

The **MESSENGER**

Middle Tennessee Central Office Intergroup

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From the desk of Charles C.

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PRICE INCREASE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1st,

A.A. World Services just announced a price increase on all books. We will not increase the prices until October 1st for regular purchases. If your group charges books before that date, make sure the invoice is paid within 30 days, or we will have to change invoice charges to the new price for obvious reasons. This is the first price increase since July, 2009. We remain able to sell books for the catalog price. The Middle Tennessee Central Office charge is price you would pay if ordering individual books directly from World Services and paying additional shipping charges.

The books published by World Services remain below market prices for commercially sold books of similar quality and size. There is a price increase across the board, but here are the amounts on the bestsellers.

Soft Cover Big Books - \$7.60 to \$9.10
Hard Cover Big Books- \$8.00 to \$9.50
Pocket Edition Big Books-\$4.00 to \$5.00
Soft Cover 12 and 12-\$7.00 to \$8.25
Hard Cover 12 and 12-\$7.40 to \$8.90
Daily Reflections- \$8.25 to \$10.25

Please call me (Charles C) at the office at [615-831-1050](tel:615-831-1050) or 832-1136 if you have any questions.

I may also be reached by cell at [615-973-9898](tel:615-973-9898).

Thanks for your continuous support of your Central Office.
In Fellowship, Charles

THE ART OF SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is an art form that can either save or destroy a life. It's that important. What a new person is told early on when they come into the rooms of AA can be life-changing. Every alcoholic that comes inside of the rooms, not knowing what to expect, is taking a chance that they will find

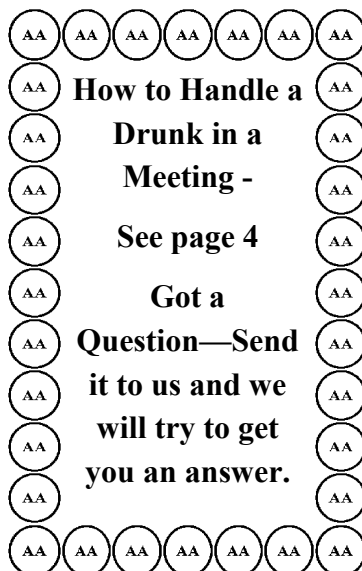
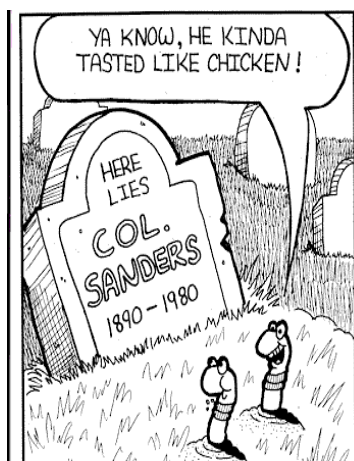
what they need to stay alive.

Now the problem for me is when I walked into AA I did not know what I needed, what to do, where to go or how to get there. People who were willing to talk to me said

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First Things First

Using "First Things First," we have found it helpful to concentrate first on sobriety alone, steering clear of any risky emotional entanglements. Immature or premature liaisons are crippling to recovery. Only after we have had time to mature somewhat beyond merely not drinking are we equipped to relate maturely to other people.



April 22, 2010

Dear Alcoholic Anonymous, New York Office

I write to you as a member of AA, sober now for almost five years. I value the program, believe it is psychologically valid and want to see AA continue to be useful to those who need the program.

Most of my sobriety has been spent in Cleveland, Ohio and during this time I have been to many different meetings, all of which close with the Lord's Prayer. I also observe the Big Book closes with a chapter titled "The Religious View on AA" that discusses only Christian views.

Over the years these structures in combination with many comments overtly or indirectly indicating, as was stated at a recent meeting, "The purpose of AA is to sponsor Christianity," leave me with a very narrow perspective on what AA could and should be.

Approximately one year ago I found the enclosed pamphlet in Akron, OH (Spiritual Milestones) and was most favorably relieved to read on page 14 "The Spiritual life is by no means a Christian monopoly". One purpose in my writing is to ask you to modify the language in the Big Book so that it is more in line with **the broader view of humanity.**

I am a psychiatrist and believe the deeply Christian perspective presented in the Big Book is forcefully narrow, un-realistic for general public use and so

singular in its view at times that it may negatively affect people of other traditions, alienate them from what good AA can do and even inadvertently precipitate relapses. If the goal is to use the Big Book as a handbook for Christians, then I suggest you say so and consider modifying, for example, the chapter "The Religious View of AA: so that it reads more correctly "The Christian View of AA: which is the only "religion" mentioned in the chapter.

