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# Plug-in-Jug News

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**“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”**

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#### COR Meeting

August 15, 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

Xmas Planning

New Business

None

Close with the Lord's Prayer

### Any Lengths Has Moved Again

Any Lengths Group has a new temporary location at **The Well** at 110 Olivier St. (part of the Acadiana Outreach Center Complex). They will meet here until renovations are complete at the Celebration Center at 116 S. Buchanan St. They will make the Celebration Center their permanent home.

Any Lengths Group still meets from Monday through Friday at NOON.

### New Group Meet- ing in South Lafay- ette.

There's a new group in town! Beginning August 3rd, the new Primary Purpose Group will conduct two meetings a week at the East Bayou Baptist Church, 2234 Kaliste Saloom Rd. at NOON. A closed meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, and an open meeting will be conducted on Thursday. Both meetings will be non-smoking. The meeting will be in the multipurpose facility to the far right as you face the church.

**Bring Your Big Book**

### Little Known Facts Of A.A....

“The Drinkers Dictionary” by Benjamin Franklin.

(Our source for the AA term “Pigeon”?)

Dr. Bob is credited with being the first person to use the term “pigeon” as it refers to the newcomer in AA. Dr. Bob was an avid reader. He loved words, and H.L. Mencken, who wrote “The American Language” was one of his favorite authors. In that book Mencken points out that Benjamin Franklin, the author of “The Drinker’s Dictionary”, was the first American to wonder why tavern goers never referred to a patron as being drunk. They were “soused”, “corned”, or “stewed”. At age 30, as a successful owner of the Pennsylvania Gazette, Ben Franklin published “The Drinker’s Dictionary” a collection of 225 words or phrases referring to imbibers.

H. L. Mencken was greatly amused by “The Drinker’s Dictionary”. The actual entry in Franklin’s dictionary that Mencken quotes says that people who hung around taverns referred to drunks as being “PIGEON-EYED”.

Thus Dr. Bob, when referring to someone as “his pigeon” was referring lovingly to anyone who was “pigeon-eyed”. Some members of AA may take offense at being compared to the lowly pigeon (I wonder how the pigeon likes being compared to a drunk). Take heart. Dr. Bob, Mencken, and Franklin could have made you a toad, a goose, or a puppy. Franklin was descriptive, He claimed that compulsive drinkers “eat a toad and a half for breakfast”, or they are “dizzy as a goose”, or “as good-conditioned as a puppy”. The word “sponsee”, (which Dr. Bob, H. L. Mencken, and Benjamin Franklin would be quick to point out is not a word to be found in the dictionaries), seems to have replaced the old word “pigeon” in modern AA parlance.

What hasn’t changed is that “pigeons” or “sponsees” who don’t drink don’t get drunk!

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### New Meeting Time at Faith Group

The Friday Night Step Meeting time at Faith Group will change to 7:00PM commencing September 3, 2004.

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**ACADIANA AREA CENTRAL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES MEETING  
Minutes from July 18, 2004**

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	Lafayette Group Mike D
Vice Chairman James L	Opelousas Group Alice R
Secretary Schanda C	Reflections Carla D
Activities Todd D	Scott Group Jace B
Contact Lloyd P	Serenity Lloyd P
Newsletter Bill S	Simply Sober Erica T
Treasurer Bob R	Sobriety and Beyond Eddy P
Office Manager Pat d	Step by Step Bryan H
<u>Central Office Representatives</u>	Sunday Morning Fellowship Margaret A
A Design For Living Janssen C (13E Liaison)	Twelve @ Twelve Greg C
Area Group of Breaux Bridge Bill S	Back to Basics George A
Abbeville Area Ronnie H	Freedom's Choice Kit Q
Courage to Change Patrick E	Faith Ted F
Dry Dock Avery F	
Hub City Susan T	

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob R. reported a starting balance of 2,000.00, group donations were 1049.93, a regular total income of 1089.93, a sales income of 2371.90, for a total income of 3461.83. The regular expenses were 1644.22, sales expenses were 1799.41, for a total of 3444.13 for the month of June. The net income total was 17.70, 17.70 was transferred back to the prudent reserve, leaving a balance of 2,000.00 for the regular working balance. Bob R's report was accepted.

