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Changing of the Guard

June brings a new steering committee to Central Office with the election of three new members:

The makeup of the board for the next year will be:

Chairman Susan T.
Co-Chairman James L.
Secretary Schanda C.
Treasurer Bob R.
Activities Todd D.
Contact Lloyd P.
Communications Bill S.

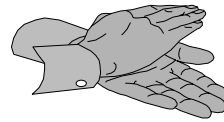
Best wishes to all the committee members for a sober and productive year.

Cochon De Lait

The Annual Bon Temp Cochon De Lait will take place on Saturday, July 3, 2004 at 12 Noon at the American Legion Hall in Parks. From Lafayette, take I-10 exit 109, go south to Bridge St., turn right to Hwy. 31, then left for 6.5 miles to the stop sign. Go straight into Main St., the hall is on the corner. This event is sponsored by the Sobriety and Beyond group of Henderson.

A thru L Rice or Vegetable
M thru Z Bread or Desert

There will be a speaker after dinner.



Thanks, Ken and Susan

Central Office wishes to take this opportunity to express its gratitude to Ken L., past Chairman, and Susan T., past Secretary, for their outstanding service over the last two years.

Ken's initiative has made possible the upgrading the office infrastructure to better serve the Acadiana fellowship. Susan will stay aboard as the new Steering Committee Chairperson. Ken is now the GSR for his home group, Faith Group.

Louisiana State Convention

The 46th Annual Louisiana State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will take place on July 9, 10, and 11, 2004 at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales, LA. Pre-registration forms are available at Central Office. For more information call 225-622-1532.

H.O.W. Disbanded

The H.O.W. Group of Lafayette has disbanded its group and its Tuesday night meeting at Turning Point.

Big Book Prices Going Up

Starting July 1, 2004, the price of the hard cover copy of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, 4th Edition will be \$6.00 per copy, and the soft cover price will be \$5.60. The COR's voted at the April meeting to maintain the local unit price for Big Books at the AAWS unit cost. On July 1, 2004, AAWS will raise the prices on the Books.

Central Office Barbeque

The annual Central Office Barbeque will take place on Saturday, July 31, 2004 at Beaver Park (across from Lafayette Regional Airport) in Lafayette. Fellowship and Fun will begin at 10:00AM. The speaker will be George A., Jr. from New Iberia. Individuals and groups interested in bringing side dishes and desserts contact Todd D., Activities Chairman, at 337 280-4877 for details. Central Office will provide the BBQ.

Sun Up has Moved

The Sun Up group has moved its morning meetings to The Bulldog at 109 Gen. Mouton in Lafayette..

Sun Up meets from Monday through Friday at 7:00AM, and on Saturday at 8:00 AM.

COR Meeting

June 20, 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

Operating Costs

Close with the Lord's Prayer

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ACADIANA AREA CENTRAL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

Minutes from May 16, 2004

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

The attendees were:

Steering Committee		<u>Central Office Representatives, con't.</u>	
Chairman	Ken L	Hub City	Susan T (alt)
Secretary	Susan T	Scott Group	Randall M.
Contact	Lloyd P	12 at 12	Greg C.
Communications	Bill S	S. M. F.	Todd D. (alt.)
Treasurer	Bob R.	Sun Up	John H.
Co-Chairman	James L.	New Way	Gloria T.
Office Manager	Pat d.	Serenity	Brent W.
Central Office Representatives		(alt.)	
Design For Living	Janssen C. (13-E Liason)	Faith	Ted F.
Third Street Park	James L. (Alt.)	Sobriety & Beyond	Eddy P.
Any Lengths	Michelle S.	Freedom's Choice	Kit Q.
Abbeville Area	Ronnie H.	Courage to Change	Patrick E.
Step by Step	Bryan H.	Dry Dock	Avery F.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Central Office posted a net loss of \$741.99 for April, which was transferred from 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	7	Meeting information calls	219
Other calls	13	Meeting list mailed/faxed	4
Al-Anon calls	9	Office information calls	3
Walk-ins	150	Sales of merchandise	99
Internet inquiries	5		

Effective June 1, 2004, the rent for office space is increasing from \$325 to \$357.50 per month. The report was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Todd D. has arranged to lease a pavilion at Beaver Park for the Bar-B-Que on Saturday, July 31st. See flyer for details. Bring baseball equipment.

