

# *The* **MESSENGER**

## *Middle Tennessee Central Office Intergroup*

**\$ 1.00**

**Middle Tennessee Central Office  
at the Annual Music City Roundup**

**JULY 2018**

Your Central Office always has a table at the Roundup to keep everyone aware of materials and services available to Alcoholics and the General Public. All materials are available for sale during the Roundup.

In 2017 alone the Central Office sold:

### CHIPS

<b>DESIRE (24 HOUR)</b>	<b>6,080</b>
<b>1 MONTH</b>	<b>3,181</b>
<b>2 MONTH</b>	<b>2,298</b>
<b>3 MONTH</b>	<b>1,936</b>
<b>6 MONTH</b>	<b>1,222</b>
<b>9 MONTH</b>	<b>901</b>
<b>1 YEAR</b>	<b>1,073</b>
<b>2 YEAR</b>	<b>601</b>
<b>3 YEAR</b>	<b>362</b>
<b>4 YEAR</b>	<b>305</b>
<b>5 YEAR</b>	<b>285</b>

### LITERATURE BEST SELLERS

<b>BIG BOOKS</b>	<b>4,818</b>
<b>TWELVE x TWELVE</b>	<b>1,783</b>
<b>DAILY REFLECTIONS</b>	<b>981</b>

**ALONG WITH NUMEROUS OTHER AA BOOKS  
AND PAMPHLETS.**

There are many services available to the groups and outside parties interested in AA—see our various positions listed on page 5 for more details.

Of course, this newsletter is just one of many services provided by the Central Office. It is available to you in print or on-line.

If you have an article, poem, event, or workshop you would like printed in The Messenger—please send it to:

[blamethemessenger@gmail.com](mailto:blamethemessenger@gmail.com)

or

[mtcoaa@aol.com](mailto:mtcoaa@aol.com)

**We would love to hear from you!**

Please join us for the

## Annual Celebration of Sobriety Dinner

A Middle Tennessee Intergroup Potluck

**Friday, November 16, 2018**

**Woodmont Hills Church**

**3710 Franklin Road at Woodmont Blvd**

**6pm** Reception

**7pm** Dinner

**8pm** Speaker

Meat, Desserts & Drinks Provided

Please bring Casseroles, Vegetables, Salads,

Side Dishes, & Bread

Please have on site by 6:45pm

**Tickets \$15**

Please contact Central Office @ 615-831-1050 for tickets

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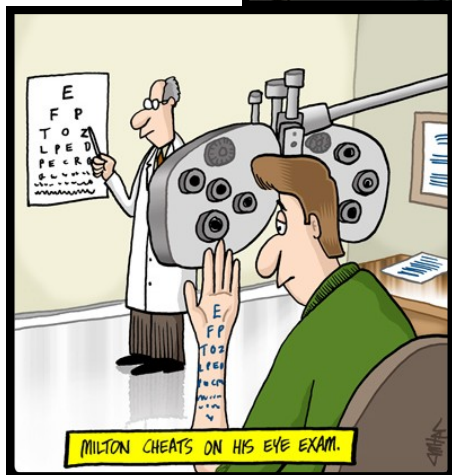
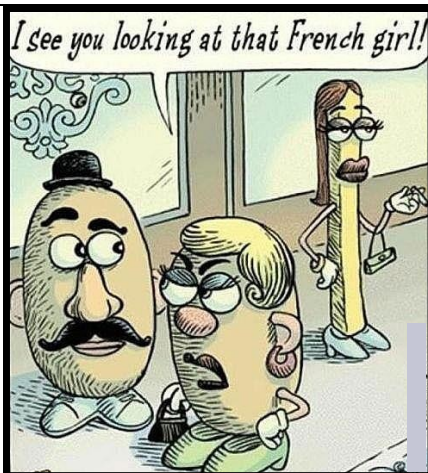
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My energy is now my own. I don't have to spend it on being angry and negative... There's no longer that terrible rush to judgment"

"Dateline, Alaska," Anchorage, Alaska,  
August 2000, Voices of Long-Term Sobriety

## Outsmarting the Jersey Devil

**Wrecked cars, smashed toes and motel hell... nothing can keep him from having a joyful 25th anniversary**

I was coming up on my AA anniversary recently when I flew east from Tucson to attend family reunions in Maryland and New Jersey. To get from one place to the other, I rented a car and decided to spend some time in the Pine Barrens of South Jersey, a place where I often hitchhiked as a teenager when I was growing up in New York City.

