

# The MESSENGER

## Middle Tennessee Central Office Intergroup

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### The Messenger

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### The Book Is Born

In recent *Grapevine* articles attention has been drawn to the fact that A.A. is still in the process of forming a public relations policy, that failure to crystallize a sound policy could seriously cripple us.

During the first three years of A.A. no one gave a thought to public relations. It was a time of "flying blind," when we feverishly sought the principles upon which we might stay sober and assist the few alcoholics who came around wanting to do likewise. We were entirely preoccupied with the life and death question of personal recovery. It was strictly a man to man affair. We hadn't even agreed upon a name for our movement. There was no literature.

By the fall of 1937 we could count what looked like 40 recovered members. One of us had been sober three years, another two and a half, and a fair number had a year or more behind them. As all of us had been hopeless cases, this amount of time elapsed began to be significant. The realization that we "had found something" began to take hold of us. No longer were we a dubious experiment. *Alcoholics could stay sober. Great numbers perhaps!* While some of us had always clung to this possibility, the

dream now had real substance. If 40 alcoholics could recover, why not four hundred, four thousand-even forty thousand?

Once this spectacular notion gripped us, our thinking underwent a sudden change. Our alcoholic imaginations certainly had a field day. By temperament most of us are salesmen, promoters. So we began talking very big. Mere boxcar numbers wouldn't do. We went astronomical. Undoubtedly, we said, this was the beginning of one of the greatest medical, religious and social developments of all time. We would show the medical profession and the sky pilots where they got off! A million alcoholics in America; more millions all over the world! Why, we only had to sober up all these boys and girls (and sell them God) whereupon they would revolutionize society. A brand new world with ex-drunks running it. Just think of that, folks!

Publicity? Why of course! Millions of words! Money? Sure! It would take millions, naturally. The matter of money and publicity would be a cinch--just a campaign of high powered selling directed at our American tycoons and editors would quickly settle that question. How could they resist when they saw what we had? Just watch us drunks. Actually a few of us were pretty nearly as bad as that! No circus barker was ever so enthusiastic or extravagant in his cries as were some of us in the fall of 1937. In fact, I can recall having done a great deal of the barking myself!

Now suppose the promoters of those pioneering days had not been slowed

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**This will be the first installation of information on our groups. It will be continued for a few months to allow all to see what Groups "mean" and how you might better understand your group and hopefully get involved. Blame the Messenger**

Traditionally, any two alcoholics meeting together for purposes of sobriety; may consider themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they are self-supporting and have no outside affiliation.

## HOW THINGS GET DONE IN YOUR AA GROUP

### 1. Why do groups have 'officers'?

All sorts of jobs have to be done to keep an A.A. group going—or to start one. And most of us agree, "A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve" (Tradition Nine).

**It is through the work of group members in A.A. that:**

- ♦ Alcoholics in the community learn that A.A. is available and how to find it.
- ♦ Calls for help are answered.
- ♦ A meeting place is provided, made ready, and cleaned up after meetings.
- ♦ Programs are arranged for meetings.
- ♦ Literature is on hand, and refreshments are served.
- ♦ The necessary money is collected and properly spent.
- ♦ Group problems get solved.
- ♦ Necessary contact is made with the rest of A.A. - locally through central (or intergroup) offices and the area general service committee, otherwise through the General Service Office in New York.

It takes people to get these jobs done, of course. In A.A. groups they are called "officers," but our Second Tradition reminds us, "Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

They are usually chosen by the group for limited terms of service.

The jobs they do may have titles. But titles in A.A. do not bring authority or honor; they describe services and responsibilities.

They are ways of carrying the message. They are forms of Twelfth Step work A.A. members do, primarily to help **themselves** recover.

It is said that learning to accept responsibility in the group is a privilege. Handled properly, it can be helpful in recovery. Many A.A. members have found group duties an excellent way to strengthen their own sobriety.

### 2. What officers do we need?

Individual groups have many ways of making sure the necessary services are performed with a minimum of organization. For example, a typical group might have the following workers:

- ♦ Steering (or service, or rotating) committee members
- ♦ Group chairperson
- ♦ Secretary
- ♦ Treasurer
- ♦ General service representative (G.S.R.) Program chairperson
- ♦ House chairperson
- ♦ Intergroup or central service office representative (where such offices exist)
- ♦ Grapevine representative (GVR)

. . . or some combination of those, varying from time to time and place to place. Sometimes, a larger group may need, as well, a Twelfth Step committee, a refreshment committee, a hospitality committee, or a special institutions representative. The words may vary (some groups use "coordinator," "co-chairperson," etc.), but the important thing is: The jobs get done.