I suppose there are regional differences in how AA meetings are closed but when virtually all meetings in an area as large as Northern Ohio close with the Lord's Prayer, it suggest that AA can be used to foster a Christian outcome as common spiritual end-point for all individuals which I find not only preposterous but offensive and potentially confusing to new people. AA, to work properly, must be free from the taint of being used as a Christian recruitment vehicle. In the name of service and fairness to others I believe your office and the Big Book should neutrally caution communities about this regional phenomena and apparent effort to incite compliance at AA meetings that claim to be equally respectful of all views without emphasizing or obscuring an particular view but do just that with a uniformity of prayer at the end of every meeting and the preferential language that is contained in the Big Book.

Respectfully Yours,

Anonymous Member

Continued from last month:

How about A.A. in institutions?

The most successful groups in institutions usually follow as closely as possible the procedures of "outside" groups, adapting them as necessary but trying to use the same principles.

Groups "outside" institutions usually feel a special responsibility to locked-up alcoholics and can be of great help to them. In fact, in some cases, A.A. may be the only source of hope and help for these people.

Whenever A.A. members have taken the attitude "How can we be of service?", both toward institutionalized alcoholics and toward the staffs of institutions—the A.A.'s have been able to help many alcoholics in jails, prisons, clinics, hospitals, sanatoriums, and rest homes.

But an A.A. attitude of "We're the experts" can cause institutional personnel not to feel friendly toward A.A., and this can deprive some sick alcoholics of their chance at the A.A. recovery program. It has proved important for A.A. members al-ways to show respect for all

institutional rules and regulations. After all, we are usually *guests* in such places and should be on our best behavior to attract alcoholics to our way of life. Attraction, not pro-

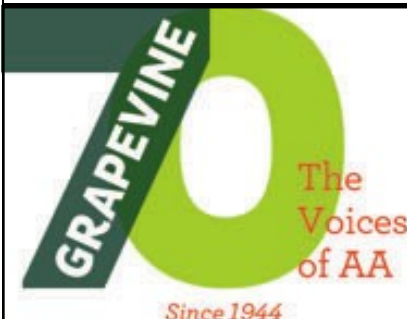
motion, is best for A.A., we all know.

Here are some of the ways groups have helped alcoholics who are confined in institutions:

1. Choosing an institutions representative, who reminds other members periodically of the need for twelfth-stepping in institutions. If the area has an institutions committee, an H&I (hospitals and institutions) committee, or separate committees for treatment facilities and for correctional facilities, each representative can work through this committee structure to coordinate the group's activities in institutions with those of other groups.
2. Furnishing A.A. literature for alcoholics in institutions (special packets of A.A. pamphlets, subscriptions to the Grapevine, etc.).

Supplying speakers, leaders, literature, and refreshments for A.A. meetings in institutions.

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SEPTEMBER 3RD OF 2015 IS THE BIG DAY (SEE PG 8)

PACKAGES FOR THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

IF YOU ARE NEW AND HAVE NEVER GONE TO A CONVENTION OR CONFERENCE—THIS IS THE ONE FOR YOU! DON'T BE INTIMIDATED—ASK QUESTIONS AND SHOW UP FOR A MIND BLOWING EXPERIENCE. YOU WON'T BE THE ONLY NERVOUS ONE—JUST REMEMBER—WE ARE ALL THERE FOR RECOVERY.

IT'S CLOSE—ATLANTA

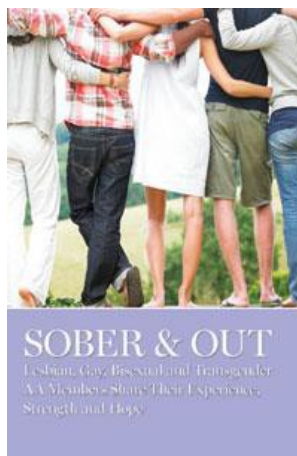
Introducing Grapevine's new book

Sober & Out

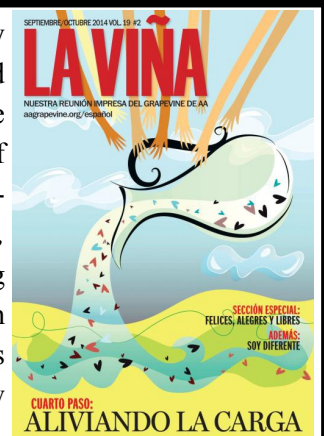
At the suggestion of the Grapevine Conference Committee, Grapevine has published a new book on the topic of GLBTs in AA, featuring members' stories.