Communication: Bill S. reported that 115 Plug-in-Jug newsletters were printed and 105 mailed or delivered. Still asking for feedback for the new format of meeting lists. The "In Memoriam" section of the Plug-In Jug has deleted 2 names accidentally. It is corrected on the web page. Greg reported as of May 16th, there have been 1550 hits on the web site.

Contact: Lloyd still is asking for committee members to help with Lafayette and other areas.

DISTRICT LIAISON REPORTS

District 13E Alternate DCM and PIPCP positions remains vacant. There will be a workshop on relationships coming in August or September.

District 13B Fellowship in the Park scheduled for June 13th from 10:30 to 4:00 at Beaver Park.

OLD BUSINESS

- New meeting schedules are out. Check your home group's listing for accuracy.

NEW BUSINESS

Operating costs need to be addressed. We may need to raise the amount of the working balance or find ways to reduce the cost of the accounts.

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

Next meeting to be held June 20, 2004 at 6:00pm at 1119-C Johnston St. (behind Domino's)

Acadiana Central Office						
		FINANCIAL	REP	ORT		
	May 2004	YTD		Group Donations	May 2004	YTD
Starting Bank Balance	\$2,000.00			Abbeville Area		\$40.00
Income:						
Anonymous						
Coffee Kitty - Meeting List		\$126.50		Any Lengths	\$323.13	\$737.38
COR Meeting	\$13.00	\$81.67				
District 13 (B)				Blvd. Group (Opelousas)		
				Courage To Change (N.I.)		
				Design For Living	\$197.26	\$258.92
Fun Raising		\$422.58		Downtown Gr. (Opelousas)		\$238.82
Plug In The Jug News Letter	\$45.00	\$261.00		Dry Dock	\$60.00	\$275.00
Rent		\$60.00				
GROUP DONATIONS	\$890.39	\$4,661.33		Faith		\$807.60
Total Regular Income	\$948.39	\$5,613.08				
Literature Sales	\$1,703.60	\$7,637.85				
Chip Sales	\$368.50	\$2,317.00				
Sales Income	\$2,072.10	\$9,954.85				
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,020.49	\$15,567.93				
EXPENSES						
Advertisement	\$55.00	\$275.00		Hang In There (Scott)		\$120.00
Answering Service	\$85.00	\$425.00				
Bank Service Charges	(\$25.29)	\$73.28		Hub City		\$320.00
Copying Expense	\$97.15	\$388.60				
FUN Raising	\$125.00	\$357.10				
Gas Allowance	\$30.00	\$150.00		Krotz Springs Gr.		
Office Expense		\$217.66		Last Chance Acceptance	\$5.00	\$18.00
Payroll	\$600.00	\$3,300.00		Living Sober		
Payroll Taxes (all)	\$45.90	\$269.08		Live & Let Live (K. S.)		
Repair & Maintance						
Postage		\$300.00		New Way (Breux Bridge)		\$89.54
Rent (Office,P.O.Box, Cor)	\$350.00	\$1,926.14				
Telephone	\$109.37	\$540.64		Northside Gratitude		\$73.00
Utilities	\$25.53	\$148.70				
Workmans Comp.				Opelousas Group		\$30.00
Secretary of State		\$5.00				
Internet Service Provider	\$59.95	\$299.75				
Website	\$13.98	\$97.68				
Computor Expense	\$215.76	235.75				
				Reflections		\$200.00
REGULAR EXPENSES	\$1,787.35	\$9,009.38		Scott Group		\$20.07
Literature Purchases	\$1,281.45	\$6,959.25		Serenity N.I.	\$50.00	\$210.00
Chips & Specialty Items	\$0.00	\$958.03		Simply Sober		\$15.00
Sales Expenses	\$1,281.45	\$7,917.28		Sisters In Sobriety		
Total Expenses	\$3,068.80	\$13,857.86		Sobriety & Beyond		
				Solution Gr. Ville Platte		
Net Income - Regular	(\$838.96)	(\$3,396.30)		Spring Group Port Barre		\$57.00
Net Income - Sales	\$790.65	\$2,037.57		Step By Step		\$110.00
Theft				S.M.F. Gr		\$100.00
Net Income - Total		(\$1,358.73)		Sun Up		\$591.00
				3rd Street Park		\$95.00
Bk. Statement Bal.	\$1,951.69			Truman Gr.		
Prudent Reserve Transfer	\$48.31			12 @ 12 Group	\$255.00	\$255.00
Reg Working Bk. Bal.	\$2,000.00			Willing To Believe (Duson)		
Prud. Res. Bk. Bal.		\$7,016.67		Willing To Be Willing (Rayne)		
Transferred		(\$48.31)		Total Group Donations	\$890.39	\$4,661.33
Prud. Res. Bk. Bal.		\$6,968.36				



