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"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking"

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COR Meeting

March 21, 2004

1119C Johnston St.,
Lafayette, La. 6:00 PM

AGENDA

Open with the Serenity Prayer

Sign-in

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Office Manager's Report

Committee Reports

District Liaison Reports

Old Business

Chili Cookoff

New Business

Elections

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Election Reminder

Three Central Office Steering Committee offices are up for election this year. They are Chairperson, Secretary and Activities Chair. All three positions require a minimum of two years of sobriety; the chairman must also have previously served on the steering committee.

Anyone interested in running must make it known to the Elections Committee at the March 21st COR meeting.

The Acadiana Central Office was created by and exists to serve the A.A. groups of the region. Becoming a Steering Committee member is one more excellent way to "give back" to the Fellowship by being of service..

This just in...

Two new books from The A.A. Grapevine have just arrived at Central Office. Both sell for \$9.35. The titles are:

Spiritual Awakenings
Thank You For Sharing

It has been confirmed that past Area 27 Delegate Charlie B. has throat cancer. Fortunately it is treatable. His doctors are asking that he have no visitors and/or phone calls. So please NO VISITORS and/or NO PHONE CALLS. Charlie is also asking that in lieu of flowers and cards folks put that money in the meeting basket or buy Big Books for newcomers. Charlie wishes to thank all for their prayers and support during this time. We will keep you informed as we get updates. Thank you.

A Simple Request..

Tradition Four. teaches that "Each group should be autonomous..."and for good reason. Each group's decisions about how it functions are based on "...one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience."

With this Tradition in mind, and in the spirit of unity and fellowship, Central Office makes the following request: **If your group has chosen not to read announcements aloud at its meetings, please reconsider that decision.**

Events and activities, whether sponsored by Central Office, a District, or a Group, have an important impact on "A.A. as a whole." They are another way to **carry the message** and increase participation in the Fellowship. Your thoughtful consideration is appreciated.

Thank you.

Ken L.
Steering Committee Chairman

Any Lengths has moved!!!.....

Lafayette's noon meeting conducted by the Any Length group has moved from Lafayette St. to 710 Jefferson Blvd.

This is on the Northeast side of the Evangeline Thruway at the corner of Ransome St.

This move is in response to the tremendous growth in attendance at the noon meeting. The new location can easily accommodate the turnout and there is adequate parking behind the building.

Groups In Action

The District 13 Treatment and Corrections Committee has need for Groups in the area to sponsor meetings at the Detox Unit of University Medical Center (UMC). These meetings are conducted by one person in one of the secure Detox rooms. By having Groups sponsor a meeting we can be assured of coverage. Please call Casey P. at 234-6474 for details and to volunteer.

It's Chili Cookoff Time!!!

March 20, 2004

St. Jules Parish Hall, Lafayette

6:00 PM Fellowship

7:00 PM Eating

8:00 PM Speaker

Ted G.—Henderson

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ACADIANA AREA CENTRAL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

Minutes from February 15, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Ken L. and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

The attendees were:

<u>Steering Committee</u>		<u>Central Office Representatives, con't.</u>	
Chairman	Ken L		
Secretary	Susan T		
Contact	Lloyd P	12 at 12	Greg C.
Communications	Bill S	Reflections	Carla D.
Treasurer	Bob R.	S. M. F.	Margaret A.
Activities	Steven B.	Faith	Ted F.
		Sun Up	Bob R. (Alt.)
<u>Central Office Representatives</u>		Abbeville Area	Ronnie H.
Design For Living	Janssen C.(13-E Liason)	New Way Group	Gloria L.
Courage To Change	Patrick E.	Truman Group	Jermaine G.
Serenity (N.I)	Jules (Alt.)	Opelousas Group	Alice R.
Serenity (N.I.)	Brent V	Chitimacha AA	Roger C.
Hub City	Susan T (alt)	Chitimacha AA	Aline C. (Alt.)
Scott Group	Jace B	Baldwin AA	Tammy D.

Secretary's Report:

The January minutes were read by Susan T. and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Central Office posted a net loss of (\$583.99) for January, which was transferred from the prudent reserve leaving a working balance of \$2,000.00 and a prudent reserve balance of \$7,743.10. The report was accepted.

