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MIDDLE TENNESSEE INTERGROUP

SOBRIETY DINNER FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022

WOODMONT HILLS CHURCH 3710 FRANKLIN PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37204

TICKETS \$15

6PM RECEPTION
7PM POTLUCK DINNER
8PM SPEAKER

Meat, Desserts & Drinks Provided
Please bring Casseroles, Vegetables,
Salads, Side Dishes, & Bread
Please have on site by 6:30pm

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STEP TEN

Step Ten—Short Form—Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Step Ten—Long Form—No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

There is more to the solution to our alcoholism, than just stopping drinking. Just stopping, is only the first step away from the problem, and only PART of the first step to the solution. A definition for recovering says these things will disappear when there is spiritual understanding. Now, let's read the definition of recovered. Let's take a very close look at what it means to be a recovered alcoholic.

There are eighteen points to consider. Go to the bottom of Page 84, last paragraph:

- 1) And we have ceased fighting anything or anyone even alcohol.
- 2) For by this time sanity will have returned.
- 3) We will seldom be interested in liquor.
- 4) If tempted, we recoil from it as from a hot flame.
- 5) We react sanely and normally,
- 6) and we will find that this has happened automatically.
- 7) We will see that our new attitude toward liquor has been given us without any thought or effort on our part. It just comes! That is the miracle of it.
- 8) We are not fighting it, neither are we avoiding temptation.
- 9) We feel as though we had been placed in a position of neutrality safe and protected.
- 10) We have not even sworn off.
- 11) Instead, the problem has been removed.
- 12) It does not exist for us.
- 13) We are neither cocky nor are we afraid.
- 14) That's how we react so long as we keep in fit spiritual condition.
- 15) It is easy to let up on the spiritual program of action and rest on our laurels.
- 16) We are headed for trouble if we do, for alcohol is a subtle foe.
- 17) We are not cured of alcoholism.
- 18) What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition.

Let me offer an analogy about the recovered alcoholic...Take the gunshot victim for example. He gets shot, goes through a period of recovery, survives the affliction, is recovered from the gunshot, BUT, is not bullet proof. Get the idea? Interesting, isn't it? This is the mind-set, attitudes and definition of the recovered alcoholic: sane, neutral, safe, protected, and in fit spiritual condition.

WE ARE NOT CURED of alcoholism. What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition.

https://www.justloveaudio.com/ "Back to the '40s" 12 Step Workgroup Leader Script

5th EDITION OF THE BIG BOOK

You Could Have Your Story in the Next Edition of the Big Book!

- CALL FOR STORIES -

The Preface to the Second Edition of the Big Book explains that revisions to the personal history section of the book were made in order "to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more alcoholics."

In that spirit, the 2021 General Service Conference recommended that: "a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect the current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action:

"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."

You can sign up to receive, box 459 -News and Notes from the General Service Office of A.A., - <u>HERE</u> In response to this Advisory Action, the trustees' Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship.

Recognizing that all stories are of value, the Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories that are from a broad cross-section of our local communities. As Bill writes on page 29 of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous:* "Our hope is that many alco-holic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, 'Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing."

It is the Literature Committee's shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth Edition.

Deadline for submissions is October 31, 2022

Further information on where to submit your story will be provided to the Fellowship through *Box 4-5-9*, the A.A. website and more. If you have any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org.

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Intergroup Association Business Meeting

SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH:

When: 5:45pm – 7:00pm Where: Central Office 417 Welshwood

Zoom: ID: 929 542 2779 PW: 929542

Anyone can attend

Drop by and see how the money you put in the basket 'at a meeting' goes to keeping this area running for us drunks (by the trusted servants you have elected)

On the 10th Tradition

An Editorial by Bill W.

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To most of us, Alcoholics Anonymous has become as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. We like to believe that it will soon be as well known and just as enduring as that historic landmark. We enjoy this pleasant conviction because nothing has yet occurred to disturb it; we reason that we must hang together or die. Hence we take for granted our continued unity as a movement.

But should we? Though God has bestowed upon us great favors, and though we are bound by stronger ties of love and necessity than most societies, is it prudent to suppose that automatically these great gifts and attributes shall be ours forever. If we are worthy, we shall probably continue to enjoy them. So the real question is, how shall we always be worthy of our present blessings?

Seen from this point of view, our A.A. Traditions are those attitudes and practices by which we may deserve, as a movement, a long life and a useful one. To this end, none could be more vital than our 10th Tradition, for it deals with the subject of controversy—serious controversy.

