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“Each group has one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

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## END OF TERM REPORT – MAY 2004

*To the Acadiana Area Member Groups*

The responsibilities of the Central Office Chairperson, as they appear in our By-Laws, include attending and conducting Steering Committee and COR meetings, appointing committees, overseeing all activities of the Central Office, being co-signatory on all payments made and supervising the day-to-day activities of the office and its employee(s). I have taken these duties seriously, perhaps too seriously at times, in an attempt to 1) stabilize our finances, 2) upgrade our capabilities, 3) improve participation and 4) solidify our responsibility to be of service to our member groups, whose main job it is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. I can not be the best judge of whether this effort has been successful, but I believe that it mostly has. And to the extent that this is true I want to express my gratitude and thanks to each A.A. member, Officer and, most of all, each Central Office Representative who has actively participated in the process these past few years. You have all done a great job. Keep up the good work.

Ken L., Central Office Chairperson

### COR Meeting

May 16, 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

B-B-Q Planning

New Business

None

Close with the Lord's Prayer

## Election Results Three New Committee Members

The election of three members of the Central Office Steering Committee took place at the April COR meeting. They are Chairperson, Secretary and Activities Chair. The election of all three was by unanimous vote. Your new trusted servants are:

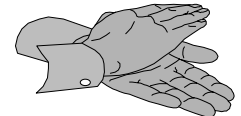
**Chairman**  
**Secretary**  
**Activities**

**Susan T.**  
**Schanda C.**  
**Todd D.**

They will commence their terms of service in June 2004 and serve for two years. Susan is the former Secretary and Schanda and Todd are new to the committee.

## Our Gratitude

Central Office wishes to thank **Steven B.** for his great work as the interim Activities



Chairman in the last year. Steven was also a volunteer at Central Office, manning the phones on Thursdays and Fridays.

We wish him the best in his new endeavors in Baton Rouge, and look forward to see him at local meetings when he gets a chance to visit us.

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# ACADIANA AREA CENTRAL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

Minutes from April 18, 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	Hub City	Susan T (alt)
Secretary	Susan T	Scott Group	Jace B
Contact	Lloyd P	12 at 12	Greg C.
Communications	Bill S	S. M. F.	Todd D. (alt.)
Treasurer	Bob R.	Sun Up	Bob R. (Alt.)
Co-Chairman	James L.	New Way	Gloria T.
<u>Central Office Representatives</u>		Serenity	Jules D.
Design For Living	Janssen C. (13-E Liason)	Simply Sober	Erica T.
Third Street Park	James L. (Alt.)	Faith	Ted F.
Opelousas Group	Alice R.	Sobriety & Beyond	Eddy P.
Any Lengths	Michelle S.	Reflections	Carla D.
Abbeville Area	Bobby H.	Back to Basics	George A.

## **Secretary's Report:**

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

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Central Office posted a net gain of \$116.14 for March, which was transferred to the prudent reserve leaving a working balance of \$2,000.00 and a prudent reserve balance of \$7,758.66. The report was accepted.

## **Office Manager's Report:**

Twelfth –Step calls	10	Meeting information calls	274
Other calls	11	Meeting list mailed/faxed	15
Al-Anon calls	11	Office information calls	9
Walk-ins	180	Sales of merchandise	78
Internet inquiries	12		

Two new books, Spiritual Awakening and Thank You For Sharing, are now available.

The report was accepted.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Activities:** Chili Cook-Off results: Income: \$715.35 Expense: \$524.87 Net: \$190.48.

**Communication:** Bill S. reported that 115 Plug-in-Jug newsletters were printed and 105 mailed or delivered. A new proposed one-sheet format for our meeting list is included. Any feedback is welcomed.

Greg C. reported as of March 21, there have been 1307 hits on the web site.

**Contact:** Lloyd is scheduled to meet with Back to Basics, a new group in New Iberia. He needs committee volunteers to help with Lafayette and other areas.

## **DISTRICT LIAISON REPORTS**

**District 13E** Alternate DCM and PIPCP positions remain vacant. Janssen reminded us of an Inventory Workshop Saturday, April 24 at 1:00 to be held at Riverside Church of Christ.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

#Elections were held for three Steering Committee positions:

Our new officers are: Chairman - Susan T. Secretary - Schanda C. Activities – Todd D.