Office Manager's Report:

Twelfth –Step calls	2	Meeting information calls	209
Other calls	9	Meeting list mailed/faxed	15
Al-Anon calls	13	Office information calls	8
Walk-ins	151	Sales of merchandise	91

12th-step call list and birthday lists forms still need to be updated & returned to Central Office. Please be sure your home group's name is on the list. The report was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: The annual Chili Cook Off is scheduled for March 20, 2004 at St. Jules. 6pm - fellowship, 7pm - dinner, 8pm – speaker. All Central Office member groups may enter. Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up. Call 991-0830.

Communication: Bill S. reported that 115 Plug-in-Jug newsletters were printed and 105 mailed or delivered. The February issue of Plug-In-Jug is on the web site.

Greg C. reported that as of February 15, there have been 806 hits on the site. We also now have a link from the AA-Louisiana website.

Contact: Lloyd P. reported he visited the Charington and Baldwin groups. Members came and were introduced. Welcome to Central Office, Roger, Aline, and Tammy!

DISTRICT LIAISON REPORTS

District 13E. According to Janssen C., the district's Alternate DCM Secretary, and PICPC positions are vacant.

OLD BUSINESS NONE

NEW BUSINESS Elections for the positions of Chairman, Secretary, and Activities Chairman are coming up. An elections committee was formed, consisting of Brent, Patrick, and Janssen. Nominations should be in by March, with elections in April with new officers taking over in June.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting to be held March 21, 2004 at 6:00pm at 1119-C Johnston St. (behind Domino's)

		FINANCIAL	REP	ORT		
	Feb. 2004	YTD		Group Donations	Feb. 2004	YTD
Starting Bank Balance	\$2,000.00			Abbeville Area		
Income:						
Anonymous				Acadian Gr.		
Coffee Kitty - Meeting List		\$63.00		Any Lengths	\$188.46	\$414.25
COR Meeting	\$17.35	\$29.42				
District 13 (B)				Blvd. Group (Opelousas)		
				Courage To Change (N.I.)		
				Design For Living	\$61.66	\$61.66
Fun Raising				Downtown Gr. (Opelousas)		
Plug In The Jug News Letter	\$69.00	\$165.00		Dry Dock	\$45.00	\$95.00
Rent	\$15.00	\$30.00				
GROUP DONATIONS	\$680.19	\$1,679.52		Faith		
Total Regular Income	\$781.54	\$1,966.94				
Literature Sales	\$1,580.80	\$2,688.50				
Chip Sales	\$310.00	\$862.00				
Sales Income	\$1,890.80	\$3,550.50				
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,672.34	\$5,517.44				
EXPENSES						
Advertisement	\$55.00	\$110.00		Hang In There (Scott)		\$120.00
Answering Service	\$85.00	\$170.00				
Bank Service Charges	\$24.36	\$48.78		Hub City	\$20.00	\$320.00
Copying Expense	\$97.15	\$194.30				
FUN Raising		\$85.00				
Gas Allowance	\$30.00	\$60.00		Krotz Springs Gr.		
Office Expense	\$59.29	\$129.35		Last Chance Acceptance	\$3.00	\$7.00
Payroll	\$600.00	\$1,500.00		Living Sober		
Payroll Taxes (all)	\$45.90	\$116.15		Live & Let Live (K. S.)		
Repair & Maintance						
Postage		\$100.00		New Way (Breux Bridge)		\$89.54
Rent (Office,P.O.Box, Cor)	\$350.00	\$788.07				
Telephone	\$98.45	\$195.13		Northside Gratitude	\$26.00	\$26.00
Utilities	\$39.69	\$71.08				
Workmans Comp.				Opelousas Group		
Secretary of State						
Internet Service Provider	\$56.95	\$116.90				
Website						
				Reflections	\$100.00	\$100.00
REGULAR EXPENSES	\$1,541.79	\$3,684.76		Scott Gr. (Chicken Gumbo)	\$20.07	\$20.07
Literature Purchases	\$922.00	\$1,906.00		Serenity N.I.		
Chips & Specialty Items	\$309.13	\$611.25		Simply Sober		\$15.00
Sales Expenses	\$1,231.13	\$2,517.25		Sisters In Sobriety		
Total Expenses	\$2,772.92	\$6,202.01		Sobriety & Beyond		
				Solution Gr. Ville Platte		
Net Income - Regular	(\$760.25)	(\$1,717.82)				
Net Income - Sales	\$659.67	\$1,033.25		Step By Step	\$25.00	\$75.00
Theft				S.M.F. Gr		\$100.00
Net Income - Total	(\$100.58)	(\$684.57)		Sun Up	\$191.00	\$191.00
				3rd Street Park		\$45.00
Bk. Statement Bal.	\$1,899.42			Truman Gr.		
Prudent Reserve Transfer	\$100.58			12 @ 12 Group		
Reg Working Bk. Bal.	\$2,000.00			Willing To Believe (Duson)		
Prud. Res. Bk. Bal.		\$7,743.10		Willing To Be Willing (Rayne)		
Transferred		(\$100.58)		Total Group Donations	\$680.19	\$1,679.52
Prud. Res. Bk. Bal.		\$7,642.52				



