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# Plug-in-Jug News

## FEBRUARY 2005

**“For our group purpose there is one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience; our leaders are but trusted servants, the do not govern.”**

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#### COR Meeting

February 20, 2005

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

Bar-B-Que

Close with the Lord's Prayer

### Central Office Chili Cookoff Up Next

The annual Central Office Chili Cookoff will take place on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at the Riverside Church of Christ, 111 Camellia Blvd. (At Johnston).

Fellowship starts at 5:00PM. Eating is at 7:00PM. Kathy R. of Reflections Group will speak at 8:00PM.

The Chili Cookoff is a competition between AA Groups as to who can make the best chili in Acadiana. There will be a judging and awards given for the best chili. All Acadiana Area AA Groups are encouraged to participate. Guests A-L are requested to bring a side dish. Guests M-Z bring dessert. For additional information contact Todd D., 280-4877.

### Louisiana State Con- vention Slated for March

The 47th annual Louisiana State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will take place on the weekend of March 25th through March 27th, 2005 at the Landmark Hotel, 2601 Severn Ave., Metairie, LA. Hotel reservation can be made at 1-800-277-7575.

It will open on Friday, the

25th at 8:00PM, and close with the 10:00AM speaker on Sunday, the 27th.

### New Group in Mel- ville

The One Day At A Time group will be meeting three nights a week in Melville. The meetings will be Open Discussion and will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 8:00PM. They will take place at 245 Majors Road, off Hwy. 105 three miles from Melville. For more information call Jim at 337-623-0515 or 337-351-2649.

### From The Big Book

“If you have a resentment you want to be free of, if you will pray for the person or the thing that you resent, you will be free. Ask for their health, their prosperity, their happiness, and you will be free. Even when you don't really want it for them and your prayers are only words and you don't mean it, go ahead and do it anyway. Do it every day for two weeks, and you will find you have come to mean it and to want it for them, and you will realize that where you used to feel bitterness and resentment and hatred, you now feel compassionate understanding

and love.”

It worked for me then, and it has worked for me every time since, and it will work for me every time I am willing to work it. Sometimes I have to ask first for willingness, but it too always comes. And because it works for me, it will work for all of us. As another great man says, “The only real freedom a human being can ever know is doing what you ought to do because you want to do it.”

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### And Finally,

An employee of the department of roads and highways just might be an AA member. When he was operating his grader on busy roads, traffic was halted on one side of the road, and the line-ups of cars on each side were allowed to pass alternately.

Thinking one day about the people who must wait in line, he decided to do something to ease their irritation.

On the front and back of his grader he placed a sign declaring: “The road to serenity is almost always under construction.”

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**ACADIANA AREA CENTRAL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES MEETING  
Minutes from January 16, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by Susan T. and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

The attendees were:

<u>Steering Committee</u>	<u>Central Office Representatives</u>
Chairman Susan T	New Way Group of BB Gloria
Vice Chairman James L	Reflections Kathy R
Activities Todd D	Scott Group Rod S
Contact Lloyd P	Simply Sober Erica T
Newsletter Bill S	Sobriety and Beyond Eddy P
Treasurer Bob R	Sun Up Robert R
Office Manager Pat d	Third Street Park James L
<u>Central Office Representatives</u>	Serenity N.I. Lloyd P
A Design for Living Michael H	Step by Step Sherri C
Area Group of Breaux Bridge Bill S	Faith Ted F
Abbeville Area Bobby H	Northside Gratitude Mary C
Any Lengths Artie L	
Courage to Change Patrick E	
Freedom's Choice Susan T	

The **November minutes** were read by Schanda C and accepted as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob R reported a starting balance of 2,000.00, a regular total income of 2339.02, a sales income of 2516.55, for a total income of 4855.57. The regular expenses were 3026.62, sales expenses were 2630.25, for a total of expenses of 5656.87 for the month of December. The net income total was 228.31. We then transferred 228.31 to the prudent reserve, leaving 2,000.00 for the regular working balance. The report was accepted.