The Pine Barrens was the home of the iron industry at the time of the American Revolution, and it's the northern range of lots of interesting critters. It also has its own monster legend—the Jersey Devil.

With my fellow teenaged hoodlum friends I drank warm beer, roamed the woods, got eaten up by mosquitoes and went into the town of Toms River looking for girls or trouble, and finding both. We were picked



up numerous times by the local police. This trip I was not looking for trouble: I was about to be 25 years sober and felt a bit self-satisfied about it, complacent even.

I had reserved a motel room months in advance, only to be told when I got there on the 4th of July that all reservations had been cancelled and there were no rooms available. After a lot of conversation—during which I did not blow my stack—the clerk intimated that if I was willing to pay more he might have a room. I then lost my serenity and told him what part of his anatomy he could do something with. Just as I was about to give up and leave, not knowing where I might go as my options were very limited, the clerk relented and I had a room.

That evening, on the eve of my anniversary, I sought out an AA meeting in a small nearby town. I had some difficulty finding it because I left the address in the motel room, but I eventually pulled into a church parking lot. I eased my rented car into a designated parking space with a low concrete barrier at the end of it. I didn't see the piece of steel reinforcing bar sticking up and tore off the front end of my rental car.

I took a deep breath, muttered the Serenity Prayer a few times, and then I called the rental agency on the cell phone I carry for emergencies. Do the next indicated thing, I thought. Do the footwork. In an hour and a half I had a new car. While waiting for the delivery, I managed to get in 10

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The February 1976 meeting of the Trustees Literature Committee found the statement: "The Big Book Third Edition will go to the printers soon. No changes have been made from page xxii through page 312. In Parts 2 and 3 seven stories have been deleted and 13 new stories have been added. The Third Edition will be ready later this year."

The 26th General Service Conference Literature Committee received the report and recommended that the delegates take back to their areas a statement to the effect that the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, Third Edition, is not being changed and that only the stories have been updated and some new ones added.

After the publication and release of the Third Edition, at their August of 1976 meeting, the Trustees' Literature Committee heard the committee secretary report that A.A.W.S. had received many letters with favorable comments about the Third Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous.

A press release dated June 1, 1976 briefly reviewed the history of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous and gave a short overview of the Fellowship as well as inviting correspondence.

Subsequently, sharing from A. A. members regarding "editorial changes" that had been made in the Foreword to

the Second Edition of the Third Edition of the Big Book was received. As a result, 1978's General Service Conference produced an Advisory Action that, "In the next printing of Alcoholics Anonymous the Foreword to the Second Edition be included as it was originally published in the Second Edition. Further it was strongly recommended the delegates should be made aware of any changes under consideration in the book Alcoholics Anonymous prior to publication."

The 1989 Conference Literature Committee suggested distributing of Big Book workshop questions to all delegates as part of the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous. The responses were reviewed by the trustees and it was obvious that the areas participating had experience renewed interest in our Big Book.

#### Fourth Edition

The 1994 Trustees' Literature Committee reviewed requests for a Fourth Edition of the Big Book and suggested a letter be sent to all delegates seeking Fellowship input on a possible 4th Edition of the Big Book.

The 1995 General Service Conference recommended that, "The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, the Doctor's Opinion, Dr. Bob's Nightmare and the Appendices remain as is."

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minutes of the AA meeting. I felt better. I've always felt better after a meeting. That night, I dreamed I was being attacked by squirrels dressed as pirates wielding swords. In my dream, I kicked at one of the squirrels and woke up as my big toe connected with the motel room wall and cracked. My toe still has black and blue spots.

