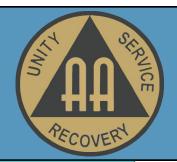
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Faith without works is dead, and we're some hard workers!

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To Many Flyers to List! 37!!!

Please read to the very end of No Booze News to see all the fellowship opportunities available.

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 at the Central Office, 10319 Old Hammond Hwy



COR (Central Office Representatives) 3rd

Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm on Zoom

<u>District 10</u> meets the 3rd Friday of each month, 6:00 pm, at the Zachary United Methodist Church, 4205 Church St., 70791

<u>District 15C</u> meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 12:00 pm at Club 12, the Al-Anon Rm

<u>District 15D</u> meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm at Central Office, 10319 Old Hammond Hwy

<u>District 16</u> meets the 2nd Sunday of each month 3:30 pm at the Stepping Stones, Gonzales

<u>The Grapevine Committee</u> 3rd Sunday of each month 4:15 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

Meeting Changes

Canceled

 \underline{A} Design for Living Big Book Study, Friday, 7 PM, Jefferson United Methodist, Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge 70809

<u>Irma Blvd</u>, Monday, 6:30 PM, Gonzales Library, Irma Blvd Gonzales 70737 By The Grace of God, Sunday, 2 PM, Club 12, 1695 Beaumont Dr, Baton Rouge 70806

Time Change

 $\underline{\text{Cuffs or Christ}},$ Tuesday, 7 PM (was 6:30PM), Holy Ground Christian Church, Colorado Street, Baton Rouge 70802

<u>Larger Than Life,</u> Wednesday, 6 PM, Bible World Chrostian Center, 1771 Lobdell Ave, Baton Rouge 70806

Nev

<u>Woodville AA</u>, Wednesday, 6 PM, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Church Street, Woodville MS.

 $\underline{\mathbf{Sober\ Connections}},$ Friday, 7 PM, Church of Addis, LA Hwy 1 South, Addis 70710

 $\underline{\rm Om~Sweet~Om}, {\rm Sunday}, 8{:}45~{\rm AM},$ Leela Lifestyle Yoga, 7215 Highland Rd, Baton Rouge 70808

Temporary Change Only

Sunlight of the Spirit, Thursday, 7 PM, The Red Shoes, Gov't St, Baton Rouge 70806. June 19, 2025 is the ONLY day canceled.

On May 4th the Capitol Ave Group celebrated sobriety anniversaries for Tom W (42), George L (41), and Michael (1).



Submitted by Michael G.

Hotline Schedule

6/2 - 6/8 6/9 - 6/15	A Design for Living
6/9 - 6/15	Between Drinks
6/16 - 6/22	Burnside Recovery
6/23 - 6/29	By the Book
6/30 - 7/6	Came to Believe
7/7 - 7/13	Capital 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!

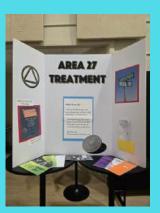
District 10 Workshop "Lighting The Way"

A.A. District 10 hosted a Spring Workshop on Saturday, May 17, on the topic of "Lighting The Way." The event was attended by A.A. members from throughout the Greater Baton Rouge area, and featured a presentation, followed by a delicious pastalaya lunch and then a panel discussion. Throughout the event members in attendance were encouraged to share and participate in an exchange of ideas and suggestions.

The workshop presentation focused on discussions about how groups and districts can become more active, called by many "lighting up" a group or a district. The presentation suggested members start with our A.A. program of recovery as the foundation for everything we do. If we see it as a process of putting our individual recovery to work as we come together as groups, and if we see groups putting recovery to work as we come together as districts and beyond, we will understand that our spiritual program of recovery is lighting up all of us together.

Members were encouraged to consider that service at the level of groups, districts and beyond is not separate from recovery. Everything we do in the Fellowship involves putting our recovery into action by carrying the message and practicing these principles. Many of us tend to focus on the A.A. program of recovery as individuals. We come into the Fellowship as individuals and work the Steps until we reach Step Twelve where, having had a spiritual awakening as the result of working these Steps, we begin to carry this message to other alcoholics and practice these principles in all our affairs. Somewhere along the way, we realize that it's a "We" program, not a "Me"

program.