**Office Manager's Report:**

8 Twelfth -Step call 246 Meeting information calls 7 Other calls 3 Meeting lists mailed 11 Meeting lists faxed  
3 Al-Anon calls 8 Office information calls 185 Walk-ins 78 Sales of merchandise

The report, made by Pat d, was accepted.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Activities:** Todd D. asked that any volunteers to help at the BBQ would be appreciated, cooks have already volunteered. He reminded us ask groups to bring side dishes. There are no organized sports activities, but they are encouraged and Todd will bring supplies. Todd brought calendar handouts for the COR's to decide on a date for the Christmas party, there was discussion about the date possibilities, Pat said we may want to book a DJ now. Point of Order made by Bill to move forward with the reports and to handle Old Business at the appropriate time.

**Communication:** Bill S. reported that 115 newsletters were printed and 105 mailed or delivered. Bill S.'s report was accepted.

**Contact:** Lloyd P. reported that the contact committee is still asking for volunteers to help with outreach. He expressed a willingness to visit groups that don't have COR's, but that groups with COR's should be getting the Central Office information from them. He also handed out more AA Guideline sheets. Lloyd has the Bi-laws from 10/03 which state the responsibilities of the COR, he asked that everyone please read.

**DISTRICT LIAISON REPORTS**

**District 13E** Janssen C. reported that the district is trying to get Polly and Dave P. to come into town for the Relationship Workshop, possibly 1/14 and 1/15/05. Continued talk about Workshop on the 12 Concepts, nothing set up yet. Janssen also reminded everyone that Area elections will take place at the next Area Assembly. Still in need of Alternate DCM.

**District 13B** James L. reported that both the Scott Group and 3rd Street Park are going to Vermillion Hospital to carry the message and that the district is working on putting together a Workshop on the 3 Legacies.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Christmas Party- motion was made by Lloyd P to have it on 12/04, motion 2nd'ed and passed. 1 group was opposed - Reflections

Continued discussion about location possibilities, Kit recommended Maurice Community Center, Pat d said maybe East Bayou. Todd is open to phone calls for ideas and suggestions. Lloyd mentioned that Serenity grp uses the same facility yearly, making it easier on all, maybe Central Office Christmas Party should do the same. Erica said maybe once we find a place that works well we could follow suit and use the same facility annually. Riverside Church of Christ is too small, not possible to have at location that "A Design for Living" uses, Church is not in favor.

### NEW BUSINESS

Eddie from "Sobriety and Beyond" came with a request from the group that it would be appreciated if at least a representative from the Central Office Steering Committee were to attend their group functions. No other New Business.

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

Next meeting tJuly o be held August 15, 2004 at 6:00 PM at 1119-C Johnston (behind Domino's).

## Office Manager's Corner

**For the month of June, the Precious One reports the following activity:**

12-Step Calls	13
Meeting Info Calls	264
Walk Ins	151
Office Information	12
Al-Anon Info	16
Other Calls	20
Meeting Lists Faxed	13
Internet Inquiries	15
Sales of Merchandise	77
Meeting Lists Mailed	0

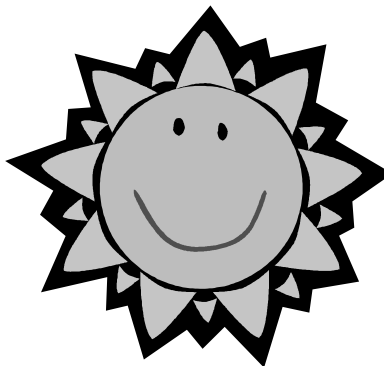
**The following members of Alcoholics Anonymous served as volunteers manning the office on Thursdays and Fridays during the month of July:**

July 1	Ed G.
July 2	Bill S.
July 8	Ed G..
July 9	Kit Q.
July 15	Greg C.
July 16	Ed G.
July 22	Walter T.
July 23	Ed G.
July 29	Walter T.
July 30	Bill S.