#Proposed By-Laws Amendment: Adding a paragraph to Article XIV extending the duties of the Web Subcommittee to devise a computer-use policy. Passed 14 – 0

#A motion establishing a basic computer-use policy also passed 13 – 0, with 1 abstention.

#Bar-B-Que preparations are being handled by Todd D (incoming Activities Chair). He will check into places and dates available and report back at the May meeting. Other BBQ-Committee members include: Michelle S., James L., Lloyd P., and Carla D.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Revised meeting schedules are out. Please check your group's information for accuracy. Also let Pat d. know of any corrections needed to the Plug-in-Jug birthday list each month.
- A.A.W.S. has altered Big Book prices again. It was passed by a vote of 14 - 2 to maintain our pricing at unit cost. Big Books will be \$6.00 for hardback and \$5.60 for soft cover as of July 1, 2004.

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

Next meeting to be held May 16, 2004 at 6:00pm at 1119-C Johnston St. (behind Domino's)

	Acadiana Central Office					
		FINANCIAL	REPORT			
	Apr. 2004	YTD		Group Donations	Apr.2004	YTD
<b>Starting Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>			Abbeville Area		\$40.00
<b>Income:</b>						
Anonymous						
Coffee Kitty - Meeting List	\$63.50	\$126.50		Any Lengths		\$414.25
COR Meeting	\$22.00	\$68.67				
District 13 (B)				Blvd. Group (Opelousas)		
				Courage To Change (N.I.)		
				Design For Living		\$61.66
Fun Raising		\$422.58		Downtown Gr. (Opelousas)	\$238.82	\$238.82
Plug In The Jug News Letter	\$20.00	\$216.00		Dry Dock	\$60.00	\$215.00
Rent	\$15.00	\$60.00				
<b>GROUP DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$801.82</b>	<b>\$3,770.94</b>		Faith		\$807.60
<b>Total Regular Income</b>	<b>\$922.32</b>	<b>\$4,664.69</b>				
Literature Sales	\$1,647.95	\$5,934.25				
Chip Sales	\$589.00	\$1,948.50				
<b>Sales Income</b>	<b>\$2,236.95</b>	<b>\$7,882.75</b>				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,159.27</b>	<b>\$12,547.44</b>				
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Advertisement	\$55.00	\$220.00		Hang In There (Scott)		\$120.00
Answering Service	\$85.00	\$340.00				
Bank Service Charges	\$24.50	\$98.57		Hub City		\$320.00
Copying Expense		\$291.45				
FUN Raising		\$232.10				
Gas Allowance	\$30.00	\$120.00		Krotz Springs Gr.		
Office Expense	\$32.26	\$217.66		Last Chance Acceptance	\$6.00	\$13.00
Payroll	\$600.00	\$2,700.00		Living Sober		
Payroll Taxes (all)	\$50.73	\$223.18		Live & Let Live (K. S.)		
Repair & Maintance						
Postage		\$300.00		New Way (BreauX Bridge)		\$89.54
Rent (Office,P.O.Box, Cor)	\$438.07	\$1,576.14				
Telephone	\$102.13	\$431.27		Northside Gratitude	\$47.00	\$73.00
Utilities	\$21.04	\$123.17				
Workmans Comp.				Opelousas Group		\$30.00
Secretary of State	\$5.00	\$5.00				
Internet Service Provider	\$65.95	\$239.80				
Website	\$83.70	\$83.70				
Compuator Expense		19.99				
				Reflections		\$200.00
<b>REGULAR EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,593.38</b>	<b>\$7,222.03</b>		Scott Group		\$20.07
Literature Purchases	\$1,961.10	\$5,677.80		Serenity N.I.	\$50.00	\$160.00
Chips & Specialty Items	\$346.78	\$958.03		Simply Sober		\$15.00
<b>Sales Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,307.88</b>	<b>\$6,635.83</b>		Sisters In Sobriety		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,901.26</b>	<b>\$13,857.86</b>		Sobriety & Beyond		
				Solution Gr. Ville Platte		
Net Income - Regular	(\$671.06)	(\$2,557.34)		Spring Group Port Barre		\$57.00
Net Income - Sales	(\$70.93)	\$1,246.92		Step By Step		\$110.00
Theft				S.M.F. Gr		\$100.00
<b>Net Income - Total</b>	<b>(\$741.99)</b>	<b>(\$1,310.42)</b>		Sun Up	\$400.00	\$591.00
				3rd Street Park		\$95.00
<b>Bk. Statement Bal.</b>	<b>\$1,258.01</b>			Truman Gr.		
<b>Prudent Reserve Transfer</b>	<b>\$741.99</b>			12 @ 12 Group		
<b>Reg Working Bk. Bal.</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>			Willing To Believe (Duson)		
<b>Prud. Res. Bk. Bal.</b>		<b>\$7,758.66</b>		Willing To Be Willing (Rayne)		
<b>Transferred</b>		<b>(\$741.99)</b>		<b>Total Group Donations</b>	<b>\$801.82</b>	<b>\$3,770.94</b>
<b>Prud. Res. Bk. Bal.</b>		<b>\$7,016.67</b>				



# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

## 823 YEARS OF SOBRIETY



Pat A.	6/1/83 Queen City/Gratitude	21 yrs	Larry M.	6/16/03 Courage To Change	1 yr
Terry T.	6/1/86 Hub City	18 yrs	Amelia W.	6/17/91 Liberty St. Group	13 yrs
Jim M.	6/1/98 Lafayette Group	6 yrs	Sandra R.	6/17/01 Opelousas Group	3 yrs
James B.	6/1/99 Abbeville Area	5 yrs	Bill R.	6/18/87 Downtown Group	17 yrs
Kakin B	6/1/99 Step By Step	5 yrs	Suzette W.	6/18/03 3rd Street Park	1 yr
Antone K.	6/1/03 Refections	1 yr	Adria R.	6/18/03 Any Lengths	1 yr
Kelly B.	6/1/03 Serenity Group N.I.	1 yr	Dana D,	6/19/03 Courage To Change	1 yr
Al L.	6/2/90 Sun Up	14 yrs	Gloria K.	6/20/80 New Way	24 yrs
Patty S.	6/2/00 Lafayette Group	4 yrs	Blaine T.	6/20/97 Sun Up	7 yrs
Irvin G.	6/3/81 Crowley 3rd St. Park	23 yrs	Mona B.	6/20/98 Sun Up	6 yrs
Adam S.	6/3/88 Abbeville Area	16 yrs	Dave H.	6/20/00 Abbeville Area	4 yrs
Marcelle T.	6/3/01 Any Lengths	3 yrs	Kurt L.	6/21/84 Abbeville Area	20 yrs
Tony T.	6/3/03 Serenity Group N.I.	1 yr	Michelle D.	6/21/93 Back To Basics	11 yrs
Ben B.	6/3/03 Queen City/Gratitude	1 yr	Jason V.	6/21/99 Faith Group	5 yrs
Percy M.	6/4/94 Opelousas Group	10 yrs	Francis L.	6/21/99 Lafayette Group	5 yrs
Jeffery S.	6/4/97 Sun Up	7 yrs	George I.	6/21/99 Lafayette Group	5 yrs
Raymond B.	6/4/02 Area Group Of BB	2 yrs	Wilfred M.	6/22/92 Area Group Of BB	12 yrs
Butch R.	6/5/88 Faith Group	16 yrs	Kenneth G.	6/22/92 Northside Gratitude	12 yrs
Wayne F.	6/5/89 Faith Group	15 yrs	Wilfred M.	6/22/92 Area Group Of BB	12 yrs
Joseph S.	6/5/96 Faith Group	8 yrs	Trina M.	6/22/94 Abbeville Area	10 yrs
Henry D.	6/5/00 Abbeville Area	4 yrs	Jim F.	6/22/99 Sun Up	5 yrs
Chris G.	6/5/00 Abbeville Area	4 yrs	Melissa R.	6/22/00 Courage To Change	4 yrs
Donna P.	6/5/00 Abbeville Area	4 yrs	Michael J.	6/22/01 Scott	3 yrs
Ken D.	6/5/03 Serenity Group N.I.	1 yr	Sam K.	6/22/02 Refections	2 yrs
Stuart A.	6/5/03 Courage To Change	1 yr	BoBoy D.	6/22/03 Courage To Change	1 yr
Denise V.	6/6/95 Back To Basics	9 yrs	Colby M.	6/22/03 Downtown Group	1 yr
Russell L.	6/6/01 Abbeville Area	3 yrs	Stephen B.	6/23/91 Serenity Group N.I.	13 yrs
Celina M.	6/6/02 Any Lengths	2 yrs	Blue S.	6/23/99 Liberty St. Group	5 yrs
