

July 2008



Step 7 —
Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Tradition 7 —
Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.....

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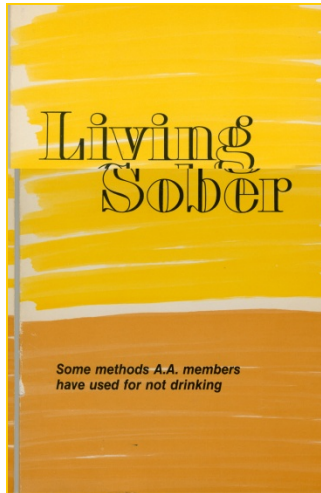
COR Meeting
July 20, 2008
1119C Johnston Street
Lafayette, LA 6:00PM

Meeting Notice

Big Book Experience - Wednesday - 6:30pm
Turning Point—Open

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So not drinking at all — that is, staying sober — becomes the basis of recovery from alcoholism. And let it be emphasized: Living sober turns out to be not at all grim, boring and uncomfortable, as we had feared, but rather something we begin to enjoy and find much more exciting than our drinking days. We'll show you how.

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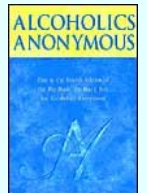
Mark Your Calendars!!
For the Annual
Central Office Barbecue
Sunday - September 14,
2008
Girard Park Pavilion
Lafayette



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Cajun Country Conference
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BIG BOOK STUDY
AUG. 1ST AND 2ND 2008



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

STANFORD & MORNING GLORY
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

SPEAKERS: BOBBY B., LAFAYETTE, LA
BUBBA R., HOT SPRINGS, AR
FRIDAY: 7 -9 pm SAT: 9am - 4pm

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE STEPS

with

TOM & JUANITA U. (NEW MEXICO)

Friday-Sunday, October 10-12, 2008
Clifton Chenier Center
Town Hall Auditorium
220 W. Willow St. Lafayette, LA

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Concept 7 —

The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

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Want to contribute an item to the Plug-In-Jug? Email us at 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 increase its Professional Services to our A.A. Community.

www.aa-acadiana.org Email the Central Office at centraloffice@aa-acadiana.org.

**HOW ARE
WE DOING?**
GREG C. - CHAIR
337-322-5177

**PLUG
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CAME TO BELIEVE...

(Offering general AA information.)

When we have finally admitted without reservation that we are powerless over alcohol, we are apt to breathe a great sigh of relief, saying, "Well, thank God that's over! I'll never have to go through that again!" Then we learn, often to our consternation, that this is only the first milestone on the new road we are walking. Still goaded by sheer necessity, we reluctantly come to grips with those serious character flaws that made problem drinkers of us in the first place, flaws which must be dealt with to prevent a retreat into alcoholism once again. We will want to be rid of some of these defects, but in some instances this will appear to be an impossible job from which we recoil. And we cling with a passionate persistence to others which are just as disturbing to our equilibrium, because we still enjoy them too much. How can we possibly summon the resolution and the willingness to get rid of such overwhelming compulsions and desires?

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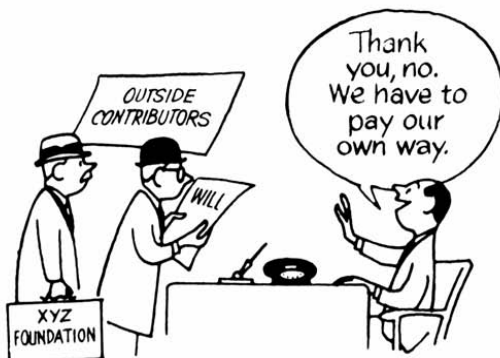
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I ask a Higher Power
to help me be free.

WHAT OTHERS SAY...