If all this was a test, I didn't drink. I had met the Jersey Devil on his turf and hadn't drunk. I then visited several places I used to frequent, couldn't find others (after 60 years!), and went to the T.G.I.F. Group's noon AA meeting in Toms River where I celebrated my anniversary with 50 strangers who were all my family.

It was a Step meeting and Step Five was the topic. I was glad to share my own experience, strength and hope about this Step ...

I remember I had chiseled at it a little bit years ago when I first worked the Steps with a sponsor, leaving out the one thing I could never tell anyone, ever. My second year of sobriety, as a result, was nuts. I had a nervous tic in one eye and chronic neck pain, and dreamed I was in

a plane that was crashing. I told another member of the Fellowship what was going on, and said I feared I was heading for a relapse. He said, "You've already had the relapse. You just haven't picked up the drink yet." I used all the tools available in and out of Alcoholics Anonymous, and I filled my sponsor in on what I had left out of my Fifth Step. He said, "You know, I don't remember your Fifth Step." Now that, I submit, is "ego deflation at depth!" I came out the other side of that changed, having had a spiritual awakening, and having a sense of connection to the human race and a Higher Power I had always felt estranged from.

Now sober 25 years, I continue to go to meetings, sponsor other recovering drunks, and try to apply the Steps to my daily life. Despite the aches and pains of age and infirmity, I still choose joy. The Jersey Devil that is my disease is still around, but, one day at a time, and with the help of the Fellowship and my Higher Power, I keep the monster at bay.

*Anonymous—Feb 2015*

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## Egegik, Alaska: 'My Kinda Town'

With about seven years of sobriety under my belt and the newfound courage to face my fears (learned from working the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous), my husband and I decided to try our hand at commercial set-net fishing in a remote part of Alaska called Egegik Bay. No phone, no pool, no pets. No electricity, no bathroom, and no shower, either! And, from what I'd heard, no AA and lots of alcoholism. I was nervous!

The town of Egegik was actually across the bay from us, and its lone bar sat at the top of a knoll, up the road from the beach where everyone anchored their skiffs and drift boats. The story goes that you could get drunk in the bar and then just roll down Main Street to your boat. It would have been "my kinda town" in the old days.

Somewhere along the line in my early sobriety, I was given a large stack of Grapevines. They were old issues from the '70s and early '80s, but I already knew that it didn't matter how old they were: they still told my story and reading them one more time wouldn't hurt me. Those Grapevines were the most important thing I packed--next to my Big Book and speaker tapes from one of the local groups back home in Idaho! The only other AA there was my husband, so any chance I got, I pulled out a Grapevine and got some

serenity. If he was out fishing and I was back at camp cooking up some new salmon concoction and watching for grizzlies, I'd put on one of the tapes.

What I didn't realize was how much those tapes would mean to me because of the familiar voices and laughter. It was as if my friends had joined me right there in Alaska. That's how I survived the first season.

It didn't hit me until our second summer that there just might be some other "friends of Bill" in the area, what with three canneries and all the boats that came to fish for the season. So I put up a sign in the cannery grocery store and got permission to use the Native church on the premises. But here is where a slight problem arose. Commercial fishing in Alaska has no time clock as we know it. We live by the tides. So my sign basically read: "Friends of Bill W. meet at the church after the 3:00 P.M. mug-up (coffee break) on nonfishing days when the tide is out and you are in."

We lived in a little cabin one mile down the beach, so when the tide was in, I couldn't always get to the cannery and most fishermen were on their boats. When the tide was low enough, I'd tuck my Big Book inside my coat and head for

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<i><b>CENTRAL OFFICE POSITIONS</b></i>	<i><b>OFFICER NAME</b></i>	<i><b>PHONE NUMBER</b></i>
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<b>Corrections</b>	<b>Charlie B</b>	<b>615.554.9085</b>
<b>Treatment Facilities</b>	<b>Stephen T</b>	<b>615.926.9467</b>
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<b>Archives</b>	<b>Butler M</b>	<b>225.226.5457</b>
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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: Monday Jul 23rd  
5:45pm – 6:45pm**  
**Where: Central Office  
417 Welshwood**

### **FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH:**

**District 32 Meeting**  
**When: 6:30pm**  
**Where: Last Stop Club  
2122 Utopia**

### **SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

**District 34 Meeting**  
**When: 10am**  
**Where: 200 E. Cedar St  
Goodlettsville**



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## TRADITION SEVEN—

Can you find the hidden words and the page they come from in the 12 x 12?

