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**Step 8:** Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.....

**Tradition 8:** Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.....

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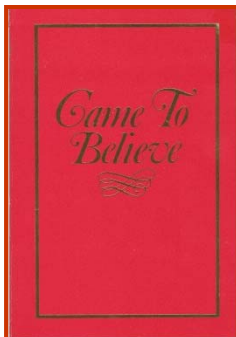
# August 2008

**COR Meeting**  
**August 17, 2008**  
 1119C Johnston Street  
 Lafayette, LA 6:00PM

**Visited the Central Office lately?  
 Come check out the Bookstore!**

**Now In Stock!**

Five years of preparation and earnest thought have gone into this booklet, since an A.A. member first pointed out the need for it. The description of Alcoholics Anonymous as "a spiritual program" has been confusing to some newcomers, many of whom tend to translate "spiritual" as "religious." But, as our co-founder Doctor Bob said..."We are not bound by theological doctrine.... We are many minds in our organization."



"Come to Believe..." is designed as an outlet for the rich diversity of convictions implied in "God as we understood Him."

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**Mark Your Calendars!!**  
**The Central Office Barbecue**  
 will be held on Sunday,  
**September 14, 2008 at the**  
**Girard Park Pavilion—**  
**Lafayette**  
 10am—3pm



**Next Scheduled COR Meeting:**  
**Sunday, August 17, 2008, at 6:00pm**

**Agenda Items Include:**

- Nomination and Election of Contact Chair
- C.O. Phonebook & Newspaper Ads
- Volunteers vs. Additional Paid C.O. staff
- Format of C.O. Financial Report

**September 26-28, 2008**  
**Cajun Country Conference**  
*A New Freedom*

Corey D. (337) 254-6442  
 Stacey M. (337) 349-4949

or [www.cajunaa.org](http://www.cajunaa.org)

**A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY  
 THROUGH THE STEPS**

with

**TOM & JUANITA U. (NEW MEXICO)**

**Friday-Sunday, October 10-12, 2008**  
**Clifton Chenier Center**  
**Town Hall Auditorium**



**Responsibility Pledge**

*When anyone, anywhere,  
 reaches out for help,  
 I want the hand of A.A.  
 always to be there.*

*And for that:  
 I Am Responsible*



**HOW ARE  
 WE DOING?**

**GREG C. - CHAIR**  
 337-322-5177

**CONCEPT 8:** The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

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**AN ELECTION TO FILL THE POSITION OF CONTACT CHAIRPERSON WILL BE HELD AT THE AUGUST C.O.R. MEETING**

**Want to contribute an item to the Plug-In-Jug?** Email us at [plug-in-jug@aa-acadiana.org](mailto:plug-in-jug@aa-acadiana.org), or send it to the Central Office, by the 4th Friday of the month. To include a flyer with the Plug-In-Jug mail-out, please provide 130 copies to the Central Office.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

It is the goal of your Central Office Steering Committee to monitor and improve upon the Quality of Services provided by the office and its workers. The Steering Committee meets regularly to review Policies and Operations in order to improve its Professional Services to our A.A. Community.

[www.aa-acadiana.org](http://www.aa-acadiana.org) Email the Central Office at [centraloffice@aa-acadiana.org](mailto:centraloffice@aa-acadiana.org).

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# CAME TO BELIEVE...

Offering general AA information.

When listing the people we have harmed, most of us hit another solid obstacle. We got a pretty severe shock when we realized that we were preparing to make a face-to-face admission of our wretched conduct to those we had hurt. It had been embarrassing enough when in confidence we had admitted these things to God, to ourselves, and to another human being. But the prospect of actually visiting or even writing the people concerned now overwhelmed us, especially when we remembered in what poor favor we stood with most of them. There were cases, too, where we had damaged others who were still happily unaware of being hurt. Why, we cried, shouldn't by-gones be by-gones? Why do we have to think of these people at all? These were some of the ways in which fear conspired with pride to hinder our making a list of all the people we had harmed.

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## WHAT OTHERS SAY...



The Central Office Representatives were told at their July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting that they have a decision to make. The Office Manager and the Steering Committee have been seeking qualified volunteers to man the office and the phone for months now and a few dedicated souls have answered the call. But more are needed. Our manager is paid for 24 hours a week. That leaves 16 hours (2 days) to be filled by volunteers *if* the office is to remain open a full forty hours a week. The alternative is for a second employee to be hired to fill all or part of the 16 hours. At \$9.00 an hour, that could add as much as \$576.00 in additional expenses each month, not counting employment taxes. We believe that volunteers would be the better way to go. Of course, no one wants to see the hours of operation reduced.

The ideal requirements for a volunteer are that he or she have a year or more of solid sobriety, have and use a sponsor who can be contacted about a recommendation, be available for at least a half day at a time and have the ability to commit to a regular schedule, accept direction and demonstrate a high degree of trust. The Central Office volunteer can expect to be called upon to help coordinate Twelfth Step calls and other inquiries, greet visitors and make sales, open and close the office, conduct internet searches, stock shelves with literature, help prepare the Plug-in-Jug for mailing and many other functions. Only *serious volunteers* need apply!

Working at Central Office is a great opportunity for service. Maybe you should look into it. Call Evelyn at 991-0830. A.A. in Acadiana would be very different without *our* Central Office!

Your Acadiana Central Office Steering Committee

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### **August 11:**

**1938** - Akron & NY members begin writing stories for Big Book

### **August 16:**

**1939** - Dr Bob and Sister Ignatia admit 1st alcoholic to St Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio

**1941** - 1st AA Meeting in Colorado is held in Denver

**8** Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.



I ask: Who did I hurt?

