

# No Booze News February 2024

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## Welcome to the February *No Booze News*

Flyers this month include (So much to do!):

- ◇ Watch Party - Big Book Changes
- ◇ Annual Upstate AA Convention
- ◇ AA Central Office Golf Scramble
- ◇ Fellowship of the Spirit South
- ◇ Food, Fun, and Fellowship Picnic
- ◇ Annual Serenity by the Sea Retreat
- ◇ Big Deep South Convention
- ◇ 64th Annual Louisiana State Convention

## Meeting Updates

### Cancelled Meetings

The Arch to Freedom, Monday, 7:30PM, 1-12 Club, 70802  
Power Under the Tower, Thursday, 6:30PM, Senior Center  
Singleness of Purpose, Sat., 7PM, Luke 10:27, 70774

### Reopened

B.Y.O.B.B., Tuesday, 6PM, Stepping Stones, 1027 N. Burnside, Gonzales, O/BB  
Into Action, Saturday, 12PM, Immaculate Conception Church, Hatchell Ln.,  
70727, O/D  
Vidalia Friendship Group Sunday 4:30PM O/D  
HydroPower Bldg. Mon., Tues., & Fri. 7PM O/D  
409 Texas St. Wed. 7PM O/ST Thurs. C/D  
Vidalia, LA 71373 Sat 10AM O/W/@ & 5:30PM O/D

### New Meetings

1939 Big Book Study, Thursday, 6:30PM, 1st United Methodist Church,  
316 Centerville St., DS, 70726, C/BB  
5:15 Woman's Meeting, Monday, 5:15PM, Grace Baptist Church, 630  
Richland Ave., 70806, O/W  
A Sober Thought, Wed, 7PM, 7742 Office Park Blvd., C2, 70809, O/D  
Night Owls, Wed, 9PM, Grace Baptist Church, 630 Richland Ave. 70806, O/D  
Progress Not Perfection, Sunday, 7PM, Woodlake, 2465 Plaza Dr.  
Plaquemine, 70764, O/D  
Walking the Walk, Tuesday & Thursday, 3PM, 1-12 Club, 1955 Scenic  
Hwy., Baton Rouge, 70807, O/D

### New Day

Come As You Are, Wednesday, 7PM, Faithful UMC, St. Amant, 70774, O/D

### New Time

New Roads Group, Wed., 6:30PM, Club 12 of New Roads, 70760, O/Lit  
Freedom from Bondage, Wed., 7PM, Life Center, 70816, O/W/D/BB

### New Format

The Next Frontier, Sunday, 4PM, Chapel of the Cross, 3235 Dalrymple Dr.,  
70808, O/Lit  
Steps to Serenity, Wednesday, 7:30PM, 1-12 Club, 70802, O/BB

### New Location

Freedom of Choice, Mon. & Thur., 8PM, Sat., 7PM, Unitarian Church, 8470  
Goodwood Blvd., 70806, Mon. O/D/12x12, Thur. & Sat. O/D  
Seeking Solutions, Mon, 6:30PM, The Life Center, 10473 Old Hammond Hwy.,  
70816, W/O/D

### New Name & Day

South 19th St Group (was Group Therapy AA), 7PM, Monday, House of  
God Church, 254 S. 19th St., 70806, O/D

### New Location and Time

Water Works, Wednesday, 5:30PM, 2751 Wooddale Blvd., 70805, O/D



## 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.



## Hotline Schedule

02/05 - 02/11 Brown Bag  
02/12 - 02/18 Burnside Recovery  
02/19 - 02/25 Came to Believe  
02/26 - 03/03 Capitol Ave Group  
03/04 - 03/10 Come as You Are  
03/11 - 03/17 Cortana

*Thank you, to those take the Hotline! This is an crucial for the fellowship! If your group wants to help with the Hotline contact Central Office.*



## Things We Can Not Change

On 1/11/2024 Joe H. passed away with many years of sobriety. He was a founder of 4264 Group, his home group, that meets at Ingleside Methodist. His service will be held there at 3PM on February 10, 2024. He attended many other meetings regularly and loved to serve by answering the AA Hotline.

We also lost John C. on 1/18/2024 who was an active member of AA for over 50 years and the founding Director of the O'Brien House. His home group was University Methodist Church Fellowship group. His service on 2/2/2024 at the First Presbyterian Church was well attended

Both generously shared their experience, strength, and hope in meetings and warmly welcomed new comers. They were beloved members of our fellowship and will be greatly missed.