So, when we as individuals begin to actively work together in groups, everything we do together as groups, and everything that groups do together with others at every level of service, creates opportunities to carry the message and practice these principles in all our affairs, and do it in a way that allows us to work with others to build

recovery together. This is the process that helps groups to light up and districts to light up.

It all begins with a Spiritual Awakening, which has been described as "lighting up" or "coming into the light." When we talk about carrying the message, aren't we describing a way that we can share the light with others? So, when we encourage each other to get involved with service, shouldn't we emphasize that service is just another way of carrying the message and practicing these principles, or in other words, sharing

the light?

When we do that within our groups, we are each sharing our light with others in the group. When groups are working together in partnership, to share that light with other groups, it spreads out from there to still more groups as we continue to share the light with each other. This is how districts and other A.A. service levels light up.

Following lunch, a panel of members offered discussion and insight: Quennell F. (New Orleans) discussed his experiences with helping groups and districts become more active in New Orleans after Katrina and also working to promote more active



groups and districts become more active in New Orleans after Katrina and more recently in Baton Rouge. Ross R. (Baton Rouge) discussed how his personal recovery had led him to become more active in service work, leading him to encourage more participation by others. The panel discussion was very well received by members in attendance.

Anyone who would like a digital copy of the workshop presentation may contact Greg C. at ghc01@comcast.net.





Step 6 and Meditation: Letting Go Without Losing Yourself

Step 6 of Alcoholics Anonymous says: "Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character." It sounds simple on paper. But this step is one of the toughest. It's about being willing to let go of the traits and behaviors that have shaped your identity, even if they've caused damage. That's not easy. Sometimes, your flaws feel like old friends. Sometimes, they feel like armor.

This is where meditation becomes more than just sitting quietly—it becomes a tool for real change.



Step 6 doesn't ask you to be perfect or to fix everything overnight. It asks you to be ready. That's it. Ready to let go. Ready to trust that you'll still be "you" without the anger, the pride, the fear, or whatever else has been running the show.

But readiness isn't passive. It takes awareness. You have to know what you're holding onto—and why. That's where meditation comes in.

Forget the incense and yoga poses. Meditation, in the AA context, is more like mental hygiene. It's sitting with yourself long enough to see your patterns. It's learning to watch your thoughts without immediately reacting. Most of all, it's about creating space between who you are and what you feel in the moment.

You might notice, for example, how your defensiveness flares up when someone criticizes you. Or how you start spinning stories in your head when you feel insecure. Meditation doesn't make these feelings go away. But it helps you recognize them sooner. And that's what

Step 6 is about: seeing those defects clearly enough to say, I'm ready to live without this.

Many of us cling to our character defects because they

serve a purpose—or used to. Control feels safer than vulnerability. Anger feels more powerful than sadness. But at



some point, those habits stop protecting us and start hurting us. Step 6 is the point where you say, I'm done being ruled by this.

Meditation can highlight the gap between what you think you need and what actually helps. It slows down the mental noise. It helps you sit with discomfort without needing to escape it. That's huge when you're trying to let go of old behaviors.

Being "entirely ready" isn't a switch you flip. It's a process. Meditation can be part of that daily work of showing up, watching your mind, and saying, "Okay, I see this pattern. I'm not proud of it. But I'm willing to let it go—even if I don't know what comes next."

That's the heart of Step 6 for me: not fixing yourself, but being open to change.

You don't need a fancy app or a quiet room. Try sitting for five minutes in the morning. Just breathe and notice your thoughts. That's it. When something uncomfortable comes up, don't run. Watch it. Let it pass.

Submitted by Nital P.