How can I fix it?

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## How do I become a member?

You become a member of a Group almost automatically. There is no formal initiation or induction. If, after examining yourself honestly and courageously, you admit to yourself you are an Alcoholic, that you sincerely want to stop drinking once and for all, you have only to attend the meetings, make an energetic sincere effort to be guided by the advice and experience of those about you, and try with complete sincerity to live up to its principles, to become a member.

With continued sincerity of purpose, half your battle is won; without it neither A.A. nor anyone else can help you.

*From the early 1940's Philadelphia pamphlet entitled "Intro to A.A." Reprinted with permission.*

## Acadiana Central Office Representatives (COR) Meeting

Minutes from July 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Greg C. and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

STEERING COMMITTEE		COR & Alt. COR	
Chairman	Greg C.	Any Lengths	Christopher R.
Vice Chair	Aaron G.	Brown Baggers (Morgan City)	Frank J. (alt.)
Treasurer	Jody H.	Courage to Change	David J.
Secretary	Ruth B.E.	Design for Living	Shani G.
Communication	Ken L.	Faith Group	Kathy A.
Activities	Richard H.	Living Sober	Jeff B.
Contact	vacant	New Way Group (Breux Bridge)	Joan B. (alt.)
		Primary Purpose	Garret M.
		Reflections	David B.
		Sisters in Sobriety	Michelle B. (alt.)
<b>OTHERS</b>		Sobriety and Beyond	Mark K.
Office Manager	Evelyn R.	Step by Step	Kate K.
	.	Sunday Morning Fellowship	Winnie D. B. (alt.)
		Sun Up Group	Jackie R.
		12 at 12	Janet H.

Ruth B. read the minutes from the May COR meeting. Motion made and carried to accept. She also reported on the Steering Committee meeting held prior to the COR meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jody H. reported		Office Manager's Report: Evelyn R. reported.	
Starting Bank Balance	<b>\$2500.00</b>	12-Step Calls	5
Total Income	<b>\$3704.08</b>	Meeting Info Calls	127
Total Expenses	<b>\$5934.79</b>	Walk Ins	81
Net Income	-\$2230.71	Office Information	23
Transferred to/from Prudent Reserve	-\$2322.79	Al-Anon Info	10
New Prudent Reserve Balance	<b>\$7805.80</b>	Other Calls	10
Jody passed out an up-to-date financial report to all attendees. She stated that the year-to-date totals do not reflect the totals from June. She said the amounts for June are correct. The preliminary financial report in the P-I-J is accurate as well as the June and year-to-date totals for group donations. Motion made and carried to accept the report.		Sales of Merchandise	66
		Meeting Lists Mailed	1
		Meeting Lists Faxed	3
		Internet Inquiries	19
		P-I-J Sales	1
		Motion made and carried to accept her report	

**Activities Report:** Richard H. reported that he has secured a speaker for the barbecue; Michelle F. of Lafayette. He passed out preliminary flyers for the barbecue. He stated he will need volunteers to help and asked COR's to pass it along to their groups. He will be taking an inventory of the supplies stored at Central Office, and will then determine what needs to be purchased for the event. Motion made and carried to accept the report.

**Communications:** Ken L. reported  
 150 copies of Plug-In-Jug printed and 123 mailed.  
 During the month of July, 2008 there were:  
 550 visitors to the Central Office web site  
 Of these visitors,  
 335 visitors viewed the Meetings page  
 262 visitors downloaded the Central Office Meeting List  
 59 visitors viewed the *Plug-In-Jug* page  
 23 visitors downloaded the July *Plug-In-Jug*  
 87 visitors viewed the Events/calendar page

**Contact:** Caroline T. has resigned her position due to family obligations. Her position is now open. COR's were asked to go to their home groups and inform them that nominations for the position will be at next month's meeting, followed by a vote.

**District 13A-D:** No Report

**District 13E:** Ken L. reported Dist. 13-E is putting on a workshop on October 10 -12 (Friday- Sunday) at the Clifton Chenier Center in the auditorium. Tom and Juanita U. of New Mexico will be conducting the workshop, A Spiritual Journey Through The Steps. Flyers were mailed out with the Plug-in Jug.

**District 9:** No representative was in attendance but it was noted that there is an upcoming workshop in Ville Platte. Flyer will be forthcoming.

**District 2:** Frank J. of Morgan City reported that there will be a workshop there on Sept. 27, 2008. Further details to come. (Personal note: A representative from this district attended our meeting for the first time due to Greg's outreach efforts. Thank you Greg.)

### Old Business

Greg reported that Quick Books has been installed at Central Office, and all the inventory and financial data is presently being entered into the system. The hope is it will be up and running by next month. Evelyn stated it will depend on how quickly all the data can be entered. Greg added that Quick Books will make inventory and financial statements easier and more efficient. The Steering Committee made a decision not to have representation at this year's Central Office/Intergroup Conference. Hopefully we can attend next year.

**New Business**

Greg passed out summary of the Central Office inventory held in May to the new COR's. One issue that was addressed is the exclusion of non-registered A.A. groups from the meeting list. Greg passed out copies of the meeting list with the unregistered groups listed.

