

October 2008

COR Meeting
October 19, 2008
1119C Johnston Street
Lafayette, LA 6:00PM



Step 10 Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.....
Tradition 10 Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.....

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In this lively anthology of letters, spanning seven decades of Grapevine publication, AA members talk about sobriety, the AA program, their Higher Power, the Big Book, and much more as they wrestle with the great questions that concern the Fellowship. Think of it as an AA conversation among sober alcoholics now in its sixtieth year.



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Next Scheduled COR Meeting:

Sunday, October 19, 2008, at 6:00pm

Status of Hiring a New Central Office Manager
Amendments to By-Laws
Vote on Open/Closed Steering Meetings
Central Office Web Site Upgrade

YOU'RE INVITED — BRING A FRIEND!

The 25th Annual Scott Group
Chicken & Sausage Gumbo

NOVEMBER 22, 2008

6:30pm @ St. Jules Church Hall
(corner of Macon and St. Jules)

8:00pm Speaker: Joel C. (Houma)



**Louisiana State Convention
Planning 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 Holiday

Sunday, October 26th
Beaver Park Pavilion in Lafayette
**Central Office
BARBECUE**

OCT 31 – Nov 2, 2008

CENLA SOBER MANIA

Invites you for an Insanely Ghoulish weekend of recovery at the Wesley Center, Woodworth, La.
AA Speakers

Friday: 8pm **Bubba R.** (Hot Springs, Ark.)

Saturday: 10am **Holly H.** (Lake Charles, La.)

3:30 Workshop (to be announced)

8pm **Myers R.** (Dallas, TX.)

Sunday: 10am **Helen R.** (Hot Springs, Ark.)

AI-Anon Speaker

Saturday 2pm: **Glenda R.** (Ruston, La.)

Lakeside Morning Meditation

Ken H. (recently moved to Alex. from Akron, Oh.)

If you have any questions call: Ken H. (318) 445-7345

Brian P. (318) 794-9333 Thomas B. (318) 792-1524



UNITY

Dinner & Workshop

District 13B

SATURDAY October 25, 2008

6:00 PM Fellowship 7:00 PM Food

8:00 PM Speaker & Questions

Door Prizes/50-50 Raffle/Fellowship
Main Dish & Drinks Provided Plus Covered Dish
Snacks Veggies Sweets Fruit
Speaker - Joanie Y, Lafayette LA

Information: Susan 337-652-8292 or Billy 337-581-6744

South Rayne Community Center - In the Park
403 4th ST Rayne LA 70578

CONCEPT 10: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

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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 improve its services to our A.A. Community.

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CAME TO BELIEVE...

Offering general AA information.

A continuous look at our assets and liabilities, and a real desire to learn and grow by this means, are necessities for us. We alcoholics have learned this the hard way. More experienced people, of course, in all times and places have practiced unsparing self-survey and criticism. For the wise have always known that no one can make much of his life until self-searching becomes a regular habit, until he is able to admit and accept what he finds, and until he patiently and persistently tries to correct what is wrong...

It is a spiritual axiom that every time we are disturbed, no matter what the cause, there is something wrong with us. If somebody hurts us and we are sore, we are in the wrong also. But are there no exceptions to this rule? What about "justifiable" anger? If somebody cheats us, aren't we entitled to be mad? Can't we be properly angry with self-righteous folk? For us of A.A. these are dangerous exceptions. We have found that justified anger ought to be left to those better qualified to handle it.

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WHAT OTHERS SAY...

DEAD CAT MEETINGS...

We have allowed the theory that a drug is a drug to become accepted in many meetings... I call them "dead cat meetings." One person starts off talking about their dead cat and how terrible it all is, then the next person slams their dead cat on the table and argues that their cat is deader than the first person's. It goes on until there is a pile of dead cats on the table. The hour is up, all the time was consumed with problems, and not a word was spoken about the solution.

