

No Booze News July 2022

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Welcome to the July *No Booze News*

We are still on a campaign to update the sobriety anniversary (aka "birthday") lists. Some of the lists are more than 5 years since last update!

This month's flyers include:

- ◇ The Central Office Big Book Study — July 8-9, 2022 [in person this year!]
- ◇ Arkansas State Convention — July 29-31, 2022
- ◇ District 10 Film showing—September 10, 2022
- ◇ Southeast Regional Forum — December 2-4 in New Orleans

The Tradition article returns with Tradition 7 on page 3. Meeting changes are listed on page 2 — please let the Central Office know of *all* changes to meetings.

Thanks for letting me be of service!

Michael G.

Hotline Schedule

7/04 - 7/10	Between Drinks
7/11 - 7/17	Brown Bag
7/18 - 7/24	Burnside Recovery
7/25 - 7/31	By the Book
8/01 - 8/07	Came To Believe
8/08 - 8/14	Come As You Are
8/15 - 8/21	Cortana
8/22 - 8/28	Carry the Message
8/29 - 9/04	Dealer's Choice

Thank you to the groups and individuals that participate in this vital service work.

If your group would like to be included in the hotline rotation, please contact the Central Office.



Responsibility Declaration

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

Greater Baton Rouge AA Central Office Contributions for June 2022

1-12 Unity Group	\$ 25.00
24 Hour Group	\$ 50.00
As Bill Sees It	\$ 1,520.00
Baton Rouge Young Peoples Group	\$ 200.00
Defective Characters	\$ 78.00
Freedom of Choice	\$ 44.05
Happy Hour Group	\$ 50.00
In The World Outside	\$ 100.00
Individual AA Members	\$ 395.86
Last Stop	\$ 2.42
Monday Night Speaker Group	\$ 150.00
Open Heart Meeting	\$ 100.00
Outsiders	\$ 30.00
Paradoxes Of AA	\$ 124.00
Sanity Break	\$ 150.00
Shivering Denizens	\$ 5.00
St.John's Zachary Mens' meeting	\$ 75.00
Stepping Out	\$ 75.00
The Next Frontier	\$ 50.00
The Simple Way	\$ 20.00
Three Legacies Group	\$ 50.00
Tossspots	\$ 150.00
University Drunks- Zoom	\$ 707.00
Unmanageables Group	\$ 300.00
WE / ME	\$ 25.00
We Can Stop	\$ 25.00
Y'all Come	\$ 4.11
Zachary Group	\$ 60.00

TOTAL \$ 4,565.44

Individual and group contributions can be made to the Central Office via Venmo (and there are no bank fees for the Office to receive these funds). Use the QR code or Venmo: @aabatonrouge



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PRINT MEETING LIST AVAILABLE

March 2022 is the cover date of the latest printed meeting list. NOW AVAILABLE at the Central Office!

Remember that your best, most current meeting listings are available online at www.aabatonrouge.org or on the app.

The handy, pocket-sized print meeting schedule is available at the Central Office!

Changes listed are since that printing.

Meeting Type Abbreviations

ABSI = AS BILL SEES IT	O = OPEN
BB = BIG BOOK STUDY	SP = SPEAKER
Beg = BEGINNER'S	ST = STEP
C = CLOSED (Alcoholics ONLY)	Study = Literature Study
D = DISCUSSION	TR = TRADITIONS
ES = Spanish	W = Women Only
MT = Meditation	M = Men Only
	LG = LGBTQIA (Lesbian/Gay/Bi/ Trans friendly)

Singleness of Purpose

The Singleness of Purpose Group is having a pot luck lunch on July 16 after the 12:00 meeting.

Bring a dish to share and come join us .

VFW
113 Centerville St NW
Denham Springs, LA

Things we cannot change

It is with sadness that we report the death of Gladys T. She was a long-time member of the Capitol Avenue Group, and earlier this year celebrated 25 years of sobriety.

It is with sadness that we also note the death of David Honore who had long been active in our community.

Over the years, I jotted notes of pithy comments I have heard in AA meetings.

◇ "We want to fix the world so that we don't have to focus on fixing ourselves."

Wes, 164 Group, 6/19/21

◇ "If God loves me, I should love me"

Pam, Al Anon, 5/7/22

◇ "It is selfish to put the burden of my validation on another, even a partner. It exists between you and your Higher Power."

