

No Booze News

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Welcome to the April *No Booze News*

Good News !!! The Central Office Fun/d raising Committee is scheduled to meet the first Sunday of each month at 1 PM. They are actively planning the Second Annual Gumbo cook off. Join them for fun, fellowship, and service work.

This issue includes some announcements from the April meeting of the Louisiana Area Assembly.

This month's flyers include:

- ◇ The 2nd annual Central Office Gumbo cookoff flyer. (April 30).
- ◇ The Central Office Big Book Study, July 8-9, 2022 [in person this year!]
- ◇ Flyer on the AA History presentations on April 23, 2022.
- ◇ Details on submitting a story for the 5th edition of the Big Book.
- ◇ Red Stick Roundup Kickball tournament flyer
- ◇ Arkansas State Convention July 29-31, 2022

Over the years, I jotted notes of sayings I have heard in AA meetings. This month, I have continued to share some of them in the spaces between articles.

Thanks for letting me be of service!

Michael G.

Hotline Schedule

St. Francisville	4/4- 4/10
The Winners	4/11-4/17
Tospots	4/18- 4/24
Unmanageables	4/25- 5/1

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.



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.

Greater Baton Rouge AA Central Office Contributions for March 2022

1-12 Unity Group	\$ 25.00
Attitude Adjustment	\$ 100.00
Carry the Message	\$ 150.00
Come As You Are	\$ 200.00
Common Solution	\$ 150.00
COR (7th Tradition Basket)	\$ 20.00
Defective Characters	\$ 78.00
Early Birds	\$ 3,000.00
Farmers Market	\$ 32.00
Free Again to Choose	\$ 62.00
Freedom of Choice	\$ 80.49
Happy Hour Group	\$ 50.00
Incognitos	\$ 150.00
Individual AA Members	\$ 878.09
Last Stop	\$ 18.89
Monday Night Big Book Study	\$ 0.81
Old Jefferson Group	\$ 1.33
Port Allen West Bank Group	\$ 150.00
Sanity Break	\$ 300.00
St Francisville Group	\$ 200.00
Throw It On the Table	\$ 100.00
Tuesday LIT Group	\$ 100.00
We Can Stop	\$ 3.29
Y'all come	\$ 3.82
TOTAL	\$ 5,853.72

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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NEW MEETING LIST AVAILABLE

March 2022 is the cover date of the latest printed meeting list. **NOW AVAILABLE** at the Central Office!

Remember that your best, most current meeting listings are available online at www.aabatonrouge.org or on the app.

The handy, pocket-sized print meeting schedule is available at the **Central Office!**

Changes listed below are since that printing.

New Meeting

Sunlight of the Spirit, Thursday, 7 pm, Red Shoes, 2303 Government Street, Baton Rouge, 70806, O/MT

Location Change

Paradoxes of AA, Friday, Noon, Francis Asbury UMC 15447 Old Hammond Hwy, 70816, O/12x12

Meeting Cancelled

Agape, Saturday, 2 pm, Club 12

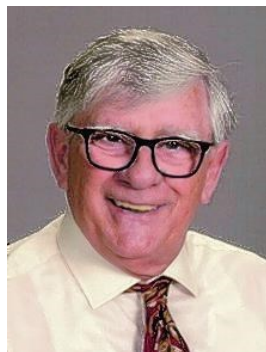
Meeting Type Abbreviations

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 friendly)

THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE

Perry L. Part, a resident of Jackson and long time member of the Clinton Group died on April 12, 2022. He was a retired Major from Department of Corrections. He was proud of over 30 years of sobriety thanks to all of the love and support received.



<https://obits.theadvocate.com/us/obituaries/theadvocate/name/perry-part-obituary?id=34248607>

Area Archives

- ◆ Do you want to know more about the local AA history?
- ◆ Do you have skills in organizing paper?
- ◆ Do you know how to digitize?

The Area 27 Archives Repository (covering all of Louisiana) will be open from 9am to at least 1 pm on each of these days for people who want to visit the archives and/ or help with the ongoing project at Archives:

April 16, 2022

May 21, 2022

Area 27 Archives is located at:

8676 Goodwood Blvd, Suite A.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

District 10—Picnic Report

What a wonderful picnic event yesterday!