Whose fault is all this? Why are meetings taken over by people with problems other than alcohol? Why has the Twelfth Step become a lost art? It is easy to blame the courts and the treatment centers, but they are what they are and have nothing whatsoever to do with us. Why do we listen to someone who introduces themselves as an alcoholic and addict who wants to discuss their addiction? It is our fault collectively. We have allowed this to happen. It is our fault that overall membership, after decades of growth, has been stagnant for the past 15+ years. It is our fault that someone gets behind the podium and spends 45 minutes talking about Demerol and shoplifting and everyone thanks the speaker during comments. It is our fault that people who know nothing about recovery are sponsoring others who know nothing about recovery.

What happened to sponsorship?

*Jay M., Akron Beginners Group
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TENTH TRADITION CHECKLIST

Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?

Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?

What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?

Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?

What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?

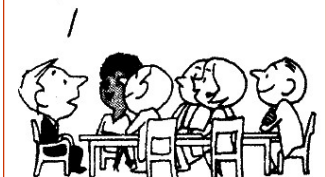
10 *Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.*



I check up on myself. I am honest.

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"Thank you. Now shall we talk about working the program?"



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Oct 1944 - First non American branch started in Sydney, Australia.

Oct 3, 1945 - AA Grapevine adopted as national publication of AA.

Oct. 9-11, 1969 - 1st World Service meeting held in New York with delegates from 14 countries.

Acadiana Central Office COR Meeting

Minutes from September 21, 2008

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

STEERING COMMITTEE		COR & Alt. COR	
Chairman	Greg C.	Back to Basics (N. I.)	Lynn Scott
Vice Chair	Aaron G.	Back to Basics (N. I.)	Margaret M. (Alt.)
Treasurer	Jody H.	Design for Living	Jenssen C.
Secretary	Ruth E.	Faith Group	Kathy A.
Communication	Ken L.	Freedom's Choice	Bill R.
Activities	Richard H.	Hub City	Jim W.
Contact	Dennett R.	Kitchen Table Group	Don O.
		Living Sober	Travis W.
		Northside Gratitude	Mary C.
		Primary Purpose	Garrett M.
OTHERS		Reflections	David B.
Office Manager	Evelyn R.	Sobriety and Beyond	Mark K.
		Sun Up Group	Jackie R.

Two new COR's were welcomed; Jenssen C. from Design for Living, and Lynn S. from Back to Basics in New Iberia. Ruth E. read the minutes from the August COR meeting. Minutes accepted.

<p>Treasurer's Report: Jody H. reported</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Starting Bank Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3605.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4159.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-\$553.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transferred to/from Prudent Reserve</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-\$501.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Prudent Reserve Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5800.11</td> </tr> </table> <p>Jody stated that the 'chips & specialty items' correct total was \$217.52 instead of \$217.50 as reported on the financial report hand-out. Report accepted. Greg apologized to the COR's for not having the financial report samples for the meeting as he had promised last month, citing the delay due to Gustav.</p>	Starting Bank Balance	\$2500.00	Total Income	\$3605.44	Total Expenses	\$4159.19	Net Income	-\$553.77	Transferred to/from Prudent Reserve	-\$501.66	New Prudent Reserve Balance	\$5800.11	<p>Office Manager's Report: Evelyn R. reported.</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>12-Step Calls</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Meeting Info Calls</td> <td style="text-align: right;">102</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Walk Ins</td> <td style="text-align: right;">92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Office Information</td> <td style="text-align: right;">28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Al-Anon Info</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Calls</td> <td style="text-align: right;">15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Meeting Lists Mailed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Meeting Lists Faxed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Internet Inquiries</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Email outgoing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Calls outgoing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9</td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion made and carried to accept her report</p>	12-Step Calls	3	Meeting Info Calls	102	Walk Ins	92	Office Information	28	Al-Anon Info	4	Other Calls	15	Meeting Lists Mailed	0	Meeting Lists Faxed	0	Internet Inquiries	16	Email outgoing	5	Calls outgoing	9
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Activities Report: Richard H. reported that the barbecue was postponed due to the hurricane and has been set for October 26th at Beaver Park. Girard Park was booked up until late in November. He stated everything else is a go, including the speaker, Michelle F. A pumpkin carving contest is a possible event for the kids. Report accepted.