Painting Submitted by Anonymous

An Evil and Corroding Thread

Before I got sober, I was afraid of everything: people, places, things, ideas, etc. You name it, and I probably had a really good reason why I was afraid of it. I was afraid of being around people. I was afraid of being alone. I was afraid of driving. I was afraid of walking down the road. I was afraid of taking a shower.

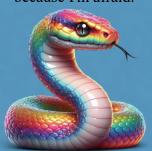
"My fears haven't all evaporated into thin air, and I don't know if they ever will."

I was afraid of not being clean. I afraid to live. I was afraid of how badly actually dying would hurt.

So when I read the way fear was described in the Big Book as an evil and corroding thread shot through the fabric of our existence, it really hit

home. Hard. My life was no life at all. "Existence" was absolutely the correct word. I was simply consuming oxygen and taking up space.

But the more suggestions I took from people in the rooms, the more connections I made with other alcoholics, and the longer I stayed sober, the better able and equipped I became to move through the fear. My fears haven't all evaporated into thin air, and I don't know if they ever will. But I have learned that fear doesn't have to paralyze or dominate me anymore. Being scared is a part of being human. I'm not weak because I'm afraid.



Not long ago, I was on a hike with some of my AA family - my chosen family. On the trail someone spotted a snake. Now, I love the outdoors, but I am terrified of legless reptiles. In that moment, I WAS paralyzed. Then I said the words: "I need help." Within seconds, I had someone

literally helping me put one foot in front of the other and several others encouraging me forward and admonishing me to not look back....

On this journey of sobriety, we will encounter our worst nightmares. Our demons will stare us in the face

and expect us to freeze - or worse - turn back. But all we have to do is call out for help. Our community, our Higher Power, or the 12 Steps themselves are there - waiting to answer. We have the ability to overcome fear. One. Day. At. A. Time.—Big Book Pgs 67-68—Submitted by Jill H.



Answer to May's Puzzle

I didn't get into trouble every time I drank, but every time I got in trouble I was drunk.

Submitted by Anonymous

A big thank you to everyone who played this year in the Central Office Golf tournament. We had 11 teams participate and a wonderful day of golf and fellowship was had by all. We hope to have even more players next year.—Greg P. Here are this year's winners:

Men:

First Place: Ron M, Caleb Mc, Conner L, and Stephen N Second Place: Richy T,

Randy T, Bryce T,

Richard T

Third Place: Barry M, Jesse M, Rion W, Lawson W

Ladies:

First: April P, Myrtis F, Tina CG, Karen T Second: Celeste H, Donna A, Thelma P, Barbra W Third: Nancy K, Amy T, Glenda D, Sharon W

Longest Drive: Ladies: Tina G Men: James P

Closest to the Pin: Jesse M



Military Veteran Interview Project

Are you an AA member and a military veteran?

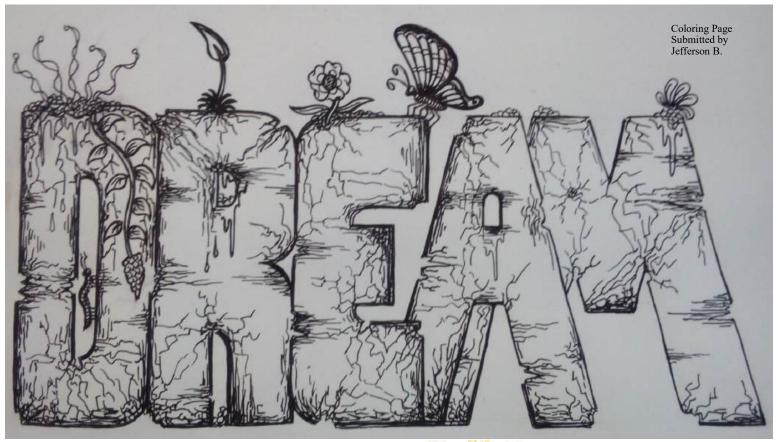
being interviewed for this project at:

militaryoutreach@aa.org.

Looking for Service Opportunities?