### 3. Why have a steering committee?

Questions about what a group should do, and how, sometimes arise. The steering committee (some groups call it the group service committee) is one way of getting those questions handled for the group.

As an experienced cross section of the group membership, it can handle day-to-day operations for the group.

Anywhere from three to five members may be the right-sized steering committee for a small group. For larger ones, 12 or so members provide a better cross section and share the work load in a fairer way.

In many groups, the officers are automatically the steering committee. Sometimes, former officers make good members because of their experience. In some groups, a rotating committee (members serve six months, a year, two years, with one member added, one dropped, each month or each quarter) serves the same purpose as a steering committee.

### 4. What do chairpersons do?

In most groups, the chairpersons are the chief officers for a stated period of time.

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down. Suppose that our public relations policy had been left fully in their hands. Suppose they had been able to raise millions, to flood the country with A.A. propaganda and wild claims. Where would we be now? Nowhere, obviously. We would not only have fallen out with our best friends, religion and medicine; we would surely have been discredited among the very people we wished most to reach--alcoholic men and women. Much money would have meant a large staff of professional A.A. therapists or "do gooders," and promoters plus money would surely have meant ballyhoo on every subject under the sun from prohibition to Communist Russia. Internally, if we still existed at all, we would have been torn apart by political controversy, religious dissension. It happened to the Washingtonians. Who, then, has saved us thus far?

The people who did the saving job then, and who have continued to save us much trouble since, are a class of individuals with whom most A.A.s are impatient. *These people are the conservatives.* They are the "go slow," "think it over," "let's not do that" type. Not many of them are to be found among us alcoholics but it's certainly providential that we have always had a few such around. Often accused of being a drag on progress (as they sometimes are) they are nevertheless a priceless asset. They bring the rest of us down out of the clouds; they make us face the realities of experience; they foresee dangers which most of us would blithely ignore. Sometimes their conservatism is overdone; they needlessly "view with alarm for the good of the movement." Knowing that mere change is not necessarily progress they instinctively resist change. They never wish to take an irrevocable step; they often shrink from those final decisions from which there is no retreat. They keep out of trouble by making sure never to get into it.

The first discussion of our public relations in 1937 at Akron will always live in my memory. The promoters could think of nothing but getting the glad news of our recoveries to a million alcoholics, overnight if possible. If this were done, God would do the rest, they said. But the conservatives did not think God did business that way.

The conservatives then proceeded, with terrific impact, to make the point that The Man of Galilee had no press agent, no newspapers, no pamphlets, no books--nothing but word of mouth to carry the spirit from person to person, from group to group. Why should we deviate from His example? Were we about to substitute ballyhoo for personal demonstration? Were we to favor personal glorification in public in place of quietness, humility and anonymity?

These were good questions; they made us promoters stop and think. Though obliged to concede much to the

conservatives on principle, we still felt their counsel was that of perfection. It wasn't practical. The conservatives retorted that while promoters had built many a successful enterprise they almost always bankrupt what they had built if they were left long enough in charge. We promoters (and I was one of them) came back with this: How, we inquired, could the "go slow boys" sleep nights when they reflected that after three long years we had produced but three small groups; that America had a million alcoholics dying like flies; that within gunshot of where we sat there were perhaps hundreds who could get well if they only knew what we knew? And did alcoholics in California have to wait for relief to get there by word of mouth only? And wasn't there grave danger of our successful methods being badly distorted unless reduced to writing and put in book form? And if we made no written record of what we had found, might not columnists get funny and start deadly ridicule? Caution, we agreed, ought to be observed by all means, but still didn't we need a book of our own, some publicity?

Such was the gist of the discussion out of which came the decision to publish the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. This led to publicity, to the establishment of our Board of Trustees (The Alcoholic Foundation), and to the creation of the Central Office at New York where alcoholics and their families can write for literature and direct help. Our rapid and seemingly healthy growth the past few years has pretty well demonstrated the wisdom of these early decisions.

The point is obvious. If these vital matters had been left entirely to the promoters like me, we would surely have gone hog wild and spoiled everything. Had these affairs been left exclusively to the conservatives it is probable that few of our present membership would yet have heard of A.A. Thousands would have remained miserable. Many would have been dead.

So it seems clear that sound policy can only be made by rubbing the conservatives and the promoters together. Their discussions, if free from personal ambitions and resentment, can be depended upon to produce the right answers. For us, there is no other way.

