell we build around ourselves – our defenses, illusions, and old patterns – once kept us safe. Yet a time comes when the shell grows too small for the spirit within. In recovery, when love and awareness grow inside us, when grace begins to move, the pressure builds from within. And the shell must break.

That inner cracking is not collapse – it is freedom. It is the moment we stop being undone by outside forces and begin to live from the strength of what stirs within us.

The shell was never who we truly were. It was only the container of our becoming. Its purpose was never to last forever, but to hold us until we were ready to break open.

And so, when the crack comes – not from the world pressing in, but from the spirit pressing out – it is not an ending. It is the beginning of life.

Gary G.
Dawn Patrol
Wailuku, HI



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newsletter. We welcome
submissions about recovery.**

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more information.**

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

Step 9: “Made direct amends whenever possible, except when to do would injure them or others.”

Step Nine, the quintessential “boogie man” of the 12 steps. At least that’s what it was hyped up to be in my early sobriety.

Having to face others, take responsibility, with the possibility of restitution. Why would any sober alcoholic want to dig up the past or rock the apple cart? Isn’t sobriety enough?

Not in my experience. Without cleaning up the wreckage of my past, and continuing this work, I find I am still haunted by spectres of the past. Not necessarily of others who I haven’t (yet) made direct amends to, but the nagging thought forms that hide and slowly corrode the shiny new relationship I have with my Creator and the Universe.

I’ve had powerful experiences in the 9th step amends process, coming to know my value and worth—especially when it comes to my relationships with other people. Walking away unscathed, I begin to see the contrast of the shadows and the light and begin to set healthy boundaries for myself— in social, professional and even romantic and familial relations.

Living amends, when direct amends are not possible are a brilliant way for me to practice these principles in all my affairs and continue to grow in relationship with God. Not because I’m some sort of Spiritual Guru, but because I am exposed. Exposed to myself of my weak spirit, self realized in my chronic alcoholic mind with an overrun tendency for self sabotage. Without a Higher Power, left to my own devices I can be just as damaging if not more so than in my active use. I can still show up as self will run riot, reckless and ruthless in sobriety, even when practicing the 6th and 7th steps.

As I continue to grow in “progress not perfection,” The 9th step promises symbolize the dangling carrot at the end of the flimsy reed. After taking some action, even a few half measures can get me over the “finish line.” The work is never really quite done however, but I’m grateful for the newfound happiness I find when I take the 12 and rely on a Higher Power.

“Another satisfied customer.”

Tradition Nine: AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn’t every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby—when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity?
With humility?

9th Concept Illustrated
They lead us
by example.
They don’t
boss!



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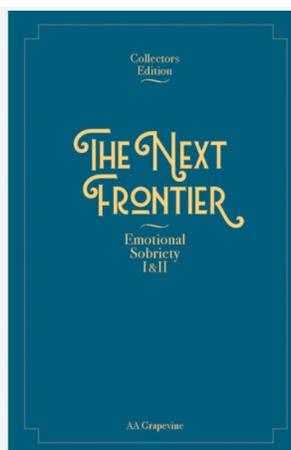
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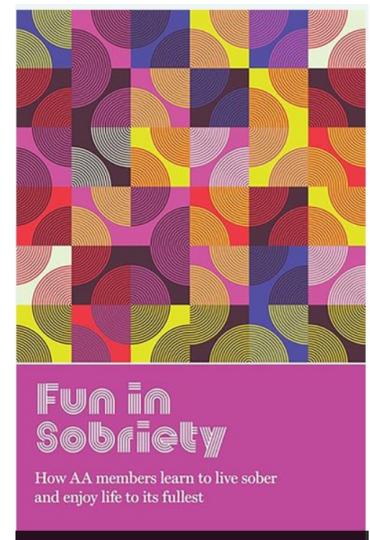
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Sun, Sept 28 - Hana Caravan— Every last Sunday— Hana Meeting— Meet at 1030a Paia Community Center (see website for details)

Oct 4— October Committee meeting; Lihue / District 6; see <http://area17aa.org>

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

Sat, Oct 11— Intergroup Meeting—every second Saturday at 6p - Good Shepard Church, Wailuku

Oct 30— Nov 2— 62nd Annual Hawaii Convention— Honolulu, see website

Nov 25-26- Thanksgiving Alkathon Cameron Center—**NEED HOST GROUP**

Dec 24-25- Christmas Alkathon Cameron Center—**NEED HOST GROUP**

Dec 31-Jan 1- NYE Alkathon Cameron Center—**NEED HOST GROUP**

Jan 24-25 - January Inventory Assembly Lahaina Civic Center—see <http://area17aa.org>

Service Opportunities:

Steering Committee seeking Secretary

Maui Intergroup is currently seeking a new Secretary for the Steering Committee. This is a valuable service position that helps support the operations of our Central Office.