YOU'VE ALREADY FOUND THEM

Just read No Booze News
Get a home group
Ask at a meeting
Call the Central Office



Color Me!



Submit completed coloring pages to be featured in next months publication. No identifying information in coloring.

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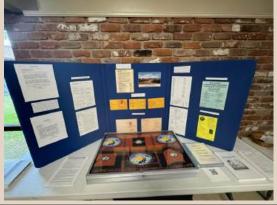
Painting Submitted by Todd P.

Louisiana Area AA Archives

The Archives Repository is available for visitation, research, and accepting materials to include. The Archives maintains AA history in Louisiana and individual groups. Contact John L., Archives Chair and Archivist, for an appointment to view the archives:

archives@aa-louisiana.org.

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



Display at the Luau April 2025

-Submitted by Michael G.

Match Game

We have ceased fighting anything

Rarely have we seen a person fail

The great fact is just this, and nothing less: That we have had deep and effective spiritual experiences which have revolutionized our whole attitude toward life,

When the spiritual malady is overcome,

Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service

We admitted we were powerless

Whatever our protestations, are not

To be doomed to an alcoholic death or to live on a spiritual basis we straighten out mentally and physically.

to God and the people about us.

are not always easy alternatives to face.

over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.

who has thoroughly followed our path.

most of us concerned with ourselves, our resentments, or our selfpity?

toward our fellows and toward God's universe.

or anyone even alcohol.

Can you match the famous AA Quotes?

Come back next month for the answers.

Puzzle Submitted by Anonymous

Please, God, let me remember...

How many times have I uttered those words. Only occasionally did I say that in reference to remembering what I had done the night before. It wasn't because I did not know, but more because I did not remember, as I had drunk until I blacked out. Rather, I usually uttered those words in hopes that I would remember how bad I felt in the morning, and I begged to remember that feeling before I picked up the next bottle. Needless to say, it did not work, and I bought another bottle every afternoon on my way home from work.

Oh how I tried bargaining, negotiating, or threatening at every turn, but to no avail. It was amazing how quickly I forgot how bad I felt. Sometimes it would take an extra day, if I had gotten especially drunk the night before, but usually it was only a few hours before my mind would start planning the trip to get another bottle on my way home.

I found a comfort in knowing that I was going to get a bottle. Not maybe, not could be, but definitely I would get a bottle (only a half pint), and that would be it. But way too often, that led to a second half pint, and a third. Eventually I would wake up not remembering what time or how I got to bed, only knowing that I had survived another night of drinking to excess.

Finally, after much soul-searching and many meetings with my therapist, I got up the nerve to walk into a meeting. It was the best decision I could have made. Even though I did not stop drinking for another week, knowing that I survived walking into a strange room full of strangers, was so freeing. I felt so welcomed and accepted that I was no longer afraid.

AA truly saved my life.—Submitted By David N.



There once was a dog, quite a rover, Whose owner turned over a new leaf, sober. With treats they would share, And walks without care, Together they'd dance in the clover!

Limerick submitted by Kristy B.

Things We Cannot Change

We are sad to report the death of Barry M. who died May 1. Barry was a long-time member of the Sanity Break Group. His service work including bringing an AA meeting to the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison for many years until COVID ended evening meetings. He will be missed.

Submitted by Michael G.

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Please submit by the 25th of each month prior to publication.

NEW FROM GSO

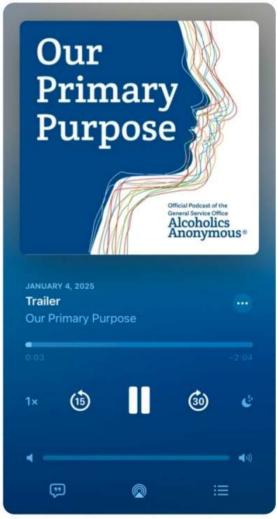
Our Primary Purpose Podcast Our

Featuring interviews with GSO staff and voices from A.A. history and the Fellowship today — learn how GSO supports A.A. groups and members to carry the message of hope and recovery.