Sober & Out
available September 5.
Visit

www.aagrapevine.org/books
to learn more.



"On a Sunday morning my wings dissolved and I landed in an AA room", writes the author (from Brazil) of one of the stories included in this issue's special section: *Happy, Joyous and Free*, reminding us of how, for alcoholics in AA, ideas about happiness and freedom take on a new dimension.



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DRUNK IN A MEETING?

Yale Summer School of Alcohol Studies,

June 1945

Dixie Central Office Dispatch – October 2010

41Q – If an alcoholic comes to an AA meeting under the influence of alcohol, how do you treat him or handle him during the meeting?

41A – Groups will usually run amuck on that sort of question. At first we are likely to say that we are going to be supermen and save every drunk in town. The fact is that a great many of them just don't want to stop. They come, but they interfere very greatly with the meeting. Then, being still rather intolerant,

the group will swing way over in the other direction and say, "No drunks around these meetings". We get forcible and put them out of the meeting, saying, "You're welcome here if you are sober". But the general rule in most places is that if a person comes for the first or second time and can sit quietly in the meeting, without creating an uproar, nobody bothers him. On the other hand, if he's a chronic "slipper" and interferes with the meetings, we lead him out gently or maybe not so gently, on the theory that one man cannot be permitted to hold up the recovery of others. The theory is "the greatest good for the greatest number".

Out of the Box (of Cheap Wine)

Much of what she heard in meetings didn't make sense at first but she kept coming

My former husband and I had been drinking buddies. On his days off, our time was spent going out to lunch, having numerous glasses of wine, and coming home to continue drinking even more. We rarely were able to go out in the evening because we would both be too drunk to drive.

I would blackout much earlier than he would; he would keep on drinking. Occasionally, he would drink so much that he'd have to go to the hospital in an ambulance. After two hospitalizations, the doctors told my husband that he would die if he continued drinking. So he stopped drinking. I didn't.

When my marriage began to fall apart, I wanted to end my life. I mixed prescription pills with alcohol. I'm still here. I couldn't even do that right.

I walked into my first AA meeting on my own, having found the information I needed on the internet. I didn't understand exactly what was wrong, but I knew I needed help with my drinking. I was extremely depressed, unable to make the simplest decisions, and was drinking almost around the clock.

I thought AA would teach me the secret to drinking. I thought I would learn how to continue drinking but still maintain the pretense of being an upstanding citizen. At the time, I was involved in a custody situation involving my granddaughter and wanted to earn points with the judge for having attempted to control my alcoholism.

My thinking was so distorted. I couldn't comprehend what was going on in the AA meetings. I kept

drinking and going to meetings, hoping to learn something to help me with my family situations, blaming everyone else for my problems. I didn't get all the sayings like "romancing the drink," "pink cloud," "dry drunk" and disliked people telling me, "time takes time," and "it's not about you."

I thought, "It is about me!" My life, my problems, my feelings. I also was afraid to share at meetings because if it wasn't about me, who else was I supposed to talk about?

Then I found a beginners' meeting. What a relief. It was a forum where I could talk about what was going on in my life and get valuable feedback. There, I found my sponsor who patiently listened and began having me work the Steps.

I finally learned my responsibility for the chaos in my life. It was enlightening as well as painful, but nevertheless life-changing. My head began to clear and the puzzle pieces were fitting into place. I was feeling so many new emotions that I had previously drowned in the drink. I learned how to use the tools to deal with them without drinking.

I constantly stressed about the Steps, trying to get them done perfectly. I considered them as rules to be obeyed, but had difficulty finding the directions. When I did connect the dots, a great relief came over me and I felt a weight lift from my shoulders.

My life today has many challenges still. There are unresolved issues over which I have no control and have to ask my Higher Power for help. I pray to him for guidance when I feel the courage to change the

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Furnishing A.A. speakers and literature for the staffs of institutions as well.

Attending A.A. meetings in institutions as listeners, to encourage cooped-up members.

Arranging A.A. visits to shut-in alcoholics.

Making sure that those who join A.A. behind walls have A.A. sponsors upon release.

Welcoming newcomers from treatment centers-keeping in mind that they usually have already gotten sober and have been given some introduction to the A.A. program.

For other ideas or free help with A.A-in-institutions problems, write G.S.O. (Special literature is also available)

What does a Grapevine representative do?

The GvR's primary purpose is to make sure that group members are aware of our magazine and the enhancements to sobriety it offers. The GvR is to the Grapevine what the G.S.R. is to G.S.O.