On the other side of the world, millions have not

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FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH:

District 30 Meeting When: 6:30pm – 7:30pm Zoom ID: 283 536 1220

SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH:

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

STEERING COMMITTEE

When: Monday Oct 24th 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

On the 10th Tradition

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millions have died in political controversy. The controversy so powerful that neither the weakness end is not yet. Nearly everybody in the world has of persons nor the strain and strife of our troubled turned reformer. Each group, society and nation is saying to the other, "You must do as we say, or know that A.A. must continue to live, or else else". Political controversy and reform by compulsion has reached an all-time high. And eternal, seemingly, are the flames of religious dissension.

Being like other men and women, how can we expect to remain forever immune from these perils? Probably we shall not. At length, we must meet them all. We cannot flee from them, nor ought we try. If these challenges do come, we shall, I am sure, go out to meet them gladly and unafraid. That will be the acid test of our worth.

Our best defense? This surely lies in the long since died in religious dissension. Other formation of a Tradition respecting serious times can harm Alcoholics Anonymous. We many of us and many of our brother alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion. That must never be.

> As though by some deep and compelling instinct we have thus far avoided serious controversies. Save minor and healthy growing pains, we are at peace among ourselves. And because we have thus far adhered to our sole aim, the whole world regards us favorably.

> May God grant us the wisdom and fortitude ever to sustain an unbreakable unity.

October B-Day's

ANY LENGTHS

10.22.19 Hayden P

10.12.20 **Tommy Lee A**

WOMEN IN THE SOLUTION

Cordy C 10.31.79

> I never could have escaped the delusion of separation without you.



The Messenger would love your AA related:

Stories

Writings

Poems

Artwork

Jokes

AA Quips

History

Trivia

News

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News, Events & Service Opportunities

PICNIC OCTOBER 2ND



QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 7TH—9TH

Area 64 Fourth Quarter Assembly



MEMPHIS TENNESSEE

"Trudging the Road"

October 7th - October 9th 2022

Clarion Hotel & Suites Memphis Airport Conference Center

2240 Democrat Rd Memphis, TN, 38132

Booking Cutoff: September 21st 2022

Room rate: \$109.00/ Night + Tax

Hotel Booking Phone Number: (901)332-1130

Group Code: Area 64 Assembly

Booking Link:

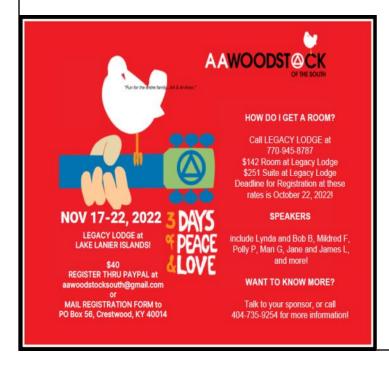
https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/NE13G9

WOODSTOCK OF THE SOUTH NOVEMBER 17TH—22ND





CENTRAL OFFICE SOBRIETY DINNER CALL-OUT FOR SERVICE SELFIE'S PLEASE SEND IN PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 10TH





MONTHLY MEDITATION —FORGIVENESS

Say nothing if your words are not tinted with love.

Make no moves if those moves are not from the heart.

Touch no one if that touch is not as light as the air.

Carry yourself with humility and without fear.

Walk through life with grace, but never with arrogance.

Sing from your soul, let your voice lift the heavens and all that are in them.

Life is a gift. It is our duty to enjoy it.

Forgive.

Bring your attention and your intention to the thoughts, the forgiving.

Bring awareness to your breath, to your body, to the mind and commit to letting go.

Watch the breath, move into your body through the nose, past the chest, deep into the belly, relax the muscles.

Breathe out, feel your body sinking down, down, down into the earth.

Connect the mind, the body through the breath.

∞ Inhale forgiveness.
 ∞ Inhale forgiveness.
 ∞ Exhale guilt.
 ∞ Exhale anger.

Just breath now, allowing the mind to attach itself to the feelings of forgiveness. Register it in every cell of the body.

Notice how you feel. Notice the thoughts that come up into the mind as you consider the option of forgiveness.

Breathe in forgiveness. Breathe out forgiveness.

Remain with the thought. Remain with the feeling.

Allow the whole body to sink into a sense of peace.

A sense of letting go. A feeling of unburdening the soul.

Shifting the mind, pay attention. Continue to breathe.

Bring your thoughts back to the word forgiveness.

Register how it feels.

Register where you feel it and register who and where and when those words were spoken, felt expressed or denied.

∞ Breathe in love.
 ∞ Breathe in joy.
 ∞ Breathe in harmony.
 Breathe out anger.
 Breathe out sadness.
 Breathe out disharmony.

∞ Breathe in forgiveness. Breathe out pain.
 ∞ Breathe in love. Breathe out love.

I am at peace, peace, peace.