The weather was gorgeous, the food was fabulous (especially the chicken!), the coffee was superb, and our speaker provided an awesome example of a good program in action. It was fantastic to see such a great turnout, so many people gathered together in love and fellowship and service to others. The whole day long there were so many examples of people being helpful and kind to one another.

Thank you all who attended. We're grateful for your participation and service.

Here's hoping that we can do it again next year!

Have a Blessed rest of your weekend.

Greg C.

District 10 DCM

Heard in the rooms

I wasn't comfortable in my own skin, so I was a moving mess.

When I am in a room by myself, I am in a room full of enemies.

An alcoholic likes to be held while they isolate.

“Sponsorship is a bridge to trusting the human race, the very race we once resigned from. In learning to trust, we are strengthening our sobriety.”

“A Means to a Beginning,” Grand Island, Nebraska, February 1984
in *One On One: AA Sponsorship in Action*

Notes/Announcements from Area Assembly

There will not be a State Convention this summer. The Area Assembly is actively soliciting proposals for a 2023 State Convention, and is looking for a chair for that committee.

The Southern Regional Forum will be held in New Orleans in December. This is the first time that the Forum has been held in Louisiana since 1980. This is an opportunity to meet with members of the General Services Board, and the staff of the General Services Office. Registration is required, but there is no charge to attend.

There will be a 5th edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* (the Big Book). There is currently a solicitation for stories, with a deadline of October 31, 2022.

There will be a 4th edition of the Spanish Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. There is currently a solicitation for stories, with a deadline of December 31, 2022.

There will be a revision of the publication Alcoholics Anonymous for African Americans. There is currently a solicitation for stories, with a deadline of October 31, 2022.

The International Conference of Young People in AA (ICYPAA) will be held in New Orleans in September. The Southeast Regional Conference of Young People in AA (SERCYPAA) will be held in Baton Rouge.

More information can be found on the Area 27 web site: <https://aa-louisiana.org/>

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
[Please include District number or GSO number with LAA checks]

Please note new address for the General Service Office

**General Service Office (AAWS), Post Office Box 2407, James A Farley Station,
New York, NY 10116-2407**

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

**CENTRAL OFFICE FUNDRAISING
COMMITTEE PRESENTS...**

THE ANNUAL GUMBO COOKOFF

SAT, APRIL 30TH 2022

**FRANCIS ASBURY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

BATON ROUGE LA 70819

**FUN AND FELLOWSHIP STARTS AT
11:00PM!**

\$15 DONATION TO PARTICIPATE IN TASTING!

**VOLUNTEERS AND CONTESTANTS OF AA
HOMEGROUPS ARE NEEDED!**

CONTACT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE AT:

BRCENTRALOFFICE@ATT.NET

225-930-0026



Come be a part of Alcoholics Anonymous Fellowship, Fun and Recovery.

2022 Baton Rouge Central Office

**Our speaker will be:
Gary K. from Texas**

Big Book Study

Friday, July 8, 2022

7:00 PM–9:00 PM

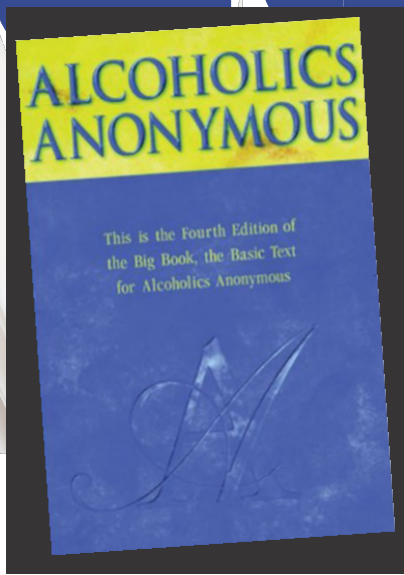
Saturday, July 9, 2022

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Broadmoor United Methodist

11230 Mollylea Dr., BR, LA

**For more information
contact the Central
Office
at 225-930-0026 or
brcentraloffice@att.net**



Free Event, donations accepted.