After a new GvR's name and address are sent to the Grapevine (Box 1980, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163), specially prepared material on the next issue will be sent each month, describing articles of particular interest. The GvR may read different excerpts from this in making announcements at successive meetings. Of course, the GvR reads the magazine regularly, talks to other members informally about it, and tells them how to order individual subscriptions. And the representative encourages the group to take out subscriptions in quantity, for the sale of issues at meetings -or to increase the size of its order.

If the area has a Grapevine committee, each GvR

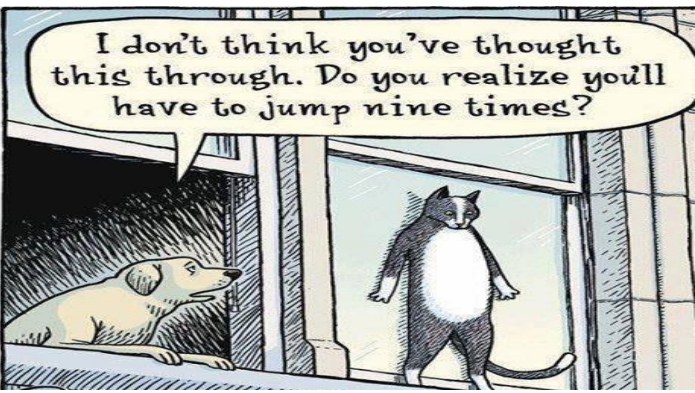
is part of it and is active in its work

How are group officers elected?

Group workers are generally chosen by the group membership for limited terms of service. (The term may be one month, six months, one or two years—it varies. But the G.S.R. should be elected for a *two*-year term.) In some groups, a rotating or steering committee simply names the new group officers periodically. In others, regular elections are held. A nominating committee (maybe the steering committee) may suggest who might make good officers, and a plurality decides the election. For a non-nominating, non-politicking election procedure, the group might want to use the Third Legacy procedure described in "The A.A. Service Manual."

Thanks and if you want to continue this information, please pick up the Group Brochure at the Central Office.

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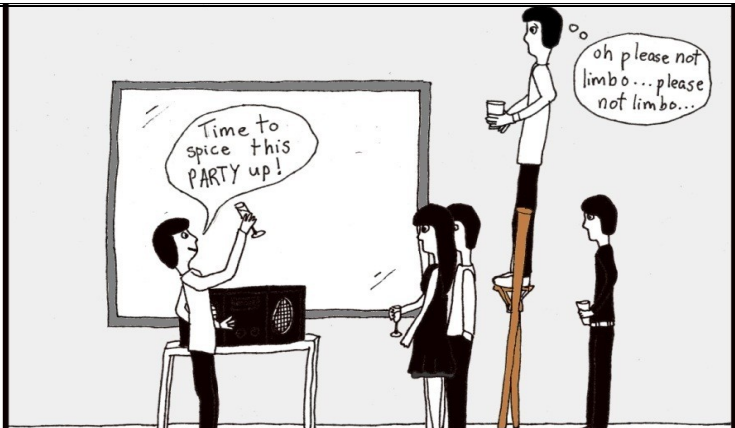
things I can. I talk to him for wisdom to know the difference.

The AA program and its fellowship has allowed me to find out who I am, what I am capable of, and how much more I can offer to others. I am not that lost person, hiding in a box of cheap wine.

Instead I am a member of a new society, free from alcohol, facing my fears, and giving back to those I can help. I did not do it myself. I had help from all of you.

—Ellen G., Pittstown, N.J. - Web exclusive

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things like "Get a sponsor." Well, my next question was "What is a sponsor?" and "What do they do?" I was told to find someone that I did not like, and ask them to sponsor me. I am the type of person who has never done well with a hard-ass sponsor, but I did want someone to SHOW me how to do this thing called "staying sober one day at a time."

I have had six sponsors in the past 20 years. Three have gone on to that big meeting in the sky, and the other two were changes because I moved out of the area. I love my current sponsor. He is an honest, happy grateful alcoholic, and I follow his lead a lot.

I think that the art of sponsorship in today's AA might be slightly different than when the suggestion for sponsors first came about, but I believe that the ideal is still the same. When I am asked to sponsor a new person, it is usually someone from our local halfway house. I may or may not have seen this person before at meetings. I take sponsoring very seriously, and when I am asked it is an honor to do service work. If a new guy has been in the halfway house for a month or so, I let them know what my job as a sponsor is.

