

No Booze News October 2024

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Welcome to the October *No Booze News*

Flyers this month

- ♦ New AA Literature ~ *Plain Language Big Book*
- ♦ Dist 15c ~ Speaker Panel, Food, & Fellowship
- ♦ Southeast Regional Forum ~ Biloxi, MS
- ♦ Save the Date! ~ 2025 LA State Convention
- ♦ 2025 AA International Convention



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

09/30 - 10/06 A Design for Living
10/07 - 10/13 Between Drinks
10/14 - 10/20 Brown Bag
10/21 - 10/27 Burnside Recovery
10/28 - 11/03 Came to Believe
11/04 - 11/10 Capitol Ave

For some recovery starts when they call the Central Office Hotline or maybe they've been around awhile and need to know when's the next meeting. For any reason it's crucial that our fellowship be there when a hand reaches out. Thank you, to those take the Hotline! If your group wants to help, contact Central Office.

Meeting Changes

New Time

Whiskey & Milk, Monday, 7PM (was 8PM), The Life Center, 10473 Old Hammond Hwy., 70816, O/D

Only *one* meeting change?!? How can it be?

Central Office has
NEW Meeting Books!

HAPPY HOUR GROUP OF AA PRESENTS...

HISTORY of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A photographic journey through the origins of
AA and Al-Anon

with
AA HISTORIAN, DREW H



10 AM - 3 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Lunch will be provided

Grace Baptist Church
630 Richland Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

SEPTEMBER Contributions

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 224 Group | \$300.00 |
| Came to Believe | \$240.00 |
| COC Basket | \$20.00 |
| COR (7th Tradition Basket) | \$25.00 |
| EBR Men's Group | \$165.00 |
| Farmers Market | \$100.00 |
| Freedom of Choice | \$83.26 |
| Happy Hour Group | \$50.00 |
| In The World Outside | \$275.00 |
| Individual AA Members | \$162.99 |
| Monday Night Speaker Group | \$100.00 |
| Port Allen West Bank Group | \$400.00 |
| Sanity Break | \$300.00 |
| Tossspots | \$119.67 |
| Tuesday LIT Group | \$100.00 |
| University Drunks | \$488.00 |
| Unmanageables Group | \$75.00 |
| Women's Journey | \$130.00 |
| Women in Recovery | \$140.00 |
| TOTAL | \$3,273.92 |

GRAPEVINE

Daily Quote

“Keeping a Tenth Step journal about my day-to-day life, my relations with other people, and the stuff that roiled around in my head helped me see patterns in my thoughts and behavior, which I could discuss with my sponsor. And once I began to sit quietly, reflect on what I'd written, and pray, I began to sleep peacefully for the first time in my life.”

“Peace at Last,” Manchester, New Hampshire, March 2001, *In Our Own Words: Stories of Young AAs in Recovery*

Editor's Note: At first I read “roiled around in my head,” and that makes sense. But this young AA said “roiled.” Roil, verb, •move in a turbulent, swirling manner; •make (someone) annoyed or irritated. This is much more descriptive and accurate. I often annoy and irritate myself with roiling thinking



IN OUR OWN WORDS
Stories of Young AAs in Recovery

The Greater Baton Rouge AA Central Office accepts donations by members & groups via Venmo: @aabatonrouge



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Contribution Addresses

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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

WANT TO HELP ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC?

2024
CARRY THE MESSAGE PROJECT

Give a Gift Subscription to an alcoholic who needs it. Great for:

- Sponsees • Newcomers
- Prisons • Detoxes
- Doctors' Offices • Group Celebrations • District and Area Events • Giveaways

Grapevine & La Viña are Great Twelfth Step Tools!

Get your group, district, area or AA friends to join in. Carry the Message, it's easy!

Go to aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message to get started and see our new Carry the Message video at www.youtube.com/c/AAGrapevine

Our Three Legacies

UNITY - The Twelve Traditions - Tradition Ten

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

"...this reluctance to fight one another or anybody else is not counted as some special virtue which makes us feel superior to other people. Nor does it mean that the members of Alcoholics Anonymous, now restored as citizens of the world, are going to back away from their individual responsibilities to act as they see the right upon issues of our time. But when it comes to A.A. as a whole, that's quite a different matter. In this respect, we do not enter into the public controversy, because we know that our Society will perish if it does."

- Pg. 180, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

RECOVERY - The Twelve Steps - Step Ten

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

"A continuous look at our assets and liabilities, and a real desire to learn and grow by this means, are necessities for us. We alcoholics have learned this the hard way. More experienced people, of course, in all times and places have practiced unsparing self-survey and criticism. For the wise have always known that no one can make much of his life until self-searching becomes a regular habit, until he is able to admit and accept what he finds, and until he patiently and persistently tries to correct what is wrong."