Natalie M., Tospots (Zoom), 7/11/21

◇ Would I let someone else talk to me the way I talk to myself? Probably not!

New Meetings

Fellowship 164, Wednesday 7pm, University Methodist Church 3350 Dalrymple Dr. Baton Rouge 70802 O/BB
Gracie St. Group, Tuesday, 8PM, 2536 Gracie Street, 70802, O/D
Sunlight of the Spirit, Thursday, 7 pm, Red Shoes, 2303 Government Street, Baton Rouge, 70806, O/MT
Trust the Process, Tuesday, 8PM, Grace Baptist Church, 630 Richland Ave, 70806, O/Lit

Reopened

Early Birds, Sunday 7 am, Grace Baptist Church 630 Richland Ave, 70806, O/D

Reopened & Location Change

Came to Believe, Tuesday, Noon, First United Methodist Church Room 107 930 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, 70802, O/D
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Name Change

Seeking Solutions, Monday 6:30 pm, 7742 Office Park Blvd. Building C Suite 2, 70809 O/BB/W {changed from "Seeking a Solution"}

Closed for the season

The New Frontier, Sunday, 4PM, City Park 1442 City Park Ave., 70806, C/Lit

Meetings Cancelled

Agape, Saturday, 2 pm, Club 12
Nooner @ Night, Tuesday, 6pm, Highland Presbyterian Church, 70810, O/D
You Doin' Good, Thursday, Noon, St. Joseph's Cathedral Hall 423 Main St Baton Rouge, 70802, O/D
Rescue from Shipwreck, Sunday, 7PM, Lake Wellness Center 7434 Picardy Ave, 70808, O/ST

Time Change

BYOBig Book, Tuesday, 5:30 PM, Stepping Stones 1027 N Burnside Ave. Gonzales, 70737, O/W/BB {Time change from 6:30

Location Changes

Came to Believe, Thursday, Noon, First United Methodist Church, Room 107, 930 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, 70802, O/D
Paradoxes of AA, Friday, Noon, Francis Asbury UMC 15447 Old Hammond Hwy, 70816, O/12x12
Saturday Night Speaker Meeting, Saturday, 8PM, St. Johns UMC 230 Renee Dr., 70810, O/SP
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Correction to printed booklet (Closed meeting not Open meeting)

Tospots, Tuesday, 7:30 pm, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 11 Dalrymple Dr., 70802, C/D
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The Traditions

Editor's Note: This is the seventh in a series of articles about The Traditions. [With luck, we will get to Tradition 12 at the end of the year!] We have now moved to Tradition Seven. The Traditions are guidelines that we have developed by almost destroying AA. While they are not rules, they are very strong suggestions. We cannot tell you that you "must". But we can tell you that we did that, and it's not a very good idea.

Tradition 7

The long form of this tradition says *The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.*

There is a wonderful, personal story in the *12 and 12* that Bill tells about his realization of the importance of our using our own resources to make sure that AA can continue to operate. He noted "There *was* a place where spirituality and money would mix, and that was the hat!" [p. 164] The rest of the discussion in the *12 and 12* focuses on bequests and gifts from non-alcoholics. One of the issues raised is phrased as "Whoever pays the piper is apt to call the tune..." By relying on contributions from members, AA will only be controlled by its members.

The General Service Board has set up some rules about the maximum amount of any gifts. Individual A.A. members may contribute up to \$5,000 per year. Bequests in wills are limited to a one-time contribution of \$10,000 per individual and are acceptable **only from A.A. members**. At the same time, there are **no limits on group contributions**. If a group wants to contribute in memory of a deceased member, there is no limit to how much it may contribute.

This is where the concept of "prudent reserve" is introduced. This can lead to heated discussions about what constitutes a "prudent reserve." In applying Tradition 4, note that each group has the autonomy to establish what it considers to be that amount.