There were three items suggested at the inventory concerning Central Offices ability to reach a wider group of people. 1) An 800 number for Central Office. 2) A larger ad in the yellow pages. 3) An ad in the newspaper. The 800 number will cost \$19.00 to have it installed, \$5.00 per month charge, and \$.06 per minute for calls. The phones are already covered 24 hours a day, either by office manger/volunteers or by the answering service, so there would be no other expense. Some questions were raised about information being available for meetings outside of Louisiana. Evelyn stated that our Central Office only has what is available off the internet and a book of A.A. meetings for the U.S. How current they are is not for certain. We do our best to keep the meetings list for Acadiana area as up-to-date as possible. We have no control over what other places do. Motion made and carried to add an 800 number. The current ad in the yellow pages is a 1/2" box ad and a bold print listing in the white pages. More details will be discussed next month. Newspaper ad would be very expensive. Item was tabled to a later time.

Volunteers are needed at Central Office. The Central Office manager is paid for only 24 hours a week. This leaves 16 hours that needs to be covered, or the office will be closed. Jody stated that if the availability of committed volunteers does not increase, the Steering Committee will have no choice but to either close the office those 2 days (which we do not want to do) or hire another person to fill those 16 hours. Winnie asked how much of a salary are we talking about? It was stated that it had not been discussed yet, but a salary of \$8.75-\$10.00 per hour is reasonable. COR's need to go to their home groups and stress the importance of finding volunteers so we won't have to hire someone else. Volunteers should contact Evelyn.

Greg asked COR's to go to their groups, and get feedback on the new preliminary financial statement in the Plug-in-Jug. This has been done to meet the time constraints in getting the P.I.J. out in a timely manner. A detailed report will be handed out at COR meeting and can be viewed on the internet. An option also could be that it is sent out the following month. This can be discussed next month after COR's get input from their groups. Motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Louisiana State Convention Committee**  
**Meets 3rd Sunday of Each Month at 2pm**  
**Pink Building behind Domino Pizza**  
**(Corner of University and Johnston)**  
**Convention Dates:**  
**Thurs-Sun, June 4-7, 2009**  
**Thurs-Sun, June 3-6, 2010**  
**Lafayette Holidome**



**For the month of July, the Office Manager, Evelyn R., reports the following activity:**

12 <sup>th</sup> Step Calls Ans. Service	1
Meeting Info Ans. Service	59
12 <sup>th</sup> Step Calls Office	4
Meeting Info Office	61
Walk-Ins	124
Office Info	24
Al-Anon Info	6
Other Calls	21
Meeting List Mailed	6
Meeting List Faxed	2
Internet Inquiries	22
Number of Sales	97
P-in-J Sales	2

**Volunteer Workdays In July**

Bill S.	29 – Being of Service to C.O.
Dawn E.	1, 8, 11, 15, 22, 25, 30, 31 – Faithful Service
Susan B.	2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Data Entry, QuickBooks, Sales Totals, Payroll
Daniel S.	3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Inventory of Chips, Moving Furniture, Pricing & Shelving Books
Rick P.	1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Faithful Service
Joyce F.	18 – New Volunteer, Eager to Serve
Kathy A.	31 – Inventory for Transition to QuickBooks
Evelyn R.	29 – (Additional Hours) Inventory of Books, and Transition to QuickBooks

Evelyn R. would like to thank: Ken L. for updating the 12<sup>th</sup> Step Call List and for his work on the P-in-J; Greg C. for his help with computer issues, for being on call for C.O., and for his ongoing service to C.O; and Ruth E. for her continued service to C.O.

**Sick Bay \***

Pete R.	Bienvenue
Ola B.	Last Chance Acceptance
Ronnie B.	Scott Group
Jack B.	Freedom's Choice
Sam J.	Freedom's Choice
Scott P.	Any Lengths
Lynn B.	New Way
Keith C.	Area Group
Lynn B.	Sunday Morning Fellowship
Dave B	Willing to be Willing

**TO VOLUNTEER AT CENTRAL OFFICE**  
**CALL EVELYN R.**  
**(337) 991-0830**

**Things We Cannot Change (In Memoriam)**

Glenn S.	New Way
Walter T.	Freedom's Choice
Albert H.	Scott Group

\* **Groups:** Please submit changes for Sick Bay to the Central Office!

## Acadiana Central Office Financial Report

### PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2008

Prudent Reserve Starting Balance	\$ 7,805.80
<b>Total Regular Income</b>	<b>\$1,349.50</b>
<b>Total Sales Income</b>	<b>\$2,671.05</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,020.55</b>
<b>Total Regular Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,154.60</b>
<b>Total Sales Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,805.95</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,960.55</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-\$1,940.00</b>
Bank Statement Balance	\$994.19
Prudent Reserve Transfer Amount	-\$1,505.81
Prudent Reserve Balance	\$6,300.99
New Working Balance	2,500.00

A complete, detailed Financial Report for July 2008 will be available at the August 17th C.O.R. Meeting.