As a sponsor, I am to guide them through the Twelve Steps. Depending on if they are in a halfway house or coming to meetings on their own dictates how I initially attempt to work with them. I think that I really try and get to know a person. If they

believe in God, if they have any special needs - do they read and write, do they feel comfortable talking? If they don't have a *Big Book* and a *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, I purchase one for them and put my phone number in it. **Then I ask my Higher Power to guide me. I also add my new sponsee to my prayer list.**

The next most important thing that I do is to keep myself humble, and realize that I am not in charge, and if this person stays sober it was not because of me. **God is still the main sponsor, because while I am trying to help another alcoholic, God guides and molds me with new thoughts and ideas.** My sponsor told me to remember everything that newcomers encounter is new territory. This was after I was 17 years sober and it was one of those light-bulb moments. These are golden opportunities for me to grow.

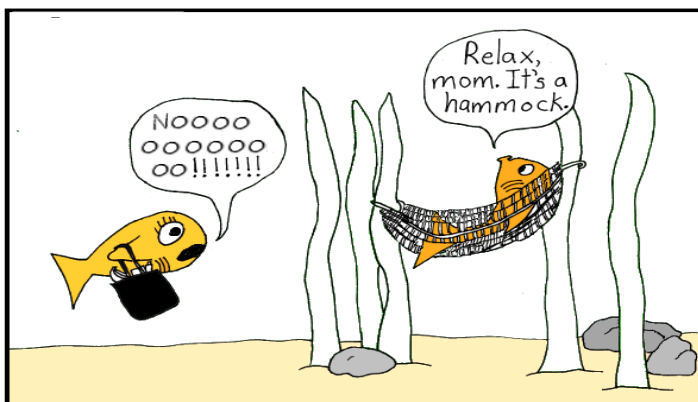
People are the variable, but God is always the same. If I get out of the way and listen to my heart, He helps me work with the newcomer. Not every sponsee remains inside the rooms; some don't want to do what it takes to work the Steps. I can't make them do anything, but I don't like to give up on guys unless they give up first. As a fellow AA member says: "I am batting 100% because I am still sober today."

By John C. Wooster, 2008, Akron, Ohio
Akron Intergroup News, July 2014

DOCTOR TO PATIENT:

"No, it's not water; you seem to be retaining food."

Thought to Ponder . . .
Spiritual and emotional growth does not depend so much upon success as it does upon failures and setbacks.



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FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH:

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

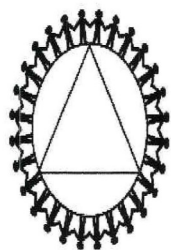
SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH:

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

STEERING COMMITTEE

When: Thursday October 23rd
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/
~ 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 ___ Al Anon ___ Alateen ___

AA/Al 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

CANCELLED

- 37030** Smith County—Friday Meeting
37072 Made a Decision
37075 Straight from the Book
37130 Murfreesboro Group - M-W-Th-Su 8p & Fri 9:30p
37174 Sisters of Sobriety (SOS)
37205 Communications Group Thursday Night
37210 Crossroads Trevecca Fri 2p
37211 Woodbine Group Last Stop Club Sun 1:30p
37217 Camino A La Sobriedad Sun & Mon 8p
38464 There is a Solution - Lawrenceburg
38469 Loretto 417
38478 Closed Women's AA Meeting
38501 Live & Let Live Mon 6p

NEW

- 37027** Rule 62 added 11:30 OD on Tues & Thurs
37130 Back to the BB Group added Wed 7p BB CD
Right Direction Southpoint Comm Church 7227 Haley Industrial
37135 Rd #1000 Nolensville Th 7p
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
37206 Eastside Men's Stag Woodland Pres Ch. 211 N. 11th St M-7p men
Lost Marbles Men's Meeting OD Dream Center, Crosspoint
37209 Church 4007 Delaware Ave
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 No-Nonsense Last Stop Club M-W-F 6:30p CD
37211 Woodbine Group Last Stop Club Sun 6:30p OD
37214 Shade Tree Andrew Price Meth Ch Sat 7a OD
37214 Freedom House - M 7pm OD Sun 10am OD Thu 6:30 EM 7:30 O
37214 Shade tree Sat 5:30p Young & Sober OD
Lions Den Ernest Newman UMC 2001 Manchester Ave 8p Wed
37218 OD 8p Fri CD/Lit
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

- Smith County Friendship Carthage United Methodist 609 main st
37030 (basement) Mon 7 pm BB - Wed 7p OD- Sun 7p OD
Kick Off isn't Until Noon - moved to Classroom A & B on 1st floor
37064 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
37209 WANGL - Quaker House 530 26th Ave N
37211 Viviendo Sobrio 4813 Nolensville Pike