**Central Office sold its first copy of the Big Book in Korean this July 2004!**

**Thanks again for the help.**

**The Sunlight**



**Of The Spirit**



# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

## 742 YEARS OF SOBRIETY



Brian R.	9/1/99 Liberty Group	5 yrs	Pat C.	9/13/87 New Way	17 yrs
Sandy H.	9/1/02 Courage To Change	2 yrs	Libby C.	9/13/99 Downtown Group	5 yrs
Shelly M.	9/1/03 Faith Group	1 yr	David C.	9/13/99 Liberty Group	5 yrs
Jude G.	9/2/03 Scott	1 yr	Peggy B.	9/13/99 Living Sober	5 yrs
Linda L.	9/3/88 Courage To Change	16 yrs	Nornas L.	9/13/02 Abbeville Area	2 yrs
Mary Lee M.	9/3/88 Willing To Be Willing	16 yrs	Antoine	9/14/02 Opelousas Group	2 yrs
George A.	9/3/93 Courage To Change	11 yrs	Fred S.	9/15/85 Hub City	19 yrs
Jon N.	9/3/01 Sun Up	3 yrs	Phil M.	9/15/86 Refections	18 yrs
Frank M	9/3/03 Courage To Change	1 yr	Paul R.	9/15/99 Living Sober	5 yrs
Jonathan M.	9/3/03 Courage To Change	1 yr	Guy H.	9/16/99 Last Chance Acceptance	5 yrs
Seth B.	9/3/03 Courage To Change	1 yr	Robert S.	9/16/99 Living Sober	5 yrs
Russell R.	9/4/84 Scott	20 yrs	Scott	9/16/01 Abbeville Area	3 yrs
Nancy R.	9/4/89 Downtown Group	15 yrs	Scottie V.	9/16/03 Downtown Group	1 yr
Johnny L.	9/4/97 Serenity Group N.I.	7 yrs	Penny C.	9/17/94 Courage To Change	10 yrs
Dusty W.	9/4/99 Area Group Of BB	5 yrs	Anna M.	9/17/02 Any Lengths	2 yrs
Chad R.	9/4/02 Courage To Change	2 yrs	Ronnie B.	9/18/87 Old Timers Group	17 yrs
Larry M.	9/5/79 Opelousas Group	25 yrs	Bob W.	9/18/95 Downtown Group	9 yrs
Mary Lee M.	9/5/88 Willing To Be Willing	16 yrs	Nicole D.	9/18/01 Courage To Change	3 yrs
Shannon K.	9/5/98 Sun Up	6 yrs	Monte T.	9/20/92 In Step New Iberia	12 yrs
Dee H.	9/5/99 New Way	5 yrs	Brent V.	9/20/00 Serenity Group N.I.	4 yrs
Joe Bee	9/5/02 Willing To Be Willing	2 yrs	David T.	9/20/03 Scott	1 yr
Aiesha L.	9/6/02 Serenity Group N.I.	2 yrs	Bill Mc	9/21/72 Old Timers Group	32 yrs
Cynthia W.	9/6/03 Courage To Change	1 yr	Bradley M.	9/21/00 Lafayette Group	4 yrs
Lester W.	9/6/03 Courage To Change	1 yr	Carol J.	9/21/01 Abbeville Area	3 yrs
Jim Van E.	9/7/86 Dry Dock	18 yrs	Ricky B.	9/22/97 Abbeville Area	7 yrs
Jacqueline C.	9/7/96 Willing To Be Willing	8 yrs	Madeline G.	9/23/82 Sobriety & Beyond	22 yrs
Bryan L.	9/7/97 Courage To Change	7 yrs	Ricky D.	9/23/85 Abbeville Area	19 yrs
Elliott B.	9/7/98 New Way	6 yrs	Jeremy G.	9/23/01 3rd Street Park Crowley	3 yrs
Lon L.	9/7/02 Courage To Change	2 yrs	Michael I.	9/23/01 Abbeville Area	3 yrs
Kim R.	9/7/03 Courage To Change	1 yr	Teddy R.	9/23/03 Abbeville Area	1 yr
Joanne V.	9/9/89 Sun Up	15 yrs	Terry B.	9/24/99 Sun Up	5 yrs
Mary M.	9/9/00 Abbeville Area	4 yrs	Wesley F.	9/24/03 Any Lengths	1 yr
James B.	9/9/03 Abbeville Area	1 yr	Jason H.	9/25/90 Abbeville Area	14 yrs
Lewis H.	9/9/03 Faith Group	1 yr	Leisa G.	9/25/99 Downtown Group	5 yrs
Donna T.	9/10/88 Lafayette Group	16 yrs	Shauna S.	9/25/03 Sun Up	1 yr
Ryan D.	9/10/94 Simply Sober	10 yrs	Michael D.	9/26/79 Willing To Be Willing	25 yrs
Angela W.	9/10/00 Scott	4 yrs	Doug J.	9/26/80 Hub City	24 yrs
Rodney A.	9/11/79 Faith Group	25 yrs	Sid D.	9/26/82 New Way	22 yrs
Charles L.	9/11/90 Queen City/Gratitude	14 yrs	Rick R.	9/27/82 Refections	22 yrs
Preston P.	9/11/02 3rd Street Park Crowley	2 yrs	Ken S.	9/27/90 Abbeville Area	14 yrs
John C.	9/11/02 Courage To Change	2 yrs	Randall M.	9/27/98 Scott	6 yrs
Marian L.	9/12/95 Simply Sober	9 yrs	Michael Z.	9/27/01 Courage To Change	3 yrs
Jackie G.	9/12/03 Abbeville Area	1 yr	Nick B.	9/28/98 Hub City	6 yrs
Mike D.	9/13/76 Sun Up	28 yrs	Bill U.	9/29/98 North Side Gratitude	6 yrs