Having now shown how our first step in public relations was taken, I would like, in forthcoming pieces, to tell more of our recent experiences in this field, with emphasis on the desirability of continued modesty, anonymity, and fidelity to one objective only: That of carrying A.A. to the alcoholic who wishes to recover.

Bill W.—October 1945

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Like other group servants, they should have been sober awhile—probably a year. They should have had other group service experience before tackling this job. At least, that's what most groups have found works best.

They coordinate group activities, trying to prevent confusions and misunderstandings in group affairs. They may substitute for other group officers occasionally. They probably call steering committee meetings and preside at them. They may open all regular group meetings, then turn them over to other members who are the "leaders" for that one session only.

Chairpersons have final responsibility for the smooth functioning of groups. Actually, it doesn't seem to matter *which* group officer does which job, as long as all jobs get done without confusion or conflict. It is very important for everybody to understand *who* is to do *what*.

Chairpersons generally are the group members responsible for maintaining good relations between the groups and their neighboring communities, starting with the landlords.

For example: If the group meets on church property, what the pastor, the janitor, and the church members think of A.A. depends mostly on the behavior of the group members. If A.A. members seem to be nice folks, our work is respected, and sick alcoholics are encouraged to contact us. If we are found troublesome, the word that gets passed around does not attract alcoholics to us.

The same goes, of course, for local doctors, police, social workers, and others who encounter sick alcoholics.

Usually, the better informed chairpersons or any other group officers are about all of A.A., the better they function in their offices. If they keep Tradition One in mind and help their groups keep aware of all the Traditions, they will probably find their own welfare flourishing with that of the groups they serve.

Most chairpersons agree it's a good idea not to expect lots of praise. Service is its own reward.

### 5. What do secretaries do?

Some groups have no chairperson, because the secretary serves as the group's chief officer. In any case, like chairpersons, secretaries need to be good all-around group servants. Unless other officers or committees have some of these specific jobs to do, these may be typical responsibilities of a secretary:

- ♦ Opening the meetings, when the chairperson is not available.

- ♦ Seeing that AA literature (especially Conference-approved pamphlets for newcomers and the books "Alcoholics Anonymous," "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions," "A.A. Comes of Age," "As Bill Sees It," and "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers") is on hand at all times. (In more and more groups, this is beginning to be the G.S.R.'s job.)
- ♦ Making or mailing special announcements about important A.A. activities.
- ♦ Keeping an up-to-date, *strictly confidential* file of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of group members (subject to each member's approval, of course) and knowing which ones are available for Twelfth Step calls.
- ♦ Accepting and assigning calls for Twelfth Step help (unless there is a Twelfth Step chairperson for this particular duty).
- ♦ Making sure rent is paid on the group's post office box (groups have found this a much safer, easier, more efficient mailing address than some member's home or the meeting place).
- ♦ Keeping a file on anniversaries if the group wishes.
- ♦ Helping the treasurer count and keep a record of each meeting's collection and cosigning the group's checks.
- ♦ Maintaining a bulletin board for posting A.A. bulletins and announcements.
- ♦ Sharing with the group members mail from other groups and the intergroup (central) office, unless the intergroup representative does this.
- ♦ Providing safekeeping for group records.
- ♦ Making *sure* the local central service office or intergroup and the General Service Office know of any changes of address, meeting places, new officers, etc. (The general service representative and intergroup representative may do this, but the secretary can make sure it is being done.)
- ♦ And doing whatever else needs to be done. (Some of these chores, of course, are performed by various other officers in some groups. To repeat: It doesn't seem to matter much which officers do which chores, as long as all the necessary jobs get done, and as long as it is clearly understood who is to do what.)

Like any other group officer, the secretary has special responsibility for seeing that newcomers get help.

Some groups use an alternate or assistant secretary to share the work load (and prepare to replace the outgoing secretary).

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**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**

### EBBY'S MIRACLE

Ebby T. was in lukewarm water with the Manchester, Vermont, law officials. He had caused noticeable commotion in January of 1929 when he and Bill W. hired a barnstormer pilot to fly them into the local Equinox airport. Airplanes were a big deal in those days, so they informed city officials their time of arrival. A large gathering, waited in anticipation, only to observe both Bill and Ebby stumble and fall to the ground as they disgracefully and drunkenly disembarked. On a later occasion, Ebby slammed his car into the side of his terrified neighbor's house. Upon exit he asked the lady for a cup of coffee. She called the constable instead. Such hi-jinks certainly heated the legal waters for Ebby. But Ebby's legal temperature was raised to boiling when he was reported for drunkenly shooting pigeons off the roof of his beautiful home in a very prestigious neighborhood—he faced six months incarceration!