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NEW PODCAST - A.A. Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour

Tune in to hear funny, poignant, and always inspiring "meeting after the meeting" conversation about getting sober and staying sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Free wherever you listen to podcast or at www.aagrapevine.org/podcast

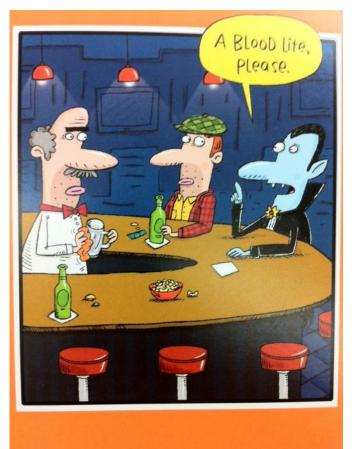












YOUR GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP / MEETING	AUG 2022	YTD	GROUP / MEETING	AUG 2022	YTD
21st AVENUE		20	EAST SIDE SATURDAY		323
86'ers	153	653	EASTSIDE SUNLIGHTERS	62	1,029
A NEW FREEDOM	240	240	EVERY WOMAN HAS A		160
ANONYMOUS		16	FAIRVIEW		250
AWOL		151	FAYETTEVILLE		75
BACKROOM	749	4,191	FIRST THINGS FIRST		1,581
BASEMENT BUNCH		50	FRANKLIN		1,323
BRENTWOOD FULL MOON		450	FRANKLIN FELLOWSHIP		600
BY THE BOOK, BYRDSTOWN		40	FRANKLIN 4TH BB STUDY		1,000
-		80	FRANKLIN MEN'S		500
BY THE BOOK, LEBANON CELEBRATE SERENITY		548	FRANKLIN ROAD		00
CENTERVILLE	300	676	WOMEN'S		99
CLARK STREET	300	200	FREE TO BE		379
COLUMBIA		270	FREEDOM FROM	25	75
COMFORT ZONE		650	FRIENDS IN RECOVERY		275
COOKEVILLE	90	180	G.A.A. GALLATIN		50
COURAGE TO CHANGE	25	25	GIFT OF DESPERATION		625
CROSSVILLE		90	GLADEVILLE	238	238
CROSSVILLE NONSMKIN'			G.O.D.		75
STEP		42	GRATEFUL GROVE	189	307
CROSSVILLE NOONERS	75	260	HAPPY DESTINY		109
CROSSVILLE SERENITY		100	HAPPY HOUR		30
DAVIDSON RD		3,000	HARDING RD		125
DEKALB FRIENDSHIP		200	HERMITAGE WOMEN'S		778
DESIGN FOR LIVING		511	HILLSBORO ROAD		50
DICKSON	32	32	HUNT CLUB AA		690
DICKSON, BY THE BOOK		1,200	INTERGROUP		4
DISTRICT 9		300	IOELTON		100
DONELSON Y.E.T.	100	100	KEEP IT SIMPLE		708
DOUBLE DIPPERS		246	KEY TO SOBRIETY	100	400
DROP THE ROCK, TULLAHOMA	125	125	KICK OFF NOT UNTIL	100	400
			NOON		375
DRUNKS IN THE PARK	720	720	LAFAYETTE NEW HOPE		50
EAST NASHVILLE	300	300	LAST HOUSE ON THE	100	100
EAST SIDE MEN'S STAG	1,000	1,750	BLOCK	100	120