JULY BIRTHDAYS

927 YEARS OF SOBRIETY



Diane A.	7/2/81 Last Chance Acceptance	23 yrs	Linda H.	7/15/91 Downtown Group	13 yrs
Janssen C.	7/3/86 Design For Living	18 yrs	Ernest	7/15/00 Back To Basics Lafayette	4 yrs
Charles R.	7/3/90 Faith Group	14 yrs	Ronnie T.	7/16/84 Abbeville Area	20 yrs
Dexter B.	7/3/97 Opelousas Group	7 yrs	Charles M.	7/16/88 Abbeville Area	16 yrs
Wardray L.	7/4/83 Abbeville Area	21 yrs	Lionel L.	7/16/02 Serenity Group N.I.	2 yrs
Katona	7/4/94 Serenity Group N.I.	10 yrs	Calvin G.	7/17/79 Abbeville Area	25 yrs
Andre L.	7/4/01 Faith Group	3 yrs	Dianne T.	7/17/92 Reflections	12 yrs
Bob H.	7/5/81 Crowley 3rd St. Park	23 yrs	Gwen B.	7/18/70 Reflections	34 yrs
Ricky H.	7/5/02 3rd Street Park Crowley	2 yrs	P.J.	7/19/99 Liberty Group	5 yrs
Mathew G.	7/5/03 Abbeville Area	1 yr	Jim P.	7/19/03 Queen City/Gratitude	1 yr
Marvin W.	7/6/76 Queen City/Gratitude	28 yrs	R.J.F.	7/20/80 Old Timers Group	24 yrs
Jori H.	7/6/99 New Way	5 yrs	Larry L.	7/20/89 Abbeville Area	15 yrs
Neal L.	7/6/99 New Way	5 yrs	Carol K.	7/20/03 Any Lengths	1 yr
Joann T	7/7/86 Any Lengths	18 yrs	Daphne P.	7/21/87 Any Lengths	17 yrs
John K.	7/7/86 Faith Group	18 yrs	Chip W.	7/21/95 Living Sober	9 yrs
Bill S.	7/7/89 Dry Dock	15 yrs	Butch M.	7/21/97 Bienvenue	7 yrs
Malcolm L.	7/7/89 Queen City/Gratitude	15 yrs	Dave H.	7/21/01 Scott	3 yrs
Timothy V.	7/7/89 Queen City/Gratitude	15 yrs	Joe B.	7/22/00 Duson Willing To Believe	4 yrs
T.J. L.	7/7/98 Hang In There	6 yrs	Jimmy S.	7/23/93 Liberty Group	11 yrs
Fred L.	7/7/01 Downtown Group	3 yrs	Eric P.	7/23/96 Design For Living	8 yrs
Christal	7/7/02 Courage To Change	2 yrs	Joshu W.	7/23/98 Back To Basics Opelousas	6 yrs
John T.	7/7/02 Serenity Group N.I.	2 yrs	Mark D.	7/23/02 Serenity Group N.I.	2 yrs
Jackie M.	7/8/84 3rd Street Park Crowley	20 yrs	Daniel L.	7/24/99 Dry Dock	5 yrs
Jackie M.	7/8/84 Abbeville Area	20 yrs	Schanda C.	7/25/90 Design For Living	14 yrs
Tom G.	7/8/01 Any Lengths	3 yrs	Ronnie H.	7/26/91 Abbeville Area	13 yrs
Keith T.	7/8/01 Scott	3 yrs	Jodie T.	7/26/99 Step By Step	5 yrs
Tasha F.	7/8/03 Any Lengths	1 yr	Bobby H.	7/26/01 Abbeville Area	3 yrs
Kendrick S.	7/9/03 Serenity Group N.I.	1 yr	Fred M.	7/27/75 Hub City	29 yrs
Don F.	7/10/76 Hub City	28 yrs	Nell W.	7/27/78 Hub City	26 yrs
Blake D.	7/10/00 Opelousas Group	4 yrs	John G.	7/27/86 Faith Group	18 yrs
Jessica S.	7/10/02 Any Lengths	2 yrs	Laura L.	7/27/91 Queen City/Gratitude	13 yrs
Doug M.	7/11/01 Faith Group	3 yrs	Juan	7/27/99 Liberty Group	5 yrs
Darryl O.	7/11/03 Reflections	1 yr	Cindy H.	7/27/01 Abbeville Area	3 yrs
Fonda M.	7/12/02 Any Lengths	2 yrs	Paul L.	7/27/03 Reflections	1 yr
Johnette D.	7/13/00 Lafayette Group	4 yrs	Willis D.	7/28/82 Abbeville Area	22 yrs
Rachel B.	7/13/02 Courage To Change	2 yrs	Liz S.	7/28/03 Area Group Of BB	1 yr
Eddie R.	7/14/96 Dry Dock	8 yrs	Troy L.	7/29/02 Area Group Of BB	2 yrs
Linda H.	7/14/02 Any Lengths	2 yrs	Cooter L.	7/30/83 Sun Up	21 yrs
Rocky F,	7/14/03 Abbeville Area	1 yr	Melanie C.	7/30/03 Any Lengths	1 yr
Malcolm G.	7/15/75 Sun Up	29 yrs	Carl J.	7/30/03 Courage To Change	1 yr
Wilfred V.	7/15/77 Abbeville Area	27 yrs	Jane M.	7/31/85 Opelousas Group	19 yrs
Eddie P.	7/15/79 Hub City	25 yrs	Mike S.	7/31/00 Any Lengths	4 yrs
Charleen M.	7/15/84 Queen City/Gratitude	20 yrs	Monica A.	7/31/02 Reflections	2 yrs
Doody D.	7/15/84 Queen City/Gratitude	20 yrs			