*Available in English only

Season 1 streaming now and available on podcast platforms





Questions? Contact us at gsopodcast@aa.org or visit the webpage.

Capital Area Service Committee

Grapevine Committee

Become a Grapevine (GV) Rep!

It's a great way to slip into AA service.

Just announce GV at meetings and have a few past issues for members to read:

https://www.aagrapevine.org/get-involved

Other resources for GV:

https://www.aagrapevine.org/gvr-resources

GV has a podcast!!

https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast

Follow Grapevine & La Viña on Instagram!
Grapevine Committee meets at 4:15 p.m. on
the 3rd Sunday of the month at Central
Office. 10319 Old Hammond Hwy
Baton Rouge LA 70816

Apps for iPhone



The Grapevine and La Viña Apps are here! Download the apps for free:

https://www.aagrapevine.org/apps

AAGRAPEVINE



Apps for Android





For further info, please contact Michelle P. at 713/851-6163 or grapevine@aacasc.org



AREA 27 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Attend via Zoom to learn more about these committees and service opportunities

ACCESSIBILITIES

1st Sundays, 2PM



Meeting ID: 373 884 7070

Passcode: Access27

CORRECTIONS

3rd Sundays, 6:30PM

PUBLIC INFORMATION

4th Wednesdays, 7PM

LA STATE CONVENTION

4th Sundays, 3PM

GRAPEVINE

1st Wednesdays, 6PM

TREATMENT

1st Sundays, 6:30PM

Meeting ID: 797 702 530

Passcode: 731380



Most up-to-date Area Service Committees Info available on Area 27 Events Calendar: https://aa-louisiana.org/calendar/



AREA 27

Any service committee meetings that would like to be listed on the Central Office Events calendar and in future Bulletins, please reach out to us: office@aaneworleans.org

ZOOM ID: 373 884 7070

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"Reaching Into the Darkness"

MONTHLY ZOOM INFO:

1st Sundays at

6:30pmCST

ID:797702530

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See aa-louisiana.org for assembly details

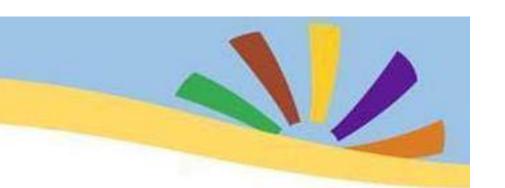
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Zachary Group

Meetings

Zachary United Methodist Church 4205 Church Street (in Children's Ministry Building) Zachary, LA 70791

Mondays at 7:30 PM - Step Study
Fridays at 7:30 PM - Open Discussion
(Speaker 2nd Friday, Birthday Last Friday)
Saturdays at 7:30 PM - Big Book Study





Om Sweet Om

An Open Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous

Sundays at 7:30am Leela Lifestyle Yoga 7215 Highland Road

Join us for a peaceful start to your Sunday with light yoga, guided meditation, and open discussion.

No experience necessary-

-all are welcome.

*Mats available for use in limited quantity.



Founders' Day Herald

90th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous June 6, 7, & 8, 2025 | Akron, Ohio | Birthplace of A.A.

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

Chaired by: Greg E.

A.A. 12 Step Panel • 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. (1) Discussion of One Step Per Hour Chained by: Juanita W.

A.A. Early Bird Meeting* • 3:00 p.m. (1) Stace N. - Akron, CH "Could Not And Would Not"

Actors Guild Play * 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (1)

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 7:00 p.m. (*)
Megan G. – Broken Arrow, OK
"Burik Hobbers Recover Too"
Charled by: Jeanne R.

Serenity Singers • 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (5)

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 9:00 p.m. (5)
Derrick Y. – Bedford Heights, CH
"Man in The Mirror"
Chaired by: Woody W.