Luckily, his Oxford Group friend, State Senator, Cebra Graves got him off the hook if he would only return to court-sober-the following Monday. But it was only Saturday and Ebby had terrible shakes. Here is a quote from his 1954 talk at Dallas: "Once home, I remembered I had three cold bottles of Ballantine Ale in the basement. I started thinking how I could nurse those three bottles over the weekend and still appear in court on Monday sober. I went down stairs for a bottle but began to think what I was doing wasn't being honest.

What the judge had really meant was "Don't drink." Ebby didn't! Amazingly, he experienced an alcoholic release which lasted over two and a half years, enough time to carry his message to drunken Bill W. in 1934. We are now the Beneficiaries of this unlikely MIRACLE eighty years later.

*Bob S., Richmond, IN*

Nothing says "Let's celebrate America!" quite like drinking beer and playing with explosives.



**FREE 75th ANNIVERSARY FIRST EDITION BIG BOOK**

First of all, I want to say a special "thank you" to the volunteers at The Middle Tennessee Central Office. I had a wonderful 10 day vacation, and the volunteers really did a great job of supporting David W. while I was away. David did yeoman duty himself, and he is a real asset to your Central Office. Seven of our present volunteers precede my appointment back in September, 2008. When I attend the annual Central Office/ Intergroup meeting where offices around the country come together, I realize how blessed I am with this loyal group of servants. You are blessed also, as your office is always staffed, stocked and open for your convenience. Many of these volunteers could effectively manage this without my assistance, as they are well informed and committed to The Central Office. Besides the thousands of phone calls to locate meetings, the many 12 Step calls and cries for help, the volunteers have processed over 1100 invoices this year, representing \$75,000 in literature and chip sales in 2014. Remember, these are volunteers unpaid with money, but all agree the rewards of quality sobriety created by service work are immeasurable. I cannot thank these volunteers enough, and I would like to remind all of us to say a special "thank you" when you call or come by.

Many Central Offices do not allow volunteers to handle money or have keys to the office. We have no reason to doubt the competency and trust worthiness of our volunteers. This allows the office to always be open and available to meet the needs of over 200 groups, representing 915 AA meetings a week in our Middle Tennessee area. We are truly blessed!

The Central Office will have a table at the upcoming Music City Roundup July 3-6, and many of these same volunteers will be there too. Drop by and see us. Note the contest in last month's Messenger to guess how many of the special editions of The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary First Edition Big Books will be sold during the event. Mail or email your guess by midnight, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may also enter in writing at The Central Office. David W. says we will sell 200. By the way, here at the office we have sold 335 since April 1<sup>st</sup>.



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**FIRST TUESDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH:**

District 30 Meeting  
When: 6:30pm – 7:30pm  
Where: 5925 O'Brien

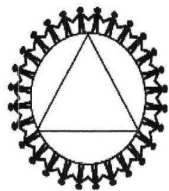
**SECOND  
MONDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH:**

Intergroup Meeting  
When: 5:45pm – 6:45pm  
Where: Central Office

**417 Welshwood  
STEERING COMMITTEE**  
When: Thursday July 24th  
5:45pm – 6:45pm  
Where: Central Office  
417 Welshwood



# Walking Hand in Hand



2014 Area 64 TN  
State Convention  
September 5th – 7th

~ Hotel: Montgomery Bell State Park  
1000 Hotel Avenue Burns, TN 37029

- ~ Reservations: (800) 250-8613 or (615) 797-3101  
[www.tn.gov/environment/parks/montgomerybell/](http://www.tn.gov/environment/parks/montgomerybell/)
- ~ Group Code: "Tenn State Convention" Cut off Date: 7/22/2014
- ~ Room Rate: Double: \$88.20+Tax, King: \$99.75+Tax,  
Suite: \$204.75+Tax, Cabins: \$346.50+Tax (2 nights)

\*First Nights Fee will be charged to your Credit/Debit Card at time of reservation

For more information contact: Johnny L. (615) 419-4468  
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AA/AI Anon # \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Registration: \$ 20 each, \$25 after 8/01/14

Alateen # \_\_\_\_\_ Registration \$ 15 each

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to be of service at the convention

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs: Wheelchair/HearingImpaired/Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Donation

