



MYNAH BIRD

HAWAII AREA #17 NEWSLETTER



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November 16, 2019 Committee Meeting
Windward District 4

Hawaii Area Committee
P.O. Box 1413
Honolulu, Hawaii 96806

P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

Who should attend:

Committee Meetings: Attendance by DCMs, Area Standing Committee Chairs, and Area Officers is required. GSRs are not required to attend but strongly encouraged.

Assemblies: GSRs, DCMs, Area and District Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, others as necessary.

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things, I cannot change, courage to change the things, I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”



MAUI AA INTERGROUP

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT CENTRAL OFFICE

HELP CARRY THE MESSAGE OF HOPE ON MAUI

MEMBER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO FILL SHIFTS AT CENTRAL OFFICE

1 YEAR SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR AVAILABILITY TO: INFO@AAMAUI.ORG



Upcoming 2019 Intergroup *Sponsored* Events: Gratitude Night October 27, 2019
(*Mahalo to Maui Sunset and Sunday Sunset Feelings for hosting*) Thanksgiving Alkathon (Host group/s needed)
Christmas Alkathon (*Mahalo to KMS for hosting*)
New Years Alkathon (Host group/s needed)

Service in Alcoholics Anonymous is Humility expressed through Anonymity

Aloha Fellowship...

From my experience with trying this or that; not wanting to be humble, unable to tell the truth from the false, I am telling you how not being of service separates me more from getting to know the fellowship. Of course, I have made sure to get enough facts repeatedly to make it a scientific fact that can not be disputed by extreme amounts of running my show on self-will run riot.

Finally, being 100% honest by admitting my powerlessness over alcohol, surrender in my perspective has changed. It is like having a new pair of polarized glasses. This time, by allowing the suggestion that was there 30 years ago - being active in sobriety with service for the fellowship - life has become hopeful again. It's what I resisted before. I suffered because I was unwilling to accept the fellowship as being connected with my Higher Power, God as I understand God, being grateful to be sober one day at a time, present in the moment of now.

The last few years being of service brought about a physic change

Anonymous

(unconsciously being humble – anonymously not boosting about) it meant chipping in, helping in some way. This is possible at every meeting. Being on time, consciously showing up, and being accountable for when the finger-pointing starts without blaming. Being sincere, making sure my next step is Pono with my recovery, and if I can not make it to the meeting, making sure the position is covered. I'm understanding what I did not understand before because ignorance kept me from the sunlight of the spirit. Anonymity being a spiritual principle keeping us all equal or having a level foundation with all our traditions. Besides all the A.A. jargon about being of service, there's a universal truth; "We must give to receive." And when used in the "we" context, the perspective becomes clear what anonymity has to do with service and our spiritual life. Humility can be expressed through being of service with the tradition in anonymity.

Mahalo and Grateful for another day of sobriety. If this says something to you, please be of service ...



We are Not a Glum Lot!

October 5th, 2019
8am-12 Noon
8am-9am Food and Fellowship
9am-Noon Workshop

What AA members do to enjoy and Have Fun in Sobriety!!!

A Unified Event put on by District 5, 11 and 13
(Kenolio Recreation Center)
1315 S Kihei Rd, Kihei, HI 96753
****Parking off Kenolio Rd****



Please Come to the West Hawaii Central Office AA Annual:

HALLOWEEN PARTY

- 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
- DJ and Dancing!
- Food Available!
- Suggested Donation \$5.

Costume Contest! Prizes! Starts at 9pm

Thursday, October 31st

One Aloha Shave Ice, 75-5711 Kuakini Hwy, Kailua Kona

Gratitude Luncheon
Sun Village Banquet Room
November 9th 2019
10:00AM - 2:00PM

The Home groups of
Kauai A.A.
Invite you to our Gratitude Luncheon as a
mahalo for your support of AA!
at
The Sun Village Banquet Room
4300 Kuene Rd.
Lihue Hi 96766

Please RSVP by Nov 3rd
By texting Tom @ 6518175
Please alert us
to allergies or dietary concerns!