Communications: Ken L. reported

150 copies of Plug-In-Jug printed and 123 mailed.

During the month of August, 2008 there were:

539 visitors to the Central Office web site

Of these 539 visitors,

496 visitors viewed the Meetings page

220 visitors downloaded the Central Office Meeting List

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

25 visitors downloaded the June *Plug-In-Jug*

Report accepted.

Contact: Dennett R. reported that he gave the COR of 12 at 12 information on donation distributions. Report accepted.

District 13A-D: No Report

District 13E: Ken L. reminded everyone present to attend the upcoming workshop on October 10 -12 (Friday- Sunday) featuring Tom & Juanita U. at the Clifton Chenier Center in the auditorium. COR's were asked to remind their home groups about it.

District 9: No representative was in attendance but Greg announced that the workshop in Ville Platte has been postponed. There is no information as to when it will be rescheduled.

District 2: A workshop is being planned in conjunction with District 5. Details to follow later.

Old Business

1. The chairman gave an update on the tax exempt status. The application was filed for the wrong exempt status, but he has been in communication with the I.R.S., and has filed an extension so Central Office can file the correct tax exemption paperwork. The good news is, because of the extension, we will not lose the filing fee that was sent with the original application. To meet the new tax exempt status that Central Office is filing, there are a couple of amendments to the By-Laws that need to be made. Proposed changes were passed out, along with what is currently stated in the bylaws.

2. The four amendments that were proposed last month were put to a vote, and all four passed by the required two-thirds majority of the COR's.

New Business

1. Two proposed amendments to the bylaws were passed out to the COR's. It was explained that these two amendments are necessary to meet the requirements of the I.R.S. to achieve the desired tax-exempt status that Central Office is pursuing. It was explained to those present what the amendments mean, and why these changes need to be made. Greg gave a brief history of how long this process has been underway: 25 years ago, tax exempt status was first discussed but it was dropped (reason not clear). Last year the former steering committee decided to be accountable and start paying taxes. This is why the tax-exempt issue has come up again. Central Office is a non-profit entity, and therefore should obtain tax exempt status. The two amendments will be voted on during the October 19th COR meeting.

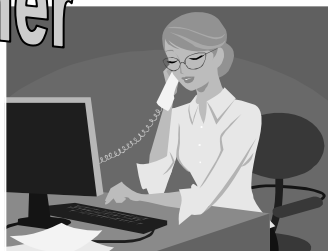
2. The steering committee voted to upgrade the website during its meeting prior to the COR meeting. This will make the website interactive for members of Alcoholic Anonymous.

There was a motion made and seconded for an immediate vote on opening up the Steering Committee meetings to all AA members. Another motion was made to table the vote until next months meeting. It was seconded., voted on and passed. Ken L., Communications Chair, stated that the Steering Committee members were voted on by the COR's as *trusted servants*. It was also mentioned that the meeting has never been exclusive, and that anyone can come and listen. They cannot however participate. This Steering Committee has been trying to be as transparent as possible and the Minutes of each Steering Committee meeting will be made available to the COR's during their regular monthly meeting. This is something this Steering Committee is initiating to comply with its desire to be transparent. The original motion will be voted on at the October COR meeting.

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

CENTRAL OFFICE STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ON BEHALF OF THE COR'S, WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION TO EVELYN R. FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE AS C.O. TREASURER AND, MORE RECENTLY, OFFICE MANAGER.
WE WISH HER WELL IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Office Manager's Corner



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

CENTRAL OFFICE IS NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR **OFFICE MANAGER**. PLEASE SEE THE APPLICATION PACKET ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER or visit www.aa-acadiana.org

DEADLINE NOV. 7TH

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

12th Step Calls	0
Meeting Info Calls	163
Walk-ins	48
Office Info	15
Al-Anon	7
Other Calls	12
Meeting Lists Mailed	2
Meeting Lists Faxed	2
Internet inquiries	32

Volunteer Workdays In September

Frank W.	9, 16, 23, 25
Rick P.	9, 16, 23, 30
Bill S.	12, 18, 26
Chris H.	19, 25
Joyce F.	19

