

2019

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		CASC		ICYPAA		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
LASCYPAA			DISTRICT 16	T&C		DIST 10
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SERCYPAA	COC			COR		DISTRICT 15 C
RSR COMM						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
DIST 15 D STATE CONV GRAPEVINE						
27	28	29	30	31		
SERCYPAA				PI/CPC		

DISTRICT/COMMITTEE/SERVICE MEETINGS

CASC (Capital Area Service Committee) meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
COC (Central Office Committee) meets 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Central Office
COR (Central Office Representatives) meets 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Central Office
T&C (Treatment & Corrections Committee) meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Central Office
PI/CPC (Public Info/Cooperation W/ Professional Community) meets the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Club 12 in the Alanon Room.
District 10 meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Zachary UMC
District 15C meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 12:00 noon at Club 12
District 15D (combined with A & B) meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm in the back room of the Central office
District 16 meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month 7:45 pm at the Stepping Stones, Gonzales
LASCYPAA meets 1st Sunday of every month behind the central office at 3:00 pm
Redstick Roundup Committee meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5 pm at University Methodist Church, except February/May
State Convention Committee meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4:00 pm in the back room of the Central Office.
SERCYPAA Committee meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month 3:00 pm in back room of the Central Office
ICYPAA Committee meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 6 pm at St. John UMC 230 Renew Drive
The Grapevine Committee meets the 3rd Sunday of each month 3:00 pm at Central Office

Contribution Addresses

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A.A. & Other Activities

ARKYPAA

October 10th - 13th
 Petit Jean Mountain
 Morrilton, Arkansas
 (This is a camping event)

The 74th Tri-State Convention

October 25th - 27th
 Bossier Civic Center
 Bossier City, LA

For more information on any of these events, contact the Central Office

"The question arises of just what constitutes an amend. Many of us find that the old rationalization, 'If I stay sober, that's amends enough to those I have hurt,' just doesn't work. We have to be willing to go further."

"Not Under the Rug," January 1967, Step By Step

Hotline Schedule

Solutions	9/30 - 10/6
Step Sisters	10/7 - 10/13
Stay Cats	10/14 - 10/20
St. Francisville	10/21 - 10/27
The Winners	10/23 - 11/3

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.

New Meetings

Breakfast Club O/D, Wednesday, 8:00am, Stepping Stones, 1027 N Burnside, Gonzales, 70737

Meeting Changes

224 Group O/ABSI, Thursday, 7:30pm, Serenity Club, Denham Springs, 70726 (*Meeting Type*)
Sanity Break O/D, Thursday, 12:00pm, Highland Presbyterian Church, 70810 (*Meeting Type*)

Canceled Meetings

The High Water Group ST, 7:00 pm, VFW in Denham, 70726 (*Canceled Meeting*)
Good Grief Group O/D, Thursday, 6:30pm, Broadmoor Methodist Church, 70815, (*Canceled Meeting*)

Your best, most Up-to-date meeting listings are available online at: www.aabatonrouge.org

"In our Twelve Traditions we have set our faces against nearly every trend in the outside world. "We have denied ourselves personal government, professionalism and the right to say who our members shall be. We have abandoned do-goodism, reform and paternalism. We refuse charitable money and prefer to pay our own way. We will cooperate with practically everybody, yet we decline to marry our Society to anyone. We abstain from public controversy and will not quarrel among ourselves about those things that so rip society asunder -- religion, politics and reform. We have but one purpose: to carry the AA message to the sick alcoholic who wants it. "We take these attitudes not at all because we claim special virtue or wisdom; we do these things because hard experience has told us that we must -- if AA is to survive in the distraught world of today."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., January 1955, "Why Alcoholics Anonymous Is Anonymous", The Language of the Heart