CHANGES

- S.W.A.T.T Sun 3:30 OD/WMN St. Mark's Episcopal Church 3100
37013 Murfreesboro Rd
37013 No Name Yet is now 60 Minutes and the meetings are now OD
37027 Drunk in Park Friday is now "Lit"
37055 Dickson Sun 8p is Grapevine Mtg
37087 IBI-UBU Group Mon - 11 & 6:30 Book (Lit) - Sun 11 Meditation
37087 Sobriety First Fri is now 6p
37110 McMinnville Serenity Group Fri & Sat now meet at 7pm
37115 3 Legacies now meets at 6:30p Tuesdays
37172 Robertson County Sun 10a & 7p OD/CD Wed 12 Thur 7p GvN
37210 Crossroads Trevecca Towers II 60 Lester Ave Chapel Tue 11:45a
37211 Sunday Night Bunch is now at 7p
37211 Last Call now 10:30p
37209 West Nashville Group Tue 8p Lit
37214 Bikers in Recovery now meets at 7:30pm Thurs
37221 Keep It Simple Sat 6p OS - now meets on Sunday 6p
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

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

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

REGISTRATION PACKAGES
ARE NOW AVAILABLE
AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE

Emotional Sobriety

Those adolescent urges that so many of us have for top approval, perfect security, and perfect romance

**-- urges quite appropriate to age seventeen --
prove to be an impossible way of life when
we are at age forty-seven or fifty-seven.**

**Since AA began, I've taken immense wallops in all
these areas because of my failure to grow up,
emotionally and spiritually.**

**My God, how painful it is to keep demanding the
impossible, and how very painful to discover,
finally, that all along we have had
the cart before the horse!**

- The Language of the Heart, p. 236

NAME	DIST	MO	YTD
24 HOUR	32		600
ANONYMOUS (ALL)		27	428
ANY LENGTHS	13		35
BACK ROOM	35	983	3,790
BACK TO THE BIG BOOK	12		120
BELLEVUE	35	100	100
BELLEVUE WINNERS AND BEGINNERS	35		50
BILL WILSON LITERARY SOCIETY	31		134
BRADFORD BEGINNERS			79
BY THE BOOK -DICKSON	15	103	268
CAME TO BELIEVE	33		50
CAMELS		20	80
CELEBRATE SERENITY			200
CHICKEN PLUCKERS MENS MTG	33		240
COLUMBIA	40	20	140
COMFORT ZONE			432
COOL SPRINGS NEWCOMERS		80	80
DAVIDSON RD MTG	30		3,250
DAVIDSON ROAD WOMEN'S MTG			470
DICKSON AA	15		390
DONELSON YET	31		100
DOWNTOWN LUNCH	32	222	424
DRUNKS IN THE PARK	33	461	1,572
EAST NASHVILLE 86'ers	34		185
EAST NASHVILLE WOMENS MTG	31		224
EAST SIDE SATURDAY MTG		300	1,850
EASY DOES IT (Mt Juliet)	31		250
EVERY NIGHT AT 6	32		218
FAIRFIELD GLADE	9	33	132
FAIRVIEW	33		14
FAYETTEVILLE	40		60
FIRST THINGS FIRST	34	200	500
FIVE & FIVE	30	374	823
FRANKLIN 4TH BB STUDY	33		150
FRANKLIN	33	450	1,400
FRANKLIN MENS	33		500
FRANKLIN ROAD WOMEN'S	33		100
FREE TO BE	31		521
G.O.D. (OF DRUNKS)	40		160