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

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

Things We Cannot Change (In Memoriam)

Glenn S.	New Way Group
Walter T.	Freedom's Choice
Albert H.	Scott Group
Lynn B.	New Way Group
Jackie G.	Abbeville Area
Roy R.	Freedom's Choice
Dave B.	Willing to be Willing
Terry B.	Hub City Group

DISTRICT 13E

WILL HOLD ELECTIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS AT THE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2008 MEETING
6:00PM U.M.CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
E. MARTIAL AVE. (Near Comeaux High School)

Acadiana Central Office
2008 FINANCIAL REPORT
FINANCIAL SUMMARY — AUGUST 2008

Total Regular Income	\$2,243.24
Total Sales Income	\$1,362.20
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,605.44
Total Regular Expenses	\$2,400.44
Total Sales Expenses	\$1,758.77
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,159.19
NET INCOME	-\$553.77
Prudent Reserve Starting Balance	\$ 6,300.99
Bank Balance	\$1,998.34
Prudent Reserve Transfer Amount	-\$501.66
Prudent Reserve Balance	\$5,800.11
New Working Balance	2,500.00

Group Donations	August	YTD
Abbeville Area	\$0.00	\$0.00
Acadian Gr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Any Lengths	\$0.00	\$400.00
Boulevard Gr. (Opelousas)	\$0.00	\$62.50
Brown Baggers (Morgan City)	\$100.00	\$250.00
Courage To Change (N.I.)	\$0.00	\$380.46
Design For Living	\$193.39	\$711.78
Downtown Gr. (Opelousas)	\$77.25	\$331.75
Dry Dock	\$0.00	\$51.58
Eunice Solutions Gr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith	\$0.00	\$650.00
Freedoms Choice	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hang In There (Scott)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hub City	\$0.00	\$600.00
Kitchen Table	\$180.00	\$870.00
Last Chance Acceptance	\$310.15	\$310.15
Live & Let Live Krotz Springs	\$0.00	\$40.00
Living Sober	\$25.00	\$225.00
New Way (Breux Bridge)	\$313.00	\$1,562.00
Northside Gratitude	\$0.00	\$13.00
Opelousas Group	\$50.00	\$100.00
Primary Purpose	\$364.98	\$940.33
Queen City/ Gratitude (N.I.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reflections	\$100.00	\$325.00
Scott Group	\$0.00	\$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	\$50.00	\$100.00
Spring Gr. Port Barre	\$0.00	\$10.00
Step Into Recovery	\$0.00	\$0.00
Step By Step	\$0.00	\$1,045.82
S.M.F. Gr	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sun Up	\$198.81	\$2,017.54
3rd Street Park	\$0.00	\$197.80
Triangle Gr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Truman Gr.	\$10.00	\$20.00
12 @ 12 Group	\$0.00	\$150.00
We Agnostics	\$0.00	\$20.00
Willing To Believe (Duson)	\$0.00	\$20.00
Total Group Donations	\$1,972.58	\$11,828.07

Trustees Issue Statement on Fund Raising

At a special meeting on September 10, 1946, the trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation, through their Policy Committee, issued the following statement as a press release and a bulletin to all A.A. members:

"It has come to our attention that several local and national organizations are soliciting contributions of money from the public through personal appeals and letters from which the public may infer sponsorship by Alcoholics Anonymous.

"In view of this fact, we feel that a restatement of our policy in regard to such matters is necessary at this time.

"No individual or special group of individuals has been or will be authorized to solicit funds under the sponsorship or with the sanction of the General Headquarters of Alcoholics Anonymous or The Alcoholic Foundation.

"In view of this policy, Alcoholics Anonymous not only fails to endorse the present solicitations of funds but looks with disfavor on the unauthorized use of its name in any fund raising activity.

BY: The Trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation.