### LOUISIANA AREA ASSEMBLY August 15, 16 & 17, 2008

**Holiday Inn South, Baton Rouge**

**THIS IS AN ELECTION — GSR'S BRING A LETTER TO VOTE**



	JULY GROUP DONATIONS	YTD
Abbeville Area	\$0.00	\$0.00
Acadian Gr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Any Lengths	\$200.00	\$400.00
Boulevard Gr. (Opelousas)	\$37.50	\$62.50
Brown Baggers (Morgan City)	\$100.00	\$150.00
Courage To Change (N.I.)	\$0.00	\$380.46
Design For Living	\$0.00	\$518.39
Downtown Gr. (Opelousas)	\$0.00	\$254.50
Dry Dock	\$0.00	\$51.58
Eunice Solutions Gr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith	\$250.00	\$650.00
Freedoms Choice	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hang In There (Scott)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hub City	\$0.00	\$600.00
Kitchen Table	\$160.00	\$690.00
Last Chance Acceptance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Live & Let Live Krotz Springs	\$0.00	\$40.00
Living Sober	\$25.00	\$200.00
New Way (Breaux Bridge)	\$0.00	\$1,249.00
Northside Gratitude	\$0.00	\$13.00
Opelousas Group	\$0.00	\$50.00
Primary Purpose	\$0.00	\$575.35
Queen City/ Gratitude (N.I.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reflections	\$100.00	\$225.00
Scott Group	\$49.20	\$348.36
Serenity N.I.	\$0.00	\$25.00
Simply Sober	\$0.00	\$50.00
Sisters In Sobriety	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sobriety & Beyond	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solutions Gr. Ville Platte	\$0.00	\$50.00
Spring Gr. Port Barre	\$0.00	\$10.00
Step Into Recovery	\$0.00	\$0.00
Step By Step	\$71.55	\$1,045.82
S.M.F. Gr	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sun Up	\$96.85	\$1,818.73
3rd Street Park	\$0.00	\$197.80
Triangle Gr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Truman Gr.	\$0.00	\$10.00
12 @ 12 Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
We Agnostics	\$0.00	\$20.00
Willing To Believe (Duson)	\$0.00	\$20.00
<b>Total Group Donations</b>	<b>\$1,090.10</b>	<b>\$9,705.49</b>

### Acadiana Area District and Conference Business Meetings

<b>Central Office Representatives</b>	3rd Sunday	6:00pm	1119C Johnston St.
<b>District 13 General Service Meeting</b>	2nd Sunday	6:30pm	300 E. Martial Ave.
<b>District 13E Business Meeting</b>	2nd Wednesday	6:00pm	300 E. Martial Ave.
<b>District 13B Business Meeting</b>	2nd Thursday	7:00pm	321 E. Third St. - Crowley
<b>District 13C Business Meeting</b>	Last Sunday	4:00pm	210 8th St. - Turning Point
<b>District 9 Business Meeting</b>	1st Wednesday	5:30pm	206 N. Liberty - Opelousas
<b>District 2 Business Meeting</b>	2nd Saturday	5:30pm	613 1st St. - Morgan City
[NOTE: In EVEN Numbered Months, Dist. 2 meets at the Charenton Fire Station!!]			
<b>State Convention Planning Committee 2009-2010</b>	3rd Sunday	2:00pm	1119C Johnston St.
<b>Cajun Country Conference Committee</b>	3rd Sunday	3:00pm	1119C Johnston St.
<b>FOTS - South — Planning Meeting</b>	1st Sunday in Oct.	4:00pm	210 8th St. - Turning Point



# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS = 1,384 YEARS OF SOBRIETY!

