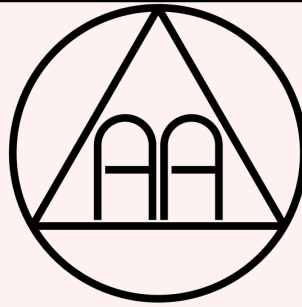


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## Greater Baton Rouge AA Central Office Contributions for May 2021

COR (7th Tradition Basket)	\$ 11.00
Defective Characters	\$ 92.50
Free Again to Choose	\$ 117.58
Happy Hour Group	\$ 50.00
Individual AA Members	\$ 459.55
Larger Than Life	\$ 10.00
Last Stop	\$ 7.25
Paradoxes of AA	\$ 37.80
Perkins Road Group	\$ 156.00
Shivering Denizens	\$ 40.00
Throw It On the Table	\$ 150.00
University Drunks	\$ 286.00
Unmanageables Group	\$ 0.96
Wednesday Night ABSI	\$ 39.85
Why Shouldn't We Laugh	\$ 10.00
Y'all come	\$ 7.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,475.87</b>

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### *A running gag ... for alcoholics ...*

A comma splice walks into a bar, it has a drink and then leaves.

A verb walks into a bar, sees a beautiful noun, and suggests they conjugate. The noun declines.

A simile walks into a bar, as parched as a desert.

The subjunctive would have walked into a bar, had it only known.



### 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 June edition of the *No Booze News*

Have we got a deal for you!

This month begins a series of articles about *The Traditions*. You will find the initial article on page 3. It is called "What Are AA's 12 Traditions And Why Should I Care?"

I recruited a couple of people who have been around AA for a bit to write this series. They are writing under a pseudonym: NGH.

Next month will have the article on Tradition One, and we will proceed from there. I hope you enjoy this series.

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

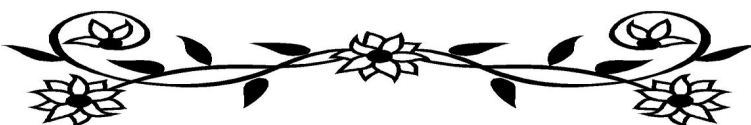
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If your group would like to be included in the hotline rotation, please contact the Central Office.

5/31- 6/6	Stray Cats
6/7- 6/13	St. Francisville
6/14- 6/20	The Winners
6/21- 6/27	Tospots
6/28- 7/4	Unmanagables

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## *The Intersection of Humor, Grammar, and Sobriety*

*As befits a newsletter editor, I am a bit of grammar nerd. One of my non-AA buddies sent this to me, and I have seen most of these before. However, here is my minor offering of humor this month.*

An Oxford comma walks into a bar where it spends the evening watching the television, getting drunk, and smoking cigars.

An allusion walks into a bar, despite the fact that alcohol is its Achilles heel.

A bar was walked into by the passive voice.

A gerund and an infinitive walk into a bar, drinking to forget.

A dangling participle walks into a bar. Enjoying a cocktail and chatting with the bartender, the evening passes pleasantly.

An oxymoron walked into a bar, and the silence was deafening. Two quotation marks walk into a “bar.”

The past, present, and future walked into a bar. It was tense.

Three intransitive verbs walk into a bar. They sit. They converse. They depart.

A malapropism walks into a bar, looking for all intensive purposes like a wolf in cheap clothing, muttering epitaphs and casting dispersions on his magnificent other, who takes him for granite.

Hyperbole totally rips into this insane bar and absolutely destroys everything.

A question mark walks into a bar?

A non sequitur walks into a bar. In a strong wind, even turkeys can fly.

Papyrus and Comic Sans walk into a bar. The bartender says, “Get out—we don't serve your type.”

A mixed metaphor walks into a bar, seeing the handwriting on the wall but hoping to nip it in the bud.

A figure of speech literally walks into a bar and ends up getting figuratively hammered.

At the end of the day, a cliché walks into a bar – fresh as a daisy, cute as a button, and sharp as a tack. A misplaced modifier walks into a bar owned a man with a glass eye named Ralph.

A dyslexic walks into a bra.

A hyphenated word and a non-hyphenated word walk into a bar and the bartender nearly chokes on the irony.

A synonym strolls into a tavern.