**Greater Baton Rouge AA Central Office
Contributions for August 2019**

Capitol Ave Group	25.00
COC Basket	9.00
Common Solution	200.00
COR (7th Tradition Basket)	21.00
Defective Characters	113.75
District 15D	4.00
Early Birds	500.00
Freedom of Choice	56.56
Grapevine Committee	5.00
Hang In There	100.00
Individual AA Member/Friend	30.72
Larger Than Life	10.00
No Booze Crew	100.00
Open Air Step	75.00
Open Heart Meeting	83.80
Open Road Group	31.00
Paradoxes Of AA	75.00
Sanity Break	150.00
Shivering Denizens	20.00
Starting Point	573.74
State Convention	8.00
T & C Committee	14.00
Tuesday LIT Group	50.00
Women In Recovery	184.00
Yall Come	9.81

TOTAL 2,449.38

“It was long indeed before we knew that AA could surely cross all boundaries of distance, race, creed, or language ... We know now it is only a question of time when every alcoholic in the world will have as good a chance to stay alive and happy as we have had here in America.”

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., June 1955, “How AA’s World Services Grew, Part II”, The Language of the Heart

Tradition 3: The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

“Isn’t every organization entitled to have rules for membership? Why did A.A. decide to forgo this privilege, to be “inclusive...never exclusive”? That’s easy. Early members tried it the other way, and it just didn’t work. As the Fellowship was nearing its ten-year mark, the office that served as headquarters “asked the groups to list their membership rules and send them in,” Bill W. recalled. “If all of these edicts had been in force everywhere at once, it would have been practically impossible for any alcoholic to have ever joined A.A. About nine-tenths of our oldest and best members could never have got by!” So the rule books went out the window and were replaced by one uncomplicated sentence: Tradition Three. But, somebody may ask, isn’t this Tradition itself a rule? It does state one requirement for membership. Let’s read it again, and ask another question: Who determines whether or not newcomers qualify, whether they do want to stop drinking? Obviously, no one except the newcomers themselves; everyone else simply has to take their word for it. In fact, they don’t even have to say it aloud. And that’s fortunate for many of us who arrived at A.A. with only a halfhearted desire to stay sober. We are alive because the A.A. road stayed open to us.

This topic has come up often in conversation in Baton Rouge A.A. recently. The question has been “what about when they say ‘I’m an Addict’ or ‘Alcoholic/Addict’ when introducing themselves at a meeting?” or “what about when they share about drugs?”. We admit, the right thing can feel a little muddy sometimes. Not every one’s story includes drug addiction and it can be hard to relate in meetings, and if we are being honest, it can get easy to become very protective of “our A.A.”. Tolerance, we think, should be our watchword. All of us have our own story when we come into the rooms. If A.A. wasn’t tolerant as a whole, no one would be welcome. This doesn’t mean we shouldn’t want to learn about A.A.’s traditions and pass that knowledge on. Ultimately, It is our responsibility to both learn about the traditions and then teach them to others, but even this should be done in a loving way. Sponsorship and conversations by the coffee pot are wonderful tools for passing on our knowledge and experience. We want to safeguard our meetings, but above all, we want to be useful to the newcomer. As the reading above states: it isn’t my responsibility to tell anyone who qualifies and who doesn’t, just to share my experience, strength, and hope with others and be with them on their paths to recovery

COC Elections (Central Office Committee)

Each year half of the members of the Central Office Committee, the COC, complete their term of service. Our new trusted servants are elected by the Central Office Representatives, COR’s. The ballots for the election are dispersed during the September COR meeting. They are returned in person during the October meeting where they are counted. This year we will need to fill the positions of Co-Chair, treasurer, and 1 member at large. Requirements for each of these positions are outlined in the Central office By-laws. The ballots will be collected and tallied on Thursday October 17th at 6:30 PM at the Central Office. ***A representative from each home group must be present for that vote to count. There will be no proxy voting or absentee ballots.*** We greatly appreciate our trusted servants and look forward to working with our newly elected members.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

NOTE: Our anniversary list is only as current as the date of your group’s last submission. * Denotes Belated Anniversary