Tradition 7: Self-support



Experience has shown us, also,
that A.A. as a whole needs to be
self-supporting and independent

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When I came into this fabulous Fellowship, I was lucky enough to get sober in a place where almost every time the Seventh Tradition basket was passed, someone explained about taking part in meeting the expenses of the group and helping to carry the message to other alcoholics whenever possible.... Early on, what I could do didn't amount to very much. I was single, barely able to meet my personal living expenses, and had a lot of financial amends to make. Even so, a small glimmer of awareness in my slowly clearing brain realized that, because AA helped me not to pick up that first drink, I was saving myself a lot of money on a daily basis. I didn't begrudge that dollar in the basket.... Now I have trudged a few more years down that "Road of Happy Destiny" and connected a few more dots. I couldn't count the number of times that I have said in meetings, "I am grateful to AA and my Higher Power for not having to pick up that first drink today".... Why not put the price of that first drink that I didn't have to take today into the basket? It makes perfect sense to this alcoholic, since I know that not taking that first drink today has saved me not only the price of dozens more that I would have to chase it with, but saved my life, my self-respect, and a long list of other priceless personal assets that I owe to my sobriety....

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July 28-30:

1950 - 1st AA Convention celebrates 15th anniversary of AA in Cleveland

July 3-5:

1970 - 10,900 attend 35th Anniversary of AA in Miami. Bill W gave his last talk to AA

Acadiana Central Office COR Meeting

Minutes from June 18, 2008

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

STEERING COMMITTEE		COR & Alt. COR	
Chairman	Greg C.	Faith Group	Kathy A.
Vice Chair	Aaron G.	Freedom's Choice	William W. (Alt.)
Treasurer	Jody H.	Hub City	Jim W..
Secretary	Ruth B.E.	Living Sober	Jeff B..
Communication	Ken L. (DCM Dist.13-E)	New Way Group (B.B.)	Gloria T. L.
Activities	Richard H.	Sisters in Sobriety	Nina L.
Contact	Caroline T. (out of town)	Sun-Up	Jackie R..
		Sun-Up	John S..
OTHERS			
Office Manager	Evelyn R.		

Ruth B. gave a report on the Steering Committee meeting that was held prior to the COR meeting. She then read the minutes from the May COR meeting. Motion made and carried to accept.

Treasurer's Report: Jody H. reported	Office Manager's Report: Evelyn R. reported.
Starting Bank Balance \$2500.00	12-Step Calls 2
Total Income \$6550.45	Meeting Info Calls 102
Total Expenses \$5907.10	Walk Ins 113
Net Income -\$643.35	Office Information 30
Transferred to/from Prudent Reserve -\$270.22	Al-Anon Info 5
New Prudent Reserve Balance \$10127.32	Other Calls 32
Gay, the landlord's representative, questioned who was receiving the rent checks. He was informed that they were being mailed to Jack B. and that several of the checks have yet to clear the bank. He asked that the rent checks be given to him until further notice.	Sales of Merchandise 88
Motion made and carried to accept the report.	Meeting Lists Mailed 4
	Meeting Lists Faxed 2
	Internet Inquiries 10
	P-I-J Sales 4
	Evelyn reported that sales were up, and group donations were also up. Motion made and carried to accept the report.

Activities Report: Richard H. reported that he is desperately seeking a speaker for the Barbecue. He asked if anyone had any suggestions. It was recommended that he contact Terry R. of Terry's Tapes. 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 May, 2008 there were:

435 visitors to the Central Office web site

Of these 435 visitors,

281 visitors viewed the Meetings page

165 visitors downloaded the Central Office Meeting List

35 visitors viewed the *Plug-In-Jug* page

20 visitors downloaded the April *Plug-In-Jug*

Contact: Caroline T. was out of town. Greg has been making an effort to go to out-of-area District meetings. District 2 (Morgan City area) expressed an interest in becoming more involved with Central Office. He also made contact with District 9 (Opelousas).

District 13A: No Report

District 13-B: Crowley area has a workshop coming up. There were no other details other than flyers would be forthcoming.

District 13C-D: No reports

District 13E: Ken L. reported Dist. 13-E will be putting out flyers for the upcoming workshop on October 10 -12 (Friday- Sunday) at the Clifton Chenier Center in the auditorium.

Old Business

Greg passed out copies of the meeting sheet to all that was present. He suggested that the COR's have copies made for their groups to distribute. He said that he wants to keep the meeting list updated monthly instead of every 3 months, as it is done now.

A temporary copy of Quick Books has been installed at Central Office, and it is doing well.