NAME	DIST	MO	YTD	NAME	DIST	MO	YTD
Gallatin AA (GAA)			25	PAY DAY	15		125
GLADEVILLE GRATITUDE	13		113	PEACHTREE			45
GOODLETTSVILLE A.A.	34		125	PORTLAND UNITY	13		40
GRATEFUL ALIVE	33	85	306	PRIMARY PURPOSE	34	144	267
GRATITUDE	11		100	PULASKI	40		30
HAPPY HOUR -LEWISBURG	40		50	REBOS (SOBER)	34		180
HAPPY HOUR- COOKEVILLE	9	25	125	ROAD OF HAPPY DESTINY	14		30
HARDING ROAD	30		300	SAFE HARBOR	14		50
HENDERSONVILLE BIG BOOK	34		50	SATURDAY LIVING BY THE PRINT	30		175
HERMITAGE	31		200	SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE MTG	11		180
HIGH NOON	34		436	SEARCH FOR SERENITY	34		233
HIGHER POWERED	32		133	SEEKING SANITY	31	413	1,016
HILLSBORO ROAD	32		500	SERENITY	12		200
IBI-UBU	13		100	SHADE TREE	31	1,320	2,710
JOELTON MTG	34		100	SHELBYVILLE	11	200	200
KEEP IT SIMPLE BELLEVUE	33		271	SMITH COUNTY FRIENDSHIP	13		100
KEY TO SOBRIETY	31		140	SMYRNA GRATITUDE	12	100	731
KICKOFF ISN'T UNTIL NOON	33	175	175	TCYPAA	32		9
LADIES NIGHT OUT	34		50	TEMPLE HILLS	33		250
LATE LUNCH BUNCH	33	500	1,550	THE BASEMENT BUNCH OF MURFREESBORO	12		300
LET IT HAPPEN	35		150	THE STRAGGLERS	33		82
LIFE SAVERS	30		200	THE UNITED	13		100
LIVE AND LET LIVE	9		25	THE WAY OUT	33	100	100
LIVING IN THE NOW, PRIMETIMERS	33		86	TRINITY	11		50
MADE A DECISION			115	TRUDGING THE ROAD	33		75
MCMINNVILLE	12		100	TURNING POINT	33	156	476
MIDDAY BREAK	32		566	WANGL	30		187
MT JULIET FELLOWSHIP	31	150	600	WAVERLY	15		30
MURFREESBORO	12	15	105	WEEKENDERS	34		50
MUSTARD SEED	32	50	350	WEST NASHVILLE	35		53
NEEDED MTG CLOSED	35		216	WESTMINSTER	30	413	584
NEW ATTITUDES			43	WHITE HOUSE	34		80
NEW BEGINNINGS	12		100	WILSON COUNTY FRIENDSHIP	13		25
NIPPERS CORNER MTG	32		29	WINNERS AND BEGINNERS	35		50
NO NAME YET		40	40	WOMEN IN THE SOLUTION	11		50
NORTHSIDE , CLARKSVILLE	14	75	300	WOMEN'S FREEDOM MTG	30		304
ONE DAY AT A TIME	31		900	WOMENS SPEAKER MTG	30		300
ONE STEP CLOSER	33	166	441	WOODBINE	32	25	25
OUT TO BREAKFAST	30		89	YOUNG GUNS	32	24	52
				TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		7550	38967

MIDDLE TENNESSEE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION
MONTH AND SEVEN MONTHS ENDING JULY 31, 2014 AND 2013

	<u>Current</u> <u>Month</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Month</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Month</u> <u>Budget-Var</u>	<u>Year To</u> <u>Date</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Year To</u> <u>Date</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Year To</u> <u>Date</u> <u>Budget-Var</u>
INCOME						
LITERATURE SALES	13,907	11,363	2,543	93,129	79,543	13,585
LITERATURE PURCHASES	(9,705)	(8,333)	(1,372)	(66,100)	(58,333)	(7,767)
FREIGHT IN	(67)	-	(67)	(224)	-	(224)
NET LITERATURE SALES	4,134	3,030	1,104	26,805	21,210	5,595
COFFEE	-	-	-	0	-	0
GROUP	7,278	5,070	2,208	39,182	35,488	3,695
INDIVIDUAL	169	517	(348)	2,076	3,617	(1,541)
MESSENGER	84	92	(1,67)	300	642	(342)
SPECIAL EVENTS	-	417	(417)	-	2,917	(2,917)
INTEREST	2	18	(15)	12	123	(110)
TOTAL INCOME	11,667	9,142	2,525	68,375	63,995	4,380
EXPENSES:						
CASUAL LABOR	200	200	-	1,350	1,400	(50)
PAYROLL	4,733	4,453	280	31,451	31,172	280
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL	175	217	(42)	1,182	1,517	(335)
SALES TAX EXPENSE	12	-	12	(14)	-	(14)
RENT	946	1,137	(191)	6,622	7,961	(1,339)
PRINTING	265	400	(135)	2,066	2,800	(734)
PAYROLL TAXES	362	340	22	2,086	2,378	(293)
MAINTENANCE	99	83	16	630	583	47
TELEPHONE & FAX	738	722	16	3,301	5,056	(1,754)
COMMUNICATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
ANSWERING SERVICE	408	253	155	1,634	1,773	(139)
POSTAGE	44	200	(156)	1,356	1,400	(44)
OFFICE SUPPLIES	146	208	(62)	1,972	1,458	513
BANK SERVICE CHARGE	-	-	-	(10)	-	(10)
MOVING EXPENSES	-	-	-	1,965	-	1,965
COMPUTER PROJECT	4	200	(196)	549	1,400	(851)
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	-	-	-	-	-	-
INTERGROUP EXPENSE	-	63	(63)	609	438	171
INSURANCE	-	200	(200)	1,216	1,400	(184)
SPECIAL EVENTS / FUNCTION	-	167	(167)	-	1,167	(1,167)
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	-	83	(83)	-	583	(583)
CUSTODIAL	-	50	(50)	-	350	(350)
TRAVEL	350	166	184	1,113	1,159	(46)
DEPRECIATION	25	-	25	496	-	496
OVER/UNDER	-	-	-	10	-	10
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,507	9,142	(635)	59,586	63,995	(4,409)
NET INCOME	3,159	0	3,159	8,789	0	8,789