Al D.	9/4/07	Reflections	1 yr	Lester W.	9/6/03	Courage To Change	5 yrs
Annette B.	9/30/85	Freedoms Choice	23 yrs	Lewi H.	9/9/03	Primary Purpose	5 yrs
Arlene L.	9/3/06	Surrender	2 yrs	Linda L.	9/3/88	Courage To Change	20 yrs
Arthur S.	9/6/97	3rd Street Park Crowley	11 yrs	Lon L.	9/7/02	Courage To Change	6 yrs
Berry R.	9/29/89	Design For Living	19 yrs	Lynn	9/20/07	Reflections	1 yr
Beryl C.	9/25/83	Dry Dock	25 yrs	Lynn K.	9/1/89	Surrender	19 yrs
Bill Mc	9/21/72	Old Timers Group	36 yrs	Madeline G.	9/23/82	Sobriety & Beyond	26 yrs
Bill U.	9/29/98	North Side Gratitude	10 yrs	Margaret M.	9/6/80	Back To Basics New Iberia	28 yrs
Bob W.	9/18/95	Downtown Group	13 yrs	Marian L.	9/12/95	Simply Sober	13 yrs
Bobby Ray R.	9/16/88	Design For Living	20 yrs	Mark D.	9/15/06	Sun Up	2 yrs
Bradley M.	9/21/00	Lafayette Group	8 yrs	Mary Lee M.	9/3/88	Primary Purpose	20 yrs
Brandi H.	9/11/01	Surrender	7 yrs	Mary Lee M.	9/3/88	Willing To Be Willing	20 yrs
Brian R.	9/1/99	Liberty Group	9 yrs	Mary Lee M.	9/5/88	Willing To Be Willing	20 yrs
Bryan L.	9/7/97	Courage To Change	11 yrs	Mary M.	9/9/00	Abbeville Area	8 yrs
Bryon D.	9/22/06	Faith Group	2 yrs	Matt R.	9/13/05	Primary Purpose	3 yrs
Carl B.	9/15/02	Reflections	6 yrs	Michael I.	9/23/01	Abbeville Area	7 yrs
Carol J.	9/21/01	Abbeville Area	7 yrs	Michael Z.	9/27/01	Courage To Change	7 yrs
Chad R.	9/4/02	Courage To Change	6 yrs	Michelle B.	9/29/89	Surrender	19 yrs
Charissa A.	9/12/01	Sisters In Sobriety	7 yrs	Michelle L.	9/29/89	Step By Step	19 yrs
Charles L.	9/11/90	Queen City/Gratitude	18 yrs	Mickey H.	9/29/99	Faith Group	9 yrs
Charles L.	9/11/90	Serenity Group N.I.	18 yrs	Mike D.	9/13/76	Sun Up	32 yrs
Chris S.	9/23/04	Truman Group	4 yrs	Millou	9/27/07	Queen City/Gratitude	1 yr
Clauria K.	9/18/06	Sisters In Sobriety	2 yrs	Monte T.	9/20/92	In Step	16 yrs
Cynthia W.	9/6/03	Courage To Change	5 yrs	Nancy R.	9/4/89	Downtown Group	19 yrs
Dale B.	9/3/01	Design For Living	7 yrs	Neal L.	9/13/02	New Way	6 yrs
David C.	9/13/99	Liberty Group	9 yrs	Nicole D.	9/18/01	Courage To Change	7 yrs
David H.	9/17/06	New Way	2 yrs	Nicole W-A	9/11/07	Primary Purpose	1 yr
David M,	9/10/90	Freedoms Choice	18 yrs	Nina D.	9/21/05	Primary Purpose	3 yrs
David S.	9/10/05	New Way	3 yrs	Nornas L.	9/13/02	Abbeville Area	6 yrs
Dee H.	9/5/99	Area Group Of BB	9 yrs	ONC	9/23/87	Freedoms Choice	21 yrs
Donna T.	9/10/88	Lafayette Group	20 yrs	Patrick S.	9/25/06	Sun Up	2 yrs
Donna W.	9/4/07	Reflections	1 yr	Paul D.	9/22/01	Duson Willing To Believe	7 yrs
Doug J.	9/26/80	Hub City	28 yrs	Penny C.	9/17/94	Courage To Change	14 yrs
Dusty W.	9/4/99	Area Group Of BB	9 yrs	Phil	9/15/94	Faith Group	14 yrs
Frank B.	9/25/06	New Way	2 yrs	Rachello D.	9/13/06	3rd Street Park Crowley	2 yrs
Frank M	9/3/03	Courage To Change	5 yrs	Ramon "R.J." F.	9/10/07	Primary Purpose	1 yr
Fred S.	9/15/85	Hub City	23 yrs	Rhett N.	9/20/98	Faith Group	10 yrs
George A.	9/3/93	Courage To Change	15 yrs	Rick R.	9/27/82	Reflections	26 yrs
George A. Jr.	9/3/93	Queen City/Gratitude	15 yrs	Ricky B.	9/22/97	Abbeville Area	11 yrs
Gerald M.	9/1/99	Hang In There	9 yrs	Ricky D.	9/23/85	Abbeville Area	23 yrs
Gibby L.	9/4/85	3rd Street Park Crowley	23 yrs	Rodney A.	9/11/79	Faith Group	29 yrs
Glenn S.	9/15/06	Reflections	2 yrs	Ron G,	9/10/06	3rd Street Park Crowley	2 yrs
Grant L.	9/20/05	Hub City	3 yrs	Ron H.	9/27/04	Sun Up	4 yrs
Horace D.	9/1/04	Design For Living	4 yrs	Ronnie B.	9/18/87	Old Timers Group	21 yrs
Jackie R,	9/15/05	Sun Up	2 yrs	Russell R.	9/4/84	Scott	24 yrs
Jackie G.	9/12/03	Abbeville Area	5 yrs	Ryan D.	9/10/94	Simply Sober	14 yrs
James B.	9/9/03	Abbeville Area	5 yrs	Sandy H.	9/1/02	Courage To Change	6 yrs
Jason H.	9/25/90	Abbeville Area	18 yrs	Scott	9/16/01	Abbeville Area	7 yrs
Jeff B.	9/16/98	Design For Living	10 yrs	Scott T.	9/26/07	Living Sober	1 yr
Jim Van E.	9/7/86	Dry Dock	22 yrs	Seth B.	9/3/03	Courage To Change	5 yrs
Joanne V.	9/9/89	Sun Up	19 yrs	Shannon K.	9/5/98	Sun Up	10 yrs
John C.	9/11/02	Courage To Change	6 yrs	Shelley M.	9/6/04	Reflections	4 yrs
Johnny L.	9/4/97	Serenity Group N.I.	11 yrs	Sherri C.	9/17/97	Step By Step	11 yrs
Jonathan M.	9/3/03	Courage To Change	5 yrs	Sid D.	9/27/90	Serenity Group N.I.	18 yrs
Jude G.	9/2/03	Scott	5 yrs	Steve F,	9/20/85	Primary Purpose	23 yrs
Ken S.	9/27/90	Abbeville Area	18 yrs	Steve H.	9/4/98	Primary Purpose	10 yrs
Kim R.	9/7/03	Courage To Change	5 yrs	Susan R.	9/29/04	Last Chance Acceptance	4 yrs
Kristen S.	9/13/07	Reflections	1 yr	Teddy R.	9/23/03	Abbeville Area	5 yrs
Kristie B.	9/27/07	Primary Purpose	1 yr	Teresa H.	9/8/87	Sun Up	21 yrs
Larry M.	9/5/79	Opelousas Group	29 yrs	Tommy M.	9/23/07	Living Sober	1 yr
Laura D.	9/15/97	Faith Group	11 yrs	Van B.	9/30/02	Acadian	6 yrs
Leah A.	9/1/07	Reflections	1 yr	Victor A. Sr.	9/7/04	Opelousas Group	4 yrs
Leisa G.	9/25/99	Primary Purpose	9 yrs	Wm. "Ted" B	9/25/97	Freedoms Choice	11 yrs
Lester F.	9/17/04	Design For Living	4 yrs				

Want to update your sobriety date? Email us at [plug-in-jug@aa-acadiana.org](mailto:plug-in-jug@aa-acadiana.org).