New Business

The Steering Committee would like to set a policy for travel expense reimbursement for speakers invited to speak at Central Office events due to recent problems/ miscommunications about travel expenses. The issue addressed was concerning gas reimbursement for speakers who drive in from out of town. The Steering Committee proposed setting a per-mile rate according to the Louisiana State rate, which is \$0.44 per mile. The purpose of using the State rate is so we can adjust the rate when the state does without having to vote on it again. The 7th tradition states that

“Every A.A. group ought to be self supporting, declining outside contributions”, which means we should not expect speakers to pay their own gas when asked to speak. Motion made and carried to approve reimbursement of out-of-town speakers travel expenses at the Louisiana State rate.

Steering Committee members who go out of town on Central Office business, such as Contact person when visiting out-of-town groups on behalf of C.O., ought to be reimbursed for their gas, especially with gas prices today. It was suggested that this also be set at the current Louisiana State rate of \$0.44 per mile. By Central Office covering this cost, we will be able to reach out to outlying areas such as Morgan City, and be able to be of service to a greater number of A.A. groups and members who have not had the services of C.O. available before. Motion made and carried to approve reimbursement of travel expenses set at the Louisiana State rate.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Scheduled COR Meeting: Sunday, July 20, 2008, at 6:00pm
Agenda Items Include:

September Barbecue
 Monthly Working Balance
 Financial Report Format
 QuickBooks Financial Software
 Intergroup Conference

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

Central Office Steering Committee

Greg C. - Chair (2008-10) **Richard H.** - Activities (2008-10)
Aaron G. - Vice-Chair (2007-09) **Ken L.** - Communications (2008-09)
Ruth E. - Secretary (2008-10) **Caroline T.** - Contact (2008-10)
Jody H. - Treasurer (2008-09)

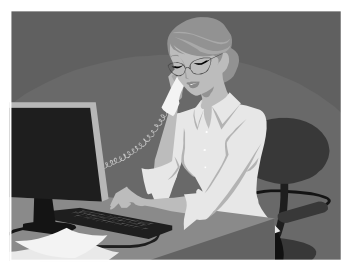
Thanks for your service!



HOW ARE WE DOING?
GREG C. - CHAIR
 337-322-5177

Office Manager's Corner

For the month of June, the Office Manager Evelyn R. reports the following activity:	
12th Step calls	5
Meeting Info calls	127
Office Info calls	23
AI-Anon Info	10
Other calls	10
Walk-ins	81
Meeting List mailed 1; faxed 3	
Internet Inquiries	19
Total # of sales	66



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

Volunteer Workdays In June

Dawn E.	June 3, 6, 10, 13, 18, 20 and 27.
Daniel S.	June 5, 12 and 19.
Rick P.	June 10 and 18.
Evelyn R.	June 13 and 27.
Joyce F.	June 25.

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. *Thanks!*

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2008

Prudent Reserve Starting Balance	\$ 10,127.32
Total Regular Income	1,330.48
Total Sales Income	2,373.60
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,704.08
Total Regular Expenses	2,327.34
Total Sales Expenses	3,607.45
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,934.79
NET INCOME	- \$ 2,230.71
Bank Statement Balance	177.21
Prudent Reserve Transfer Amount	2,322.79
Prudent Reserve Balance	7,805.80
New Working Balance	2,500.00

A complete, detailed Financial Report for June 2008 will be available at the July 20th C.O.R. Meeting.

WHERE MONEY AND SPIRITUALITY MIX

Members celebrate sobriety by giving time, energy and money in support of our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship offers. Members assure that group expenses are paid by putting money into the basket passed at each meeting. It is each member's responsibility to support the services that have been requested by the A.A. Fellowship, to help facilitate A.A.'s vital Twelfth Step. Contributions are made in a spirit of sacrifice, and they honor A.A.'s code of "love and service." Contributions also underscore the spiritual nature of our Fellowship and our mutual love and trust. We have found that these contributions are as important to each member as they are to the service centers supported.

Because the services benefit all A.A. groups. Our Seventh Tradition states that "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

A.A.s want our Fellowship to endure, and to be readily available for the still-suffering alcoholic to come. An A.A. group makes this possible by taking care of its basic group expenses: rent, refreshments, A.A. literature, etc. After meeting these basic group expenses and providing a meeting place, many groups participate by supporting the central or intergroup office in their locale, the area and district general service committees, and the General Service Office (G.S.O.).