MY HOME GROUP

OUR MEMBERSHIP IS SMALL, BUT ATTENDANCE HAS GROWN SINCE I FIRST BECAME A MEMBER 16 YEARS AGO. WE STARTED AT THE CHRIST LUTHERAN IN MILILANI BUT HAVE SINCE MOVED TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. WE HAVE LOST TWO OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS AND SOME OTHER REGULARS. OTHERS HAVE DRIFTED TO OTHER MEETINGS AND STILL OTHERS HAD TO GO EXPERIMENT SOME MORE.

AT THE ORIENTATION ASSEMBLY JOEL SPOKE OF HARMONY AND HOW IT MAKES THINGS WORK. FROM LISTENING TO OUR HOME GROUP MEMBER'S YOU WOULD THINK THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF DISHARMONY; HOWEVER, WE LISTEN TO ONE ANOTHER AND HELP WITH NOT JUST THE SET-UP AND BREAKDOWN OF THE MEETING BUT THE EVERYDAY PROBLEMS THAT HAPPEN IN EACH OF OUR LIVES.

LIKE OTHERS, WE ALL KNOW THAT OUR LIVES WOULD HAVE NEVER CROSSED IN OUR ALCOHOLIC LIVES. GOD BROUGHT US TOGETHER AND I THINK WE ARE ALL BETTER PEOPLE FOR IT. THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE THERE TO MAKE SURE THE MEETING TAKES PLACE. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US ONE DAY.

(Article from Panel 65 Mynah Bird)

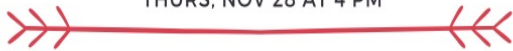
HOSTED BY WAIKIKI DISTRICT 10



2019 THANK-A-THON

Join us for ono food, choke meetings,
entertainment and fellowship!

STARTS WED, NOV 27 AT 4 PM
THROUGH
THURS, NOV 28 AT 4 PM



UNITY CHURCH - CORNER OF MONSARRAT
AVE. & DIAMOND HEAD CIRCLE

Meetings start at the top of every hour.

Lunch served from 11 am - 1 pm

FOOD DONATIONS-contact **Patrick** at 808-927-9015

To be in SERVICE-contact **Alan** at 808-754-5195

No pets allowed at Unity Church

THANKSGIVING

Please join us for the 23rd Annual Aloha
Mana Ohana Luau Potluck

When: Thursday, November 28, 2019
Noon to 4 pm

What: A day of Gratitude, Unity & Fellowship
*Ono grinds including Imu turkey, pork
butts & ham
*Potluck side dishes (Sign up with Aloha
Mana)

Where: Kahaluu Beach Park, Big Pavilion

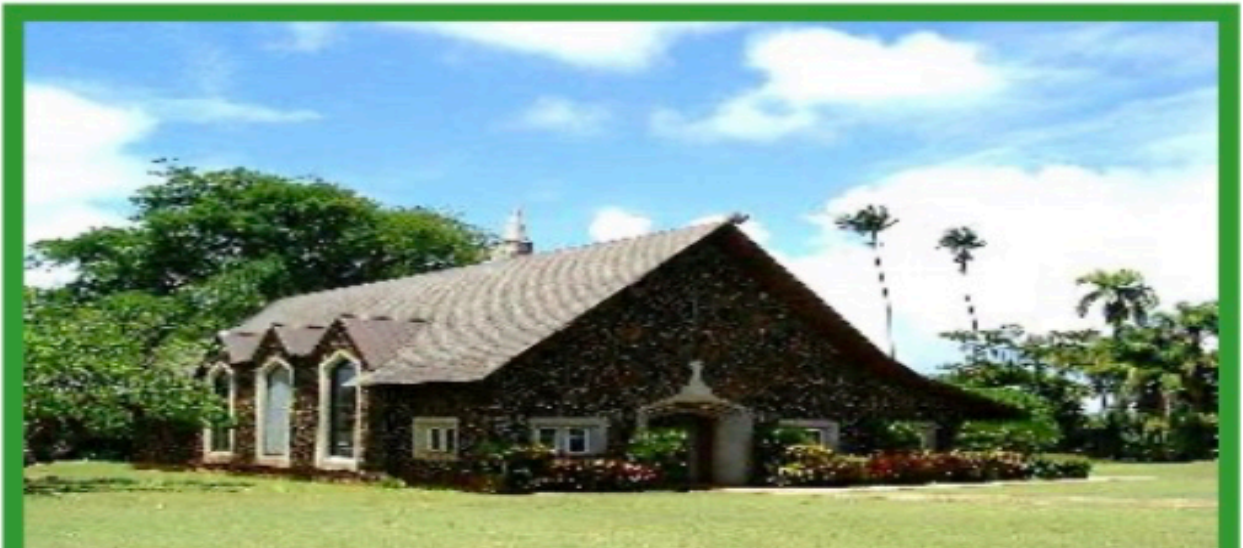
**It's a family friendly potluck.
Bring an ono dish to share!**