## January Contributions

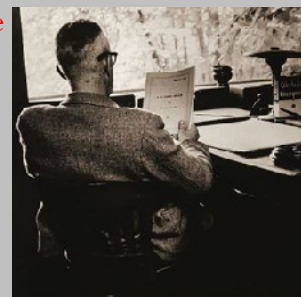
1-12 Club	\$1.00
417	\$1.00
AA Wednesday Night Live	\$1.00
Alanon	\$1.00
All the Way House	\$1.00
Arch to Freedom	\$0.00
As Bill SAW It	\$1.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group	\$1.00
Back to Sanity	\$1.00
Baker Group	\$1.00
Baton Rouge Group	\$1.00
Brown Baggers	\$1.00
Burnside Recovery	\$66.00
By the Grace of Good	\$1.00
BYOBB	\$1.00
COC Basket	\$10.00
COR (7th Tradition Basket)	\$27.00
Dealer's Choice	\$14.39
Defective Characters	\$78.00
Farmers Market	\$80.00
Freedom of Choice	\$93.88
Gonzales Lunch Bunch	\$200.00
Happy Hour Group	\$50.00
In The World Outside	\$356.30
Individual AA Members	\$223.98
Lawyers Support Group	\$5.50
No Other Way Group (NOW)	\$292.45
North Blvd Group	\$304.00
Old Perkins Group	\$658.50
Open Heart Meeting	\$205.00
Paradoxes of AA	\$146.00
Shenandoah Group	\$425.47
St Francisville Group	\$203.00
Stepping Out	\$241.00
The Simple Way	\$262.00
Wedgewood Group	\$47.25
Wednesday Night ABSI	\$31.95
Women's Journey	\$70.00
Womens 12x12	\$50.00
You Doin' Good	\$232.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,387.39</b>

# GRAPEVINE Daily Quote

February 5,  
2024

"Everyone must agree that we AAs are unbelievably fortunate people; fortunate that we have suffered so much; fortunate that we can know, understand and love each other so supremely well ... Indeed most of us are well aware that these are rare gifts which have their true origin in kinship born of a common suffering and a common deliverance by the Grace of God."

- AA Co-Founder, Bill W., October 1959, From: "AA Communication Can Cross All Boundaries", *The Language of the Heart*



### THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

Bill W.'s  
Grapevine Writings

Subscribe to the  
Grapevine! Visit:  
<http://bit.ly/3zCc9dZ>

**Individuals & groups  
may give to the  
Greater Baton Rouge  
AA Central Office  
via Venmo: @aabatouge**



**venmo**

## Contribution Addresses

**AA Central Office**  
10319 Old Hammond Hwy, 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]

**General Service Office (AAWS)**  
P.O. Box 2407, James A Farley Station  
New York, NY 10116-2407

## Our Three Legacies

### **UNITY - Tradition 2**

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as he may express himself through our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

### **RECOVERY - Step 2**

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

### **SERVICE - Concept 2**

When, in 1955, the AA groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference - excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Center - the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

### **Louisiana Area AA Archives**

The Archives Repository is available for visitation, research, and delivery of materials to include in the archives. The Archives maintains the history of AA in Louisiana including individual group histories. Contact John L., Archives Chair and Archivist, for an appointment to view the archives: [archives@aa-louisiana.org](mailto:archives@aa-louisiana.org) or call 225-485-7696.

Area 27 Archives Repository  
8676 Goodwood Blvd., Suite A  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

### DISTRICT/COMMITTEE/SERVICE MEETINGS

**CASC (Capital Area Service Committee)** 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm

Fairwood Branch Library, 12910 Old Hammond Hwy. BR LA 70816 <!--NEW ADDRESS!

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

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

**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 pm at Club 12

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

at the Life Center, 10473 Old Hammond Hwy <!--NEW ADDRESS!

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

**The Grapevine Committee** 3rd Sunday of each month **4:30 pm** at 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 each month at 6:30 pm at Club 12 in the Al-Anon Room

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

**State Convention Committee—Area 27** meets 4th Sunday of each month at 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

**25TH  
FEB  
2024**

**District 15D  
PRESENTS**

THEY'RE  
**CHANGING**  
THE BIG  
BOOK?!