Junta en Español + 9:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. (1) Orador: Psicologo Carlos Escamilia Terra: Defectos De Caracter

A.A. Alkathon • 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Bus Tours of Historic A.A. Sites 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

2 buses continuously - Blarce Circle

A.A. Archives

Located in Alicon Intergroup Office (Stop on bus tour)

The 12 Traditions • 9:00 a.m. (5)
Debbie D. - Concord, CA

Grapevine Meeting • 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. (5) Grapevine And LaVina

"AA's Mutimodia Message" Student Union Theater Presentor: Chris C.

Junta en Español • 11:00 a.m. • 12:00 p.m. (1)
Tator De La Vina
Shvarik Hall South

A.A. Old Timers' Penel* • 11:00 a.m. (1)
Topic: "Love And Service Is The Key"

John R. – Euclid, OH Katle S. – Chagen Falls, OH Torn K. – Seven Hills, OH Chaired by: Karen K. Actors Guild Play • 12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. (1)

A.A. & Al-Anon Dual Lead* • 12:30 p.m. [5]
Speakers - Chip & Angle B. - Deste. FL
"Re-Navigating Life"
E.J. Thomas Hol. Chaired by: Kristina H.

Junta en Español * 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (1) Orador: Psicologo Carlos Escarvita Tema: Despertar De La Conciencia

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 2:00 p.m. 6 Ronald W. – Los Angeles, CA "Particularly It Was imperative I Worked With Others As They Had Worked With Me" Challed by: Juanta W.

The History of Our Big Book + 4:00 p.m. (1)
Presented by: Gail L. - Alvan, OH
Chaired by: Grag E.

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 8:00 p.m. (*)
Martin A. – Cintario, Canada
*Notody Has It All Together, But Together
We Have It All *
UA Infocision Stadium**
Chaired by: Mary K.

"Stadium Weather Contingency Plan for Saturday Night - See Web Site

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE! (5)
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Saturday Night

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

MOTORCADE TO DR. BOB'S GRAVE* 7:30 s.m.

Motorcycle procession and graveside resmorial tribute to Dr. Boto & Anne S. Dolly A. - Cleveland, CHI Ryan G. - Canton, CHI Chaired by: Jeanne R.

A.A. Spiritual Panel Meeting • 9:00 a.m. (1)
Topic: "Pitili4 Incomprohensitie Demonstration"
Deboreh B. – Byris, CH
Mike G. – Toledo, OH
Kovin B. – Aliron, OH
Chaired by: Juanita W.

A.A. Closing Speaker Meeting* 10:30 a.m.

AB H. - Markham, Ontario, Canada "This is Not An Intellectual Exercise, It's A Spiritual Endeavor" Charad by: Tony T.

AL-ANON FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

Al-Anon Panel • 2:30 p.m. (1)
Topic: "Two Programs, One Journey"
Angle B. – N. Carrion, OH
Jack E. – Akron, OH
Jodene D. – N. Canton, OH
Olis Hall Charled by Tracy C.

Al-Anon Speaker Meeting * 4:00 p.m. (b)
Jeans O. – Ciccinnati, OH
"Ans There Any Musts in Al-Anon?"
Olin Hall Chaired by: Jane M.

AL-ANON SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Al-Anon Panel • 9:30 a.m. (5)

'Prayer And Meditation'
Ginger B. – N. Centon, OH
Dave A. – Akron, OH

John S. - N. Canton, OH John S. - N. Canton, OH Olin Hall Chaired by: Leslie S.

Lois And Bill's Vision • 11:00 a.m. (*)
"Al-Anon's Journey"
Julie C. - Stow, OH
Olin Hall Chaired by, Greg G.

A.A. & Al-Anon Dual Lead* • 12:30 p.m. (*)
Speakers • Chip & Angle B. – Destin, Ft,
"Re-Navigating Life"
E.J. Thomas Hall Chaired by: Kristina H.

Alateen Panel • 3:00 p.m. (1)
"Hope in The Fellowship Of Alateen"
Olin Half Chaired by: Lynda M.

Al-Anon Program Spoken Here (1)
4/30 p.m. – 5/30 p.m.
Olin Halt Chaired by: Irona H.