To help support A.A.'s essential services, the General Service Conference suggests that individual groups, through an informed group conscience, adopt a specific contribution plan tailored to meet the group's financial situation. Once the basic group expenses have been taken care of (rent, refreshments, A.A. literature,

local meetings lists), and a "prudent reserve" has been set aside to cover unexpected expenses, the group may decide to further carry the message by sending money to the following A.A. service entities: (*The local district, the Area committee, the local Central Office and A.A.'s General Service Office.*)

Each A.A. entity — group, district, area, central or intergroup office, and G.S.O.— provides a specific service and is autonomous. Separate checks need to be sent to each entity.

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Group Donations	June 08	YTD
Abbeville Area	\$0.00	\$0.00
Acadian Gr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Any Lengths	\$0.00	\$200.00
Boulevard Gr. (Opelousas)	\$0.00	\$25.00
Brown Baggers (Morgan City)	\$0.00	\$50.00
Courage To Change (N.I.)	\$82.54	\$380.46
Design For Living	\$115.04	\$518.39
Downtown Gr. (Opelousas)	\$173.50	\$254.50
Dry Dock	\$0.00	\$51.58
Eunice Solutions Gr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith	\$0.00	\$400.00
Freedoms Choice	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hang In There (Scott)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hub City	\$0.00	\$600.00
Kitchen Table	\$180.00	\$530.00
Last Chance Acceptance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Live & Let Live Krotz Springs	\$0.00	\$40.00
Living Sober	\$0.00	\$175.00
New Way (Breaux Bridge)	\$0.00	\$1,249.00
Northside Gratitude	\$0.00	\$13.00
Opelousas Group	\$0.00	\$50.00
Primary Purpose	\$332.35	\$575.35
Queen City/ Gratitude (N.I.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reflections	\$0.00	\$125.00
Scott Group	\$0.00	\$299.16
Serenity N.I.	\$0.00	\$25.00
Simply Sober	\$50.00	\$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	\$83.79	\$974.27
S.M.F. Gr	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sun Up	\$101.62	\$1,721.88
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
Total Group Donations	\$1,118.84	\$8,615.39



