

No Booze News July 2021

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Brown Bag	\$40.00
C.A.S.C.	\$4.00
Carry the Message	\$100.00
Chimes Street Group	\$284.12
COR (7th Tradition Basket)	\$10.00
Defective Characters	\$33.00
District 16	\$650.00
Freedom of Choice	\$95.63
Gonzales Lunch Bunch	\$500.00
Happy Hour Group	\$50.00
Individual AA Members	\$637.16
Last Stop	\$13.13
No Other Way Group (NOW)	\$176.50
Open Heart Meeting	\$130.00
Paradoxes of AA	\$119.70
Perkins Road Group	\$45.00
Sanity Break	\$150.00
SERCYPAA Committee	\$4.00
Three Legacies Group	\$80.00
Unmanageables Group	\$250.00
Weekend Stop	\$6.30
No name	\$13.06
TOTAL	\$3,391.60

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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 July edition of the *No Booze News*

This month, we are continuing the series on the Traditions, with an excellent article on Tradition One. You will find that on page 3.

Meeting Changes/Updates reflect the information reported to the Central Office. Our standard reminder is that the most up-to-date source is the web site. The web site is also the source for the information in the Meeting Guide, the app managed by AA General Services. [See the logo to the right.] Please report changes as soon as they occur!



There is big news from the General Service Conference, and there is an article on page 2 with highlights. The biggest news is a change in the wording of the Preamble. Printable copies of the changed language are in this issue.

As always, if you have some ideas, questions or suggestions, 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.

7/5/21- 7/11/21	We Surrender Group
7/12/21- 7/18/21	Wednesday Night ABSI
7/19/21- 7/25/21	Wedgewood
7/26/21- 8/1/21	Women in Recovery

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Meeting Changes/Updates

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

New Meetings

Rescue From Shipwreck, O/St., Sunday 7PM, Lake Wellness 7434 Picardy Ave, BR 70808

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

Outsiders, O/BB, Wednesday, 8 PM, Central Office 10319 Old Hammond Hwy, 70816

Footprints, O/St-Tr, Thursday, 7:30 PM, 1 – 12 Club, 1955 Scenic Highway, 70802

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

Agapé Group, O/D, Saturday 2 PM, Club 12

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

Perkins Road Group, O/D, Tuesday, 6:30 PM, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church 12663 Perkins Rd, 70810

Address Change

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

Name Change

Sober Sisters, O/D, Tuesday, 7:30 PM, 4727 McHugh Dr., Zachery, 70791

Time Change

Freedom of Choice, LG/O/D, Saturday 7PM, 7747 Tom Drive, BR

Closed

Tospots, O/D, Monday, 7:30 PM, ZOOM

Tospots, O/D, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, ZOOM

Tospots, O/D, Friday, 7:30 PM, ZOOM

Tospots, O/D, Saturday, 7:30 PM, ZOOM

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

W = Women Only

M = Men Only

LG = LGBTQIA

(Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Trans)

Changes ... Changes ... Changes

The summer issue of *Box 4-5-9: News and Notes from the General Service Office of A.A.*[®] includes a summary report of actions taken at the 71st General Service Conference. The Conference is made up of 93 delegates, 26 trustees and corporate directors from A.A.W.S. and Grapevine, along with 13 General Service Office, Grapevine and La Viña staff members. They met virtually. This is only the second time this meeting has been held virtually. The full newsletter is here: https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/en_box459_summer_2021.pdf, and the full report of all the actions will be formally sent to all GSRs (Group Service Representatives).

Here are some of the highlights:

- ◇ From the Literature Committee:
That a fifth edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect current membership;
That revisions be made in the essays on Steps Six and Twelve in *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* and the long form of each Tradition be added at the end of each respective chapter;
That the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic" be updated and the draft pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A. be approved;
That a draft version of the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition), be translated into plain and simple language and be developed in a way that is accessible and relatable to as wide of an audience as possible.
- ◇ From the Corrections Committee:
That revisions be made to A.A.W.S. literature directed to members behind the walls and that the terms "inmate" and "offender" be replaced with "person in custody."
- ◇ From the floor of the Conference:
That the Preamble revision replacing the words "men and women" with the word "people" be presented to the General Service Board for approval as the new revised A.A. Preamble.

This issue of the *No Booze News* has a full page flyer, suitable for reproduction, with the new language. There is also a page with it as a half-sheet.

The Traditions

Editor's Note: Last month we began a series of articles about The Traditions. Last month's article was called "What Are AA's 12 Traditions And Why Should I Care?" This month we present Tradition One.

Tradition One

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

Do you remember when you were drinking and felt utterly alone?

I do.

I never want to feel that way again. When I came to AA, you let me know that I was not alone and I never had to be again. You talked to me about your experiences and they were so close to mine that I wondered how you could know what was in my head. You helped me to find the fellowship I craved.

Our fellowship is precious and it must be preserved no matter what. Most of us can't stay sober without it and, if we can't stay sober, we will die.

As the 1st step is the foundation on which all the other 11 are built, it is the same with the 1st tradition. All the other traditions are ways in which we can stay unified. Because if we do not stand together, we will die apart.

AA fiercely safeguards the individual's right to live and work the program as they wish. No one can tell you that you must do anything to be a member of AA. However, we must maintain the solidarity of our fellowship no matter what.

This first tradition gives us the reason for *all* of the other traditions. All of AA's 12 traditions boil down to one thing; how to safeguard our fellowship while maintaining individual freedoms.

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

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

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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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Registration is free but required at www.sewomantowoman.org

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FREEDOM

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

nationalcorrectionsconference.org
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