**Noon-4pm**

Plain  
Language  
Big Book  
Information  
Session  
Watch  
Party

Free Food  
& Drinks



**zoom**

**LIVE**  
**STREAMING**

@ LIFE Center  
10473 Old  
Hammond Hwy



# Gratitude in Action

## March 21-24, 2024

*Celebrating over 60 years of A.A. in Ruston*

Convention Chairperson: **Joe R.**

Voice: **Beau H.**

**REGISTER ONLINE  
AT**

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

### Gratitude House 1501 White Street

### Civic Center 401 N. Trenton Street

#### Thursday, March 21st

#### Friday, March 22nd

5:00 p.m. Registration Begins at Gratitude House  
6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Meal  
8:00 p.m. Kick Off Meeting at Gratitude House  
A.A. Speaker: Beau H.-Ruston, LA

4:00 p.m. Registration Begins at Civic Center  
8:00 p.m. A.A. Speaker: Pepper B.-Liberty, MO

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

#### Saturday, March 23rd

Hampton Inn by Hilton  
1315 North Trenton  
Ruston, LA 71270  
318-251-3090

\$109.00 Per night

Book by 3/15/2024

10:00 a.m. A.A. Speaker: Terry E.-New Orleans, LA  
1:30 p.m. Al-Anon Speaker: Larcine G.-Hawthorne, CA  
6:00 p.m. BBQ Banquet (Donations Suggested)  
8:00 p.m. A.A. Speaker: Mike A.- Nashville, TN

#### Sunday March 24th

10:00 a.m. A.A. Speaker: Chet S., West Monroe, LA



Tapes by James ([jamestapes@aol.com](mailto:jamestapes@aol.com))  
(985) 640-5552

The convention Hospitality Room will open Friday at 4:00 p.m. and close during each meeting.

Pre Registration: \$25.00 each received by March 1st, 2024  
Registration: \$30.00 each after March 1st, 2024  
\*\* Please wear badges at ALL times\*\*

Name: (Print Clearly)	Mailing Address:	AA	Al-Anon	Alateen
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email Address _____		Total Enclosed _____		

Sponsorship Contributions \$\_\_\_\_\_ Lend a hand to those unable to afford registration.

Preregister to be put in a drawing for \$50.00 cash.

Checks payable to: Ruston AA Convention  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 505, Ruston, LA 71273-0505

Greater Baton Rouge AA Central Office

# Golf Scramble

## FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 13, 2024  
9:00AM Shotgun Start

Webb Park Golf Course  
1351 Country Club Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Partners: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**\$65 for members and \$40 for non-members (per player)**

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_ holes at \$100 each.

Group name on sign(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check made  
payable to **AA Central office**

for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

or Venmo

**@AABatonRouge**

Complete this entry form and return  
with your payment to:

**AA Central Office, 10319 Old  
Hammond Hwy, Suite C-2,  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816**

(225) 930-0026



**SPEAKER LINE UP:**

- Pat T.**  
San Diego, CA  
Friday's 7:30 PMAA Speaker
- Linda J.**  
Santo Rosa Beach, FL  
Saturday's 2-45 PMAA-Anon Speaker
- Herb K.**  
Palms Verdes, CA  
Saturday's 7:00 PMAA Speaker
- Kate R.**  
Denver, CO  
Sunday's 9:30 AM AA Speaker

**REGISTRATION:**

You can register online at [FOTSSOUTH.COM](http://FOTSSOUTH.COM)  
or complete a mail form below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SCHEDULE:**

- Friday**  
 12:00 PM Registration Opens  
 1:00 PM Workshop (Step 1&2)  
 2:15 PM Workshop (Step 3)  
 3:00 PM Workshop (Step 4&5)  
 4:45 PM Workshop (12 Concepts)  
 9:30 PM Prayer & Meditation
- Saturday**  
 7:00 AM Prayer & Meditation  
 8:30 AM Workshop (Steps 8 & 7)  
 9:45 AM Workshop (Steps 8 & 9)  
 11:00 AM Workshop (Steps 10 & 11)  
 1:30 PM Workshop (12 Traditions)  
 4:30 PM Workshop (Step 12)
- Sunday**  
 7:00 AM Prayer & Meditation  
 8:00 AM Conscience of the Conference  
[www.fotssouth.com/information/schedule](http://www.fotssouth.com/information/schedule)

