

No Booze News April 2021

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Greater Baton Rouge AA Central Office Contributions for March 2021

24 Hour Group	\$ 1.32
Came to Believe	\$ 15.00
COR (7th Tradition Basket)	\$ 22.00
Dealer's Choice	\$ 105.00
Defective Characters	\$ 33.00
Freedom of Choice	\$ 70.65
Happy Hour Group	\$ 50.00
Individual AA Members	\$ 1,645.87
Larger Than Life	\$ 20.00
Last Stop	\$ 18.09
Open Heart Meeting	\$ 1.66
Open Road Group	\$ 60.00
PICPC	\$ 0.10
Port Allen Group	\$ 150.00
Shivering Denizens	\$ 30.00
St Francisville Group	\$ 200.00
Starting Point	\$ 164.24
Stray Cats	\$ 50.00
Throw It On the Table	\$ 100.00
University Drunks	\$ 310.00
Unmanageables Group	\$ 200.89
Women in Recovery	\$ 157.00
Y'all come	\$ 35.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,439.82

Individual and group contributions can be made to the Central Office via Venmo (and there are no bank fees for the Office to receive these funds). Use the QR code or Venmo: @aabatonrouge



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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.

Welcome to the April edition of the *No Booze News*

Meetings, meetings, meetings! They are ever changing in time place and topic. Our intrepid IT folks and stalwart office staff have worked to now create a single, unified list of AA meetings in Greater Baton Rouge. On the web site (and therefore in the Meeting Guide app) you can find all AA meetings no matter what format, in a single list! It doesn't matter whether the meeting is in-person, via the telephone or on Zoom. There is a single list! Check it out!

This month we begin a new feature—an article about some facet of Alcoholics Anonymous.

We are starting with a discussion of the role of the Group Services Representative. We have arranged for a series of articles to follow which discuss the Traditions.

If you have some ideas or questions, please email me. If you have an article—I would love to receive it.

Michael G.

Hotline Schedule

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.

4/26- 5/2	Sanity Break
5/3- 5/9	Saturday Night Speaker Meeting
5/10- 5/16	Shenandoah
5/17- 5/23	Singleness of Purpose
5/24- 5/30	Solutions Group
5/31- 6/6	Stray Cats

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THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE



Our friend **Jerry West** has gone on to the Great Meeting in the Sky.

Jerry was one of the original group who founded, attended and supported the North Blvd Group of AA which began in Don H's North Blvd office and was located for many years at the Church of the Way on North Foster. Jerry religiously attended and supported his Home group for over 43 years. Jerry was almost 44 yrs sober. At the time of his death.

In the rooms and out, Jerry carried the message, sponsoring so many people over the years, and befriending no telling how many outside the rooms with a kind word, a soft touch and his undivided attention.

On March 29, 2021, **Buster Burns** passed away. At the time of his death Buster had been sober for over 25 years. He was very active in the Capitol Avenue Group. Until going to a nursing home, he supported many of the meetings at the 1—12 Club on Scenic Highway. He served as a member of the Board of that club house, which was located around the corner from his little brick house with a white picket fence—the house of his dreams.

He sponsored and supported many in their recovery. He was an inspiration. He learned to read through one of Baton Rouge's adult literacy agencies, and was featured in the public service announcements supporting and encouraging those with literacy issues.



“The more I learn the more there is to learn.”

*Dorchester, Mass.,
March 1989, From:
“More Questions Than
Answers”, AA
Grapevine*



Meeting Changes/Updates

Your best, most current meeting listings are available online at: www.aabatonrouge.org

New Meetings

Stepping Out, BB, Wednesday, 7:30 pm; St. John the Baptist Church 4724 McHugh Dr., Zachary 70791

Second Chance, O/D, Wednesday, 8 pm; Club 12, 1695 Beaumont Drive, BR 70806

Meeting Changes

Location and Time change

3 Legacies Group, O/D; Friday, 7 pm; Grace Baptist Church 630 Richland Ave, BR 70806

Canceled Meetings

Sunday Morning Breakfast Club, Sunday, 11:15 am, Club 12, 1695 Beaumont Drive, BR 70806

The Baker Group, Wednesday, 7:30 pm; 1255 Camellia Ave., Baker

Join the Tribe, Saturday, 2:00 pm; Club 12, 1695 Beaumont Drive, BR 70806

Meeting Type Abbreviations

ABSI = AS BILL SEES IT

BB = BIG BOOK STUDY

Beg = BEGINNER'S

C = CLOSED (Alcoholics ONLY)

D = DISCUSSION

ES = Spanish

MT = Meditation

O = OPEN

SP = SPEAKER

ST = STEP

Study = Literature Study

TR = TRADITIONS

@ = AL-ANON ALSO

W = Women Only

M = Men Only

LG = LGBT (Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Trans)

“I remember asking my sponsor, ‘When do I start the Steps?’ He replied, ‘When do you want to get well?’”

*Martinsville, Va., March 2009,
From: “Fledgling Sponsor”, AA Grapevine*

What is a GSR and Why Should I Care?

“The strength of our whole A.A. Service structure starts with the group and with the general service representative (G.S.R.) the group elects. I cannot emphasize too strongly the G.S.R.’s importance.” – Bill W.

As a newcomer, I knew I had to do everything differently in order to maintain my new found sobriety. I was told to find a home group; so I did. I was told to get a position in that home group; I was elected to be the GSR. The what?

To someone who has no clue about the service structure of A.A., the bombardment of acronyms and legal terms found in the *General Service Manual* can seem as baffling as our common disease, but this is where the experience of AAs service seasoned members comes to the rescue. One of the most important things I was told as a newcomer in general service is “Don't worry. Ask questions. We were all new at one time.”

The General Service Representative (GSR), I found out, is a vital link between the AA group and AA as a whole. I was responsible for attending my District Committee meeting, where other GSRs from groups in my district would meet and share the experience and opinions from our group’s members. The District Committee Members (DCMs) act as officers for this committee and represent the whole district at the state level at Area Assembly. As a GSR I also attended Area Assembly and voted on important issues in AA for my state. The Area Delegate then takes the group conscience from the GSRs, DCMs and Committee Officers from our Area to the General Service conference, where the decisions are made for AA throughout the world.

What I really found, though, was a way to be useful in my new life that connected me to the fellowship of AA. I became surrounded with people just like me, who came from the threshold of death's door to a life of meaning and purpose, possessing a love and respect for Alcoholics Anonymous that made us want to serve our fellowship and make opportunities like the one that saved my life possible for other suffering alcoholics who have not yet made it home to AA.

Cory L, District Committee Member (DCM), District 15D

District 15D Committee meets every 3rd Sunday of the month at the Baton Rouge AA Central Office at 5:30 pm.

District 15C meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 12:00 noon at Club 12.

GSRs are encouraged to attend. If you don't know if your home group has a GSR, ask at your business meeting!

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 1 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 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 in 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

AA Central Office, 10319 Old Hammond Highway, 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

General Service Office (AAWS), P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10164-0371

Central Office Fundraising Committee is hosting:

The Family Afterward

Backyard BBQ



When: May 8th 2021

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: Francis Asbury UMC

15447 Old Hammond Hwy

Speaker Panel including both AA and Al-anons