Make checks payable to: 2014 Area 64 State Convention  
Mail to: P.O. Box 128363 Nashville, TN 37212-8363



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## Meeting Updates

### NEW

- 37027** Rule 62 added 11:30 OD on Tues & Thurs  
Straight from the Book—Good Sheperd United Methodist
- 37075** Church 525 Shaklee Rd 4-5:30p Sun
- 37130** Back to the BB Group added Wed 7p BB CD  
Bill Wilson Literary Society Old Hickory Pres Church 801 Jones
- 37138** Old Hickory W 7:30p OD/Lit
- 37174** RUSSH Hour Sun 7p Wmn CD  
Eastside Men's Stag Woodland Pres Ch. 211 N. 11th St
- 37206** Mon - 7p Men
- 37210** Crossroads Trevecca Towers II 60 Lester Ave Chapel Fri 2p
- 37210** Late Nite News Club 62 329 Peachtree St Th 10:30p OD
- 37211** Woodbine Group Last Stop Club Sun 6:30p OD
- 37214** Freedom House - M 7pm OD Sun 10am OD Thu 6:30 EM 7:30 O
- 37214** Shade tree Sat 5:20p Young & Sober OD
- 37221** Keep It Simple Sat 6p OS
- 38469** Winners 219 Commerce St Loretto, TN - Tues 7p CD Sat 6p CD
- 38501** Live & Let Live Mon 5p OD
- 38549** By the Book - Byrdstown Smyrna Church Thurs 7p OD

### MOVED

- 37030** Smith County Friendship Carthage United Methodist 609 main  
st (basement) Mon 7 pm BB - Wed 7p OD- Sun 7p OD  
Kick Off isn't Until Noon - moved to Classroom A & B on 1st
- 37064** floor of Williamson Medical Center
- 37122** Key to Sobriety Grove United Meth 6485 Central Pike Mt Juliet
- Women in the Solution - Gateway Church 1304 Madison St
- 37160** Shelbyville

### CHANGES

- 37013** S.W.A.T.T Sun 3:30 OD/WMN St. Mark's Episcopal Church 3100  
Murfreesboro Rd
- 37013** No Name Yet is now 60 Minutes and the meetings are now OD
- 37087** IBI-UBU Group Mon - 11 & 6:30 Book (Lit) - Sun 11 Meditation
- 37110** McMinnville Serenity Group Fri & Sat now meet at 7pm  
Robertson County Sun 10a & 7p OD/CD Wed Noon Thur 7p
- 37172** Grapevine
- 37209** West Nashville Group Tue 8p Lit
- 37214** Bikers in Recovery now meets at 7:30pm Thurs
- 37334** Fayetteville Group Mon is CD - Last Thurs is SP & Meal
- 37334** Serenity Celler Wed is CD
- 37335** Manchester Noon Fellowship is now 12/24 Group
- 37335** Manchester Mon Night AA MTG is now at 7:30
- 38588** Sat Fairfield Glade Group - 481 Snead Dr (not Rd.)
- 38588** Tues Fairfield Glade Group - 481 Snead Dr

### CANCELLED

- 37030** Smith County—Friday Meeting
- 37174** Sisters of Sobriety (SOS)
- 37205** Communications Group Thursday Night
- 37206** Shelby Park Group
- 37211** Woodbine Group Last Stop Club Sun 1:30p
- 37217** Camino A La Sobriedad Sun & Mon 8p
- 38469** Loretto 417
- 38478** Closed Women's AA Meeting
- 38501** Live & Let Live Mon 6p

## 2015 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 2 - 5, 2015  
Atlanta, Georgia



The 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2 - 5, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia with the theme "80 Years - Happy, Joyous and Free." A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 80th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Georgia Dome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the Georgia World Congress Center and local hotels.

We know many are excited about the International Convention and eager for detailed information. As the time gets closer, additional information about the Convention and Atlanta, our host city, will be provided.

This Web site will be updated as more information becomes available. Also, watch for articles in *Box 4-5-9* that is mailed to the general service representative of every group in the U.S. and Canada listed with G.S.O. and is also posted on the Web site.

Convention registration and housing reservations will open in fall 2014. All necessary information will be included in the registration packet which will be available in September 2014. This packet will list numbers to call for answers to specific questions about housing, the program, etc. The information will be mailed to A.A. groups, offices and contacts around the world and posted on the Web site.