Requirements include:

- 2 years of continuous sobriety
- 2 years of sobriety in Hawai'i
- 1 year of sobriety on Maui

The Secretary is a voting officer on the Steering Committee, responsible for keeping minutes of all meetings and maintaining Intergroup records in good order. This position serves a two-year term, or until a successor is elected.

If you're interested or know someone who may be a good fit, please contact info@aamaui.org.

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

"I AM RESPONSIBLE... Whenever anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help. I want the hand of A.A. to always be there. And for that— I am responsible."

Maui Intergroup is seeking A.A. members to work in Central Office as office volunteers and back up volunteers. Help us carry the message! Contact info@aamaui.org for more information.

The minimum suggested requirement is 1 year of continuous sobriety.

Call for Submissions: Share your experience on **Step 10** and **Tradition 10** for October— your story can inspire others!

Or submit other recovery inspired work.... Email: info@aamaui.org

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 Announcements

- We are still in need of a **Secretary** for our **Steering Committee**
- Maui AA Intergroup sponsored events- **Gratitude Night** and **Holiday Alkathons** need host groups.

Please contact info@aamui.org for more information



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

West Hawai'i AA (Kona)

808. 329. 1212

westhawaiiaa.org

Kaua'i AA

808. 245. 6677

kauaiaa.org

East Hawai'i AA (Hilo & Puna)

808. 961. 6133

easthawaiiaa.org

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Maui A.A. Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.



Maui AA Intergroup Meeting Summary
August 9, 2025

CONVENE: 6:01p.m.

OPENING: Readings: Serenity Prayer, Preamble, Safety Card- Mark (Chair); Kevin -8th tradition share

Introductions: Steering Committee and Intergroup Representatives.

PRESENT: Mark-SC Chair; Regina-COM; Renee- Wailuku group, Thursday; Eric S- LITS and GSR for Maui Sunset; Amy- High in the Sky; Mateo- Misfit Toys; Renee- guest; Jean- Sober and Crazy; Betsy-Kihei District; Anne-Upcountry Sunrise; Bonnie-Sisters of Sobriety; Ellen B- KMS; Kevin- SC Treasurer; Wally- Maui Strong; Gary- Dawn Patrol

MOTION: (Ellen/Bonnie) - To accept the minutes of the July mtg. – APPROVED.

Intergroup Representative Group Reports:

- Renee- Thursday 7pm, Iao Congregational; high attendance, 40 ppl- lots from Mana Recovery; would like to see more LT recovery to help facilitate
- Eric – LITS- Kam 3; good participation, solid group
- Amy- HinS- going well, positions filled, chip meeting, good shares, etc
- Mateo– Misfit Toys- 10-15 attendance; usually a stag meeting by default; rotate out new secretary
- Jean- Sober and Crazy- good sobriety; good mix of newcomers and LT sobriety
- Betsy – Kihei District- “holding each other up since 2020”; workshops and services; 8 GSRs, will have a workshop in December
- Anne- UCS- some uncertainty regarding space for the next months. “more to be revealed”
- Bonnie -SOS- steady attendance, “going great”
- Ellen– KMS- Friday morning secretary needed; tradition based
- Wally- Maui Strong- two years in celebration, 70 ppl at last meeting
Question: “any concerns with police?” A:” ...yet...”
- Gary- Dawn Patrol- lots of changes to schedule; new formats everyday to help facilitate drug court requests; lots of participation from Vineyard residents, Iao BBQ- every second Saturday- great attendance from the recovery houses
- Jody- Sober Wahine- 8-10 attendance; will be attending the Budget Assembly
- Teri (np)- A New Awakening- emailed report: “doing really good. All positions filled. Now have a GSR. 12-17 in attendance.”

MOTION: Treasurer’s Report – Kevin – (Betsy/Anne) accepted
Questions/concerns about financial health- CTA for 7th tradition

Office Manager Report- Regina-

- Office positions filled; some members would like to open for more hours; CTA for more volunteers
- Ceiling repairs, inspection by building owners
- Ku’e featured in this month’s GV
- Attending special workers conference in September
- Donated refurbished patio chairs for lanai

- Big literature order coming in; also working on a price list for next year with volunteers

Chair- Mark- Jimmy J -alt Chair will be attending Budget Assembly

Jody- ANNOUNCEMENT: Lahaina District will be hosting Inventory Assembly Late January 2026- Civic Center

OLD BUSINESS

- Still in need of SC Secretary; questions about Steering Committee- redirect to website www.aamaui.org under Service tab
- Kapuna Day- recap
- Still discussing ring camera; feedback- will discuss again next month- landlord may install cameras for property