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## HISTORY

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That same year the Conference Literature Committee reviewed the report on area responses "Should There Be a Fourth Edition of the Big Book," and concluded there was no need to publish a Fourth Edition of the Big Book at that time.

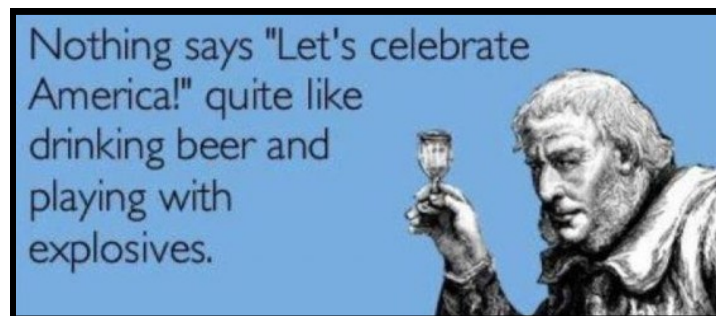
The idea of the Fourth Edition went back to the Trustees Literature Committee since there did seem to be some interest in a Fourth Edition, suggesting that they, the trustees, prepare an outline of the proposed content of a Fourth Edition for consideration at the next Conference. This was seen by the 1996 Conference Literature Committee with a request on how to proceed concerning the topic of the Big Book questionnaire and outline. The Conference Literature Committee decided not to proceed with a questionnaire at that time.

The 1997 Conference Literature Committee received a recommendation from the Trustees' Literature Committee that a draft Fourth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be developed and the Conference Literature Committee agreed and the General Service Conference recommended that:

A draft Fourth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous be developed and a progress report be brought to the 1998 Conference Literature Committee, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action that: The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, 'The Doctor's Opinion,' 'Dr. Bob's Nightmare,' and the Appendices remain as is.

A publication of stories dropped from the First, Second and Third Editions of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be developed, and a progress report be brought to the 1998 Conference Literature Committee.


Update: As of the April 2000 meeting of the General Service Conference, 1,222 stories had been submitted for possible inclusion in a Fourth Edition. Each story has been read at least three times by each member of the Literature Committee; the number has been "whittled down", and the current thinking is that a proposed draft of the Fourth Edition could be brought to the April 2001 GSC, along with a draft of a "new" book containing all the stories that have been dropped from the first three editions. - See the most recent BOX 459 for more details.








4th Quarter Area 64 Assembly  
Hosted by District 9

# COURAGE TO CHANGE



 October 19-21 2018  
Reservation Cutoff: 10/12

 Clarion Inn  
970 S Jefferson Avenue  
Cookeville, TN 38501  
(931) 526-7125  
(Dial 0 for front desk)

 Room Rate \$65/Night + Tax  
Group Code: AREA 64

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Danny A. (931) 261-0618, Don R. (931) 239-1523

**Defects**

We who have escaped these extremes are apt to congratulate ourselves. Yet can we?

After all, hasn't it been self-interest, pure and simple, that has enabled most of us to escape?

Not much spiritual effort is involved in avoiding excesses which will bring us punishment anyway.

But when we face up to the less violent aspects of these very same defects, *then* where do we stand?

- Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 66

HAPPY 4TH

HENDERSONVILLE BIG BOOK GROUP's



*summer*  
**PICNICS**

**2018**

**May 27 ★ June 17**  
**July 15 ★ August 12**

*Speakers to be announced*

**Indian Lake Peninsula Church Pavilion**  
**235 Indian Lake Rd / Hendersonville**

*Meat Will be Provided*

**Bring your family, friends  
and a dish to share!**



**Come at 5:30 for fellowship & food**  
**Speaker begins @ 7pm**



GROUP/MEETING	MAY	YTD
86'ers		484
ANONYMOUS		152
ANY LENGTHS		300
AWOL LIT STUDY		24
BACK TO THE BIG BOOK		40
BACKROOM		1,110
BASEMENT BUNCH		93
BELLEVUE	150	150
CLARKSTREET		320
COLUMBIA	20	85
COLUMBIA BASEMENT BUNCH	14	18
COMFORT ZONE		600
COMMUNICATIONS		347
COOL SPRINGS NEWCOMERS		100
CROSSVILLE NOONERS		100
CROSSVILLE SISTERS IN SOBRIETY		68
CUMBERLAND UNITY	25	25
DAVIDSON RD		2,300
DICKSON AA	60	240
DISTRICT 9		150
DONELSON YET		100
DOWNTOWN LUNCH BUNCH		130
DROP THE ROCK		50
EAST HICKMAN		48
EAST SIDE MEN'S STAG		500
EAST SIDE SATURDAY		739
EASY DOES IT		250
EVERY WOMAN HAS A STORY	48	98
FAIRFIELD GLADE		142
FAIRVIEW		300
FAYETTEVILLE		20
FELLOWSHIP		175
FIRST THINGS FIRST	140	286
FIVE & FIVE		264
FRANKLIN	1,050	1,911
FRANKLIN FELLOWSHIP		200
FRANKLIN 4TH ED BB STUDY		300
FRANKLIN ROAD WOMEN'S		119
FREE TO BE		285
FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE		10
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE, GAINSBORO		40
FRIDAY NIGHT PRIMETIME		25
GOODLETTSVILLE		350
HAPPY HOUR - LEWISBURG		5
HARDING RD		450
HERMITAGE	400	400
HIGH NOON		466
HOPE PARK LIT STUDY		39
IT'S A GEAT DAY		39
KEEP IT SIMPLE BELLEVUE	214	554
KEY TO SOBRIETY	400	800
LATE LUNCH BUNCH		1,400
LET IT HAPPEN		91
LEWISBURG UNITY	25	25
LIVE & LET LIVE		25
LIVING BY THE PRINT		100
LIVINGSTON 12x12		50
MADISON STREET		50
MIDDAY BREAK	146	251
MT. JULIET FELLOWSHIP		100

GROUP/MEETING	MAY	YTD
MURFREESBORO	15	75
MUSIC ROW	25	50
MUSTARD SEED		250
NEW BEGINNINGS		150
NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN		160
NEW DAY		20
NEW LIFE H-VILLE		122
NIPPER'S CORNER	78	144
NORTHSIDE , CLARKSVILLE		100
N.O.W.	134	134
ONE DAY AT A TIME		345
OUT TO BREAKFAST		106
PAY DAY		120
PORTLAND UNITY		2
PRIMARY PURPOSE		275
PULASKI	5	25
REBOS		504
RIGHT DIRECTION		400
RUTS		500
SAFE HARBOR		100
SAFE PLACE		122
SANGO		40
SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE		30
SEARCH FOR SERENITY		120
SEEKING SANITY		874
SERENITY M'BORO	25	95
SHADE TREE		1,594
SIMPLY SUNDAY		420
SISTERS IN SOBRIETY		120
SMYRNA GRATITUDE	437	1,848
SPRING HILL		20
STRAGGLERS		500
TCYPAA		218
THREE LEGACIES		15
TRUDGING THE ROAD		150
TURNING POINT		219
UNITED		200
WEST NASHVILLE	8	32
WESTMINSTER		500
WINNERS & BEGINNERS	153	234
WOMEN IN THE SOLUTION	50	150
WOMEN'S FREEDOM	200	450
WOMEN'S OPEN DOOR		268
WOMEN'S WAY		80
YET		100
TOTALS TO DATE	3,821	29,873