[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

**We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!**

Hendersonville Big Book Group presents  
Summer Speakers and Potluck Picnics



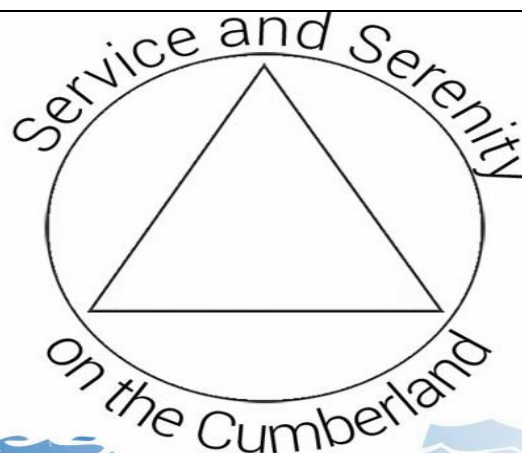
The Hendersonville Big Book Group brings you a real, live, walking, talking Big Book every 3rd Sunday of the summer months.....

Bring your family or friends or just yourself. Bring a dish to share.	May 18	Meats on the grill by the one and only Chef Andy! (We love you, Andy)
	June 15	
	July 20	
	August 17	

Come at 5:30 for fellowship, food, and fun. Speaker at 7:00.

\*speakers to be announced

Bluegrass Baptist Church - Pavilion  
235 Indian Lake Road



### AREA 64 3rd Quarter Assembly

JULY 18 - 20 2014

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Limited Number of pet friendly rooms \$10 extra

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## 56<sup>TH</sup> ICYPAA

THE EFFECT WAS ELECTRIC

SAN ANTONIO TX AUGUST 21-24, 2014

For questions regarding registration, please contact:

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Registration Chair

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**Don't forget to pre-register at [www.ICYPAA.org](http://www.ICYPAA.org)**



**WHO'S THIS "MODERATION" PEOPLE KEEP  
TELLING ME TO DRINK WITH?**





Group / Meeting	Dist	April	YTD	Group / Meeting	Dist	April	YTD
24 HOUR	32		300	LATE LUNCH BUNCH	33		1,050
ANONYMOUS S (ALL) CONTRI		163	302	LET IT HAPPEN	35		150
ANY LENGTHS	13		35	LIFE SAVERS	30		200
BACK ROOM	35	258	2,370	LIVING IN THE NOW, PRIMETIMERS	33	86	86
BACK TO THE BIG BOOK	12		120	MADE A DECISION			115
BILL WILSON LITERARY SOCIETY	31		134	MCMINNVILLE	12		100
BRADFORD BEGINNERS			79	MIDDAY BREAK	32		566
BY THE BOOK -DICKSON	15		164	MT JULIET FELLOWSHIP	31		450
CAME TO BELIEVE	33		50	MURFREESBORO	12	15	90
CAMELS		20	40	MUSTARD SEED	32	50	250
CELEBRATE SERENITY			200	NEW ATTITUDES			43
CHICKEN PLUCKERS MENS MTG	33		240	NEW BEGINNINGS( Dist 12)	12	20	80
COLUMBIA	40	20	100	NIPPERS CORNER MTG	32		29
COMFORT ZONE			332	NORTHSIDE , CLARKSVILLE	14	150	225
DAVIDSON RD MTG	30	1,000	2,800	ONE DAY AT A TIME	31		900
DAVIDSON ROAD WOMEN'S MTG			470	ONE STEP CLOSER	33		275
DICKSON AA	15		390	OUT TO BREAKFAST	30		89
DONELSON YET	31		100	PAY DAY	15		125
DOWNTOWN LUNCH	32		202	PEACHTREE			45
DRUNKS IN THE PARK	33		761	PORTLAND UNITY	13		20
EAST NASHVILLE 86'ers	34		185	PRIMARY PURPOSE	34		123
EAST NASHVILLE WOMENS MTG	31		224	PULASKI	40	5	25
EAST SIDE SATURDAY MTG			1,550	REBOS (SOBER)	34	180	180
EASY DOES IT (Mt Juliet)	31		250	ROAD OF HAPPY DESTINY	14		15
EVERY NIGHT AT 6	32		218	SAFE HARBOR (D14)	14		50
FAIRFIELD GLADE	09	33	99	SAT LIVING BY THE PRINT	30	100	175
FAIRVIEW	33		14	SAT NIGHT ALIVE MTG	11		120
FAYETTEVILLE	40		40	SEARCH FOR SERENITY	34		113
FIRST THINGS FIRST	34	200	300	SEEKING SANITY	31		603
FIVE & FIVE	30		448	SERENITY (12)	12	50	200
FRANKLIN 4TH BB STUDY	33		150	SHADE TREE	31		1,390
FRANKLIN	33	550	950	SMYRNA GRATITUDE	12	100	531
FRANKLIN MENS	33		500	TCYPAA	32		9
FRANKLIN ROAD WOMEN'S	33		100	THE STRAGGLERS	33		82
FREE TO BE	31		157	THE UNITED	13		75
G.O.D. ( OF DRUNKS)	40		160	TRINITY	11		50
GLADEVILLE GRATITUDE	13		113	TRUDGING THE ROAD	33	75	75
GRATEFUL ALIVE	33		222	TURNING POINT	33		320
GRATITUDE	11	100	100	WANGL	30		187
HAPPY HOUR -LEWISBURG	40		50	WAVERLY	15		30
HAPPY HOUR- COOKEVILLE	09		100	WEEKENDERS	34		50
HARDING ROAD	30		150	WEST NASHVILLE	35		53
HENDERSONVILLE BIG BOOK	34		50	WESTMINSTER	30	44	171
HERMITAGE	31	200	200	WHITE HOUSE	34		80
HIGHER POWERED	32		133	WILSON CTY FRIENDSHIP	13		25
HILLSBORO ROAD	32		500	WINNERS AND BEGINNERS	35		50
IBI-UBU	13		100	WOMEN IN THE SOLUTION	11	50	50
JOELTON MTG	34	50	100	WOMEN'S FREEDOM MTG	30		304
KEEP IT SIMPLE BELLEVUE (d35)	33	37	271	WOMENS SPEAKER MTG	30		300
KEY TO SOBRIETY	31		140	YOUNG GUNS	32		28
LADIES NIGHT OUT	34		50				
				<b>Grand total:</b>		<b>3,556</b>	<b>27,166</b>