SICK BAY 2004

Pete R.	Bienvenue
Patty M.	Downtown Group
Eddie P.	Hub City
Frank H.	Hub City
Katherine H.	Lafayette
Madeline B.	Last Chance Acceptance
Beldon F.	Queen City/Gratitude
Harold S.	Scott
John D.	Truman Group

Things We Cannot Change (In Memoriam)

Kenneth H.	Abbeville Area
Marshall J.	Abbeville Area
Preston W.	Abbeville Area
Irving C	Any Lengths
Susan L.	Downtown Group
Ernest C.	Hub City
Nell W.	Reflections
Patty S.	Sat. Nite Live
Eloise W.	Sun Up

Anonymity at Online Meetings

The Web is a beguiling place for A.A.s. We treat online meetings as the worldwide entities the Web makes of them, but what about personal anonymity? It is easy for individual members, sitting alone at their computers, to feel as though they're sharing one-to-one, especially when the absence of a crowded "meeting room" creates the impression of intimacy. Nonetheless, a caveat is in order, A.A. experience suggests: The Internet is an international mechanism for conversation, and not everyone "listening" has the same level of knowledge about what A.A. is and is not, so we sometimes need to remind ourselves and our fellow members to carry the A.A. message, not our own.

Most A.A.s informed by the lessons of our history would agree that, among other things, anonymity serves two vital purposes: safety and spirituality. It lets members participate freely in A.A. meetings knowing their privacy will be respected; and it reminds us, in the words of the Twelfth Tradition, "to place principles before personalities." But transferring the anonymity principle to excursions on the Web is still a work in progress, and many A.A.s seek help from the General Service Office in finding their way.