"Bill and Dr. Bob have asked us to urge secretaries of all groups to make certain that each member is familiar with the tradition and policy of Alcoholics Anonymous as expressed in the trustees' statement. *Please read it to your group at one or more of its meetings; post it on the bulletin board if practical.*"



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

996 YEARS OF SOBRIETY



Cathy C.	11/1/95	Reflections	13 yrs	Lanny B.	11/10/94	Old Timers Group	14 yrs
Al D.	11/8/04	Sun Up	4 yrs	Leo	11/12/98	Back To Basics	10 yrs
Allen B.	11/14/89	SMF Group	19 yrs	Leo M.	11/11/02	Sun Up	6 yrs
Angela D.	11/19/07	Reflections	1 yr	Linda C.	11/8/06	Back To Basics New Iberia	2 yrs
Ann A.	11/4/91	SMF Group	17 yrs	Lionell M.	11/11/88	Serenity Group N.I.	20 yrs
Annette C.	11/28/99	Hang In There	9 yrs	Lisa H.	11/17/01	Courage To Change	7 yrs
Arthur K.	11/21/92	New Way	16 yrs	Lori	11/16/01	Back To Basics	7 yrs
Bill M.	11/15/93	3rd Street Park Crowley	15 yrs	Louise P.	11/9/99	Lafayette Group	9 yrs
Billy Mc	11/15/93	3rd Street Park Crowley	15 yrs	Marcelle	11/12/04	Queen City/Gratitude	4 yrs
Cheryl R.	11/1/03	Back To Basics New Iberia	5 yrs	Mark K.	11/28/05	Sobriety & Beyond	3 yrs
Chris B.	11/28/03	Back To Basics New Iberia	5 yrs	Mary S.	11/5/05	SMF Group	3 yrs
Coy D.	11/11/00	Freedoms Choice	8 yrs	Mary S.	11/13/95	Primary Purpose	13 yrs
Daryl G.	11/16/06	Faith Group	2 yrs	Michelle A.	11/15/07	Design For Living	1 yr
David B.	11/10/96	Last Chance Acceptance	12 yrs	Mike S.	11/22/91	Design For Living	17 yrs
David F.	11/3/05	Design For Living	3 yrs	Mike V.	11/22/05	Faith Group	3 yrs
David W.	11/18/88	Dry Dock	20 yrs	Morris P.	11/6/84	Last Chance Acceptance	24 yrs
Dean P.	11/26/01	Sun Up	7 yrs	Neal S.	11/20/92	Abbeville Area	16 yrs
Dean R.	11/28/91	Area Group Of BB	17 yrs	Pat S.	11/3/00	Lafayette Group	8 yrs
Dean R.	11/28/91	New Way	17 yrs	Paul K.	11/5/93	Dry Dock	15 yrs
Denice T.	11/8/05	New Way	3 yrs	Paula C.	11/27/06	Primary Purpose	2 yrs
Don C.	11/4/07	Kitchen Table Group	1 yr	Phillip E.	11/22/00	Lafayette Group	8 yrs
Dona D.	11/1/07	Primary Purpose	1 yr	Regan	11/18/88	Serenity Group N.I.	20 yrs
Dwayne S.	11/16/99	Dry Dock	9 yrs	Ricky M.	11/1/03	Abbeville Area	5 yrs
Elaine D.	11/15/01	Primary Purpose	7 yrs	Ricky M.	11/26/97	3rd Street Park Crowley	11 yrs
Elizabeth P.	11/18/01	New Way	7 yrs	Rob D.	11/4/07	New Way	1 yr
Evelyn C.	11/27/81	Opelousas Group	27 yrs	Ronnie B.	11/23/05	Step By Step	3 yrs
Fran B.	11/25/00	Back To Basics New Iberia	8 yrs	Ronnie L.	11/22/88	Abbeville Area	20 yrs
Fran B.	11/25/00	Courage To Change	8 yrs	Russ W.	11/27/81	Living Sober	27 yrs
George	11/10/06	Faith Group	2 yrs	Sam L.	11/25/06	Twelve At Twelve	2 yrs
Glenn A.	11/6/06	Reflections	2 yrs	Sandra C.	11/6/91	3rd Street Park Crowley	17 yrs
Heather L.	11/16/06	Kitchen Table Group	2 yrs	Scott B.	11/14/03	Kitchen Table Group	5 yrs
Issac	11/18/03	Acadian	5 yrs	Scott T.	11/21/07	Downtown Group	1 yr
Janice L.	11/21/02	Courage To Change	6 yrs	Sean D.	11/3/06	Kitchen Table Group	2 yrs
Jason C.	11/6/99	Faith Group	9 yrs	Sean D.	11/3/06	Sun Up	2 yrs
Jeannie D.	11/5/93	Step By Step	15 yrs	Shane C.	11/23/04	Kitchen Table Group	4 yrs
Jeremy P.	11/26/05	Reflections	3 yrs	Shane C.	11/23/04	Sun Up	4 yrs
Jill B.	11/11/06	Reflections	2 yrs	Shelley B.	11/23/02	Kitchen Table Group	6 yrs
Jim T.	11/25/02	Hub City	6 yrs	Shirley C.	11/11/05	Back To Basics New Iberia	3 yrs
Jimmy E.	11/14/99	Downtown Group	9 yrs	Stanley B.	11/28/07	Reflections	1 yr
JoAnn E.	11/14/06	Reflections	2 yrs	Stephanie M.	11/17/05	Reflections	3 yrs
Jodi Y.	11/25/98	Lafayette Group	10 yrs	Steven J.	11/10/04	Faith Group	4 yrs
Joe M.	11/13/99	Abbeville Area	9 yrs	Susan B.	11/21/07	Primary Purpose	1 yr
John B.	11/16/01	Design For Living	7 yrs	Terry G.	11/1/01	Courage To Change	7 yrs
John L.	11/3/87	Serenity Group N.I.	21 yrs	Terry Mc F.	11/23/06	Faith Group	2 yrs
John L.	11/11/87	Living Sober	21 yrs	Thecla St, R	11/28/71	Living Sober	37 yrs
Judy L.	11/25/06	Back To Basics New Iberia	2 yrs	Thomas P.	11/24/82	Sun Up	26 yrs
Julia M. L.	11/8/97	Courage To Change	11 yrs	Tracy B.	11/21/05	Reflections	3 yrs
Kelly A.	11/17/06	Surrender	2 yrs	Victoria C.	11/6/06	Simply Sober	2 yrs
Kenneth T.	11/9/03	Living Sober	5 yrs	Warren R.	11/24/98	Liberty Group	10 yrs
Kerner B.	11/10/84	Queen City/Gratitude	24 yrs	Wayne	11/26/71	Sun Up	37 yrs
Kerry D.	11/23/98	Hang In There	10 yrs	Wayne A.	11/15/83	Reflections	25 yrs
Kevin L.	11/22/07	Faith Group	1 yr	Wayne S.	11/26/71	Kitchen Table Group	37 yrs
Kevin R.	11/8/94	Willing To Be Willing	14 yrs				