Questions? Contact Central Office 808.329.1212



*Coming
in November*

THAANKATHON



OIG PRESENTS...



**80's
AND
90's**

**PUMP UP THE JAMS
HALLOWEEN DANCE**

HOSTED BY... COME TO BELIEVE

WHERE: SUSANNOH WESLEY

WHEN: OCTOBER 26, 2019

MEETING @ 5-6PM

DANCE TO FOLLOW @ 6:30-9:30PM

COSTUME CONTEST: BEST COSTUME WINS

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN

TICKETS \$10

**The 58th Annual Hawaii
Convention**

October 31 - November 3, 2019

**Marriott Waikiki Beach
Resort & Spa**

"We Are Going to Talk About God"

'A'ole i piliwi 'ia

Registration is limited to 800

As of August 25th, 2019, we have 800 registrants
We are placing folks who register now on a waiting list. Please register if you would like to be placed on the waiting list!

Your registration will be moved from the waitlist to registered as event cancellations are received.

<http://www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com/>



MARCH 6-8, 2020
WESTIN LA PALOMA RESORT
3800 E. SUNRISE DRIVE, TUCSON, ARIZONA 85718

\$195/night + taxes & fees (rate is good March 2 – March 11).
Reserve by 5pm on February 11, 2020 to guarantee rate.
TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM VISIT: <https://bit.ly/2H7MCGy>

53RD PACIFIC REGION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICE ASSEMBLY

The purpose of PRAASA is to:

- Develop greater unity among the members, groups, and Areas of the Pacific Region,
- Encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences,
- Provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Assembly and the PRAASA Committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous.

PLEASE CHECK BOX(ES)	FEE
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Donation	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Dinner – Pasta Buffet	\$45.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Lunch (All are welcome) featuring an Al-Anon Speaker	\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Banquet Dinner (circle one) Flat Iron Steak OR Salmon	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Ice Cream Social	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Delegates Only Lunch (Saturday)	\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Past Delegates Only Lunch (Saturday)	\$35.00
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$	

Mail in Registration Deadline: February 17.

Make Checks Payable to "PRAASA 2020" and Mail to: PRAASA 2020, Box 1414, Green Valley, AZ 85622

PRAASA starts Friday, March 6th at 12:30pm and ends Sunday, March 8th at 12:15pm. Early bird meeting: Thursday, March 5th at 7:30pm (see program for AA & Al-Anon meetings). Young People (YPAA) Program Friday & Saturday nights.

- AA This is my first PRAASA!
 Al-Anon
 Alateen
 Friend
 AREA # _____

SERVICE POSITION (circle one): AA Member; YPAA; Intergroup; GSR; Alt. GSR; DCM; Alt. DCM; DCMC; Alt. DCMC; District Committee; Area Committee; Delegate; Alt. Delegate; Past Delegate; Trustee; Past Trustee; Other _____

First Name _____
 Last Name _____
 Name on Badge _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

Interpretation Provided: Español & ASL
MUST BE RESERVED BY FEBRUARY 7, 2020

- Require interpretation Español
 I require ASL I require other _____

Accessibility Needs:
 Hearing Impaired Onsite Mobility Assistance
 Dietary Restrictions _____