### SICK BAY 2004

<b>Ken G.</b>	<b>Any Lengths</b>
<b>Pete R.</b>	<b>Bienvenue</b>
<b>Patty M.</b>	<b>Downtown Group</b>
<b>Eddie P.</b>	<b>Hub City</b>
<b>Frank H.</b>	<b>Hub City</b>
<b>Katherine H.</b>	<b>Lafayette</b>
<b>Madeline B.</b>	<b>Last Chance Acceptance</b>
<b>Beldon F.</b>	<b>Queen City/Gratitude</b>
<b>Dave B.</b>	<b>Scott Group</b>
<b>John D.</b>	<b>Truman Group</b>

### Things We Cannot Change (In Memoriam)

<b>Kenneth H.</b>	<b>Abbeville Area</b>
<b>Marshall J.</b>	<b>Abbeville Area</b>
<b>Preston W.</b>	<b>Abbeville Area</b>
<b>Irving C</b>	<b>Any Lengths</b>
<b>Andrew</b>	<b>Blvd. Grp. Opelousas</b>
<b>Susan L.</b>	<b>Downtown Group</b>
<b>Charles R.</b>	<b>Faith Group</b>
<b>Ernest C.</b>	<b>Hub City</b>
<b>Nell W.</b>	<b>Reflections</b>
<b>Patty S.</b>	<b>Sat. Nite Live</b>
<b>Harold S.</b>	<b>Scott</b>
<b>Eloise W.</b>	<b>Sun Up</b>