Want to update your sobriety date? Email us at plug-in-jug@aa-acadiana.org.

NOTES FROM ALL AROUND...



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

"When Bill W. got the 'jitters' out in Akron (back in 1935), he couldn't call another A.A. to furnish cry-on-my-shoulder service. There weren't any other AAs. So he called -- and called -- until he found a drunk who needed help.

"He finally found 'Doc,' and in helping 'Doc' he forgot his own troubles and stayed sober. If that prescription worked for the founder of our fellowship, and it did, then it will work for us today. So, instead of always looking up an AA who is staying sober to give us a lift in spirit, it might help all of us to use Bill's 'prescription' once in a while and find a drunk who needs help. Let us not lose sight of one of the cardinal principles of AA -- 'To help ourselves, we help others.'"

AA Washington, Pa., Bulletin, April 1949

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And we have ceased fighting anything or anyone, even alcohol. For by this time sanity will have returned. We will seldom be interested in liquor. If tempted, we recoil from it as from a hot flame. We react sanely and normally, and we will find that this has happened automatically. We will see that our new attitude toward liquor has been given us without any thought or effort on our part. It just comes! That is the miracle of it. We are not fighting it, neither are we avoiding temptation. We feel as though we had been placed in a position of neutrality safe and protected. We have not even sworn off. Instead, the problem has been removed. It does not exist for us. We are neither cocky nor are we afraid. That is how we react so long as we keep in fit spiritual condition.