# NOTES FROM ALL AROUND...

Offering a variety of items from sources around the world of A.A.



## Letter to Anyone New to A.A.

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in Alcoholics Anonymous. (There are many) A.A. pamphlets that explain our recovery program and give a general idea of how A.A. works. You will see that the first and most important step in our program is admission by the alcoholic that he or she is powerless over alcohol, and that life has become unmanageable. It is often helpful for the alcoholic to talk with an A.A. member, because it may make it easier to understand the nature of the illness, and to accept A.A. help.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a program of a new way of life without alcohol, a program that is working successfully for millions of men and women throughout the world, and in all walks of life. The experience of A.A. members is that alcoholism is a progressive illness that cannot be cured, but which, like some other illnesses, can be arrested—by staying away from the first drink, one day at a time.

We would encourage you to get in touch with the nearest [A.A. Central Office or Intergroup](#) to get further information on Alcoholics Anonymous, speak to an A.A. member or find local A.A. meetings. Many of these offices have web sites and email.

A.A. members, as volunteers, are happy to offer help by sharing their experience, strength and hope in staying sober. One of the ways members stay sober is by helping other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Best wishes, General Service Office

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**Q.** I've heard it said that Bill always wished he could change the beginning of "How It Works" to read "Never have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path" (rather than "Rarely have we seen..."). Is this true?

**A.** No. A rumor has persisted for years that Bill wished he could have changed "rarely" to "never." But we know through Bill's own words that is not the case. In a letter to Les V. dated May 25, 1961 Bill W. wrote:

*"...Concerning your comment about the use of the word 'rarely' in Chapter Five of the Big Book. My recollection is that we did give it considerable thought at the time of writing. I think the main reason for the use of 'rarely' was to avoid anything that would look like a claim for a 100% result. Assuming of course that an alcoholic is willing enough and sane enough, there can be a perfect score on such character. But since willingness and sanity are such illusive and fluctuating values, we simply didn't like to be too positive. The medical profession could jump right down our throats... I do remember thinking about it a lot."*

In addition, the following question and response were made at the 1970 General Service Conference, as part of the "Ask-It" Basket questions. Bill was, of course, still living at this time and was able to respond:

*Has Bill ever said, "If there was any change he would make in the Big Book, it would be to change the word 'rarely' to 'never' at the start of Chapter Five"? "No, Bill said he had never considered this."*

(1970 General Service Conference Report, p. 31)  
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## Acadiana Groups Celebrating Anniversaries This Month

District	*History Date	Month	Year	Anniv. Yrs.	Group Name	City
13-C	8/16/1991	8	1991	17	Reflections Group	Lafayette
9	8/25/1994	8	1994	14	Pass It On Group	Arnaudville
13-E	8/3/2004	8	2004	4	Primary Purpose Group	Lafayette

\*Anniversary dates provided by G.S.O.

# August

2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 District 9 5:30pm 206 N. Liberty Opelousas	7	8	9 District 2 5:30pm Charenton Fire Station
10 District 13 GSC 6:30pm Covenant UMC 300 E. Martial	11	12	13 District 13E 6pm Covenant UMC 300 E. Martial	14 District 13B 7pm 321 E. 3rd St. Crowley	15 Louisiana Area Assembly.	16 Louisiana Area Assembly.
17 Louisiana Area Assembly Conv. Comm. 2pm CCC Comm. 3pm COR Meeting 6pm 1119C Johnston	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 District 13C 4pm Turning Pt.						

# September

2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 District 9 5:30pm 206 N. Liberty Opelousas	4	5	6 District 9 Workshop Ville Platte
7	8	9	10 District 13E 6pm Covenant UMC 300 E. Martial	11 District 13B 7pm 321 E. 3rd St. Crowley	12	13 District 2 5:30pm 613 First St. Morgan City
14 Central Office BBQ & District 13 GSC 6pm 300 E. Martial	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Conv Comm 2pm CCC Comm 3pm COR Mtg. 6pm 1119C Johnston	22	23	24	25	26 Cajun Country Conference	27 Cajun Country Conference
28 C.C.C. & District 13C 4pm Turning Pt.	29	30				

Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Girard Park Pavillion in Lafayette

# Central Office BARBECUE



9:00am Setup  
10:00am Begins  
11:00am Fellowship  
11:00am Burgers & Dogs  
12:00pm AA Speaker  
1:30pm Michelle F. from Lafayette

Good Clean Fun for the  
Whole Family!

Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Ice  
chests are welcome. Playground is  
nearby for the kids!

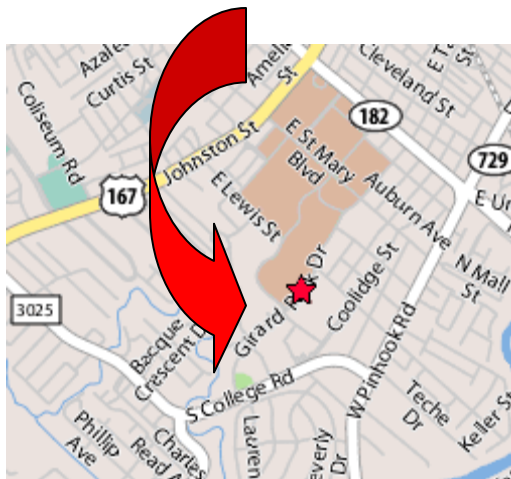
**Volunteers Needed**  
*Service That Tastes Good!*

Help will be needed to set up  
before and clean up after.

For more information,  
contact **Richard** at  
**(337) 581-1839**

**Please Help!**

A-L bring dessert  
M-Z bring side dish



Early Birds  
get the  
shade!