**Office Manager's Report:**

4 Twelve-Step calls	220 Meeting information calls	9 Other calls	2 Meeting lists mailed
2 Meeting Lists faxed	2 Al-Anon info	149 Walk-ins	90 Sales of merchandise
5 Internet Inquiries			

For the year 2004 we sold 1509 Big Books, 6 French, Spanish and 1 Korean. 565 12&12's, 516 Daily Reflections. We also sold our 1<sup>st</sup> CD of the Big Book.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Activities:** Susan T said thanks to Todd D for his hard work on the Christmas Party. Todd said thanks to Sobriety and Beyond for bringing the tables and chairs. Report accepted.

**Communication:** Bill S reported that 120 newsletters were printed and 110 were distributed. Bill S.'s report was accepted.

**Contact:** Lloyd P. said that Schanda C gave a hand out to the steering committee reporting groups that have not attended the CO meeting in over a year. Some of those groups contribute financially, others don't. Financial contributions are not the sole goal. Kathy R was at Sunday Monday Fellowship, no fliers were in folder. She will get current fliers to the group. Bill mentioned that perhaps fliers/plug in the jug gets to the individual and they are unaware that it is intended for the group. Central Office does send out the mailers to a contact at Sunday Morning Fellowship. James M carried the message to Opelousas and planted the seed about the Christmas Party. Schanda C will go talk to the Downtown Group to invite them to the CO meeting. Erica T, will speak with Sisters in Sobriety. James L will also do some outreaching for the Central Office. John from Sun Up made a comment that perhaps some groups want to get involved in some things, but not necessarily the social functions. Patrick said that we just want everyone to be aware.

**Website:** No report.

**DISTRICT LIAISON REPORTS**

**District 13E:** Carrie said that the GSR's have a budget for 2005 and that Louis Z is the new alternate DCM for 13E.

**District 13B:** James L. reported that the 3 Legacies workshop was beautiful, but only 15 attended. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Park is still doing the

## OLD BUSINESS

Todd D said that the Chili cook off will be February 26<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Church of Christ. Kathy R will be the speaker. There will be a 50/50 raffle and donations will be taken at the door. Please ask your group to come out and participate and/or cook some chili. Hot, cold, beans, or no beans are welcome.

## NEW BUSINESS

Todd D is looking at dates for the BBQ. Perhaps June would be good. We will want to reserve the park soon. Todd asked if we want to have a Hawaiian Luau and give out free lays. All were in favor. Todd purchased a box of lays and will need to be reimbursed 47 dollars and some change. Not many people were in favor of having the function on Memorial Day weekend. We decided to try for a date in June that does not conflict with other AA activities.

Susan T reminded everyone that elections will take place in April, and go into effect in June. Nominations will need to be made in March. We will need to have an election committee in place for February. The available positions will be Vice-chairman, Treasurer, Contact, and Newsletter. The only requirement is 2 years of sobriety. Artie asked about the responsibilities for the Contact Chair. It is an Outreach job; it is in place to assist the groups, and to promote communication between the group and the area Central Office.

Todd D made a proposal that Pat d be given a written reprimand for a # of reasons. He requested that this be brought back to the groups, and that the COR's return with their group conscious. Todd also reported that Ken (previous chairman) had done 2 evaluations on Pat's performance. There was much discussion back and forth amongst the attendees. Al from Sun Up said that it was not appropriate to discuss this since Pat was no longer present to respond to these points. He expressed his frustrations and made it known that he greatly opposed this motion being made. A few people commented that Pat has a boss and that these matters should be addressed in that manner. It was brought up again by Schanda C, James L, Erica T, and perhaps some others that this matter should be handled through the steering committee and not during the COR Meeting. However, the discussion continued in a heated manner. Susan T said this was the 1<sup>st</sup> she had heard of this, she was upset. Todd said that he was unaware that he should have gone to her boss and that addressing it at the COR Meeting was what he had thought was the proper formality. He said that he would have handled things differently had he known that other measures should have been taken. Todd . Todd rescinded the motion. Todd, Susan, and Pat will sit down together and further discuss measures to be taken.