For online registration, hotel reservations, to volunteer, and for general information visit www.PRAASA.org

Me: it's not about how many times you fall, it's about how many times you get back up

Cop: that's not how field sobriety tests work



Steps to Freedom Birthdays
Potluck This Month October 28th
6:30pm, Kapa'a United Church of Christ
 1315 Ulu Street, Kapa'a
 Speaker Meeting at 7:30pm

The "autonomy" provided in Tradition 4 does not mean an individual group has the authority to re-word the steps or traditions, or to create its own literature. Nor should groups introduce, discuss, or sell "outside" literature at its meeting place.



Trying to figure out what powerlessness is is like being in a rocking chair. You don't get any- where but it gives you something to do.



Waimea Cyn Birthday Potluck

This Month on October 25th
5:30pm Potluck, 6:30 Sunset Meeting
Kekaha Beach, MacArthur Park

Last Friday of the Month (bring good food!)
Volleyball, Swimming, Fellowship, Sunset, Fun

2020 International Convention Frequently Asked Questions

Registration, Housing, and Transportation



In less than a year — July 2-5, 2020 — the International Convention will celebrate A.A.'s 85th Anniversary in Detroit, Michigan. With a theme of “Love and Tolerance Is Our Code,” A.A.s from around the world will converge on Detroit to celebrate sobriety and to share experience, strength and hope in meetings, panels and workshops at the Cobo Center, the Ford Field stadium and at other locations throughout the friendly city. Members of the Fellowship are now gearing up for this wonderful event, and the General Service Office is beginning to receive inquiries. So here are some answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding the Convention.

Registration

Q *When will registration forms be available?*

A Registration forms will be mailed in August 2019 to all G.S.R.s, central offices, intergroups and international G.S.O.s. Online registration opened September 9, 2019 at 10 a.m. E.T.

Q *Will I be able to register online?*

A Yes. There are links to registration on G.S.O.'s A.A. website, www.aa.org.

Q *What about on-site registration?*

A On-site registration will be set up at the Cobo Center and will open on Wednesday morning, July 1, 2020.

Q *Must everyone register? I thought I didn't have to pay to go to an A.A. event.*

A Yes. Everyone must register. Attendance at this special celebration is voluntary, and, as responsible A.A. members, “we pay our own way.” The International Convention is paid for by those A.A.s who participate in it.

Q *How much will registration cost?*

A Advanced registration for the convention between September 9, 2019 and April 14, 2020 will be \$115.00 (USD) per attendee. Registration after April 15, 2020 will be \$140.00 (USD) per attendee.

Q *Can travel agents register groups or individuals?*

A No. Payments from travel agencies to register groups or individuals will not be accepted.

Housing

Q *When can I reserve my hotel room?*

A Once you have registered for the Convention, you will receive housing information by

the same method you sent in your registration. Please take into consideration that individual members will be able to book up to four (4) rooms with one registration number. If you are traveling in a group and need more than 4 rooms, more than one member in your group would need to register and book the necessary hotel rooms. You will need to provide a name for each additional room reservation.

For large groups requiring ten (10) rooms or more, we can assist with hotel reservations based on hotel availability. For more information, please contact the international Convention coordinator at G.S.O. at 2020ic@aa.org.

Q *Where are the main hotels?*

A Our Convention hotel block of over 10,000 rooms will be in five main areas, four in Michigan — downtown Detroit, Dearborn, Southfield and Romulus/Airport — and one just across the Canadian border, in Windsor, Ontario. Of those 10,000 rooms, only 3,000 are in downtown Detroit and within walking distance of the Cobo Center and the Ford Field Stadium.

