

# No Booze News November 2021

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

164 Group	\$ 100.00
24 Hour Group	\$ 50.00
A Design for Living	\$ 5.79
Burnside Recovery	\$ 70.00
Came to Believe	\$ 50.00
Capitol Ave Group	\$ 25.00
COC Basket	\$ 15.00
COR (7th Tradition Basket)	\$ 10.00
Defective Characters	\$ 33.00
Farmers Market	\$ 59.50
Freedom of Choice	\$ 65.76
Happy Hour Group	\$ 100.00
Individual AA Members	\$ 842.71
Last Stop	\$ 39.15
North Blvd Group	\$ 488.04
Old Perkins Group	\$ 229.35
Open Heart Meeting	\$ 102.00
Paradoxes of AA	\$ 96.60
Perkins Road Group	\$ 93.00
Port Allen Group	\$ 150.00
Saturday Speakers Group	\$ 200.00
St Francisville Group	\$ 200.00
St. John's Zachery Men's Meeting	\$ 58.00
Starting Point	\$ 149.64
Stepping Out	\$ 80.00
Trust the Process	\$ 23.82
Tuesday LIT Group	\$ 100.00
Unmanageables Group	\$ 225.00
WE / ME	\$ 40.00
WeCan Stop	\$ 25.00
Women in Recovery	\$ 105.00
Y'all Come	\$ 4.95
You Doin' Good	\$ 195.00
Zachary Group	\$ 20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,051.31</b>

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 November *No Booze News*

The Traditions Study is back! Tradition 4 appears on page 3 of this issue (just before the flyers). Thanks to the authors for their work in writing at my request.

The Central Office Golf Scramble was a success. Thanks to the groups which sponsored holes. They are listed on page 2.

Also on page 2 is the result of the COC elections. Those are the names at the top of this page who help to make sure that the Central Office continues. It is interesting and important work!

Other flyers include:

- Veterans' Day mini-alcathon at 1—12 Club
- The National Corrections Conference will be in New Orleans in November
- A District 10 holiday gathering.

Thanks for letting me be of service!

*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.

11/8 - 11/14	EBR Men's Group
11/15 - 11/21	Early Birds
11/22 - 11/28	Fellowship Group (Thanksgiving Week)
11/29 - 12/5	Free Again To Choose

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## THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE



Our friend **Plem Jones** has gone on to the Great Meeting in the Sky.

Plem was an active member of the Capitol Avenue Group, including having served as the Central Office Representative for several years. He supported many of the meetings at the 1—12 Club on Scenic Highway. Plem celebrated 20 years of continuous sobriety in April 2021. He was a welder and landscaper by trade, and had worked as a tech at O'Brien House. He touched many in the community with his quiet words of wisdom.

## COC Elections

The COC is the Central Office Committee. They are elected by the Central Office Representatives to serve as the Board of Directors for the Central Office. They are responsible for managing the staff and setting policy for the Central Office. People are elected to serve two year terms on the COC, with the elections held every October. The names of the current COC are on the top of page 1 of the newsletter. Congratulations to the following who will serve two year terms beginning in January:

Vice chair: Howard C

Treasurer: Celeste H

Member at Large: Victoria W-J.

Thanks to the following groups for being **Gold Hole Sponsors** at the recent fundraising golf tournament:

Gonzales Lunch Bunch

Hampshire Grenadier

A Design for Living

The Simple Way

Cortana Group

Paradoxes of AA

Sanity Break

Freedom of Choice

Dealer's Choice

## 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)

## New Print Meeting Book

Remember that your best, most current meeting listings are available online at [www.aabatonrouge.org](http://www.aabatonrouge.org). A new edition of the handy, pocket-sized meeting schedule is now available at the Central Office!

## Meeting Changes/Updates

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### Temporarily Closed

Oak Grove, O/D, Sunday, 9:00 AM, Oak Grove Community Center Hwy 73 @ Hwy 42, 70769

### New Meeting

In the World Outside, O/D, Saturday, 9:00 AM, LSU Rowing Parking lot 3131 Dalrymple Dr. 70802  
Power under the Tower, C/BB, Friday, 7:00 PM, West BR Senior Center, 250 Elaine St, Brusly, 70719  
Seeking a Solution, O/BB/W, Monday, 6:30 PM, 7742 Office Park Blvd, Suite C-2 70809

### Reopened

Irma Blvd. Recovery, O/D, Monday, 6:30 PM, Gonzales Library 708 S Irma Blvd. Gonzales 70737  
Big Book 12- Step tape Study, BB/St, Friday, 12 noon, 1- 12 Club 1955 Scenic Hwy, 70802

### Reopened, Location Change

Open Heart, O/D, Tuesday, 5:30 PM, Broadmoor UMC 10230 Mollylea Dr. 70815

### Name Change

Last Chance, O/D, Wednesday, 8 PM, Club 12 1695 Beaumont Dr.

### Location Change

Women in Recovery, W/O/D Monday, 7PM, Faithful UMC 14253 Hwy 431, St. Amant 70774

### Time and Location Change

Jackson Week Starters, O/D, Monday, 7:30 PM, Jackson UMC 1727 Sycamore St, Jackson LA, 70748

### Day and Location Change

There is a Solution, O/D, Saturday, 7:00 PM, 6:30PM, Broadmoor UMC 10230 Mollylea Dr., 70805

### Day, Time and Location Change

Back to Basics, ST/Study, Thursday, 6:30PM, Broadmoor UMC 10230 Mollylea Dr., 70805

### Time Change

Nooner @ Night, O/D, Tuesday, 7 PM, Highland Presbyterian Church, 70810  
Trust the Process, O/D, Tuesday, 8:00 PM, Central Office

## ***The Traditions***

*Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a series of articles about The Traditions. We have now moved to Tradition Four.*

Previously, we discussed the first 3 Traditions. We talked about the fact that no one is in charge of AA, and that you are a member if you say you are. That sounds like there are no rules in AA. Technically, that is true. No one will kick you out of AA for not conforming. The Traditions are guidelines that we have developed by almost destroying AA. While they are not rules, they are very strong suggestions. We cannot tell you that you “must”. But we can tell you that we did that, and it’s not a very good idea.