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

655 YEARS OF SOBRIETY



Rick M.	4/1/88 Any Lengths	16 yrs	Bob R.	4/17/91 Sun Up	13 yrs
Gary M.	4/1/01 Serenity Group N.I.	3 yrs	Butch H.	4/17/92 New Way	12 yrs
Liz S.	4/1/02 Area Group Of BB	2 yrs	Louie S.	4/17/94 Design For Living	10 yrs
A.J.L.	4/2/90 Dry Dock	14 yrs	Mary Jane G.	4/18/78 Hub City	26 yrs
Jo C.	4/3/00 Sun Up	4 yrs	Bill T.	4/18/80 Downtown Group	24 yrs
Brian D.	4/3/03 Courage To Change	1 yr	Rosie H.	4/18/82 Area Group Of BB	22 yrs
Wardway L.	4/4/83 Abbeville Area	21 yrs	Joy D.	4/18/02 Courage To Change	2 yrs
Paul P.	4/4/88 Courage To Change	16 yrs	Raquel B.	4/18/03 Abbeville Area	1 yr
Robert F.	4/4/00 Truman Group	4 yrs	Jody H.	4/19/92 Sun Up	12 yrs
Colby M.	4/4/03 Reflections	1 yr	Margaret A.	4/20/82 SMF	22 yrs
Manson C.	4/5/97 Abbeville Area	7 yrs	Eric S.	4/20/03 Any Lengths	1 yr
Jerry L.	4/5/97 Sun Up	7 yrs	Shane M.	4/20/03 Serenity Group N.I.	1 yr
Louis K.	4/6/99 Dry Dock	5 yrs	John T.	4/21/89 Truman Group	15 yrs
Tommy V.	4/7/99 Faith Group	5 yrs	Bill O.	4/21/93 Faith Group	11 yrs
Louis Z.	4/8/99 Design For Living	5 yrs	Kenneth R.	4/21/01 Area Group Of BB	3 yrs
Murray M.	4/9/85 Abbeville Area	19 yrs	Kennith R.	4/21/01 Abbeville Area	3 yrs
Helen R.	4/9/85 Any Lengths	19 yrs	Major L.	4/21/01 Abbeville Area	3 yrs
Jace B.	4/9/85 Scott	19 yrs	James W.	4/21/01 Downtown Group	3 yrs
Glen R.	4/9/87 Downtown Group	17 yrs	Terry B.	4/22/02 Serenity Group N.I.	2 yrs
John T.	4/9/88 Scott	16 yrs	Brad P.	4/22/03 Reflections	1 yr
Patty M.	4/10/94 Downtown Group	10 yrs	Kay P.	4/23/89 Step By Step	15 yrs
Ken G.	4/10/99 Any Lengths	5 yrs	Mark C.	4/24/99 Courage To Change	5 yrs
Ryan R.	4/10/02 Courage To Change	2 yrs	Robert H.	4/24/03 Any Lengths	1 yr
Harvey B.	4/11/03 North Side Gratitude	1 yr	Glenda B.	4/25/94 Faith Group	10 yrs
Jim M.	4/12/93 Hang In There	11 yrs	Walter D.	4/25/01 3rd Street Park Crowley	3 yrs
Joe M.	4/13/99 Abbeville Area	5 yrs	Kathryn H.	4/27/60 Lafayette Group	44 yrs
Lance H.	4/13/99 Faith Group	5 yrs	Joe B.	4/27/95 Sun Up	9 yrs
Cindy F.	4/14/89 Downtown Group	15 yrs	Sam	4/28/72 Serenity Group N.I.	32 yrs
Al B.	4/14/97 Serenity Group N.I.	7 yrs	Keith G.	4/28/88 Dry Dock	16 yrs
Louis C.	4/14/03 Reflections	1 yr	Glynn S.	4/28/98 New Way	6 yrs
Elsie C.	4/15/83 New Way	21 yrs	Paul F.	4/29/02 Abbeville Area	2 yrs
Mike M.	4/15/03 Any Lengths	1 yr	Rod D.	4/30/84 Living Sober	20 yrs
Blaine F.	4/16/02 Abbeville Area	2 yrs	Raymond D.	4/30/88 Last Chance Acceptance	16 yrs
Clinton B.	4/16/02 Opelousas Group	2 yrs			