Wrote one member: "Is it appropriate for A.A. members to use our full names when corresponding via e-mail?" G.S.O.'s response: "Experience shows that most members do use their full names and, in fact, when they are writing to this office—where anonymity is protected—we ask that they not only use their full names but also provide us with the area or region from where they are writing. It is possible, of course, that any message, e-mail or snail mail, could be intercepted, and those who are concerned about this may choose not to reveal their identities—the choice is personal."

In its popular service piece "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A. Web Sites," G.S.O. states that on its own Web site (www.aa.org), which is visited nearly 5,000 times a day, the office "observes all A.A.'s principles and Traditions." Regarding anonymity, the piece notes, the Fellowship's experience is that "an A.A. Web site is a public medium with the potential for reaching the broadest possible audience and, therefore, requires the same safeguards we use at the level of press, radio, and film."

The online Lamplighters Group (www.aa-lamplighters.org), founded in 1991 and now numbering close to 700 members logging in from more than 30 countries, takes this position on anonymity: "The Lamplighters Group rents a 'listserver,' the electronic equivalent of a church basement. Through it we control the entry to our meetings and request from new members only a statement of Third Tradition intent ["The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking"]. People 'cruising' the Internet cannot stumble into one of our meetings. They must be 'members' of Lamplighters by dint of having subscribed. Subscription, of course is free."

Lamplighters goes on to explain that "as a result of the electronic configuration of our listserver, anonymity is generally better-protected in Internet e-mail meetings than in face-to-face A.A. meetings. And many of us find that being unaware of the race, age, physical characteristics, spoken accent, dress, even gender of our fellow members makes putting principles before personalities easier. We still, of course, ask our members to respect the anonymity of our membership. And alcoholics who, for their own reasons, require additional guarantees, are able to gain access under pseudonyms for further protection of their anonymity."

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Office Manager's Corner

For the month of May, the Office Manager, Pat d., reports the following activity:

12-Step Calls	3
Meeting Info Calls	254
Walk Ins	160
Office Information	2
Al-Anon Info	4
Other Calls	11
Meeting Lists Faxed	5
Internet Inquiries	19
Sales of Merchandise	83

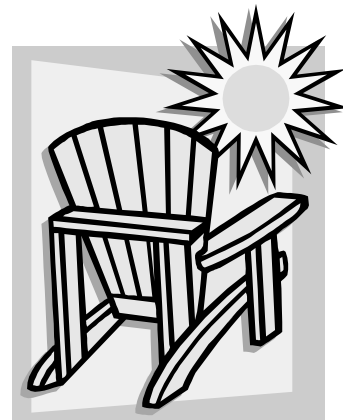
The following members of Alcoholics Anonymous served as volunteers manning the office on Thursdays and Fridays during the month of May:

May 6	Ed G.
May 7	Randall N.
May 13	Kit Q.
May 14	Bill S.
May 20	Randall N.
May 21	Greg C.
May 27	Randall N.
May 28	Bill S.

Thanks again for the help.

DON'T FORGET!!!

July 1st the Big Book price is \$6.00, and the soft cover \$5.60.



June 20 – July 31, 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 20 4:00PM CCC Committee 1119C Johnston, Laf.. 6:00PM COR 1119C Johnston, Laf	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26
June 27 4:00 PM Dist. 13 C GSR 1 st Methodist Ch. Corner of Lee & Main, Lafayette	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3 12:00PM Cochon De Lait, Amer. Legion Hall, Parks
July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9 8:00PM La. State Convention, Lamar Expo Cntr., Gonzales	July 10 10:00AM La. State Convention, Lamar Expo Cntr., Gonzales
July 11 10:00AM La. State Convention, Lamar Expo Cntr., Gonzales 6:30PM District 13 T & C, PI/CPC 300 E. Martial, Laf.	July 12	July 13	July 14 6:00PM District 13E 115 Leonie St. Laf. 7:00PM District 13B Village DuLac, 1404 Carmel Ave. Lafayette	July 15	July 16	July 17
July 18 4:00PM CCC Committee 1119C Johnston, Laf.. 6:00PM COR 1119C Johnston, Laf	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24
July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31 10:00AM Central Office BBQ, Beaver Park, Lafayette