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

943 YEARS OF SOBRIETY



Aaron T.	8/29/71	Truman Group	37 yrs	John D.	8/15/89	New Way	19 yrs
Aggie D.	8/12/75	Faith Group	33 yrs	John D.	8/15/89	Sun Up	19 yrs
Amy L.	8/23/00	Back To Basics Lafayette	8 yrs	John R.	8/25/00	3rd Street Park Crowley	8 yrs
Amy N.	8/5/00	Primary Purpose	8 yrs	John R.	8/25/00	Scott	8 yrs
Anita B.	8/19/07	Queen City/Gratitude	1 yr	Joy A.	8/15/84	Queen City/Gratitude	24 yrs
Anthony D.	8/12/05	Step By Step	3 yrs	Judy T.	8/13/91	Serenity Group N.I.	17 yrs
Barbara B.	8/9/03	Abbeville Area	5 yrs	Julie L.	8/6/00	Simply Sober	8 yrs
Beau J.	8/1/06	New Way	2 yrs	Justin W.	8/27/07	Reflections	1 yr
Ben M.	8/18/99	Queen City/Gratitude	9 yrs	Kelly B.	8/26/07	Primary Purpose	1 yr
Billy D.	8/15/99	Liberty Group	9 yrs	Kelly L.	8/20/97	Opelousas Group	11 yrs
Blake V	8/13/06	3rd Street Park Crowley	2 yrs	Lawrence M.	8/16/85	Hang In There	23 yrs
Bobby W.	8/31/05	Dry Dock	3 yrs	Lee D.	8/27/00	Lafayette Group	8 yrs
Bradley L.	8/29/04	Design For Living	4 yrs	Madge McL	8/19/02	Sun Up	6 yrs
Brownie H.	8/9/03	Abbeville Area	5 yrs	Marie L.	8/8/04	Opelousas Group	4 yrs
Bubba R	8/5/85	Design For Living	23 yrs	Marion W.	8/31/01	Living Sober	7 yrs
Bud L.	8/4/90	Dry Dock	18 yrs	Marlon W.	8/30/01	Simply Sober	7 yrs
Carter L.	8/10/07	Faith Group	1 yr	Matt C.	8/24/06	Simply Sober	2 yrs
Cathy M.	8/25/90	Faith Group	18 yrs	Matthew C.	8/21/07	Primary Purpose	1 yr
Chad L.	8/13/02	Sun Up	6 yrs	Melba B.	8/14/89	Opelousas Group	19 yrs
Chad T.	8/7/06	Design For Living	2 yrs	Michael P.	8/12/04	Scott	4 yrs
Charles F.	8/17/01	Courage To Change	7 yrs	Myra S.	8/2/06	3rd Street Park Crowley	2 yrs
Chris B.	8/12/84	New Way	24 yrs	Neil B.	8/27/02	Courage To Change	6 yrs
Coy H.	8/5/04	Dry Dock	4 yrs	Nick G.	8/28/99	Liberty Group	9 yrs
Dan M.	8/26/91	New Way	17 yrs	Norman B.	8/26/98	Freedoms Choice	10 yrs
Daniel H.	8/17/06	New Way	2 yrs	Patrick B.	8/8/07	Primary Purpose	1 yr
Daniel N.	8/12/02	Abbeville Area	6 yrs	Patrick T.	8/8/78	Queen City/Gratitude	30 yrs
David C.	8/6/07	Downtown Group	1 yr	Patti L.	8/19/82	Primary Purpose	26 yrs
David P.	8/26/02	Courage To Change	6 yrs	Paul C.	8/4/85	Abbeville Area	23 yrs
Don L.	8/8/05	Primary Purpose	3 yrs	Randall M.	8/27/06	Scott	2 yrs
Donald L.	8/8/05	Step By Step	3 yrs	Renee T.	8/25/98	Back To Basics Opelousas	10 yrs
E.J.	8/13/01	Area Group Of BB	7 yrs	Richard C.	8/7/07	New Way	1 yr
Ed. G.	8/13/89	Acadian	19 yrs	Scott C.	8/14/98	Back To Basics Opelousas	10 yrs
Eddie B.	8/5/01	Design For Living	7 yrs	Shawn D.	8/23/01	Faith Group	7 yrs
Evelyn R.	8/15/86	Faith Group	22 yrs	Sid R.	8/18/88	Courage To Change	20 yrs
Gail C.	8/4/85	Abbeville Area	23 yrs	Sinda O.	8/11/85	Scott	23 yrs
Garrett M.	8/8/06	Primary Purpose	2 yrs	Steve H.	8/17/87	Hub City	21 yrs
Greg M.	8/6/93	Abbeville Area	15 yrs	Theresa M.	8/28/03	Abbeville Area	5 yrs
James L.	8/25/71	Triangle Group	37 yrs	Therese S.	8/28/99	Courage To Change	9 yrs
Jason D.	8/28/99	Sun Up	9 yrs	Thomas H.	8/24/91	Area Group Of BB	17 yrs
Jason G.	8/1/06	New Way	2 yrs	Toni L.	8/30/98	Abbeville Area	10 yrs
Jason T.	8/8/92	Design For Living	16 yrs	Tracy C.	8/10/04	3rd Street Park Crowley	4 yrs
Jim B.	8/21/84	Duson Willing To Believe	24 yrs	Tracy C.	8/10/04	Faith Group	4 yrs
Jim W.	8/4/93	Hub City	15 yrs	Ursula	8/8/02	Courage To Change	6 yrs
John B.	8/25/96	Hang In There	12 yrs	Vince D.	8/26/01	Simply Sober	7 yrs
				Will H.	8/28/05	Solutions Gr. Ville Platte	3 yrs

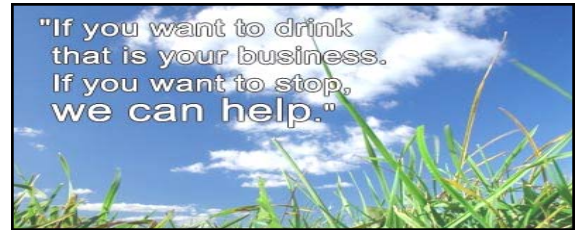
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"Passing the basket" at meetings is our way of meeting our responsibility for the work of A.A. Our own contributions support the group, the General Service Office, and all A.A. activities



NOTES FROM ALL AROUND...