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

**Next meeting to be held February 20, 2005 at 6:00 PM at 1119-C Johnston (behind Domino's).**

## Office Manager's Corner

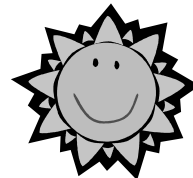
### For the month of January, the Office Mgr. Pat d. reports the following activity:

12-Step Calls	5
Meeting Info Calls	227
Walk Ins	153
Office Information	2
Al-Anon Info	3
Other Calls	4
Meeting Lists Faxed	11
Internet Inquiries	9
Sales of Merchandise	80
Meeting Lists Mailed	3
P-I-J Renewals	15

### The following members served as volunteers manning the office on Thursdays and Fridays during the month of January:

Jan. 6	Bill S.
Jan. 7	Preston A.
Jan. 13	Preston A.
Jan. 14	Ed G.
Jan. 20	Greg C.
Jan. 21	Denise H..
Jan. 27	Denise H.
Jan. 28	Bill S.

## The Sunlight Of The Spirit



	Acadiana Central Office			
	2005	FINANCIAL	REPORT	
	January	YTD	Group Donations	January YTD
Starting Bank Balance	\$2,000.00		Abbeville Area	
<b>INCOME</b>				
Anonymous	\$0.00		Acadian Gr.	\$50.00 \$50.00
Coffee Kitty - Meeting List	\$0.00		Any Lengths	\$220.41 \$220.41
COR Meeting	\$19.70	\$19.70		
Alcathon			Blvd. Group (Opelousas)	
Chili Cook Off			Courage To Change (N.I.)	
Barbeque			Design For Living	\$88.00 \$88.00
Christmas Party			Downtown Gr. (Opelousas)	\$52.14 \$52.14
Plug In The Jug News Lette	\$180.00	\$180.00	Dry Dock	
Rent	\$15.00	\$15.00		
Group Donations	\$731.75	\$731.75	Faith	
Total Regular Income	<b>\$946.45</b>	<b>\$946.45</b>		
Literature Sales	\$1,793.90	\$1,793.90	Freedoms Choice	
Chips & Speciality Items	\$579.00	\$579.00		
Sales Income	<b>\$2,372.90</b>	<b>\$2,372.90</b>		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,319.35</b>	<b>\$3,319.35</b>		
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Advertisement	\$58.00	\$58.00	Hang In There (Scott)	
Answering Service	\$85.00	\$85.00		
Bank Service Charges			Hub City	
Copying Expense			In Step (N.I.)	
Chili Cook Off				
Barbeque	\$47.49	\$47.49	Krotz Springs Gr.	
Christmas Party			Last Chance Acceptance	\$11.00 \$11.00
Alcathon			Living Sober	
Gas Allowance	\$30.00	\$30.00	Live & Let Live (K. S.)	
Office Expense	\$91.89	\$91.89		
Payroll	\$600.00	\$600.00	New Way (Breux Bridge)	
Payroll Taxes (all)	\$48.20	\$48.20		
Repair & Maintance			Northside Gratitude	\$28.50 \$28.50
Postage				
Rent ( All )	\$488.07	\$488.07	Opelousas Group	
Telephone	\$102.24	\$102.24		
Utilities	\$31.10	\$31.10	Queen City/ Gratitude (N.I.)	\$38.30 \$38.30
Workmans Comp.			Reflections	
Secretary of State			Scott Gr. (Nov. Gumbo)	\$180.40 \$180.40
Equip Key Bd, pad, Phone			Serenity N.I.	\$50.00 \$50.00
Computer			Simply Sober	
Internet Service Provider	\$59.95	\$59.95	Sisters In Sobriety	
Website	\$27.00	\$27.00	Sobriety & Beyond	
Regular Expenses	<b>\$1,668.94</b>	<b>\$1,668.94</b>	Solution Gr. Ville Platte	
Literature Purchases	\$1,047.00	\$1,047.00	Spring Group Port Barre	
Chips & Specialty Items	\$570.30	\$570.30	Step Into Recovery	\$13.00 \$13.00
Sales Expenses	<b>\$1,617.30</b>	<b>\$1,617.30</b>	Step By Step	
Total Expenses	<b>\$3,286.24</b>	<b>\$3,286.24</b>	S.M.F. Gr	
			Sun Up	
Net Income - Regular	<b>-\$722.49</b>	<b>-\$722.49</b>	3rd Street Park	
Net Income - Sales	<b>\$755.60</b>	<b>\$755.60</b>	Truman Gr.	
Theft			12 @ 12 Group	
Net Income - Total	<b>\$33.11</b>	<b>\$33.11</b>	Willing To Believe (Duson)	
Bk. Statement Bal.	\$2,033.11	31-Jan-05	Willing To Be Willing (Rayne)	
Prudent Reserve Transfer	<b>-\$33.11</b>		<b>Total Group Donations</b>	<b>731.75 731.75</b>
Reg Working Bk. Bal.	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	1-Feb-05		
Prud. Res. Bk. Bal.(Old)	<b>\$6,630.96</b>	31-Jan-05		
Transferred	<b>\$33.11</b>			
Prud. Res. Bk. Bal.(New)	<b>\$6,664.07</b>	1-Feb-05		



