

No Booze News

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Welcome to the August *No Booze News*

We are still on a campaign to update the sobriety anniversary (aka “birthday”) lists. Some of the lists are more than 5 years since last update!

This month’s flyers include:

- ◇ ICYPAA [International Conference of Young People in AA]—International Conference in New Orleans, September 1-4, 2022
- ◇ District 10 Film showing—September 10, 2022
- ◇ Southeast Regional Forum — December 2-4 in New Orleans

The Tradition article continues with Tradition 8 on page 3. Meeting changes are listed on page 2 — please let the Central Office know of **all** changes to meetings.

Thanks for letting me be of service!

Michael G.

Hotline Schedule

| | |
|-------------|----------------------|
| 8/15 - 8/21 | Cortana |
| 8/22 - 8/28 | Carry the Message |
| 8/29 - 9/04 | Dealer’s Choice |
| 9/12- 9/18 | Early Birds |
| 9/19- 9/25 | Fellowship |
| 9/26- 10/2 | Free Again to Choose |

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 July 2022

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1-12 Unity Group | \$ 25.00 |
| 24 Hour Group | \$ 50.00 |
| As Bill Sees It | \$ 1,520.00 |
| Baton Rouge Young Peoples Group | \$ 200.00 |
| Defective Characters | \$ 78.00 |
| Freedom of Choice | \$ 44.05 |
| Happy Hour Group | \$ 50.00 |
| In The World Outside | \$ 100.00 |
| Individual AA Members | \$ 395.86 |
| Last Stop | \$ 2.42 |
| Monday Night Speaker Group | \$ 150.00 |
| Open Heart Meeting | \$ 100.00 |
| Outsiders | \$ 30.00 |
| Paradoxes of AA | \$ 124.00 |
| Sanity Break | \$ 150.00 |
| Shivering Denizens | \$ 5.00 |
| St.John's Zachery Mens' meeting | \$ 75.00 |
| Stepping Out | \$ 75.00 |
| The Next Frontier | \$ 50.00 |
| The Simple Way | \$ 20.00 |
| Three Legacies Group | \$ 50.00 |
| Tossspots | \$ 150.00 |
| University Drunks- Zoom | \$ 707.00 |
| Unmanageables Group | \$ 300.00 |
| WE / ME | \$ 25.00 |
| We Can Stop | \$ 25.00 |
| Y'all Come | \$ 4.11 |
| Zachary Group | \$ 60.00 |

TOTAL \$ 4,565.44

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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PRINT 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 are since that printing.

Meeting Type Abbreviations

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| ABSI = AS BILL SEES IT | O = OPEN |
| BB = BIG BOOK STUDY | SP = SPEAKER |
| Beg = BEGINNER'S | ST = STEP |
| C = CLOSED (Alcoholics ONLY) | Study = Literature Study |
| D = DISCUSSION | TR = TRADITIONS |
| ES = Spanish | W = Women Only |
| MT = Meditation | M = Men Only |
| | LG = LGBTQIA (Lesbian/Gay/Bi/ Trans friendly) |

2022 BIG BOOK STUDY RECORDING AVAILABLE NOW!

Did you miss attending the Big Book Study in July?

Well, you don't have to miss the wisdom shared at that meeting. A recording is now available! On flash drive (convenient to listen in your car, or on your computer).

ONLY \$5.00

**GET YOURS NOW AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE!
WHILE THEY LAST!**

THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE



Our friend **Bertell Roddy** has gone on to the Great Meeting in the Sky.

Bertell was an active member of the Capitol Avenue Group. He supported many of the meetings at the 1—12 Club on Scenic Highway. Bertell celebrated 21 years of continuous sobriety in January 2022. He was a landscaper by trade, and touched many in the community with his quiet words of wisdom.

The Came to Believe group recently lost a very loved and valued fellow, **Vicki N.**, who will be truly missed.

New Meetings

Fellowship 164, Wednesday 7pm, University Methodist Church
3350 Dalrymple Dr. Baton Rouge 70802 O/BB
Gracie St. Group, Tuesday, 8PM, 2536 Gracie Street, 70802, O/D
Sunlight of the Spirit, Thursday, 7 pm, Red Shoes, 2303
Government Street, Baton Rouge, 70806, O/MT
Trust the Process, Tuesday, 8PM, Grace Baptist Church, 630
Richland Ave, 70806, O/Lit

Reopened

Early Birds, Sunday 7 am, Grace Baptist Church 630 Richland Ave, 70806, O/D

Reopened & Location Change

Came to Believe, Tuesday, Noon, First United Methodist Church
Room 107 930 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, 70802,
O/D

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Room 107 930 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, 70802,
O/D

Name Change

Seeking Solutions, Monday 6:30 pm, 7742 Office Park Blvd.
Building C Suite 2, 70809 O/BB/W {changed from "Seeking
a Solution"}