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HOME GROUPS

WHERE DOES THE MONEY YOU PUT IN THE BASKET GO?

**GROWTH IN THE PROGRAM INCLUDES ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ALL THE MONEY YOUR HOME GROUP RECEIVES -
HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED YOUR BUSINESS MEETING?**

BACK ROOM	
Cayce L	09.18.08
Emma J	09.23.92
Fred W	09.01.10
Garrett D	09.24.09
Jari C	09.08.05
Julia B	09.22.10
Kelly C	09.15.97
Kristi W	09.27.10
Mary Ann S	09.09.80
Maureen O	09.03.02
Nick K	09.03.06
Peggy D	09.13.03
Rachel P	09.16.06
Rick A	09.04.09
Rick B	09.10.84
Steve D	09.22.03
Tammy H	09.15.02
DONELSON YET	
Ed C	09.16.92
JJ T	09.27.01
Joe V	09.27.96
Morris R	09.05.89
Nat T	09.11.10
FIRST THINGS FIRST	
Alan B	09.05.94
Stephen B	09.09.09
Susan P	09.02.09
FULL MOON	
Beth T	09.03.84
Jim M	09.23.07
Kelly C	09.15.97
Toni H	09.01.13

GRATEFUL ALIVE	
Gregg S	09.01.82
Mallory S	09.11.11
Richard G	09.13.11
Suzanne C	09.10.11
KEEP IT SIMPLE	
Beth E	08.10.80
Bo W	08.27.01
Chris C	08.01.07
Kevin W	08.30.11
Linda F	08.19.08
Mallory S	08.10.11
Paul F	08.23.68
Rachel W	08.31.13
Ray V	08.14.06
Ricland W	08.08.11
Samuel P	08.22.07
Steve A	08.22.07
Trevor B	08.19.08
LOVE & LAUGHTER	
Mike McM	09.02.96
MID-DAY BREAK	
Charlie V	09.23.91
Colin S	09.18.08
Sherein	09.18.11
MT JULIET EASY DOES IT	
Carolyn D	09.28.99
Dylan L	09.21.13
NIPPERS CORNER	
Cindy M	09.26.11
Kathy B	09.12.82
Vanessa S	09.21.02

POP	
Berry M	09.13.00
Gary V	09.07.07
Shelly A	09.16.03
PORTLAND UNITY	
Curtis S	09.03.13
SEEKING SANITY	
Bob M	09.29.09
Brian G	09.16.09
Lee M	09.01.12
Monroe C	09.11.05
Pam W	09.03.12
Rusty B	09.20.10
Waymon H	09.02.90
SHADE TREE	
A Casper V	09.01.02
Amanda K	09.17.06
Beth D	09.22.13
Bill W	09.14.13
Darin M	09.29.08
Gabe H	09.28.01
James C	09.02.06
Mary S	09.28.93
Nancy H	09.21.05
Walt D	09.15.13

SMYRNA GRATITUDE	
Bob B	09.18.10
Brandon J	09.13.13
Daniel H	09.16.09
Don S	09.17.91
Dwight B	09.17.06
Ed G	09.07.13
Frank H	09.15.12
George E	09.24.08
James P	09.10.12
Jeff F	09.02.04
Jessica S	09.13.05
JW	09.18.11
Loria H	09.08.10
Melissa M	09.05.11
Michael P	09.24.95
Mike R	09.16.12
Rachel S	09.20.05
Sherry B	09.10.12
Ty B	09.14.13
WEEKENDERS	
Eric T	09.11.98
Shelley A	09.16.03
WOMEN'S SPEAKER	
Lyn M	09.17.84
Susan B	09.18.97
WOODBINE	
Ronnie R	09.20.00

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