HAPPY HOUR GROUP BY AA
Invites you to a special slide
presentation by

DREW H.

AA Historian from Atlanta

10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23, 2022

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

630 Richland Avenue

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Lunch provided by Happy Hour Group

MORNING SESSION:

Sister Ignatia, Angel of AA

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Dr. Bob, A Visual Walkthrough Dr. Bob's Nightmare

Bill Wilson, His Story

The Oxford Group, Where the 12 Steps Came From

Please direct all
communications to:

P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163
Fax: (212) 870-3003

STORY SOLICITATION

Fifth Edition of the Book *Alcoholics Anonymous* —Big Book

Deadline for submissions: October 31, 2022

5BBStory@aa.org

The Preface to the Second Edition of the Big Book explains that revisions to the personal history section of the book were made in order “to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more Alcoholics.”

In that spirit, the 2021 General Service Conference recommended that “a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect the current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action:

“The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion’, ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare’, and the Appendices remain as is.”

In response to the 2021 General Service Conference Advisory Action requesting the development of a Fifth edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the trustees’ Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship.

The trustees’ Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories of our members for possible inclusion in the Fifth Edition which are from a broad cross-section of our local communities, all stories are of value. As Bill writes on page 29 of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*: “Our hope is that many alcoholic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, ‘Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing.’”

It is the Literature Committee’s shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth edition.

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3500 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of the submission. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files.

The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not. Stories will be accepted in English, French or Spanish. Further information on where to submit your story will be provided to the Fellowship through *Box 4-5-9*, the A.A. website and more. If you have any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org.

Thank you to all who are participating in this process!



KickBall



Tournament

Red Stick Roundup



8a – 5p

@Forest Community Park

13900 S Harrell's Ferry

\$100 per team (Min. 3 females)

Tournament starts at 9am

BBQ Dinners and Drinks for sale

All proceeds to 2023 Red Stick Round Up

Register your team TODAY

Russ D – 225-250-6161

Tyrone M – 225-226-5552

Shane B – 225-960-9526

June 11

2022

*Arkansas State AA Convention
Oldest AA Convention West of the Mississippi*

82nd "Old Granddad"

July 29th - 31st, 2022

Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa Hot Springs, Arkansas

Please contact the hotel directly for room reservations at 501-623-7771.
Mention the Old Granddad Convention to obtain the discounted room rate.

Hospitality Room

Sight Seeing



Friday

2:00 pm Registration opens
7:30 pm Matt C. Nashville, TN

Saturday

9:00 am Gay N. San Antonio, TX
11:00 am Michele G. (AFG) Charleston, WV
2:00 pm Bill R. Stuttgart, AR
3:30 pm AA Open Discussion Meeting (Ballroom)
7:30 pm Pat Y. Palm Desert, CA

Sunday

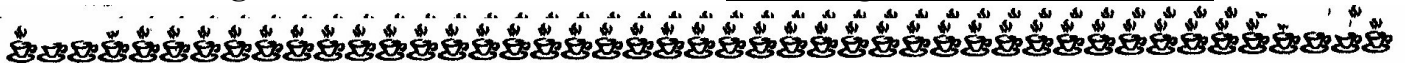
8:00 am Mark B. - Meet the Delegate (Hospitality Room)
8:00 am Alanon Discussion Meeting (Ballroom)
9:30 am Terry E. New Orleans, LA

Archives

Dancing

For more information contact us at convention@arkansasaa.org OR call / text (501) 314-9956

Registration also available online at www.oldgranddadconvention.com



\$25 PRE-REGISTRATION IF RECEIVED BEFORE JULY 15, 2022.

\$30 AT THE DOOR OR IF REGISTRATION RECEIVED AFTER JULY 15th

First Name and Last Initial on Badge	Home Group	AA	Al-Anon	Alateen	Other	Amount

All Registrations will be held in the name of:

NAME _____
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Help Another With a Scholarship

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