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



After admitting and accepting the fact that I was powerless over alcohol, my first great feeling of relief was that I was no longer alone. I was in a fellowship of people who had the same problem that I had; indeed, most of them had been very much worse off than I.

Having enjoyed good companionship for many years, my loneliness near the end of my drinking had become a real hell to me, but this new fellowship of understanding people gave me new life and new strength. I now realize that an alcoholic cannot get along alone, any more than anyone else can. I, like all men, was a social being who desperately needed fellowship and acceptance. These I found in A.A. where hands were reached out to me. I was not condemned. On the contrary, I was greatly encouraged by these people who spoke my language and, what was so important, offered me hope.

When I became a member of A.A., I immediately went to the president of the company for which I worked and told him about it. His hearty handshake and unmistakable look of approval were all that passed between us. That was enough. I knew I was on my way up again—as long as I remembered to stay away from the first drink.

As sober days passed into sober weeks, I was soon back in the confidence of men who once again respected my judgment in business. I no longer had any fear of interviews with fellow executives because my eyes were clear and my hand was steady. My home life improved and today is happier than ever before.

Certainly, I still have my ups and downs in my new life without alcohol, but during my years in A.A., I have been and am continually learning to accept the things I cannot change, being given courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

How has all this happened to me? I have already mentioned how important was this new-found fellowship, but I am sure there is more to it than that alone. Right from the start of my attending A.A. meetings, I heard various speakers give all credit to a Power greater than themselves. One morning as I was walking to work, from seemingly nowhere at all, there came a thought that there was a possibility that I might never drink again. I have had no desire to drink since that time. It was certainly nothing that I myself could have done that brought this new-found peace. There was only one answer. This Power greater than myself had, as to so many others, restored me to sanity.

Finally, let me say that I am sure that I could not have in the past seven years, nor can I in the future, enjoy my happy and contented sobriety unless I try to share it with others. Therefore, my earnest hope in relating my experience here is that it will help someone, anyone with a drinking problem, but particularly that person who may still be hanging on to his job or business, or may still be holding his home together.

It has often occurred to me that, if I had been a baseball player and had lost an arm, I would soon have reconciled myself to the fact that I could no longer play baseball. Similarly, with the great help of this fellowship, I have reconciled myself to the fact that I can no longer handle alcohol even to the extent of taking a single drink.

A.A. has given me a happy and contented way of living, and I am very deeply grateful to the founders and early members of A.A. who plotted the course and who kept the faith.

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Acadiana Groups Celebrating Anniversaries This Month

District	History Date	Month	Year	Anniv. Yrs.	Group Name	City
13D	6/21/1963	6	1963	45	Hub City Group	Lafayette
13-E	6/10/1981	6	1981	27	Dry Dock Group	Youngsville
13-E	6/24/1985	6	1985	23	Queen City Gratitude Group	New Iberia
13-C	6/16/1987	6	1987	21	Women's Lifeline Group	Lafayette
9	7/23/1979	7	1979	29	Oakdale Group	Oakdale
13-C	7/22/1986	7	1986	22	Any Lengths Group	Lafayette

Anniversary dates are listed according to dates of group registration as reported by the A.A. General Service Office (GSO) in New York.

July

2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 District 9 5:30pm 206 N. Liberty Opelousas	3	4 Central Office Closed	5
6	7	8	9 District 13E 6pm Covenant UMC 300 E. Martial	10 District 13B 7pm 321 E. 3rd St. Crowley	11	12 District 2 5:30pm 613 First St. Morgan City
13 District 13 GSC 6:30pm Covenant UMC 300 E. Martial	14	15 Faith Group will not meet.	16	17	18	19
20 COR Meeting 6pm 1119C Johnston	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 District 13C 4pm Turning Pt.	28	29	30	31		

August

2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Big Book Study Baton Rouge Trinity Episcopal	2 Big Book Study Baton Rouge Trinity Episcopal
3	4	5	6 District 9 5:30pm 206 N. Liberty Opelousas	7	8	9 District 2 5:30pm 613 First St. Morgan City
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 AND COR Meeting 6pm 1119C Johnston	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 District 13C 4pm Turning Pt.						