**B.Y.O.B.\***

\*Bring Your Own Basketball!!



August  
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Lafayette Area A.A. Meetings

A.A. Group	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Location
Acadian			8 pm C/D					First United Methodist Church Corner Main & Johnston--Upstairs
Any Lengths		12 Noon O/D	12 Noon O/ST&T	12 Noon O/BB	12 Noon O/GR****	12 Noon C/D		Turning Point 210 Eighth St. **** Last Thurs- (O-SP)
Back to Basics (Lafayette)				8 pm O/D				Turning Point 210 Eighth St.
Big Book Experience				6:30 pm O/BB				Turning Point 210 Eighth St.
Change of Heart	3 pm O/BB							Turning Point 210 Eighth St.
Design for Living					7 pm C/D ****		8 pm O/SP	Episcopal Church of the Ascension 1030 Johnston St. **** Thurs. 2nd Mtg. Open-Newcomer
Faith			7:30 pm C/BB			7:00 pm C/ST ****		First Lutheran Church 301 W. Farrel Rd. **** Last Fri-Bday (O-ST)
Freedoms Choice	8 pm O/D			8 pm CD/D			10 pm O/D	1119C Johnston St., Behind Domino's ( Gays Welcome )
Hub City				8 pm C/D/AL				St. Barnabas Church 400 Camelia Blvd.
Kitchen Table		7 am C/BB		7 am C/BB		7 am C/BB		KC Hall at Holy Cross Church Broadmoor Blvd. at Robley Dr., enter off Robley Dr.
Lafayette		8 pm O/SP						Turning Point 210 Eighth St.
Last Chance Acceptance			8 pm O/D/AL					St. Elizabeth Seton Church 600 Raintree Trail
Living Sober	8 pm O/BB				8 pm C/ST			First Christian Church 1400 West University
Northside Gratitude		8 pm O/D						1119C Johnston St., Behind Domino's
Primary Purpose		12 Noon C/ST & T	12 Noon C/BB	12 Noon C/D	12 Noon O/BB			East Bayou Baptist Church Multipurpose Facility 2234 Kaliste Saloom Rd.
Reflections		6:30 pm C/D ****				6:30 pm C/BB		First United Methodist Church Corner Main & Johnston--Upstairs **** First Mon (O-D)
Simply Sober						7 pm O/D		1119C Johnston St., Behind Domino's
Sisters in Sobriety				5 pm O/D				Asbury United Methodist Church 101 Live Oak Blvd.
Step By Step	8 pm O/BB				8 pm C/D			Church of the Covenant United Methodist Church 300 E. Martial Ave.
Sunday Morning Fellowship	10 am O/D							Turning Point 210 Eighth St.
Sun-Up		7 am O/AAL	7 am O/D	7 am O/ST/T	7 am O/D	7 am O/D	8 am C/D	St. Patrick's Church Hall -- 107 Petro Right off Pinhook to Guidry & right into paved parking lot
Surrender							10 am C/D	Asbury United Methodist Church 101 Live Oak Blvd.
Truman Addition							7 pm O/D ****	Queen of Peace Church Hall 145 Martin Luther King Dr. **** Bus. Mtg. 3rd Sat. 6:00
Twelve at Twelve							12 Noon O/D	Turning Point 210 Eighth St.
We Agnostics of Acadiana							6 pm C/D	1119C Johnston St., Behind Domino's

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# Area A.A. Meetings - Outside of Lafayette

