

No Booze News March 2021

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Meeting Changes

Canceled

Sunday 11:15 AM Sunday Morning Breakfast Club
Club 12
Wednesday 7:30 PM The Baker Group
1255 Camelia Ave, Baker
Saturday 2:00 PM Join the Tribe
Club 12

Location & Time Change

Friday 7PM 3 Legacies Group
Grace Baptist Church 630 Richland Ave O/D

Time Change

Sunday 7:30 PM New Roads Group Club 12 of New
Roads 70760 O/D

New Meeting

Wednesday 7:30 PM Stepping Out
St. John the Baptist Church, 4724 McHugh Dr,
Zachary BB

“I am learning, when looking for signs of spiritual awakening in myself, to look, not for bright lights or emotional upheavals ... but for sobriety, stability, responsibility, meaning, satisfaction, joy. These are the marks of the beginning of spiritual awakening.”

— Hankins (N.Y.), May 1967, from: “AA’s Steps Lead to – Spiritual Awakening”, *Spiritual Awakenings*

Donations to the Central Office

Elsewhere is a list of the group and individual donations to the Central Office during the past month. Venmo donations do not incur any cost to the donor or to the recipient. You can pay using Venmo @aabatonrouge or by scanning the code to the left.



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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.

This month in the *No Booze News*

My goal is to make this *YOUR* newsletter.

This month’s issue includes (for the first time, I think) photographs. Our move to a digital publication which is printer-friendly allows us to do that.

Flyers for AA-related events are always welcome—PDF format is preferred. Generally they will appear before the sobriety anniversary list. (That will place them at the end in the web version.)

Please send items of interest—short or long. As the editor, it is likely that I will make some changes ... although I am loathe to change direct quotes such as those from the *Grapevine: Our Meeting in Print* which are frequently sprinkled throughout the newsletter. Thanks to Cory L. and the Fund Raising Committee for the great event, the write-up and the stellar photo of the trophy!

See you next month!

Michael G.

Hotline Schedule

03/29/21 – 04/04/21	Old Perkins group
04/05/21 – 04/11/21	Paradoxes of AA
04/12/21 – 04/18/21	Port Allen Group
04/19/21 – 04/25/21	Prairieville (Oakgrove)
04/26/21 – 05/02/21	Sanity Break

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.



The Gumbo Cook-off hosted by the Central Office Fundraising Committee was a great success!

Estimated attendance was over 120 people. Eight (8) cooks from different AA groups throughout the Baton Rouge area showed up with a competitive spirit on the last weekend of February at St. Francis Asbury Church.

The event lasted from 10am to 3pm. The day started with a speaker panel on the topic of unity and fellowship.

It was a success both in bringing together members of AA and in raising needed funds for the Baton Rouge Central Office.

At the end of the day, it was the Shenandoah Group that won first place and claimed the trophy and bragging rights for the rest of the year.

We hope that this event can become an annual tradition! Our champions will certainly have to defend their title against AAs determined to cook the best gumbo around!

One year of Zooming

March marks the first anniversary of the lockdown and the move by many AA groups to have meetings online—many using Zoom. ZOOMINTOAA is sponsoring a celebration of this called Zoomiversary.

What is the Zoomiversary?

A 5-day alcothon marking the 1-year anniversary of the ZoomintoAA homegroup. The festivities kick off on March 17th with a St. Patrick's Day 24-hour meeting, followed by 4 days of speaker meetings.

Meeting schedule (still being filled in) can be found here: <https://www.zoomiversary.org/schedule/>

Greater Baton Rouge AA Central Office Contributions for February 2021

164 Group	\$100.00
24 Hour Group	\$100.00
Breakfast Club	\$120.00
COC Basket	\$10.33
COR (7th Tradition Basket)	\$10.00
Defective Characters	\$33.00
Fellowship Group	\$500.00
Freedom of Choice	\$78.98
Happy Hour Group	\$50.00
Individual AA Members	\$793.75
Keep Coming Back	\$200.00
Last Stop	\$8.00
Old Jefferson Group	\$326.25
Open Heart Meeting	\$106.49
Paradoxes of AA	\$130.00
Stray Cats	\$50.00
Throw It on the Table	\$100.00
University Drunks	\$50.00
Walker Group	\$108.34
Wednesday Night ABSI	\$67.13
TOTAL	\$2,942.27

“It’s important to monitor my thinking, to be conscious of what thoughts I’m hugging to my heart, inviting to stay in my mind, encouraging to hang around my head.”

Chestertown, N.Y., January 2006, from: “Circles of Sobriety”, *Beginner’s Book*



BEGINNERS’ BOOK
Getting and Staying Sober in AA

“Today I have a clearer perspective on what my role as a sponsor is and isn’t. It is to stay sober, be available to listen, share my thoughts, pray for others, and let them live their own lives. It is not to ‘fix’ anyone, get them sober, make them happy, demand they conform, or make their decisions.”

Berlin (CT), September 2004, from: “What a Sponsor Is and Is Not”, *AA Grapevine*



The Grapevine Committee Display at the recent Gumbo Cookoff event. The Committee meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month, 3 pm, in the back room of the Central Office.

The *AA Grapevine* is the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, often referred to as our “meeting in print.”

The Grapevine also publishes books on related topics, often drawn from content in the journal.

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 6:30 pm at the Central Office
- 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 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 Alanon Room.
- Redstick Roundup Committee meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5 pm at Central Office, except February/May
- SERCYPAA Committee meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month 3:00 pm at the Central Office
- State Convention Committee meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4:00 pm at the Central Office
- T&C (Treatment & Corrections Committee) meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Central Office

Contribution Addresses

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- Louisiana Area Assembly**, 7350 Jefferson Hwy, Suite 485-179, Baton Rouge, LA 70806
- General Service Office (AAWS)**, P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10164-0371