Steve F.	6/7/88 Sun Up	16 yrs	Ray B.	6/23/99 Living Sober	5 yrs
Andy W.	6/8/98 Living Sober	6 yrs	Marion M.	6/24/90 Faith Group	14 yrs
Raymond B.	6/8/99 Abbeville Area	5 yrs	Charlotte L.	6/24/96 New Way	8 yrs
Ellen H.	6/8/03 Any Lengths	1 yr	Brent W.	6/24/99 Liberty St. Group	5 yrs
Paul F.	6/8/03 Duson Willing To Believe	1 yr	James R.	6/24/01 Last Chance Acceptance	3 yrs
Liz S.	6/9/00 Lafayette Group	4 yrs	Norwood N.	6/24/02 Serenity Group N.I.	2 yrs
Todd M.	6/9/01 Abbeville Area	3 yrs	Mark R.	6/24/02 Faith Group	2 yrs
Jeff L.	6/10/94 Scott	10 yrs	Rodney B.	6/25/98 Hub City	6 yrs
Zach T.	6/10/99 Hang In There	5 yrs	Kay F.	6/25/00 Faith Group	4 yrs
Scott P.	6/10/02 Any Lengths	2 yrs	Kyle S.	6/25/00 Faith Group	4 yrs
Dickie B.	6/10/03 Refections	1 yr	Craig L.	6/25/01 Dry Dock	3 yrs
Laurie O.	6/10/03 Courage To Change	1 yr	Tuffy	6/25/02 Courage To Change	2 yrs
Rodney M.	6/11/94 Back To Basics	10 yrs	Audrey T.	6/26/65 Queen City/Gratitude	39 yrs
Walt W.	6/11/00 Courage To Change	4 yrs	Rixby B.	6/27/76 Bienvenue	28 yrs
Jeffery B.	6/11/01 Hub City	3 yrs	Bobby Joe	6/27/95 Liberty St. Group	9 yrs
Darrell L.	6/11/02 New Way	2 yrs	Doug M.	6/27/99 Lafayette Group	5 yrs
Chris B.	6/12/03 Abbeville Area	1 yr	Herman S.	6/28/85 Abbeville Area	19 yrs
Pete R.	6/13/83 Bienvenue	21 yrs	Lloyd H.	6/28/95 New Way	9 yrs
John A.	6/13/00 Simply Sober	4 yrs	Mike V.	6/28/99 Abbeville Survival	5 yrs
Virginia H.	6/13/03 Any Lengths	1 yr	Louis B.	6/28/99 Any Lengths	5 yrs
Will G.	6/14/81 Courage To Change	23 yrs	Rusty R	6/29/89 Serenity Group N.I.	15 yrs
Rebecca F.	6/14/02 Any Lengths	2 yrs	Evelyne G.	6/29/93 New Way	11 yrs
Scotty R.	6/14/03 Courage To Change	1 yr	Rijhanelle W.	6/29/02 Courage To Change	2 yrs
Nanson H.	6/15/80 Abbeville Area	24 yrs	Mike H	6/29/03 Refections	1 yr
Jeff L.	6/16/98 Hang In There	6 yrs	Cuz A.	6/30/85 Duson Willing To Believe	19 yrs
Carla D.	6/16/01 Refections	3 yrs	Jim B.	6/30/89 Scott	15 yrs
Larry M.	6/16/03 Courage To Change	1 yr	Michael F.	6/30/91 DOWNTOWN GROUP	13 yrs
Amelia W.	6/17/91 Liberty St. Group	13 yrs	Brandy R.	6/30/03 Courage To Change	1 yr

## On the Price of Big Books

*Warranty Two: "Sufficient operating funds, plus an ample Reserve, should be its prudent financial principle."*