#### NEW / MOVES / CHANGES / ADDITIONS / CANCELLATIONS

37013	Cancel	60 Minutes - Sun 5p OD
37013	Cancel	Higher Powered Fri Night
37014	Cancel	Downtown Triune Group
		Valley View - Cheatham Recovery
37015	Move	House 676 S. Main St Ashland City
		Every Woman Has A Story -now
37027	Change	CD
		Turning Point - Tues 7p now CD/
37027	Change	ALN



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		Late Lunch Bunch - Concord Rd Ch	37207	Cancel	Place of Hope
37027	Move	of Christ 8221 Concord Road	37207	Cancel	Hand In Hand
37030	Cancel	Smith County Sun & Wed meetings	37208	Add	Together We Can - Mt. Carmel Baptist 1032 Monroe St - Fri 7pm OD
37062	Cancel	Psychic Change	37210	Cancel	Wired
37064	Cancel	Saint Phillips Meeting	37210	Cancel	Young Guns
37064	Cancel	Franklin 12x12	37210	Cancel	Come As You Are
37066	Add	No Boundaries - Wed Meditation 6:30p doors locked at 6:40	37211	Cancel	Utopia Fellowship Group
37066	Cancel	United Group - Thur 10am	37211	New	Solo Por Hoy - 3221 Nolensville Pike Mon-Sun 7p OD
37072	New	Legacies - Trinity Fellowship Ch - 1207 Lowes Lane - Fri 7p 12x12	37211	Change	Woodbine - Last Friday of Month is Speaker
37072	Add	Ray of Hope Wed 12p OD	37211	Change	Mid-Day Break all Noon meetings OD
37076	Move	SSS Group now at Hermitage United Meth Ch 205 Belinda Dr.	37211	Cancel	Mid-Day Women
37076	Add	Seeking Sanity - Tue 10am OD	37211	Cancel	Every Night at 6 - Sun cancelled
37087	Cancel	Sobriety First - Mon	37212	New	We Are Not Saints 1619 17th Ave S 6p Su OD/Lit
37087	Add	Back to Basics - Mon 7p CD	37214	Add	Shade Tree Sun 7am OD
37203	Change	Sun 8p now OD no longer Men's meeting	37214	Cancel	Shade Tree Mon 7pm
37206	Add	East Side Comes Alive - Tues 7pm OD/Lit	37214	Add	Come Grow with Us Women's Sat 10am OD/Wmn/CC
37110	Change	Bar None now 7p Monday no Sat meeting	37214	Add	Young & Sober - Th 7p OD
37110	New	Any Length Bates Hill Pres 9957 Old Nashville Hwy Thu 5:30pm OD/Lit	37214	Cancel	Young & Sober - Sun 6p
37115	Cancel	WTF - Serenity House	37214	Change	Young & Sober - all meetings OD
37122	Add	Mt Juliet Fellowship - Mon 5:30 OD/Wmn	37216	New	Midnight Delight - Earthly Delights 4114 Gallatin Pike Midnight Thurs & Fri OD
37122	New	How It Works Toddy Bldg 541 N. Mt Juliet Rd Suite 2103 Wed 6pm OD step 1,2,3	37217	Cancel	Women's Meeting Saturn Dive
37127	Cancel	Back to the Big Book Wed 7p	37217	Add	Love & Laughter - Th 6:45pm OD
Change		Jacob's Well now Uncommon Women - Old Hickory United Meth Ch 1216 Hadley Ave	37218	Cancel	Lions Den
37138	/ Move	503.997.8716 Sun 10:15a OD/WMN	37221	New	A.W.O.L. Lit Study Cross Point Church 7675 US 70 South Tue 6:30
37160	Cancel	Primary Purpose Group Shelbyville	37221	Cancel	Bellevue Winners and Beginners
37160	New	Shoulder to Shoulder AP Building 206 Madison Street - Fri Noon OD	37221	Cancel	Hope Park Lit Study
37174	Add	RUTS - Thurs 5p OD	37221	New	Wake Up Bellevue Pres Ch 100 Cross Timbers Dr. - Tues & Thur 7am OD
37174	New	Recovery Hill UAW Hall 125	37232	Cancel	Recovery Group - Vanderbilt
37174	New	Stephen P Yokich Pkwy Wed 6:30p OD 2nd Wed LIT	38401	New	Recovery First - Craft Memorial Meth CH 907 Hatcher Lane 11am - M & F OD, 11am W - OD/Lit
37174	Change	Spring Hill BB now Wed Night Parlay OD 7p	38501	Add	Way Out Group Thurs 6:30p SS
37174	Add	Spring Hill Sat 6:30pm OD/WMN	38501	Change	Weekend Recovery - all meetings at 7pm
37206	New	East Side Men's Stag Beg	38555	Add	Women In Sobriety - Wed 10:30am
		Woodland Pres 211 N 11th at Gartland Ave Mon 7p OD/Men/Beg	38555	Cancel	Women In Sobriety - Sun Noon
		- Last Mon Anniv downstairs	38562	Add	Friday Night Live - Sat 7pm CD
			38570	Change	Livingston 12x12 Sat 7p OD
			38570	Change	Livingston Mon Wed Thu 7p OD