Below are the hotel rate ranges for each of our hotel areas:

Dearborn Hotel Rate Range - \$80.00-\$189.00

Downtown Detroit Hotel Rate Range - \$115.00-\$249.00

Airport Hotel Rate Range - \$69.00-\$179.00

Southfield Hotel Rate Range - \$109.00-\$159.00

Belleville Hotel Rate Range - \$90.00-\$149.00

Warren Hotel Rate Range - \$90.00-\$169.00

Sterling Heights Hotel Rate Range - \$99.00-\$169.00

Windsor Canada Hotel Rate Range - \$95.00CAD-\$189.00CAD

Note: All rates subject current taxes at the time of occupancy

Q *Can members contact hotels directly?*

A No. To make the process as fair as possible, all housing requests will be processed through the Convention Housing Bureau.

Q *Can travel agents make room reservations?*

A Room reservations can only be made in an individual's name. Rooms available through the Housing Bureau, at specially negotiated Convention rates, are not commissionable to travel agents.

Q *What about RVs and Campsites?*

A RV and campsite information will be available on the 2020 International Convention pages at www.aa.org after January 2020.

Transportation

Q *Will local transportation be available?*

A All members in housing blocked for this event will be provided with shuttle buses for a less-than-45-minute ride to the Cobo Center and the Ford Field stadium. Some members will be within walking distance of the meeting venues.

Q *What about special airline rates?*

A As at other International Conventions, there will be special fares available. That information will be available with the August 2019 registration information mailing and on the Registration brochure on the International Convention website.

Q *Where can I find information about crossing the border into the U.S. for this event?*

A For accurate, specific and up-to-date information about visas and travel into the U.S., visit the United States Department of State website:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html>.

If you are coming from abroad, you may need a visa. Most Canadian citizens and many citizens of countries in the United States Visa Waiver Program (VWP) do not need a visa. However, you will need a machine-readable passport valid for at least 90 days past your date of departure. The VWP countries are: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei,

Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan and United Kingdom.

If you do not come from a VWP country, you must obtain a nonimmigrant visa. Plan ahead; it may take six (6) months to receive a nonimmigrant visa, depending on the demand in your country.

Please note, some of our available hotels are located in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Therefore, attendees staying in Windsor will be crossing the international border at least twice a day, when coming into Detroit and when departing. While this is handled routinely, it will require you to carry your passport at all times. For information about travel to and from Canada you may want to visit the Canadian Government's site for Immigration and Citizenship at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/immigration-citizenship.html>

Q *Can I park my vehicle in downtown Detroit?*

A Information on parking options in downtown Detroit will be available as a resource on www.aa.org after January 2020.

Volunteering

Q *How can I volunteer to help at the Convention?*

A It has been said that International Convention volunteers are like greeters at an A.A. meeting room door, except they are greeting 50,000 people. This wonderful event will need a welcome committee of 3,000 to 4,000 volunteers to welcome members from around the globe.

That being said, at this time there is very little activity for volunteers. The structure of the local welcome committee is being put in place. In the first months of 2020, we will hold a volunteer kickoff event in Detroit to begin gathering names of A.A. members interested in volunteering. Please keep tuned to www.aa.org for future bulletins.

Accessibilities Support

Q *Will there be scooters available for physically-challenged attendees?*

A Scooters and wheelchairs will be available for rent and there will be a Special Needs-Accessibilities Hospitality area located at the Convention center. There is a box to check off on the registration form for accessibilities support information that will be available. Reservation information will be available on www.aa.org after January 2020. Every effort has been made to assure your participation, as well as to be in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. A shuttle bus will be provided only for special needs guests and caregiver from all of the hotels we have booked through the Convention housing.

Convention App

Q *When will the Convention app be available for the 2020 International Convention?*

A The Convention app will be available for download in May 2020.

Additional Information and Resources

Q *How I can order the 2020 International Convention Photograph or any of the audio recordings of the Convention?*

A Information on how to order or pre-order the 2020 International Convention photo or any of the audio recordings of the International Conventions will be available on www.aa.org after January 2020.

Q *Where do I obtain more information about the 2020 International Convention?*

A More information will be available throughout 2019 and 2020 in *Box 4-5-9* and on G.S.O.'s website, www.aa.org. All necessary information will be included in the registration packet, which will be available August 2019. G.S.O.'s website will be updated as more information becomes available.

Inventory Assembly

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