



**Newsletter of the West Hawaii
AA Intergroup Fellowship**

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In keeping with the 6th Tradition, Intergroup will not knowingly endorse individual group activities that lend the “AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise” for obvious reasons.

50th Annual Hawaii AA Convention: “Wisdom to Know the Difference”

The 50th Annual Hawaii Convention, an AA convention with Al-Anon participation, takes place at the [Hilton Hawaiian Village \(Oahu\)](#) from November 17 through November 20, 2011. (Note: – rooms that are available under this discount code are almost sold out. Please reserve your room now if you are planning to stay at the Hilton.)

You may register online , or if you prefer you may download and print a registration form. There will be no refunds issued after October 17, 2011. Here are the highlights of the planned weekend events:

Thursday- >>FREE NIGHT please enjoy a taste of what you could experience the entire weekend...come and enjoy the night with us!!

Friday- Flashback Friday 50’s Forwardup in your favorite 50, 60, 70, 80, 90’s outfit...celebrate 50 + years of living

Saturday- Black & White Affair~Red carpet event**WE ARE CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR HAWAII STATE CONVENTION **Wear you most glamorous black and/or white — glitz n glamour please. Men here is your chance to put on the “wow” factor with tuxedo’s or suits, stick with the black & white though . Photographer to take pictures on the red carpet with convention logo as backdrop

Sunday- Spiritual Sunday - Wear your Sunday’s best.

Plus Activities all weekend long- volleyball, golf, hiking,surfing,boating, ets....Fri & Sat pm dances....Dress to Impress
Enjoy volleyball on the beach fronting the hotel, a day on an island golf course, an early morning hike on the Diamond Head trail, wake up on a surfboard at the surf meeting, and enjoy a day at sea on a catamaran.. Dance the night away Friday and Saturday nights to local entertainers and a DJ, plus dress to impress with your best glitz and glamour Saturday night and capture the memory with a picture

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Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 20, 5:30pm: West Hawaii Intergroup business meeting**
- Oct. 21, 5:30pm: District 8 meeting, Pottery Terrace, Access Capabilities Office**
- Nov. 17-20: 50th Annual Hawaii Convention, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikiki**
- Nov. 24, 10am-4pm: Kahalu'u Park Pavilion, Aloha Mana, Thanksgiving Feast, etc.**
- Dec. 10 5pm-10:00pm: Old Airport Pavilion, Daily Reprieve, Christmas Party**
- Dec 24 - 25: Christmas Alcathon - (more will be revealed)**
- Dec 31 - Jan 1: New Years Alcathon - (more will be revealed)**

WHIG Office Report

August Activity:

- 69 calls including**
- 24 meeting information**
- 3 12th step calls**
- 55 office visits including**
- 27 for chips & literature**

Treasurers Report:

August 18 to Sept 15

Beginning Cash	\$3,838.83
Groups 7th Trad	1,323.48
Sales & Other	483.55
Expenses	-2,434.60
Prud. Res.	-1,500.00
Events fund	- 602.13
Working Cap.	\$1,109.13

Step 9: One members way of letting go of the past.....

So, what about those amends we really need to make - "except when to do so would injure them or others" (and possibly ourselves)? First and foremost, we must be certain we are being true to ourselves (insuring that fear alone isn't deterring us from making direct amends). As in Step 8, it's important to commit our motives and intentions to prayer and to consult our sponsor before making any definite decisions.

Having wholly determined the unlikelihood or inappropriateness of making direct amends to certain individuals, what can we possibly do to right the wrongs we've done and absolve our hearts, souls and consciences?

I agonized over the dilemma of making amends to people who are now dead or otherwise unavailable until coming up with the idea of a Sacred Fire ceremony. I wrote letters to everyone I had harmed, detailing how I have changed my life through Alcoholics Anonymous. Most importantly I vowed to do everything I can to make "living amends,"—embracing the Spiritual Life and reaching out to help other alcoholics.

Next, I gathered materials to make a bonfire and went to the beach for sunset. Building the fire, my sponsor and I meditated on my purpose. Observing traditions from tribal and religious ceremonies, I purified the area by sprinkling Hawaiian salt and Holy Water, and by smudging sage. Before lighting the fire, I anointed the wood and letters with some essential oils of frankincense, myrrh, orange, bergamot, lavender and sage. (These oils boost the purification, protection, spiritual, peaceful and loving energies of the fire).

At sunset, the fire was lit as I read a letter I prepared for my Higher Power and the Universe. As the fiercely hot, brilliant fire worked its magic, I visualized with deep reverence and humility my amends being lifted to the heavens and universe. And, with profound and serene gratitude, I know my prayers of amends were heard and accepted.

Sheryl W., Kailua-Kona

AA Birthdays

Want to commemorate your AA birthday by donating \$1 for every year of your sobriety to GSO in New York ? That will definitely HELP CARRY THE MESSAGE OF AA to those who still suffer. Birthday envelopes are available at the Intergroup Office. Don't forget to phone in your birthday before the third Thursday of the month for inclusion in your next

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Benji:	9/27/2008	3 yrs.
Noe U	9/14/2007	4 yrs.
Bruce W.	9/20/1987	24 yrs.
Susan P.	9/17/1988	23 yrs.
Cheryl E	9/13/1992	19 yrs.
Daniel D.	9/06/1993	18 yrs.
Judith C.	9/01/1993	18 yrs.
Corin	9/25/2006	5 yrs.
Monica	9/20/1985	26 yrs.
Jerry	9/01/1997	14 yrs.

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Maggies Corner:

Thank you for the fine welcome I have received as the new Manager of the Intergroup Office. If you would like to volunteer any time in the office, please let me know. Also, in an attempt to clean out the closet, I ask that you who have stored anything here, please come and take it away. We need the space! Mahalo.....

God:

Grant me the

Serenity to accept the things I
cannot change; the

Courage to change the things I
can; and

Wisdom to know the difference....

Amen



Step Nine: "Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."

Tradition 9: "A.A. as such ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

Concept 9: "Good service leaders, together with sound & appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our functioning & safety. The primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders of A.A., must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous."



It keeps saying the same letters-"AA!"

Joe H., Vancouver, BC Reprinted from the Grapevine July 2011.