# My Kinda Town

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the church. I went everyday (just in case someone should show on a fishing day anyway) for four days. No one showed.

The following day, I was dismayed, but it was a nonfishing day and the tide was out. My husband walked down the beach with me, and when we got to the church, I hung the AA logo on the doorknob. (I had made it from an aluminum lid cut from a coffee can.) Four AAs showed up!

I had forgotten my Big Book, so I lead the meeting with my AA pocket card that has the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Serenity Prayer, and AA Preamble. (It's always with me.) The topic for the meeting: "Freedom from alcohol." The date: Independence Day, July 4th, 1994. So it goes to prove that anywhere, any time, "any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group."

-- Poo W.-P. - Sun Valley, Idaho

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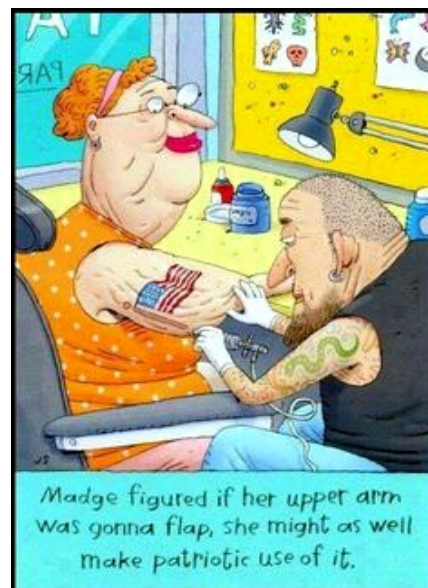
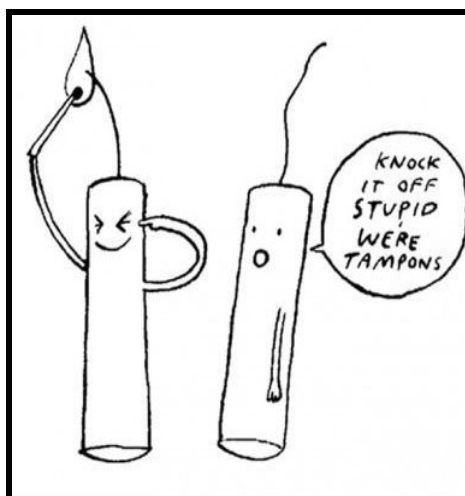
## Middle Tennessee Intergroup Association Statement of Activities - Actual and Budgeted - Schedule 1 For the Five Months and Year Ended May 31, 2018