## **Meeting Changes/Updates**

Your best, most current meeting listings are available online at: [www.aabatonrouge.org](http://www.aabatonrouge.org)

### **New Meetings**

Nooner @ Night, O/Study, Tuesday 7 PM, Highland Presbyterian Church 10024 Highland Rd., BR 70810

Trust the Process, O/Study, Tuesday 8:30 PM, BRAADC, 216 S Foster Dr, Baton Rouge 70806

Serenity for All, O/D, Thursday 7 PM, Rosco Mortuary 58635 Meriam St, Plaquemine 70764

Agapé Group, O/D, Saturday 2 PM, Club 12 Rescue From Shipwreck, O/St., Sunday 7PM, Lake Wellness 7434 Picardy Ave, BR 70808

4264 Group, O/D, Saturday 6 PM, Ingleside UMC 4264 Capitol Heights Ave BR 70806

### **Reopened**

Serenity for All, O/D, Monday 6 PM, Rosco Mortuary 58635 Meriam St, Plaquemine 70764

### **Address Change**

Women in Recovery, W/O/D, Monday 7 PM, The Neese Bldg. 10646 Airline Hwy, Gonzales 70737

### **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 = LGBTQIA (Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Trans)

A run-on sentence walks into a bar it starts flirting. With a cute little sentence fragment. Falling slowly, softly falling, the chiasmus collapses to the bar floor.

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## WHAT ARE AA'S 12 TRADITIONS AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?

Whenever anyone mentions the 12 Traditions, someone or several someones inevitably groan. Many members of Alcoholics Anonymous consider the study of the Traditions uninteresting and boring. After all, they aren't going to keep us sober, and 12<sup>th</sup> step work is much more important. Right?

Wrong. While the 12 Steps are what keep us sober, the 12 Traditions are what keep Alcoholics Anonymous itself healthy and active.

Think about it. There are a LOT of things that need to be done before 12<sup>th</sup> step work is possible. Books must be printed and purchased. Meetings must be set up, chaired, and advertised. Hotlines must be set up and answered. There is a lot to this thing called Alcoholics Anonymous other than one alcoholic working with another.

So, who does all this? Well, we do. And if you think about it, that is a miracle in itself. We are a bunch of selfish, self-centered alcoholics doing work that, on the surface, appears to be pretty selfless. How do we get all this done without our huge egos getting in the way?

That is what the 12 Traditions are for. Just as the 12 Steps are our guide for living, the 12 Traditions are our guide for keeping AA from falling apart under the chaos that we alcoholics are so good at creating. And just as we should keep our steps in mind as we go about our individual lives, we should also keep the traditions in mind as we go about our many service duties in AA. It has been said by some that the 12 Traditions protect us from ourselves.

Over the next several months, we will submit a series of essays in which we will discuss the 12 Traditions and try to make them clearer for those who are struggling to understand them. We hope you will find that they are not overly complicated. They are not only applicable in our service work but they are also applicable in our personal lives. At least we have found them so.

NGH—Alcoholics in Baton Rouge

### 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 1:00 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.

**Red Stick 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

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# Grapevine

**WORKSHOP**

**"Our meeting in print"**

**Lunch  
Provided**



**Prize  
Raffle:  
\$5/ticket**

**June 5th, 2021  
10am-2pm**

**Francis Asbury**

**United Methodist Church  
15447 Old Hammond Hwy,  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816**

# FREEDOM

National Corrections Conference  
November 12-14, 2021  
Hilton New Orleans Airport  
New Orleans, Louisiana

[nationalcorrectionsconference.org](http://nationalcorrectionsconference.org)  
Contact Stacy C. for more info:  
704-361-2755  
[correctionsarea27@gmail.com](mailto:correctionsarea27@gmail.com)





August 20 - August 21, 2021

Richmond, Virginia

## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Woman to Woman Conference

“Secrets Women Don't Share”

A Conference for sober Alcoholic women with Al-Anon participation



**This is a Virtual Event**

*Speakers*

*Workshops*

*Old Timers Panel*

*Marathon Meetings*

Registration is free but required at [www.sewomantowoman.org](http://www.sewomantowoman.org)

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62<sup>nd</sup> International Conference  
of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

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# 'MERICAPAA

## MINI CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY

BATON ROUGE BID FOR SERCYPAA

# JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>

2PM - 11PM

2 PM

Panel: "We Are Not A Glum Lot"

3-5 PM

**SLIP N' SLIDE KICKBALL**

5:30-6:30 PM

BBQ DINNER

6 PM

Sweet Tooth Auction

*Hosted By A.A. Central Office*

7 PM

Sobriety Countdown  
Main Speaker



9-11 PM

MAFIA

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*Partial Proceeds From*

*"Sweet Tooth Auction"*

*Will Provide Big Books For Angola*

## FRANCIS ASBURY CHURCH

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