**MIDDLE TEN NESSEE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES ACTUAL AND BUDGETED-SCHEDULE  
FOR THE MONTH AND FIVE MONTHS ENDI NG MAY 31, 2014 AND 2013**

	Actual	CURRENT MONTH Budget	Budget- Var	Actual	YEAR TO DATE Budget	Budget- Var
<b>INCOME</b>						
LITERATURE SALES	\$ 17,935.62	11,363	6,572	\$ 66,947.37	56,817	10,131
LITERATURE PURCHASES	(13,498)	(8,333)	(5,165)	(47,265)	(41,667)	(5,599)
FREIGHT IN	15	-	15	(110)	-	(110)
NET LITERATURE SALES	4,453	3,030	1,423	19,572	15,150	4,422
GROUP	3,731	5,070	(1,339)	27,883	25,348	2,535
INDIVIDUAL	110	517	(407)	1,792	2,583	(791)
MESSENGER	12	92	(80)	168	458	(290)
SPECIAL EVENTS	-	417	(417)	-	2,083	(2,083)
INTEREST	2	18	(16)	8	88	(80)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>8,307</b>	<b>9,142.18</b>	<b>(835)</b>	<b>49,423</b>	<b>45,711</b>	<b>3,712</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
CASUAL LABOR	200	200	-	950	1,000	(50)
PAYROLL	4190	4453	(263)	22,528	22,265	263
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL	350	217	133	1,007	1,083	(76)
SALES TAX EXPENSE	(38)	-	(38)	(26)	-	(26)
RENT	946	1,137	(191)	4,730	5,687	(957)
PRINTING	530	400	130	1,325	2,000	(675)
PAYROLL TAXES	321	340	(19)	1,403	1,699	(296)
MAINTENANCE	137	83	53	432	417	16
TELEPHONE & FAX	416	722	(306)	2,483	3,611	(1,128)
COMMUNICATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
ANSWERING SERVICE	215	253	(38)	1,031	1,267	(236)
POSTAGE	145	200	(55)	1,149	1,000	149
OFFICE SUPPLIES	413	208	205	1,746	1,042	704
BANK SERVICE CHARGE	-	-	-	(10)	-	(10)
MOVING EXPENSES	-	-	-	1,965	-	1,965
COMPUTER PROJECT	-	200	(200)	545	1,000	(455)
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	-	-	-	-	-	-
INTERGROUP EXPENSE	-	63	(63)	609	313	296
INSURANCE	-	200	(200)	1,216	1,000	216
SPECIAL EVENTS / FUNCTION	-	167	(167)	-	833	(833)
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	-	83	(83)	-	417	(417)
CUSTODIAL	-	50	(50)	-	250	(250)
TRAVEL	189	166	24	764	828	(64)
DEPRECIATION	25	-	25	446	-	446
OVER/UNDER	-	-	-	10	-	10
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,039</b>	<b>9,142</b>	<b>(1,103)</b>	<b>44,304</b>	<b>45,711</b>	<b>( 1,407)</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>5119</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,119</b>