REGISTRATION

UA STUDENT UNION

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Registrations must be picked up by 6:00 p.m. Saturday - NO EXCEPTIONS:

Package Plans must be picked up at designated domitories. Check confirmation letter or e-mail.

Coffee & Fellowship Room Student Union

A.A. Literature Sales

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

* A.S.L. INTERPRETER





Grapevine is excited to offer A.A. members the opportunity to volunteer at the International Convention.

We have time slots available for you to help Grapevine Carry the Message. Be a:

Booth/Kiosk Attendant Grapevine News Carrier App Ambassador Workshop Facilitator Podcast Participant



We will offer multiple online trainings & in-person support at the event.

Please reach out to us using email address: ic2025outreach@aagrapevine.org to help Carry the Message!

> Grapevine & La Vina International Convention Volunteer Committee

AAGRAPEVINE, Inc.



Box 4-5-9, Spring 2025 7



JUNE 14TH

REGISTRATION 8:00AM GAMES START 9:00AM



50/50 RAFFLE







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PRE REGISTER VIA PHONE OR EMAIL ERIN D (985) 974-0775 TROY B (225) 588-1256

REDSTICKROUNDUP23@GMAIL.COM

FOREST COMMUNITY PARK 13900 S HARRELLS FERRY RD SPEAKER MEETING

ONE BREATH AT AT ATIME

CLUB 12 8:00 PM

JUNE 29



Unmanagables Presents the 2nd Annual

Shooting For Sobriety

Panel Event and Basketball Tournament

July 12, 2025 11:30 AM

SPEAKERS & TOPICS

~Grace F~ Missing the Big Shot: Progress Rather Than Perfection ~Brandon T~ Huddle Up: Meetings/Fellowship ~Dean F~ Referees: Importance of Sponsorship

CONTACT

Robert O. - Chairman (225) 954-2468 shooting4sobriety@outlook.com

\$30 Registration Per 3-on-3 Team

Please make contributions directly to the group or here:



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[New Orleans, LA]

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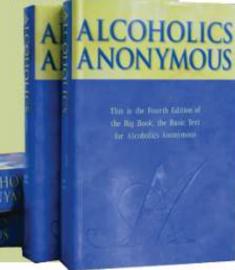
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IC25 Chit-Chat





There is still time to register and attend A.A.'s 90th Anniversary Celebration!

Did you know our room blocks are constantly being updated? We encourage you to keep checking back to see what becomes available! If you cannot find something that fits your needs in our official block, check out our housing resources flyer!

What to expect?

Celebrate 75 years of our General Service Conference with our Archives Exhibit.

Convention tales:

My wife had never been on a cruise before, so we agreed to spend Christmas of 2018 on the high seas. We checked the agenda and found that Friends of Bill W met every morning at 8:00. About 10 of us had a meeting each day. I struck up a conversation with one of the guests and discovered that he lived in Barbados. At some point, I mentioned that the two of us were in Atlanta for the 2015 International. His eyes got big and he let us know that he was the guy who had the privilege of carrying the Barbados flag across the stage during the opening ceremony. It's a big ocean but a small world.

Do you have a story?

Share it with the 2025 International Convention desk by emailing 2025ic@aa.org.

70DÍAS (AL 23/4/2025) PARA LA CONVENCIÓN INTERNACION AL DE 2025

IC25 Chit-Chat





¡Todavia hay tiempo para inscribirse y participar de la gran fiesta del 90.o aniversario de AA!

Nuestros alojamientos se actualizan constantemente. ¡No deje de chequear la disponibilidad! ¡Si no encuentra lo que necesita dentro de las ofertas oficiales, busque en <u>nuestro folleto de recursos de alojamiento!</u>

QUÉ ESPERAR:

Celebraremos los 75 años de nuestra Conferencia de Servicios Generales con una exposición de los Archivos Históricos.