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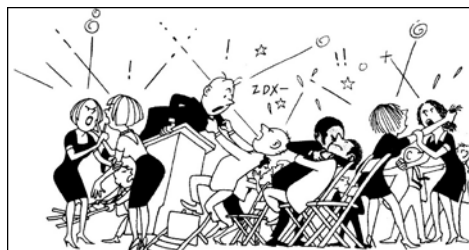
If your group doesn't have a Central Office Representative, your group's voice isn't heard!

The Central Office Representatives meeting is the third Sunday of every month at 6:00pm

1119C Johnston St.

(pink bldg. behind Domino's)

Come and give your home group a voice.



Tradition 10



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Acadiana Area District and Conference Business Meetings

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

Acadiana Groups Celebrating Anniversaries This Month

District	History Date	Month	Year	Anniv. Yrs.	Group Name	City
13-C	10/3/1966	10	1966	42	Acadian Group	Lafayette
13-A	10/7/1980	10	1980	28	New Way Group	Breaux Bridge
2	10/3/1989	10	1989	19	Serenity Group	New Iberia
13-B	10/29/2005	10	2005	3	We Agnostics of Acadiana Group	Lafayette

Anniversaries are based on group registration dates as recorded by the A.A. General Service Office (GSO) in New York.

OCTOBER

2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 District 9 5:30pm 206 N. Liberty Opelousas	2	3	4
5 Freedom's Choice Group Celebration	6	7	8 District 13E 6pm Covenant UMC 300 E. Martial	9 District 13B 7pm 321 E. 3rd St. Crowley	10 District 13E Workshop Tom & Juanita	11 13E Workshop & District 2 5:30pm Charenton Fire Station
12 13E Workshop & District 13 Gen. Svc. Mtg. 6pm 300 E. Martial	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 COR Meeting 6pm 1119C Johnston	20	21	22	23	24	25 District 13B UNITY Workshop
26 District 13C 4pm Turning Pt. Central Office B-B-Q	27	28	29	30	31 CENLA Sober Mania	

NOVEMBER

2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 CENLA Sober Mania
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9 District 13 Gen. Svc. Mtg. 6pm 300 E. Martial	10	11	12 District 13E 6pm Covenant UMC 300 E. Martial	13 District 13B 7pm 321 E. 3rd St. Crowley	14	15
16 COR Meeting 6pm 1119C Johnston	17	18	19	20	21	22 Annual Scott Gumbo-St.Jules Lafayette
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 District 13C 4pm Turning Pt.						 2010 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

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>.



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DEC. 13TH, IN ABBEVILLE

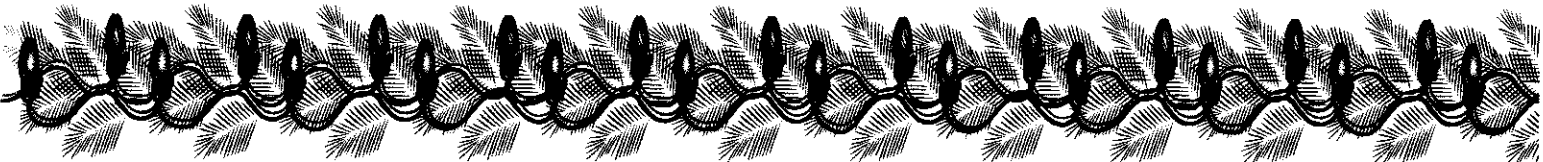
**WITH FEASTING, FELLOWSHIP, PRIZES, MUSIC
AND CHARLES H. OF LONGBEACH, MS. WHO WILL
SHARE WITH US HIS (30 SOMETHING YEARS) OF
EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH, HOPE AND SEASONAL
SOBIRETY AT THE VFW HALL, CRUSTA MEMORIAL
(ABBEVILLE) AIRPORT NEXT TO THE NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS.**

**FELLOWSHIP STARTS AT 6 P.M., EATING DEEP-FRIED
TURKEY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS AT 6:30, FOLLOWED
BY DOOR PRIZES, 50/50 RAFFLE, A SOBRIETY
COUNTDOWN AND MUCH MORE BEFORE THE MEETING
AT 8:00. MORE SOBER REVELRY FOLLOWS THE LORD'S
PRAYER.**

DONATIONS: \$3 FOR SINGLES AND \$5 FOR COUPLES.