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

## 783 YEARS OF SOBRIETY



Jim H.	3/1/03 Courage To Change	2 yrs	Sean H.	3/12/00 Simply Sober	5 yrs
Valerie B.	3/1/03 Refections	2 yrs	James M.	3/12/03 Any Lengths	2 yrs
Ravis R.	3/2/03 Serenity Group N.I.	2 yrs	Walter S.	3/16/84 New Way	21 yrs
Ted G.	3/3/79 Sobriety & Beyond	26 yrs	Michael R.	3/16/01 Dry Dock	4 yrs
Charlie P.	3/3/82 Dry Dock	23 yrs	Dennis H.	3/17/02 Sun Up	3 yrs
Randy S.	3/3/85 SMF Group	20 yrs	Pat d.	3/19/79 Sun Up	26 yrs
Betty L.	3/3/87 Opelousas Group	18 yrs	Ronald C.	3/19/00 New Way	5 yrs
Andrew R.	3/3/94 Opelousas Group	11 yrs	Mitch S.	3/19/03 New Way	2 yrs
Paul S.	3/3/97 Liberty Group	8 yrs	John O'D	3/20/84 Dry Dock	21 yrs
Larry L.	3/3/99 Sun Up	6 yrs	Lynn B.	3/20/96 New Way	9 yrs
Carl C.	3/3/00 Courage To Change	5 yrs	Dave B.	3/21/84 Rayne, Willing To Be Willing	21 yrs
Jason R.	3/3/03 Sun Up	2 yrs	Dave B.	3/21/84 Willing To Be Willing	21 yrs
Bobby H.	3/4/78 Sun Up	27 yrs	Madelyn B.	3/22/81 Last Chance Acceptance	24 yrs
Rick S.	3/4/88 Design For Living	17 yrs	Tommy D.	3/22/98 Hang In There	7 yrs
Sue B.	3/4/88 Hub City	17 yrs	Floyd C.	3/23/93 Any Lengths	12 yrs
Harold L.	3/4/91 Abbeville Area	14 yrs	Dennis B	3/23/04 Duson Willing To Believe	1 yr
Marilyn T.	3/4/00 Abbeville Area	5 yrs	Michelle D.	3/25/93 Downtown Group	12 yrs
James S.	3/4/02 Courage To Change	3 yrs	Cindy R.	3/25/98 Willing To Be Willing	7 yrs
Danielle N.	3/4/02 Downtown Group	3 yrs	Johnny L.	3/25/03 Courage To Change	2 yrs
Craig W.	3/6/00 Serenity Group N.I.	5 yrs	Kay G.	3/25/03 Opelousas Group	2 yrs
Diana F.	3/7/82 3rd Street Park Crowley	23 yrs	Pam T.	3/25/03 Refections	2 yrs
Jeff L.	3/7/00 Hang In There	5 yrs	Christy F.	3/26/90 Downtown Group	15 yrs
Terry T.	3/7/04 Sun Up	1 yr	Phil W.	3/26/01 New Way	4 yrs
Mary Ann D.	3/8/96 Sun Up	9 yrs	Pat C.	3/26/01 Sobriety & Beyond	4 yrs
Jeff C.	3/8/00 Abbeville Area	5 yrs	Robin W.	3/26/02 Faith Group	3 yrs
Ray W.	3/9/91 3rd Street Park Crowley	14 yrs	Mike A.	3/26/03 Refections	2 yrs
Grego	3/9/94 Serenity Group N.I.	11 yrs		Live & Let Live Krotz	
Gina S.	3/9/04 Sun Up	1 yr	Margaret A.	3/27/77 Springs	28 yrs
Ronnie B.	3/9/04 Sun Up	1 yr	Eddie P.	3/27/87 Sobriety & Beyond	18 yrs
Gary B.	3/10/97 Last Chance Acceptance	8 yrs	Tommy R.	3/27/88 Last Chance Acceptance	17 yrs
Henry P.	3/10/02 Courage To Change	3 yrs	Margret S.	3/28/84 3rd Street Park Crowley	21 yrs
Cheri Lea M.	3/10/02 Design For Living	3 yrs	Bill B.	3/28/87 Courage To Change	18 yrs
Gregory G.	3/10/03 Abbeville Area	2 yrs	Susie B.	3/28/00 Any Lengths	5 yrs
Larry B.	3/10/03 Courage To Change	2 yrs	Phyllis B.	3/28/02 Faith Group	3 yrs
Winston B.	3/11/93 Abbeville Area	12 yrs	Wade M.	3/29/87 Abbeville Area	18 yrs
Rodney L.	3/11/93 Any Lengths	12 yrs	Joe R.	3/29/00 Lafayette Group	5 yrs
Jeff M.	3/11/98 Sun Up	7 yrs	Robert R.	3/29/01 Courage To Change	4 yrs
Owen O.	3/11/99 Courage To Change	6 yrs	Jessie O'D.	3/30/84 Refections	21 yrs
Nick T.	3/11/00 Opelousas Group	5 yrs	Anthony T.	3/30/01 Courage To Change	4 yrs
Samuel C.	3/12/87 Area Group Of BB	18 yrs	Tonny P.	3/31/03 Primary Purpose	2 yrs
Irvin P.	3/12/87 Courage To Change	18 yrs			