SICK BAY 2004

Pete R.	Bienvenue
Frank H.	Hub City
Katherine H.	Lafayette
Madeline B.	Last Chance Acceptance
Beldon F.	Queen City/Gratitude
Nell W.	Reflections
Harold S.	Scott
Eloise W.	Sun Up
John D.	Truman Group

Things We Cannot Change (In Memorium)

Kenneth H.	Abbeville Area
Marshall J.	Abbeville Area
Preston W.	Abbeville Area
Irvin C.	Any Lengths
Ernest C.	Hub City
Patty S.	Sat. Nite Live

Our Volunteers

The following Central Office Volunteers are Scheduled to man the Office on the indicated days:

Thursday, Mar.. 18

Friday, Mar. 19

Friday, Mar. 26

Thursday, Apr. 1

Friday, Apr. 2

Friday, Apr. 9

Ed D.

Bill S.

Steven B.

Ed D.

Bill S.

Steven B.

...The Paradox of Hedonism

In *The Will to Meaning* (1969), Frankl states that those who aim directly at happiness do not find it; those whose lives have meaning or purpose apart from their own happiness find happiness as well.

Encyclopedia Britannica

March 21 – May 1, 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 21 4:00PM CCC Committee 1119C Johnston, Laf.. 6:00PM COR 1119C Johnston, Laf	March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27
March 28 4:00 PM Dist. 13 C GSR 1 st Methodist Ch. Corner of Lee & Main, Lafayette	March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3 Opelousas Group Speaker and Dance 413 S. Liberty St. Opelousas
April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9	April 10
April 11 6:30PM District 13 T & C, PI/CPC 300 E. Martial, Laf.	April 12	April 13	April 14 6:00PM District 13E 115 Leonie St. Laf. 7:00PM District 13B Village DuLac, 1404 Carmel Ave. Lafayette	April 15	April 16 8:00PM Lake Area Roundup. Lake Charles Civic Center, Lake Charles	April 17 10:00AM Lake Area Roundup, Lake Charles Civic Center, Lake Charles Julia S., Speaker Gloria K., Speaker John S., Speaker
April 18 10:00AM Lake Area Roundup 4:00PM CCC Committee 1119C Johnston, Laf.. 6:00PM COR 1119C Johnston, Laf	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23 7:00PM Sobriety Under the Sun Kemper Williams Park, Patterson	April 24 2:00PM Sobriety Under the Sun Kemper Williams Park, Patterson
April 25 10:00AM Sobriety Under the Sun, Patterson 4:00 PM Dist. 13 C GSR 1 st Methodist Ch. Corner of Lee & Main, Lafayette	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1

Acadiana Area Central Office

Annual

CHILI COOK-OFF



SAT. March 20th
@ St. Jules Church Hall

You CAN win...



but, you have to
ENTER!

6:00 Fellowship

7:00 Eating

8:00 Speaker (TED G. - Henderson)

A - L Salad & toppings

M - Z Sweets & goodies

50/50 Raffle