	Acadiana Central Office				
	July	YTD	Group Donations	July	YTD
<b>Starting Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		Abbeville Area	\$500.00	\$540.00
<b>INCOME</b>					\$0.00
Anonymous		\$0.00	Acadian Gr.		\$0.00
Coffee Kitty - Meeting List		\$126.50	Any Lengths		\$940.10
COR Meeting	\$15.00	\$106.67			\$0.00
District 13(B)		\$0.00	Blvd. Group (Opelousas)		\$25.00
Alcathon		\$0.00	Courage To Change (N.I.)		\$0.00
Chili Cook Off		\$422.58	Design For Living	\$73.02	\$331.94
Barbeque		\$0.00	Downtown Gr. (Opelousas)		\$238.82
Christmas Party		\$0.00	Dry Dock	\$60.00	\$395.00
Plug In The Jug News Letter		\$261.00			\$0.00
Rent	\$15.00	\$105.00			\$0.00
Group Donations	\$917.10	\$6,628.36	Faith		\$807.60
<b>Total Regular Income</b>	<b>\$947.10</b>	<b>\$7,650.11</b>			\$0.00
Literature Sales	\$1,367.15	\$11,045.90	Freedoms Choice		\$0.00
Chips & Speciality Items	\$576.50	\$3,224.50			\$0.00
<b>Sales Income</b>	<b>\$1,943.65</b>	<b>\$14,270.40</b>			\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,890.75</b>	<b>\$21,920.51</b>			\$0.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>					\$0.00
Advertisement	\$55.00	\$385.00	Hang In There (Scott)		\$120.00
Answering Service	\$85.00	\$595.00			\$0.00
Bank Service Charges		\$73.28	Hub City		\$320.00
Copying Expense	\$97.15	\$485.75	In Step (N.I.)		\$0.00
Chili Cook Off		\$147.10			\$0.00
Barbeque	\$275.86	\$400.86	Krotz Springs Gr.		\$0.00
Christmas Party		\$0.00	Last Chance Acceptance	\$10.00	\$34.00
Alcathon		\$85.00	Living Sober		\$0.00
Gas Allowance	\$30.00	\$210.00	Live & Let Live (K. S.)		\$0.00
Office Expense	\$3.22	\$281.72			\$0.00
Payroll	\$900.00	\$4,800.00	New Way (Breaux Bridge)	\$29.00	\$118.54
Payroll Taxes (all)	\$72.99	\$402.37			\$0.00
Repair & Maintance	\$30.53	\$30.53	Northside Gratitude		\$86.00
Postage	\$3.70	\$403.70			\$0.00
Rent (Office,P.O.Box, Cor)	\$470.57	\$2,855.21	Opelousas Group		\$90.00
Telephone	\$104.84	\$746.40			\$0.00
Utilities	\$47.15	\$234.11	Queen City/ Gratitude (N.I.)		\$0.00
Workmans Comp.	\$300.00	\$282.00	Reflections		\$300.00
Secretary of State		\$5.00	Scott Gr.		\$93.84
Equip Key Bd, pad, Phone		\$0.00	Serenity N.I.	\$50.00	\$310.00
Computer		\$235.75	Simply Sober		\$15.00
Internet Service Provider	\$59.95	\$419.65	Sisters In Sobriety		\$0.00
Website	\$13.95	\$125.58	Sobriety & Beyond	\$103.00	\$103.00
<b>Regular Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,549.91</b>	<b>\$13,204.01</b>	Solution Gr. Ville Platte		\$0.00
Literature Purchases	\$923.55	\$9,519.00	Spring Group Port Barre		\$57.00
Chips & Specialty Items	\$337.40	\$1,458.64	Step By Step	\$40.00	\$220.00
<b>Sales Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,260.95</b>	<b>\$10,977.64</b>	S.M.F. Gr		\$100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,810.86</b>	<b>\$24,181.65</b>	Sun Up	\$42.08	\$897.52
			3rd Street Park		\$220.00
Net Income - Regular	-\$1,602.81	-\$5,553.90	Truman Gr.		\$0.00
Net Income - Sales	\$682.70	\$3,292.76	12 @ 12 Group		\$255.00
Theft		\$0.00	Willing To Believe (Duson)	\$10.00	\$10.00
<b>Net Income - Total</b>	<b>-\$920.11</b>	<b>-\$2,261.14</b>	Willing To Be Willing (Rayne)		\$0.00
<b>Bk. Statement Bal.</b>	<b>\$1,079.89</b>		<b>Total Group Donations</b>	\$917.10	\$6,628.36
<b>Prudent Reserve Transfer</b>	<b>\$920.11</b>				
<b>Reg Working Bk. Bal.</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>				
<b>Prud. Res. Bk. Bal.(Old)</b>	<b>\$6,986.06</b>	July 31, 2004			
<b>Transferred</b>	<b>-\$920.11</b>				
<b>Prud. Res. Bk. Bal.(New)</b>	<b>\$6,065.95</b>	August 1, 2004			

**August 15 – September 25, 2004**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>August 15</b> 4:00PM CCC Committee 1119C Johnston, Laf.. 6:00PM COR 1119C Johnston, Laf	<b>August 16</b>	<b>August 17</b>	<b>August 18</b>	<b>August 19</b>	<b>August 20</b>	<b>August 21</b>
<b>August 22</b>	<b>August 23</b>	<b>August 24</b>	<b>August 25</b>	<b>August 26</b>	<b>August 27</b>	<b>August 28</b>
<b>August 29</b> 4:00 PM Dist. 13 C GSR 1 <sup>st</sup> Methodist Ch. Corner of Lee & Main, Lafayette	<b>August 30</b>	<b>August 31</b>	<b>September 1</b>	<b>September 2</b>	<b>September 3</b>	<b>September 4</b>
<b>September 5</b>	<b>September 6</b>	<b>September 7</b>	<b>September 8</b> 6:00PM District 13E 115 Leonie St. Laf.  7:00PM District 13B Village DuLac, 1404 Carmel Ave. Lafayette	<b>September 9</b>	<b>September 10</b>	<b>September 11</b>
<b>September 12</b> District 13 T & C, PI/CPC 300 E. Martial, Laf	<b>September 13</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>September 15</b>	<b>September 16</b>	<b>September 17</b>	<b>September 18</b>
<b>September 19</b> 4:00PM CCC Committee 1119C Johnston, Laf.. 6:00PM COR 1119C Johnston, Laf	<b>September 20</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>September 22</b>	<b>September 23</b>	<b>September 24</b>	<b>September 25</b>