

## WHAT IS INTERGROUP?

Maui A.A. Intergroup is a committee of representatives from A.A.® groups in Maui County. Each group has the right and is encouraged to elect an Intergroup Representative to carry their group conscience to the Intergroup meeting held each month. Intergroup provides services for all groups which would be too much for individual groups to handle by themselves. Much of this work is coordinated through Central Office.

## WHAT DOES CENTRAL OFFICE DO?

Central Office provides several important services. They include:

- 1) **Phones**—By providing an Alcoholics Anonymous listing in the local phone directories, Central Office receives inquiries from those seeking help. Callers are referred to local A.A. meetings or someone from the 12th Step list is asked to contact them. Every effort is made to distribute 12th Step calls fairly and all groups are encouraged to share in this work. Calls are distributed geographically to the location of the group nearest to the caller.
- 2) **Central Office** is located at 70 Central Avenue, Wailuku. It is organized as a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation. In accord with Tradition 8, a paid manager serves in the office 18 hours each week to respond to phone, email and walk-in requests for help. A team of volunteers also work 3 hour shifts to keep the office open 5 days a week

and other volunteers answer phones when the office is closed. Office hours are listed on the back page of this pamphlet.

- 3) **Meeting Lists**— Central Office prints up-to-date schedules of all A.A. meetings in Maui County, including Molokai and Lanai. District meetings are also listed. Schedules, event listings and other information is also available on our web site at [www.aamaui.org](http://www.aamaui.org).
- 4) **Literature**—A.A. approved books and pamphlets, as well as many books and CDs published by A.A. Grapevine, Inc. , are available for sale at Central Office
- 5) **Information Exchange**—The Office often functions as a meeting place for committees and as a clearinghouse for information. It also supports Public Information (P.I.) and Hospitals & Institutions in their work by providing contacts, literature and speakers when needed. It handles requests for information about A.A. from news media and furnishes speakers to non-A.A. organizations and schools.
- 6) **Events**—Intergroup facilitates group hosting of Intergroup events. The Central Office Manager provides event coordination. The special functions include but are not limited to:
  - Central Office Bash
  - Founders' Day
  - Golf Tournament
  - An annual Dance
  - Mini-Conference
  - Thanksgiving Alkathon
  - Gratitude Night
  - Christmas Alkathon
  - New Year's Alkathon

- 7) **Monthly newsletter**—the Maui Serenity Gazette is edited, published and distributed out of Central Office. The SG always welcomes input and articles on all A.A.-related topics from the members. You can also receive the Gazette in your email each month by simply sending in your email address. Correspondence can be sent to: [info@aamaui.org](mailto:info@aamaui.org).

- 8) **Steering Committee**—In November or December of all even-numbered years, Intergroup Reps from the groups elect an Intergroup Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. These officers serve on a Steering Committee with the Central Office Manager to oversee the operation of Central Office and to coordinate monthly Intergroup meeting agendas. A list of the officers is available at Central Office.  
***It costs about \$3000 per month to operate Central Office and annual events at their current levels.***

## HOW DO WE SUPPORT IT?

- 1) **Group Collections**— A.A. groups may choose to participate in the support of Central Office by setting aside an amount each month from their collections. This ensures that Central Office has a regular income and helps it to plan to meet its obligations. The spirit of contributing voluntarily that prevails throughout A.A. applies. If groups cannot or choose not to pay their share of costs, the group will still receive all the services Intergroup provides.

- 2) **Special Contributions**—Individual A.A. members may make direct contributions to Central Office, keeping in mind that the General Service Conference has recommended that contributions not exceed \$3000 in any one year. A.A.s can also make contributions to Central Office in celebration of their A.A. birthday or A.A. anniversary.
- 3) **Literature sales**—Central Office buys and stocks books and pamphlets at a discount from General Service Office and sells them at a slight profit to help support the office.
- 4) **Intergroup Events** sometimes bring in more money than is spent on the event and this extra income helps to support Intergroup and Central Office. Some of these events are budgeted for and funded by Intergroup by group conscience and thus are viewed as services provided to the Maui fellowship.

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

- \* ***50-70% to Intergroup***
- \* ***10-30% to District***
- \* ***10-20% to Area***
- \* ***10-20% to GSO***