Historias de la Convención:

Mi esposa nunca había viajado en crucero, así que decidimos pasar la Navidad de 2018 en medio del océano. En el itinerario vimos que Los amigos de Bill W se reunían todos los días a las 8 a. m. Éramos alrededor de diez personas. Conversando con uno de los huéspedes, descubri que era de Barbados. En un momento, mencioné que habíamos ido a Atlanta para la Conferencia Internacional de 2015. Se le iluminaron los ojos y nos contó que él había tenido el privilegio de llevar la bandera de Barbados durante la ceremonia de apertura. El océano será enorme, pero el mundo es pequeño.

¿Tiene una historia para contar?

Compártala con el despacho de la Convención Internacional de 2025 enviando un correo electrónico a 2025ic@aa.org.

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The Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend consists of presentations, discussions, shared experiences and breakout sessions.

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Register Online at BTGWW.org or Mail this form to and a check to:

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In Alcoholics Anonymous Treatment and Corrections service, Bridging the Gap programs connect alcoholics leaving Treatment or Correctional facilities with Alcoholics Anonymous in their home communities by providing them with temporary contacts.

Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend events are full weekends focused on sharing our experiences, Bridging the Gap, and developing new ideas that enhance our Service to those requesting temporary contacts.

BTGWW Annual Workshops, Newsletters, and Digital Resource Library are tools that help us learn from each other.

Registration fees ensure BTGWW events remain self-supporting.

This Newsletter is confidential and is for use by members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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A NOTE FROM THE BTGWW COORDINATOR

Greetings to everyone. Rob O here, your 2025 BTGWW Chair. I hope all is going fantabulous in your individual lives, through your continued revelations in the fellowship, and our collective bridging experiences as we continue to work this all-important opportunity of 12th step work in Alcoholics Anonymous via Bridging the Gap. September is fast approaching as we are getting, making, and checking off the to-dos for our next gathering in Area 5 at the Sheraton Ontario Airport Hotel in the greater Los Angeles area. So set your reminders now if you haven't already. History has shown us that each year this event is put on, we meet new and passionate members sharing the ever-evolving tools and how they are used in the bridging process. This year looks to be carrying the same enthusiasm with panels, speakers, food, and everything that gives the opportunity to fellowship. One last mention...... pre-register, reserve your room at the hotel, get in the car, on the plane, bus, or whatever mode of transportation you desire and we will see you in Sunny California.

In love and Service Rob O. 2025/2026 BTGWW Coordinator

A NOTE FROM THE BTGWW ALT-COORDINATOR

How's it going there - eh? I am beyond grateful to have the opportunity to bring my Canadian flavour to the BTGWW planning committee. I started getting involved with my local corrections committee when I was newly sober and my passion & drive for helping those who are often over-looked has been unwavering ever since. The connections I have made at these conferences continue inspire me to strive to do better and to continue to be an instrument of change. I am excited to see many familiar faces and to make new connections this year in LA! Please don't wait to sign up for the event, we can't wait to see you all!

Yours in Service, Amanda S. 2025/2026 BTGWW Alt-Coordinator

A NOTE FROM GSO

My name is Eileen, and I am the staff member currently on the Regional Forums assignment. I am so looking forward to being with you all at the BTG weekend. I am working with Nick the current staff member on Corrections so that I can provide you all with the most up to date information. Corrections was the first assignment I was on from 2022-2023 and I was spiritually rearranged forever working with all the AA members in and outside the walls. I also enjoyed working on connecting people in the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) and helping with Prerelease Contacts. Reading the letters and creating the Sharing from Behind the Walls Newsletter was a highlight. I have a poem written by a member in custody that I still share with others, and I look forward to sharing it with you all soon.

In fellowship,
Eileen A
General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous

A NOTE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Please join us at the international convention in Vancouver for the Bridging the Gap workshop session! It will be held on Friday, July 4th at 3:30pm in the west building [Room 22-224]. There will be 3 panelists and Cheri J will be chairing the session. We hope to see you all there!

Save The Date
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10 am Event Kick off

11 am Misty V. (speaker)
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