A.A. Group	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Location
<b>Abbeville</b> Abbeville Area Gp	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon O / D / AL		12 Noon O / D	12 Noon C / ST & T / AL	12 Noon O / D	6:30 om O / SP ****	410 N. Baily @ Chevis St. **** 2nd Sat. Pot Luck Supper, Last Sat. Bday Dinner
<b>Abbeville</b> Abbeville Area Gp	8 pm O / D	8pm O / ST & BB / S	8pm O / BB	8 pm O / BB	8 pm O / D / AL	8 pm O / D	8 pm O / D	410 N. Baily @ Chevis St.
<b>Abbeville</b> Abbeville Area Men's Gp			8pm C / BB					410 N. Baily @ Chevis St.
<b>Arnaudville</b> Pass It On Gp			7 pm O / D					K.C. Hall Main Street
<b>Baldwin</b> Share & Care Gp			8 pm O / D			8 pm O / D		Sacred Heart Church, MLK
<b>Breaux Bridge</b> Area Gp	7 pm O / D				7 pm O / D			610 N. Main St. (St. Francis Of Assisi Church Hall)
<b>Breaux Bridge</b> New Way Gp		7 pm C / ST / AL AT		7 pm C / D / AL AT		7 pm O / D ****	7 pm O / BB	221 Main St. (Old fire station across from cemetery) **** 2nd Friday O / SP
<b>Charenton</b> Chitimacha AA Gp		7 pm O / D			7 pm O / D			At Fire Station on Chitimacha Reservation
<b>Crowley</b> Triangle Gp		8 pm O / ST						413 W. 3rd St. (behind St. Theresa's Rectory) Upstairs
<b>Crowley</b> Third Street Park Gp			8 pm C / D	8pm O / BB	8 pm O / D		8 pm O / D	317 E. 3rd St.
<b>Duson</b> Willing To Believe Gp			8 pm O / ST				8 pm O / D	St. Benedict Church Hall on Hwy. 90
<b>Eunice</b> Solutions Gp		8 pm O / D			8 pm O / D			Northwest Community Center on Samuel Dr.
<b>Franklin</b> Across The Tracks Gp	8 pm C / D			8 pm O / D				601 Magnolia (St. Jules Catholic Church)
<b>Grand Coteau</b> The Oaks Gp				7 pm C / D				214 Church St.
<b>Henderson</b> Sobriety & Beyond Gp		7:30 pm O / ST & T / S			7:30 pm O / BB			3054 Grand Point Rd. (1-10 East 12 miles Ext. 115 Henderson Turn Right 1/4 mile on Right)
<b>Indian Bayou</b> Bayou Big Book Gp				8 pm C / BB				Indian Bayou Church Hall
<b>Krotz Springs</b> Live And Let Live Gp							5 pm O / D	529 Senneville St. (St. Anthony Church Hall)
<b>Morgan City</b> Brown Baggers Gp		9 am O / D	9 am O / D	9 am O / D	9 am O / D	9 am O / D		613 First Street (Rebos Club)
<b>Morgan City</b> Brown Baggers Gp	10 am C / D ****	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon C / D ****	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon C / D ****	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon O / D	613 First Street (Rebos Club) **** Slips not signed
<b>Morgan City</b> Brown Baggers Gp	8 pm O / D / SP	8 pm O / D	8 pm O / D	8 pm O / D	8 pm O / D	8 pm O / D	8 pm C / D ****	613 First Street (Rebos Club) **** Slips not signed
<b>New Iberia</b> BB/12 & 12 Gp	7 pm C / ST & T							520 Center St. (Solomon House)
<b>New Iberia</b> Back To Basics Gp		6 pm O / D	6 pm O / D	6 pm O / D		6 pm O / D	6 pm O / D	112 Railroad Ave.
<b>New Iberia</b> Courage To Change Gp	10 am O / D / S	12 Noon O / D / S	12 Noon O / D / S	12 Noon O / D / S	12 Noon O / D / S	12 Noon O / D / S	1:30 pm O / D / S	803 S. Lewis St.
<b>New Iberia</b> Courage To Change Gp	6:30 pm O / D / S	6:30 pm O / BB / S	6:30 pm O / D / S	6:30 pm C / D / S	6:30 pm O / ST / S	6:30 pm O / D / S	6:30 pm O / D / S	803 S. Lewis St.
<b>New Iberia</b> Courage To Change Gp					8 pm O / D / S			803 S. Lewis St.
<b>New Iberia</b> Queen City/Gratitude Gp		7 pm C / BB & ST			7 pm O / D			803 S. Lewis St.

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A.A. Group	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Location
New Iberia Serenity Gp							8 am Breakfast C / D	1352 Weeks St.
New Iberia Serenity Gp	1:30 pm O / D	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon O / D	1352 Weeks St.
New Iberia Serenity Gp	8 pm C / D	8 pm C / D	8 pm C / D	8 pm O / BB	8 pm O / D	8 pm O / ST & T	8 pm O / D	1352 Weeks St.
New Iberia Serenity Gp							10 pm Candlelight	1352 Weeks St.
Opelousas Boulevard Gp			6 pm C / D					1103 S. Union St. (Episcopal Church Hall)
Opelousas Downtown Gp				7 pm C / D		8 pm O / D ****		206 N. Liberty **** Last Friday - Birthdays
Opelousas Opelousas Gp	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon O / D	12 Noon O / D	413 S. Liberty
Opelousas Opelousas Gp	5:30 pm C / D	7 pm C / D	7 pm O / D	7 pm C / D	6:30 pm O / D	7 pm O / SP	7 pm O / D	413 S. Liberty
Pine Prairie Pine Prairie Gp		8 pm O / D						1628 Clark St. 1st Baptist Church
Port Barre Spring Gp		7 pm O / D						417 Saizan St. (St. Joseph Hall)
St. Martinville Step Into Recovery Gp				8 pm O / D				1117 N. Main St. (Back Trailer)
Scott Hang In There Gp			7 pm O / D		7 pm O / D		7 pm O / D	1110 Old Spanish Trail (St. Peter & Paul Church Hall, Rm. 11)
Scott Scott Gp	8 pm C / D			8 pm O / BB		8 pm O / Podium		1110 Old Spanish Trail (St. Peter & Paul Church Hall, Rm. 11)
Ville Platte Solutions Gp			7 pm O / D		7 pm O / D			750 W. Main St. (First Baptist Church Annex)
Youngsville Dry Dock Gp			8 pm C / D / AL					201 Church St. (St. Ann's Church)

Unregistered A.A. Groups	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Location
Big Book Study Group		7 pm C / BB						Riverside Church of Christ 111 Camellia Blvd, Lafayette
Gatehouse Group			8 pm O / D					Gatehouse Foundation 206 S. Magnolia St., Lafayette
Gay & Lesbian Group						6:30 pm O / ST		Gloria Kern Center 329 W. Bridge St., Breaux Bridge
Gueydan Group					7 pm O / D			United Methodist Church 501 Main Street, Gueydan
Happy Joyous & Free						6:30 pm O / D		Ritchie Pentecostal Church 2 Miles South of LSUE, Eunice
Newcomers Meeting					8 pm O / D		8:30 am O / D	Detox in Vermillion Hospital 2520 N. University, Lafayette
Step Study Group	1:30 pm O / ST							Turning Point 210 Eighth St., Lafayette
Well Group		9 am **** O / D						The Well **** Meets Monthly on 1st Monday 125 S. Buchanan St., Lafayette
Working With Others				12 Noon C / BB				100 Poydras St., Lafayette

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