THIS IS A NON-SMOKING EVENT.

**A TO L BRING FAVORITE COVERED DISH
M TO Z BRING BREAD, SALAD OR DESERT**



New Location

Sunday, October 26th
Beaver Park Pavilion in Lafayette

Rescheduled

Central Office BARBECUE



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

Good Clean Fun for the Whole Family!

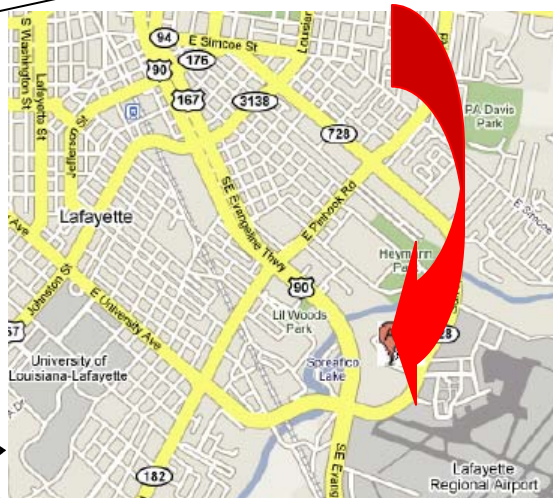
Bring blankets and lawn chairs.
Ice chests are welcome.
Baseball Diamond & Tennis Courts Are Nearby.

Volunteers Needed
Service Work 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 Baseball!!
(or Volleyball or Tennis Racket or Frisbee)



DISTRICT 13E WORKSHOP



KITCHEN TABLE AA

with

**Jay S., Bill C., Matthew M.
(from Southern California)**

**Friday, January 23, 2009
6pm – 9pm**

**Saturday, January 24, 2009
9am – 5pm**

**Sunday, January 25, 2009
9am – 12noon**

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

For more information contact: David D. 337-278-1271

SATURDAY LITE LUNCH PROVIDED

NO CHARGE – DONATIONS ACCEPTED

OUT WITH THE OLD.....

IN WITH THE NEW!

[DISTRICT OFFICERS, THAT IS!!]

*D.C.M. - Alternate DCM - Secretary - Treasurer
General Service Liaison Grapevine Rep. COR Liaison*

District 13E Elections are being held
at the November 2008 business meeting...

6:00 pm November 12th
U. M. Church of the Covenant
E. Martial Ave. - Lafayette

GSRs (or Alternates) from all District 13E Member Groups*

*

Abbeville Area	Courage To Change	Design For Living	Dry Dock
Faith Group	Keep It Simple	Primary Purpose	Queen City Gratitude
Sisters In Sobriety	Step By Step	Sunday Morning Fellowship	
New Way Group of Breaux Bridge	Living Sober	Twelve At Twelve	Kitchen Table
Lafayette Group	Sun Up	New Beginnings	Surrender Group

are encouraged to **attend**, **vote** or even **RUN** for an Office!!



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE



The SCOTT GROUP

Invites You and Your Group to the
25th Annual Chicken and Sausage Gumbo
Nov. 22, 2008

St. Jules Church Hall (corner of Macon and St. Jules St)

6:30 - Fellowship

7:00 - Eat Gumbo

8:00 - Speaker Joel C. (Houma, La)

9:00 - Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle

A-L please bring potato salad or favorite dish

M-Z please bring bread or dessert

[Coffee and Kool-aid will be provided]

All Proceeds go to Acadiana Central Office



For any questions or help contact Dennis B. 852-7831