	May 2018			YTD 2018		
	Actual	Budget	Budget Variance	Actual	Budget	Budget Variance
Income						
Net Literature Sales	1,332.78	3,124.17	(1,791.39)	12,884.07	12,496.68	387.39
Group Donations	4,863.89	6,403.92	(1,540.03)	31,110.47	25,615.68	5,494.79
Individual Donations	197.31	433.00	(235.69)	6,926.17	1,732.00	5,194.17
Messenger Donations	-	17.00	(17.00)	155.91	68.00	87.91
Website Donations	-	-	-	427.62	-	427.62
Special Events	-	716.16	(716.16)	4,814.27	2,864.64	1,949.63
Interest	44.13	3.75	40.38	79.41	15.00	64.41
Total Income	6,438.11	10,698.00	(4,259.89)	56,397.92	42,792.00	13,605.92
Expenses						
Casual Labor	200.00	200.00	-	1,000.00	800.00	200.00
Payroll	5,415.92	5,750.00	(334.08)	27,092.10	23,000.00	4,092.10
Legal & Professional	350.00	350.00	-	1,750.00	1,400.00	350.00
Rent	996.00	1,006.00	(10.00)	4,981.50	4,024.00	957.50
Printing	123.70	50.00	73.70	123.70	200.00	(76.30)
Payroll Taxes	591.32	440.00	151.32	2,389.48	1,760.00	629.48
Repairs & Maintenance	-	58.00	(58.00)	-	232.00	(232.00)
Equipment Rental	49.99	75.00	(25.01)	290.62	300.00	(9.38)
Telephone & Fax	432.94	475.00	(42.06)	2,087.39	1,900.00	187.39
Answering Service	200.00	217.00	(17.00)	1,036.00	868.00	168.00
Postage	213.97	225.00	(11.03)	746.64	900.00	(153.36)
Office Supplies	102.19	233.00	(130.81)	744.53	932.00	(187.47)
Bank Service Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer & Technology	152.94	333.00	(180.06)	1,365.07	1,332.00	33.07
Intergroup Expense	100.00	250.00	(150.00)	536.99	1,000.00	(463.01)
Insurance	-	200.00	(200.00)	1,298.00	800.00	498.00
Special Events	-	375.00	(375.00)	2,679.40	1,500.00	1,179.40
Travel	-	448.00	(448.00)	-	1,792.00	(1,792.00)
Depreciation	11.73	13.00	(1.27)	43.41	52.00	(8.59)
Over/Under	(0.20)	-	(0.20)	(5.61)	-	(5.61)
Total Expenses	8,940.50	10,698.00	(1,757.50)	48,159.22	42,792.00	5,367.22
Net Income	(2,502.39)	-	(2,502.39)	8,238.70	-	8,238.70



**BACK ROOM**

Betsy S	7.18.16
<b>Bill H</b>	<b>7.08.92</b>
Chris C	7.23.08
Debby H	7.27.12
Earl B	7.20.08
Katie S	7.16.11
Kevin M	7.08.17
Mike B	7.03.14
Mike M	7.19.09
Miya M	7.29.17
Myra B	7.04.16
Rachel G	7.25.12
Randall M	7.22.17
Tamela C	7.19.17
Terra E	7.22.09
Tim F	7.23.07

**DONELSON YET**

<b>Gary H</b>	<b>7.18.94</b>
Stephanie B	7.24.16

**EASY DOES IT**

John M	7.01.03
Larry B	7.02.00
<b>Nancy B</b>	<b>7.03.88</b>
Pam S	7.19.15

**KEEP IT SIMPLE**

Bethany L	7.24.15
Bill M	7.15.02
Bob M	7.23.14
Cameron H	7.03.17
Charles G	7.23.17
Chris C	7.01.10
Jerry B	7.04.13
Katie Y	7.19.14
Matt W	7.11.11
Mike T	7.22.05
Raymond B	7.21.17
Roger B	7.04.02

**PORTLAND UNITY**

Barbara G	7.26.16
<b>Lenny S</b>	<b>7.09.89</b>

**SMYRNA GRATITUDE**

Amy J	7.24.17
<b>Brian H</b>	<b>7.12.90</b>
John R	7.01.00
<b>Lourdes N</b>	<b>7.02.92</b>
Lynn F	7.31.02
Ray H	7.01.17
<b>Steve M</b>	<b>7.13.94</b>
Tina T	7.17.17

**WOMEN'S SPEAKER**

Lee B	7.14.04
Lynn W	7.28.04
Teresa C	7.20.14





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