BACKROOM	
Barbara D	07.05.95
Desiree P	07.17.07
Earl B	07.26.08
Henry W	07.25.10
J R M	07.24.11
John D	07.23.06
Julie B	07.13.06
Megan W	07.13.11
Quoc L	07.04.10
Rachel G	07.25.12
Robert R	07.03.12
Vicky H	07.09.04
BRENTWOOD FULL MOON	
Barbara R	07.31.04
DONELSON YET	
Beth C	07.14.95
Jeff P	07.10.99
Jim F	07.11.85
Shelly W	07.10.09
EASY DOES IT	
Becca M	07.06.08
Jason M	07.14.08
John M	07.01.03
Laurie T	07.04.00
Nancy B	07.03.88
EVERYNIGHT @ SIX	
Candis B	07.26.08
Chrystal M	07.28.12
David G	06.28.10
Deanie B	07.30.08
Gary R	07.22.06
Joseph N	07.13.11
Kellie O	07.23.13
Lea E	07.24.09
Patty M	07.05.08

EVERYNIGHT @ SIX	
Peggy V	07.12.10
Robert B	07.06.11
Scott D	07.24.12
Tanya W	07.10.12
Tina W	07.22.08
Valerie S	07.06.09
Woody W	07.15.11
KEEP IT SIMPLE	
Bill M	07.15.02
Cal T	07.31.06
Chris C	07.01.10
Christopher F	07.18.10
Jerry B	07.04.13
John M	07.20.11
Kevin B	07.29.12
Mar S	07.14.10
Matt W	07.11.11
Peter D	07.27.06
Roger B	07.04.02
Sally N	07.31.13
Victor S	07.14.01
MT. JULIET FELLOWSHIP	
Debra C	07.22.12
MID-DAY BREAK	
Cherie B	07.10.13
Debra S	07.29.10
Gerry H	07.18.94
Jack K	07.22.84
Leah C	07.09.12
Randy C	07.13.12
P.O.P.	
Annie S	07.26.10
Howard A	07.13.53
Lee A	07.18.12
Ron E	07.18.92

PORTLAND UNITY	
Lynne S	07.09.89
SEEKING SANITY	
Barry E	07.19.04
Becca M	07.06.08
Cindy V	07.11.08
John M	07.01.03
Keith G	07.09.12
Matt Y	07.21.10
Nancy B	07.03.88
Patricia W	07.20.07
Tim F	07.25.07
Tom M	07.07.11
SHADE TREE	
Albert T	07.06.08
Anthony C	07.06.06
Beverly S	07.09.07
Bob O	07.19.09
Dan O	07.14.10
David M	07.01.09
Frances P	07.19.08
Gary E	07.23.11
Guy M	07.22.13
Jeff H	07.02.12
Jeri D	07.13.05
John M	07.01.03
Jose V	07.20.08
KC	07.27.09
Kelly R	07.10.09
Larry B	07.02.00
Laurakate C	07.23.13
Peggy L	07.02.07
Renee S	07.31.13
Tim F	07.25.07
Todd G	07.18.01
Tom H	07.01.03
Whitney B	07.15.12
Wirt P	07.24.06

SMYRNA GRATITUDE	
Brandon J	07.15.13
Brian D	07.02.09
Bruce S	07.07.13
Chuck F	07.04.09
Daniel V	07.03.88
Donna T	07.21.13
Greg A	07.10.09
Jamie F	07.05.09
Janice L	07.29.11
Jodi W	07.10.95
John R	07.01.00
Johnathan R	07.12.10
Lynn F	07.31.02
Matt P	07.27.11
Mike W	07.26.10
Stacey W	07.22.82
Tammy B	07.26.12
Tina W	07.19.10
WEEKENDERS	
Caroline L	07.27.11
David F	07.08.97
Donna B	07.13.11
John K	07.14.05
Kelly M	07.01.11
Kent A	07.14.10
Laura B	07.06.11
WOMEN IN THE SOLUTION	
Kristina B	07.12.09
WOODBINE	
Randy G	07.26.10
Richie B	07.06.09
Robin R	07.17.09
Steve M	07.03.94

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