Next comes the question of whether A.A. as a whole should go in for what amounts to a money charity to individual newcomers and their sponsors-via the selling of our books at cost or less. Up to now we A.A.'s have strongly believed that money charity to the individual should not be a function of the A.A. groups or of A.A. as a whole. To illustrate: when a sponsor takes a new member in hand, he does not in the least expect that his group is going to pay the expenses he incurs while doing a Twelfth Step job. The sponsor may give his prospect a suit of clothes, may find him a job, or present him with an A.A. book. This sort of thing frequently happens, and it is fine that it does. But such charities are the responsibility of the sponsor and not of the A.A. group itself. If a sponsor cannot give or lend an A.A. book, one can be found in the library. Many groups sell books on the installment plan. There is no scarcity of A.A. books; more than a half million are now in circulation. Hence there seems no really good reason why A.A. services should supply everybody with cheap books, including the large majority who can easily pay the going price. It appears to be altogether clear that our world services need those book dollars far more than the buyers do.

Some of us have another concern, and this is related to so-called book "profits". The fact that A.A. Headquarters and most of the groups sell books for more than they cost is thought to be spiritually bad. But is this sort of noncommercial book income really a profit after all? In my view, it is not. This net income to the groups and to A.A.'s General Services is actually the sum of a great many contributions which the book buyers make to the general welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous. The certain and continuous solvency of our world services rests squarely upon these contributions. Looked at in this way, our Reserve Fund is seen to be actually the aggregate of many small financial sacrifices made by the book buyers. This fund is not the property of private investors; it is wholly owned by A.A. itself.

While on the subject of books, perhaps a word should be said concerning my royalties from them. This royalty income from the book buyers has enabled me to do all the rest of my A.A. work on a full-time volunteer basis. These royalties have also given me the assurance that, like other A.A.'s, I have fully earned my own separate livelihood. This independent income also has enabled me to think and act independently of money influences of any kind--a situation which has at times been very advantageous to A.A. as well as to me personally. Therefore I hope and believe that my royalty status will continue to be considered a fair and wise arrangement.

*The 12 Concepts for World Service by Bill W. pp. 67-68  
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### SICK BAY 2004

Pete R.	Bienvenue
Eddie P. .	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 Memoriam)

Kenneth H.	Abbeville Area
Marshall J.	Abbeville Area
Preston W.	Abbeville Area
Irvin C.	Any Lengths
Ernest C.	Hub City
Frank H.	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, May 13**  
**Friday, May 14**  
**Friday, May 21**  
**Friday, May 28**  
**Friday, June 18**

**Ed D.**  
**Bill S.**  
**Greg C.**  
**Bill S.**  
**Bill S.**

May 16 – June 26, 2004

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>May 16</b> 4:00PM CCC Committee 1119C Johnston, Laf.. 6:00PM COR 1119C Johnston, Laf	<b>May 17</b>	<b>May 18</b>	<b>May 19</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>May 22</b>
<b>May 23</b>	<b>May 24</b>	<b>May 25</b>	<b>May 26</b>	<b>May 27</b>	<b>May 28</b> 8:00PM SE LA. Spring Roundup, Holiday Inn, Covington	<b>May 29</b> 10:00AM SE LA. Spring Roundup, Holiday Inn, Covington
<b>May 30</b> 10:00AM SE LA. Spring Roundup, Holiday Inn, Covington 4:00 PM Dist. 13 C GSR 1 <sup>st</sup> Methodist Ch. Corner of Lee & Main, Lafayette	<b>May 31</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>June 3</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>June 5</b>
<b>June 6</b> 12:00PM Day of Recovery, 413 S. Liberty, Opelousas	<b>June 7</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>June 9</b> 6:00PM District 13E 115 Leonie St. Laf.  7:00PM District 13B Village DuLac, 1404 Carmel Ave. Lafayette	<b>June 10</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>June 12</b>
<b>June 13</b> 10:30AM Fellowship In The Park, Dist. 13B, Beaver Park, Lafayette. 6:30PM District 13 T & C, PI/CPC 300 E. Martial, Laf.	<b>June 14</b>	<b>June 15</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>June 17</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>June 19</b>
<b>June 20</b> 4:00PM CCC Committee 1119C Johnston, Laf.. 6:00PM COR 1119C Johnston, Laf	<b>June 21</b>	<b>June 22</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>June 24</b>	<b>June 25</b>	<b>June 26</b>