Want to add an A.A. event to the Central Office Calendar? Email us at plug-in-jug@aa-acadiana.org, or visit the Events/Flyers page at <http://www.aa-acadiana.org/calendar.htm>.

Sunday, September 14th
Girard Park Pavillion in Lafayette

Central Office BARBECUE

Good Clean Fun
for the Whole
Family!

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

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

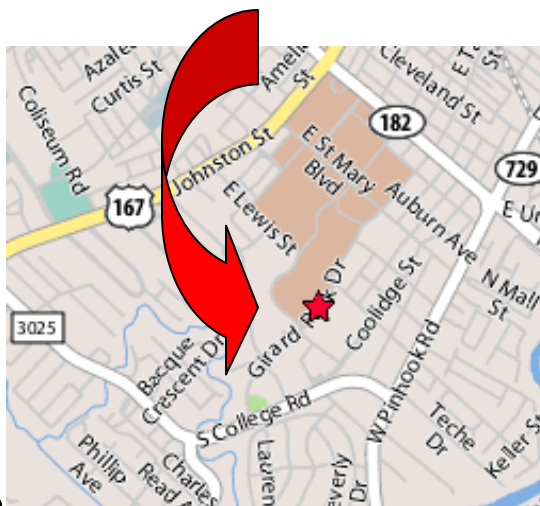
For more information,
contact Richard at (337) 581-1839.

Please Help!

A-L bring dessert
M-Z bring side dish



Early Birds
get the
shade!



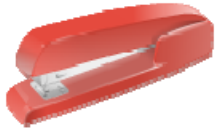
B.Y.O.B.*

*Bring Your Own Basketball!!



Please Help us Spread the Word to Group Members and Sponsees:

Service Opportunities Now Available At Acadiana Central Office



**Help be Part of our Service to the
A.A. Community of Acadiana.**



We need volunteers who are willing to make a serious commitment to service at the Central Office by assisting with office management when the Office Manager, (*who is employed three days a week*), is not in the office.

We are asking that each volunteer be willing to work at least once or twice a month, preferably for the entire day.

We have very faithful volunteers, but we need more to help run the office, primarily on Tuesdays and Fridays.

For an appointment to be trained in selling books and chips, answering the phone, and other office procedures, please Call or Email the Office Manager:



Evelyn R.
Acadiana Central Office
115 Leonie St.
Lafayette, LA 70506
337-991-0830

centraloffice@aa-acadiana.org



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It!*



*Keep it
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Serving Acadiana One Day at a Time

(337) 991-0830 centraloffice@aa-acadiana.org
115 Leonie St, Lafayette. LA 70506 P.O. Box 52186 Lafayette, LA 70505
Hours 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Mon-Fri

Acadiana Central Office is greatly in need of volunteers for 12th Step service calls. Area Groups with members who are available week days, week nights and/or weekends are encouraged to sign up on the list on the reverse side of this sheet and return it to Central Office. This list is also available in Excel format on the web at <http://www.aa-acadiana.org/central.htm>.

According to A.A. traditions, members who accept 12th Step calls are encouraged to take another member along on each call.

I Am Responsible...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,

I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.

And for that: I Am Responsible.

Acadiana Central Office 12th Step Call List

Members must be willing to make a commitment.

Please return to the Central Office or call at 991-0830 or email at centraloffice@aa-acadiana.org.

115 Leonie Street, Lafayette, LA 70506

P.O. Box 52186 Lafayette, LA 70505

Circle Gender	Weekday Calls: Monday - Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm			
	Name	Number	Homegroup	Comments
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Circle Gender	Weeknight Calls: Monday - Thursday from 4:30pm until 8:30am			
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Circle Gender	Weekend Calls: Friday after 4:30pm until Monday at 8:30am			
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DISTRICT 13E WORKSHOP



A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE STEPS

with

TOM & JUANITA U. (NEW MEXICO)

**Friday, October 10, 2008
7pm – 10pm**

**Saturday, October 11, 2008
9am – 5pm**

**Sunday, October 12, 2008
9am – 12noon**

**Clifton Chenier Center
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM
220 W. Willow Street
Lafayette, LA**

SATURDAY LITE LUNCH PROVIDED

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