### SICK BAY 2005

<b>Pete R.</b>	<b>Bienvenue</b>
<b>Katherine H.</b>	<b>Lafayette</b>
<b>Madelyn B.</b>	<b>Last Chance Acceptance</b>
<b>Beldon F.</b>	<b>Queen City/Gratitude</b>
<b>Celeste L.</b>	<b>Reflections</b>
<b>John D.</b>	<b>Truman Group</b>

### Things We Cannot Change (In Memoriam)

<b>Dot. M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Fellowship</b>
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**February 20 – April 2, 2005**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>February 20</b> 4:00PM CCC Committee 1119C Johnston, Laf.. 6:00PM COR 1119C Johnston, Laf	<b>February 21</b>	<b>February 22</b>	<b>February 23</b>	<b>February 24</b>	<b>February 25</b>	<b>February 26</b> 5:00PM Central Office Chili Cookoff, Riverside Church of Christ, Camellia Blvd., Lafayette
<b>February 27</b> 4:00 PM Dist. 13 C GSR 1 <sup>st</sup> Methodist Ch. Corner of Lee & Main, Lafayette	<b>February 28</b>	<b>March 1</b>	<b>March 2</b>	<b>March 3</b>	<b>March 4</b>	<b>March 5</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>March 7</b>	<b>March 8</b>	<b>March 9</b> 6:00PM District 13E 115 Leonie St. Laf.  7:00PM District 13B Village DuLac, 1404 Carmel Ave. Lafayette	<b>March 10</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<b>March 12</b>
<b>March 13</b> 6:30PM District 13 T & C, PI/CPC 300 E. Martial, Laf	<b>March 14</b>	<b>March 15</b>	<b>March 16</b>	<b>March 17</b>	<b>March 18</b>	<b>March 19</b>
<b>March 20</b> 4:00PM CCC Committee 1119C Johnston, Laf.. 6:00PM COR 1119C Johnston, Laf	<b>March 21</b>	<b>March 22</b>	<b>March 23</b>	<b>March 24</b>	<b>March 25</b> 8:00PM Louisiana State Convention, Landmark Hotel, 2601 Severn Ave., Metairie	<b>March 26</b> 9:00AM Louisiana State Convention, Landmark Hotel, 2601 Severn Ave., Metairie
<b>March 27</b> 10:00AM Louisiana State Convention, Landmark Hotel, 2601 Severn Ave., Metairie 4:00 PM Dist. 13 C GSR 1 <sup>st</sup> Methodist Ch. Corner of Lee & Main, Lafayette	<b>March 28</b>	<b>March 29</b>	<b>March 30</b>	<b>March 31</b>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>April 2</b>