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Upcoming Intergroup sponsored events need Host Groups (Gratitude Night, Thanksgiving, Christmas, NYE)
- B. Give Butter, Fundraising platform discussion
- C. IG Meeting suggestions from Livit, for discussion
 - i. Change the meeting time to 4:00pm - 5:00pm
 - ii. Change from in-person meeting to Zoom meeting. This would allow IGs who are unable to attend in person the option to attend remotely.
 - iii. Change the meeting to another day of the week (tbd).
 - iv. Keep IG meetings to the 2nd Saturday

Seventh Tradition Collection: *Done. \$21 collected*

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS

*****We are still in need of a SECRETARY for the Steering Committee. Please see website or email info@aamaui.org for suggested qualifications and interest

1. Intergroup Sponsored events need host groups (Gratitude Night, Thanksgiving, Christmas, NYE)
2. Steering Committee Meeting, new location- Safeway/Starbucks courtyard at Maui Lani Shopping Center (58 Maui Lani)- Monday before the IG Meeting , 3p or TBA
3. Seeking Women to be of service on treatment center panel– contact Regina at info@aamaui.org
4. 62nd Annual Hawaii Convention- October 30-Nov 2, 2025- Honolulu, see website for more info www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com

Any Announcements?

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 13 at 6p – Good Shepard Church

DECLARATION OF UNITY

pau 6:57 pm

CONTRIBUTING GROUPS	August	2025 YTD
11th Step Meditation Kihei		\$1,115.50
11th Step Meditation Pukalani		\$70.00
Aloha Friday		\$270.00
Anonymous Contributions	\$150.00	\$557.67
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		\$305.20
Dawn Patrol		\$230.00
Emotional Sobriety		\$1,000.00
Hair of the Dog		\$249.00
Hana Group		\$0.00
Hawaii AA Ohana Group -ONLINE		\$2,997.45
High In The Sky	\$340.00	\$340.00
Intergroup - Monthly Meeting	\$21.00	\$215.00
Kahana Spinners		\$0.00
Keep It Simple Sunday (Molokai)		\$122.02
Kihei Sunday Beach Group		\$916.48
Kihei Morning Serenity		\$214.67
K'ue Meeting	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Ladies Night - Lahaina		\$0.00
Lahaina Whalers	\$48.51	\$195.53
L.I.T.S. Living in the Solution		\$132.00
Living Sober		\$115.00
Maui Sunset		\$1,002.90
Misfit Toys		\$215.00
Maui Strong		\$0.00
New Awakening		\$270.50
No Ka Oi Group		\$0.00
Ohana group- Weds12p		\$919.16
Online Member Contributions	\$14.70	\$121.03
Paniolo Group		\$503.11
S. A. M. Meeting		\$65.00
Turning Point		\$144.60
Saturday Night Speakers		\$200.00
Serenity (Molokai)		\$52.92
Spinners		\$300.00
(A) Spiritual Awakening		\$70.00
Sober & Crazy		\$0.00
Sober Wahine		\$120.00
Something Better Than Gold		\$215.00
Sisters of Sobriety		\$0.00
To Thine Own Self Be True		\$1,837.73
TTOSB (online)		\$0.00
Twelve by Twelve/12x12 (online)		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunset		\$0.00
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
Upcountry Sunrise	\$200.00	\$746.00
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	\$1,774.21	\$18,941.49

INFLOW: August	
Total Group Contributions this month:	\$1,774.21
August Literature sales	\$512.20
TOTAL INFLOW THIS MONTH	\$2,286.41
YEAR TO DATE INFLOW	\$24,880.34
OUTFLOW: August	
Haran Development (rent)	\$525.00
Mgr salary first 1/2 August	\$630.00
AAWS books	\$541.35
GV literature	\$319.32
Assembly registration- Alt CHAIR- September 2025	\$35.00
Hawaiian Airlines (Alt Chair travel)	\$209.60
Trip Insurance (alt chair travel)	\$23.63
Amazon - printer supplies	\$124.03
Amazon- paper	\$113.34
Good Shepard Church (IG meeting July-August)	\$50.00
Spectrum (internet bundle)	\$110.00
USPS (shipping)	\$11.00
IRS Federal Withholding	\$331.34
Mgr salary last 1/2 August	\$630.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW THIS MONTH	\$3,653.61
YEAR TO DATE OUTFLOW	\$31,213.17
THIS MONTH NET INFLOW:	(\$1,367.20)
YEAR TO DATE NET INFLOW:	(\$6,332.83)
ENDING BALANCE	\$11,693.85
Prudent Reserve	\$15,521.82



Example of Suggested Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities

- * 40-50% to Intergroup
- * 20-30% to District
- * 10-20% to Area
- * 10-20% to GSO

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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