Middle Tennessee Intergroup Association

Statement of Activities - Actual and Budgeted - Schedule 1

For the Eight Months and Year Ended August 31, 2022

		August 2022		YTD 2022		
		120 120 120 120 120	Budget	2-72-602	2000000	Budget
process.	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income Nati itanatus Calas	2 524 24	2 500 00	24.24	24.050.47	20,000,00	4.050.47
Net Literature Sales	2,531.31	2,500.00	31.31	21,656.17	20,000.00	1,656.17
Group Donations	7,862.53	6,153.00	1,709.53	56,493.79	49,224.00	7,269.79
Individual Donations	965.47	1,489.33	(523.86)	7,137.09	11,914.64	(4,777.55)
Messenger Donations	54.36	-	54.36	123.36	-	123.36
Website Donations	405.00	440.07	(204.07)	405.00	2 222 22	(0.400.00
Special Events	195.00	416.67	(221.67)	195.00	3,333.36	(3,138.36
Interest	6.50	94.17	(87.67)	30.13	753.36	(723.23)
Total Income	11,615.17	10,653.17	962.00	85,635.54	85,225.36	410.18
Expenses						
Casual Labor	250.00	250.00	~	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Payroll	6,271.00	6,271.00	Ξ.	50,168.00	50,168.00	19
Legal & Professional	350.00	350.00	=	2,800.00	2,800.00	8
Rent	946.00	1,100.00	(154.00)	7,668.00	8,800.00	(1,132.00
Printing		33.33	(33.33)	6.00	266.64	(260.64
Payroll Taxes	480.00	483.33	(3.33)	3,840.00	3,866.64	(26.64
Repairs & Maintenance	50.00	29.18	20.82	400.00	233.44	166.56
Equipment Rental	107.51	100.00	7.51	881.05	800.00	81.05
Telephone & Fax	627.71	515.00	112.71	4,904.99	4,120.00	784.9
Answering Service	-	250.00	(250.00)	1,510.19	2,000.00	(489.81
Postage	111.40	113.00	(1.60)	1,285.60	904.00	381.6
Office Supplies	75.10	183.33	(108.23)	569.86	1,466.64	(896.78
Bank Service Charges	62.00	40.00	22.00	462.00	320.00	142.00
Computer & Technology	272.86	208.33	64.53	1,010.69	1,666.64	(655.95
Credit Card Service Fees	177.98	85.00	92.98	1,346.88	680.00	666.8
Intergroup Expense	-	100.00	(100.00)	617.82	800.00	(182.18
Insurance	-	166.67	(166.67)	1,525.00	1,333.36	191.6
Special Events	151.80	125.00	26.80	151.80	1,000.00	(848.20
Travel	589.96	250.00	339.96	542.59	2,000.00	(1,457.41
Miscellaneous			-	-	5.00	200
Depreciation	2	57	2	12	2	2
Over/Under	(2)	-	2	12	2	
Total Expenses	10,523.32	10,653.17	(129.85)	81,690.47	85,225.36	(3,534.89
Net Income	1,091.85	84	1,091.85	3,945.07		3,945.07

The Responsibility Statement

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of Alcoholics Anonymous always to be there.
And for that; I am Responsible.

YOUR GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

	AUG			AUG	
GROUP / MEETING	2022	YTD	GROUP / MEETING	2022	YTD
LATE LUNCH BUNCH		3,400	SERENITY IN THE PARK	57	186
LAWRENCEBBURG		100	SHADE TREE	457	3,167
LIVE AND LET LIVE		100	SISTERS OF SOBRIETY		
LIVE AND LET LIVE,			(S.O.S.)	81	81
COOKEVILLE		56	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY		
LIVING THE PRINCIPLES		235	CROSSVILLE		64
LIVING BY THE PRINT	300	900	SMYRNA GRATITUDE	586	2,548
LIVINGSTON 12x12		75	SOBRIETY FIRST LEBANON		300
MEN'S LOG CABIN	127	416	SPRING HILL		128
MONTEREY FRIDAY			SPIRITUAL WARFARE		675
NIGHT		100			
MURFREESBORO	15	120	SSS, HERMITAGE		182
MUSIC ROW		50	STRAGGLERS		195
MUSTARD SEED		600	SUNDAY 10AM,		00
NIPPER'S CORNER		100	DROSSVILLE		90
N.O.W.	132	368	THERE IS A SOLUTION		435
			TRUDGING THE ROAD		1,000
ON AWAKENING		1,000	TURNING POINT		783
ONE DAY AT A TIME		50	UNCOMMON WOMEN		15
ONE PURPOSE	25	200	UNITED		300
ONE STEP CLOSER		529	VALLEY VIEW		300
OPEN DOOR		132	WAKE UP		121
OUT OF FOG/OUT OF BOG		958	WANGL	20	39
OUT TO BREAKFAST		250	WAVERLY	60	180
PAGE 112		292		00	
PORTLAND UNITY		50	WEEKENDERS	0.5	300
PRIMARY PURPOSE		6	WEST NASHVILLE	95	183
PRIMARY PURPOSE			WEST MEADE		200
MADISON		45	WESTMINSTER		214
PRIMARY PURPOSE MURF		89	WINNERS & BEGINNERS	290	584
PRIMARY PURPOSE			WOMAN'S WAY		150
ROLLING HILLS		275	WOMEN IN THE		
PULASKI	15	120	SOLUTION	100	300
RECOVERY ON THE ROW		300	WOMEN'S FREEDOM		950
ROBERTSON COUNTY	10	64	GROUP MONTHLY		
RUTS	250	250	TOTALS	7,863	56,494
SAFE HARBOR		390	INDIVIDUALS	965	-
SAFE PLACE		296			7,137
SANGO SOLUTIONS		120	MESSENGER	54	123
SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE	20	160	COMBINED TOTALS TO		
SEEKERS	600	600	DATE	8,882	63,754

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