### **Tradition 4**

***Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.***

What does “autonomous” mean? According to the dictionary it means “Having the freedom to govern itself or control its own affairs.”

Have you ever noticed that no two AA meetings are alike? Some are open discussion. Some are literature studies. Some are speaker meetings. Some are gender specific. Some are profession specific. Some pray. Some don’t. Some read. Some don’t. Yet all are AA meetings. The 12 & 12 states “Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group provided that as a group they have no other affiliation”. That means that you can do whatever type of meeting you want.

But what if our meeting affects other meetings? What if we want to start a women’s meeting right next door and on the same night as another women’s meeting? While no one will stop us, this would be wrong and dangerous. In a real-world example, due to resentment, an AA clubhouse was started next door to another clubhouse. The result was that both clubhouses died.

Every so often, the media will report on the supposed wrongdoing of an AA group. It may be that they are in fact doing things that are downright shady. But when the reporter contacts AA’s General Service Office to find out what AA is going to do about it, the answer is always that each group is autonomous and can do as they wish.

Have you also noticed that you never see “The First Methodist Group” as the name of a meeting? In fact, you never see a group named after its meeting place. That’s what “non-affiliation” means. If we named the group after the church (or whatever the meeting place), we would give the impression that we were affiliated with them. Our Preamble states “AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes.” We do not affiliate with anyone outside of AA.

So, each group can do as they wish, as long as they, as a group, do not affiliate with anyone outside of AA and as long as what they do does not affect other groups or AA as a whole.

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### **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

Also on Zoom. Zoom ID: 879 5438 9286 Passcode: 955153

**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

1-12 Club  
1955 Scenic Hwy  
Veterans Day Observance

*FOOD*  
*FUN*  
*FELLOWSHIP*

Thursday November 11, 2021

Meetings 10 AM, NOON, 2 PM

Free will offering accepted to offset food costs and  
support operation of the Clubhouse.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Corrections Conference: New Orleans, LA

November 12-14, 2021 - In Person & Virtual

Hilton New Orleans Airport 901 Airline Drive Kenner, LA 70062

504-469-5000 - Hotel Rate \$109

**Registration \$35**  
**Banquet \$40**

**Virtual Reg. \$25**  
(Log-in info to be provided the week of the Conference)



**ASL Interpreter  
and  
Spanish translation  
will be available**

**Nationalcorrectionsconference.org**

## Friday November 12, 2021 - (Central Time)

4:00pm Registration Opens

4:00-7:00 Hospitality Room Open

7:00 Open National Corrections Conference Meeting

7:30 Speaker Morris R., Nashville, TN

8:30 Roll Call- Who's here?



## Sunday, November 14, 2021 - (Central Time)

Hospitality Open 7:00am – 9:00am

9:00 Panel - International Corrections Meeting

10:30 Speaker Rito V., Houston, Texas

Close

## Saturday November 13, 2021 - (Central Time)

7:00am Hospitality Suite Opens

8:00am Registration Opens

9:00 Panel – Professional Panel

10:00 Panel – Freedom on Both Sides of the Wall

11:30-1:00 Lunch on your own or in hotel

11:30-1:00 Hospitality Open

1:00 Panel – Women in Corrections

2:00 Speaker – Sherry P, Dallas, Texas

3:30 Panel – Inside Sponsorship

4:30 Panel – Successful Reentry

5:30 Break / Hospitality Open

6:00-8:00 Banquet

8:00-9:00 Speaker Steve M., Raleigh, NC

9:00 Ice Cream Social

9:30-11:00 Hospitality Open

9:30 Presentations and Voting for Host City 2023

**Questions?  
Contact...**

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**AA DISTRICT 10 PRESENTS**

# **HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER-SPEAKER MEETING**

**Saturday, December 18, 2021**

**Food - Fellowship - Fun**

**Fellowship at 11:00am, Dinner at 11:30am**

**A.A. Follies at 12:30pm, A.A. Speaker at 1:00pm**



***Holiday Meat  
Entrés Will  
Be Served.***

***We'd be Grateful for a Head Count!***

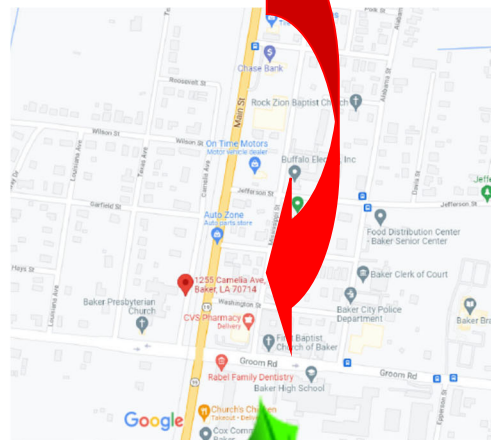
**RSVP: Greg C.  
(856) 238-8488  
ghc01@comcast.net**

**Volunteers Needed**

***Service Work  
That Tastes Good!***

**Help will be needed to set up  
before and clean up after.  
For more information,  
contact **Greg C.****

**First United Methodist Church of Baker  
1255 Camelia Ave.  
Baker, LA 70714**



***Please Help!***

***Side Dishes and  
Desserts Welcome!***