**LOCATION:**

**Home 2 Suites**  
 i **OY. Hilton**  
 i 1909 Kalliste Saloom Road,  
 Lafayette, LA 70508  
 i 337.706-.8610

**PRICING:**

- \$35 Per Person**  
(if paid by 4/1/24)
- \$40 Per Person**  
(if paid after 4/7/24)

**\*PRICE INCLUDES ENTRY FOR THE  
 WHOLE WEEKEND, FRIDAY DINNER, &  
 BOTH LUNCH & DINNER SATURDAY.\***

**Please Mail Form To:**  
 FOTS South  
 P.O. Box 53312, Lafayette, LA 70505-3312  
 please include payment when sending in this form

# District 10

## Food, Fun, and Fellowship Picnic

### Saturday, April 27, 2024

### 10:00am to 3:00pm

West Feliciana Sports Park  
10226 W. Feliciana Pkwy.  
St. Francisville, LA 70775  
(see map on back)

*"We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny..."*

**Rain or Shine Event!**

**Barbecue by Chef Jim G. and Crew**

**50/50 Drawing, Games, Hiking,  
Sports Facilities Nearby.**

**Speaker: Carl C. from New Orleans  
All Are Welcome.**



**Good Clean Fun for the Whole Family.  
Bring Blankets, Pop-Up Tents,  
Lawn Chairs, and Sports Equipment.  
Sides and Desserts are Welcome!**

Park attractions include: soccer fields,  
baseball and softball fields, basketball  
courts, tennis courts, pickleball courts,  
and miles of hiking/biking trails.

**For More INFO Contact: Greg C. at (856) 238-8488 or [ghc01@comcast.net](mailto:ghc01@comcast.net)**



# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Serenity by the Sea Retreat

A Weekend of Fellowship, Food, and Fun

Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

At Grand Isle High School, 149 Ludwig Lane, Grand Isle, LA 70358

Registration \$30.00 at the door starts at 5:00pm Thursday & Friday, 8:00am Saturday

**\$25.00 if you Pre-Register**

**VOICE:** Katie M. – St. Amant, LA (AA)

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting chaired by Mike M. – St. Amant, LA (AA)  
Location: Annex Building (front of High School) Registration starts 5:00pm  
Food: Red Beans & Rice with Sausage Eat at 5:30pm  
Meeting to follow at 7:00pm

## **SPEAKERS:**

Fri May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8:00 pm	Milton H.- Humble, TX (AA)
Sat May 4 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Early Bird Open AA Meeting
Sat May 4 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	TBA (Al-Anon)
Sat May 4 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm	Donna F.- Splendora, TX (AA)

## **FOOD:**

Fri May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm	Jambalaya
Sat May 4 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 am	Muffins
Sat May 4 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am	Hamburgers & Chips
Sat May 4 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm	Fish Fry
Sat May 4 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm	RAFFLE & FUN STUFF BEGINS
Sat May 4 <sup>th</sup>	After Speaker Fellowship w/ a Bonfire on the Beach (weather permitting)

*Soft Drinks, Water, and Coffee Provided*

**LODGING & OTHER INFO:** [www.townofgrandisle.com](http://www.townofgrandisle.com) or VRBO

**QUESTIONS:** Call Charlie (225) 413-3055 or Katie (225) 978-3137

**PRE-REGISTRATION – Ends April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024**

Return this **Bottom Portion** along with \$25 per person – Children 12 & Under are FREE

Payable to Serenity by the Sea, 42643 Hwy 42, Prairieville, LA 70769

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_





# 56TH ANNUAL BIG DEEP SOUTH CONVENTION



**JUNE  
7-9  
2024**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Airport Hilton**

901 AIRLINE DRIVE  
KENNER, LA 70062



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT [BIGDEEPSOUTH.ORG](http://BIGDEEPSOUTH.ORG)

THE 64TH ANNUAL  
**LOUISIANA**  
STATE CONVENTION



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

**2024**

JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 29<sup>TH</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup>

**BATON ROUGE MARRIOTT**  
5500 Hilton Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

**SPEAKERS**

- FRIDAY NIGHT**  
Al D. | Sturbridge, MA
- SATURDAY MORNING**  
Courtney M. | New Orleans, LA
- SATURDAY NIGHT**  
Ralph W. | Los Angeles, CA
- SUNDAY MORNING**  
Carolyn W. | Surrey, BC, Canada

**\$20**

**PRE-REGISTRATION**



[AA-LASTATECONVENTION.ORG](http://AA-LASTATECONVENTION.ORG)