- Pg. 88, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

SERVICE - The Twelve Concepts for World Service - Concept X

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority - the scope of such authority to be always well defined by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

-P-8 The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated



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

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 2nd Saturday of each month at 12:00 pm at Club 12, the Al-Anon Rm

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

at the Life Center, 10473 Old Hammond Hwy

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

**November CASC
RESCHEDULED
to October 29**

Announcing: a new book from AAWS on sale November 1, 2024

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK

A Tool for Reading
Alcoholics Anonymous

This is AA General Service Conference-approved literature

The *Plain Language Big Book* is a tool to help readers understand the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which was first published in 1939. This new book is designed so that the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery from alcoholism may be easily understood and accessible by all people who have a desire to stop drinking.

Members of A.A. fondly call the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous* "the Big Book." It is the basic text of the A.A. program. The *Plain Language Big Book* has been written to present the original ideas and same spiritual message of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

This new text is not intended to replace the much beloved Big Book. Rather, the *Plain Language Big Book* is a book crafted over several years by A.A. members and publishing professionals to support alcoholics on the path to recovery. The book is intended to help people who have a problem with alcohol gain access to A.A.'s lifesaving message.

For years, A.A. members have expressed a need for a *Plain Language Big Book*. Based on the shared experience of A.A. members, some people may not have regular contact with other A.A. members to help them understand the A.A. program of recovery and the specific vocabulary as it is used throughout the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Other people have a hard time reading, especially books that were written long ago. This *Plain Language Big Book* is written in simpler language to support readers in their recovery.

This book is published in accordance with Advisory Actions passed by substantial unanimity of the General Service Conference (GSC) of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2021, the 71st GSC advised that this book be developed. Progress reports, then sample chapters were reviewed at the 72nd and 73rd GSCs. The final draft of the *Plain Language Big Book* was reviewed and approved by substantial unanimity at the 74th GSC, in April 2024. This process and outcome adopts this text as Conference Approved Literature.

The *Plain Language Big Book* covers the core content of what is the "abridged version" (the edition without personal stories) of the original Big Book.

Readers are also encouraged to seek out the current edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and meet with A.A. members to support their own individual paths of recovery from alcoholism.

The *Plain Language Big Book* is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous*

- Publication (on-sale) date: November 1, 2024
- List Price \$11.
- Item B-90
- 192 pages; 8 ½' x 11"
- Softcover format with flaps

DISTRICT 15c WORKSHOP SPEAKER PANELS

Topics:

- What it was like, what happened, & what it's like now within AA
- Service Work: Explained

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



NOVEMBER 2, 2024
10:00AM-2:00PM
@ Club 12
1695 BEAUMONT DR
BATON ROUGE, LA

SOUTHEAST

REGIONAL FORUM

December 6-8, 2024

You are invited to the Southeast Regional Forum!

PURPOSE OF REGIONAL FORUMS

- ▶ Regional Forums are hosted by the A.A. General Service Board and “open” to all A.A. members or to anyone interested in A.A.
- ▶ Regional Forums are designed to enhance trust and communication between A.A. members, the General Service Board, Staff and Directors from the General Service Office and AA Grapevine.

PROGRAM

- ▶ Your Southeast Regional Trustee will moderate the event. You will also hear from General Service Office Staff Members, the General Manager, General Service Board Trustees, AA Grapevine, Inc. Publisher and Staff, A.A. World Services, Inc. Director, your region’s Delegates, and past Trustees
- ▶ There will be presentations, workshops, panels, and more. There will also be sharing sessions to allow for comments and questions. A sample program is posted on www.aa.org under the Regional Forums tab.
- ▶ The event will take place from Friday at 6:30 p.m. through Sunday, 12:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION

- ▶ Registration is **FREE** and will open online at www.aa.org on October 7, 2024.
- ▶ All registration information is confidential and will not be used for anything except communicating about the event and sending the digital Final Report.
- ▶ Pre-registration is encouraged, and on-site registration will be available.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Golden Nugget Biloxi
151 Beach Boulevard

- ▶ For hotel reservations: <https://goldennuggetbiloxi.reztrip.com/ext/promoRate?property=1262&mode=b&pm=true&sr=883087&vr=3>
or Call 1-800-777-7568
- ▶ November 14, 2024 is the room reservation deadline.
- ▶ Rate: Double Occupancy, \$129.99 per night U.S. or Canadian
 - Use the group code S240301 to receive the group rate.

We look forward to seeing you in Biloxi!

For more information, please contact, Regional Forums’ Staff Coordinator, at regionalforums@aa.org or call (212) 870-3120.

THE 65TH ANNUAL

• LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION •

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the
DATE

AUGUST 8TH - 10TH, 2025

BATON ROUGE MARRIOTT
5500 HILTON AVE
BATON ROUGE, LA 70808

DESIRED SHORE OF FAITH

Save
the
Date!

2025 AA International Convention

July 3-6, 2025



AA.org/International-Convention

Language of the Heart
Lenguaje del corazón
Le langage du cœur