Contribution Addresses

AA Central Office, 10319 Old Hammond Highway, Suite C-2, Baton Rouge, LA 70816
Capital Area Service Committee, P.O. Box 14304, Baton Rouge LA 70898
Louisiana Area Assembly, 7350 Jefferson Hwy, Suite 485-179, Baton Rouge, LA 70806
[Please include District number or GSO number with LAA checks]

Please note new address for the General Service Office

General Service Office (AAWS), Post Office Box 2407, James A Farley Station,
New York, NY 10116-2407

DISTRICT/COMMITTEE/SERVICE MEETINGS

CASC (Capital Area Service Committee) meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Central Office

COC (Central Office Committee) meets 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm on Zoom

COR (Central Office Representatives) meets 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Central Office Fundraising Committee meets 1st Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Central Office

District 10 meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Zachary UMC

Also on Zoom. Zoom ID: 879 5438 9286 Passcode: 955153

District 15C meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 12:00 noon at Club 12

District 15D meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Central Office

District 16 meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month 7:45 pm at the Stepping Stones, Gonzales

The Grapevine Committee meets the 3rd Sunday of each month 3:00 pm at Central Office

ICYPAA Committee meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 4 pm at the Central Office

LASCYPAA meets 1st Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm at the Central Office

PI/CPC (Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community) meets the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Club 12 in the Al-Anon Room.

Red Stick Roundup Committee meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5 pm at Central Office, except in February/May

SERCYPAA Committee meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month 3:00 pm at the Central Office

T&C (Treatment & Corrections Committee) meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Central Office

Come be a part of Alcoholics Anonymous Fellowship, Fun and Recovery.

2022 Baton Rouge Central Office

**Our speaker will be:
Gary K. from Texas**

Big Book Study

Friday, July 8, 2022

7:00 PM–9:00 PM

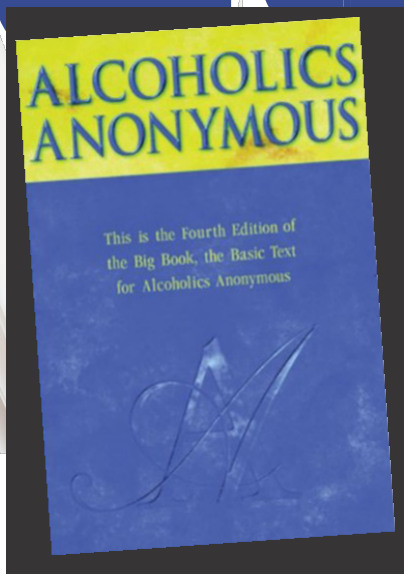
Saturday, July 9, 2022

9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Broadmoor United Methodist

11230 Mollylea Dr., BR, LA

**For more information
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Office
at 225-930-0026 or
brcentraloffice@att.net**



Free Event, donations accepted.

*Arkansas State AA Convention
Oldest AA Convention West of the Mississippi*

82nd "Old Granddad"

July 29th - 31st, 2022

Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa Hot Springs, Arkansas

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Mention the Old Granddad Convention to obtain the discounted room rate.

Hospitality Room

Sight Seeing



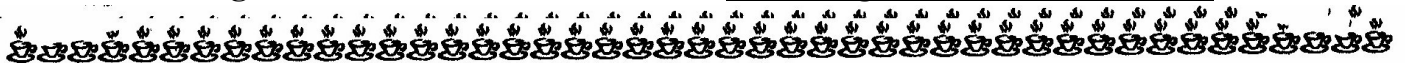
Archives

Dancing

Friday		
2:00 pm	Registration opens	
7:30 pm	Matt C.	Nashville, TN
Saturday		
9:00 am	Gay N.	San Antonio, TX
11:00 am	Michele G. (AFG)	Charleston, WV
2:00 pm	Bill R.	Stuttgart, AR
3:30 pm	AA Open Discussion Meeting	(Ballroom)
7:30 pm	Pat Y.	Palm Desert, CA
Sunday		
8:00 am	Mark B. - Meet the Delegate	(Hospitality Room)
8:00 am	Alanon Discussion Meeting	(Ballroom)
9:30 am	Terry E.	New Orleans, LA

For more information contact us at convention@arkansasaa.org OR call / text (501) 314-9956

Registration also available online at www.oldgranddadconvention.com



\$25 PRE-REGISTRATION IF RECEIVED BEFORE JULY 15, 2022.

\$30 AT THE DOOR OR IF REGISTRATION RECEIVED AFTER JULY 15th

First Name and Last Initial on Badge	Home Group	AA	Al-Anon	Alateen	Other	Amount

All Registrations will be held in the name of:

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 P.O. Box 5311
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Saturday September 10

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DECEMBER 2-4, 2022



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