Closed for the season

The New Frontier, Sunday, 4PM, City Park 1442 City Park Ave.,
70806, C/Lit

Meetings Cancelled

Agape, Saturday, 2 pm, Club 12

Nooner @ Night, Tuesday, 6pm, Highland Presbyterian Church,
70810, O/D

Rescue from Shipwreck, Sunday, 7PM, Lake Wellness Center 7434
Picardy Ave, 70808, O/ST

Twisted Sisters, Wednesday, 7PM, Highland Presbyterian Church,
70810, W/O/D

You Doin' Good, Thursday, Noon, St. Joseph's Cathedral Hall
423 Main St Baton Rouge, 70802, O/D

Time Change

BYOBig Book, Tuesday, 5:30 PM, Stepping Stones 1027 N
Burnside Ave. Gonzales, 70737, O/W/BB {Time change from
6:30

Location Changes

Came to Believe, Thursday, Noon, First United Methodist
Church, Room 107, 930 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, 70802,
O/D

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

Saturday Night Speaker Meeting, Saturday, 8PM, St. Johns UMC
230 Renee Dr., 70810, O/SP

Singleness of Purpose, Monday – Saturday, noon, Luke 10:27 536
Centerville St NE Denham Springs 70726,
O/D

You Doin' Good, Monday, Noon, St. Joseph's Cathedral Hall 423
Main St Baton Rouge, 70802, O/D

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423 Main St Baton Rouge, 70802, O/D

You Doin' Good, Friday, Noon, St. Joseph's Cathedral Hall 423
Main St Baton Rouge, 70802, O/D

Correction to printed booklet (Closed meeting not Open meeting)

Tosspots, Tuesday, 7:30 pm, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 11
Dalrymple Dr., 70802, C/D

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The Traditions

Editor's Note: This is the eighth in a series of articles about The Traditions. [With luck, we will get to Tradition 12 at the end of the year!] We have now moved to Tradition Eight. 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 8

The long form of this tradition says: *Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we may otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12th Step" work is never to be paid for.*

Here is another place where money and AA should not mix. It has never been effective to have "paid twelfth-steppers." It is critical that the alcoholic know that the person he is talking to has experienced exactly as the alcoholic has. It is that personal contact and relationship that has made AA successful where physicians and psychologists have failed.

At the same time, there is much work which has to be done to make it possible for us to reach out to a suffering alcoholic and bring them into the fellowship. We are beginning to see that our few paid workers are performing only those service tasks that our volunteers cannot consistently handle. Primarily these folks are not doing Twelfth Step work. They are just making more and better Twelfth Step work possible. Those working in an office and answering the phone are valuable points of contact, information, and public relations. That is what they are paid for, and nothing else. It cannot be done solely by volunteers. Anyone who has managed volunteers will tell you that it requires a considerable effort.

The impression of professionalism subtly attaches to service workers, so we frequently hear they are "making money out of AA" or that they are "professionalizing" AA. Seemingly, if they do take our AA dollars they don't quite belong with us AAs anymore. We sometimes go further; we underpay them on the theory they ought to be glad to "cook" for AA cheap. If there is any part of the Traditions where AA (the larger organization and the smaller "intergroups" or "central offices" fall down, it is in the sentence in the long form which says: *Such special services may be well recompensed.* The non-profit world generally does not pay staff very well, and we in AA can be especially stingy. The Biblical injunction (for those who follow the New Testament) is "...the labourer is worthy of his hire ..." [Luke 10:7]. The best business practices are that we should pay people at least a living wage, and a wage comparable to what others doing the same work would receive..

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

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 Al-Anon Room.

Red Stick Roundup Committee meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5 pm at Central Office, except in February/May

T&C (Treatment & Corrections Committee) meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Central Office

62nd International Conference
of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

ICYPAA

NEW ORLEANS

September 1st-4th, 2022 | Hyatt Regency New Orleans



Music to my Ears

Pre-registration \$30



Scan here to register!

Or go to

www.ICYPAA.ORG/Registration

A District 10 Production

Saturday September 10

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Zachary United Methodist Church

NOW SHOWING

**"BILL W." DOCUMENTARY FILM
ONE MATINEE SHOWING ONLY!!!!
4205 Church Street, Zachary, LA 70791**

**Join us for a
free family day of
Fellowship and Fun
in a nostalgic journey
back through AA's history,
including the film "Bill W."
Popcorn, Hamburgers,
Hot Dogs, Candy, Soft Drinks.**

Information: Call Greg (856) 238-8488

AA Greater Baton Rouge Central Office's Annual Golf Scramble

Saturday, October 1st, 2022

Come join the fun! The field will be limited to the first 80 entries. The tournament will be played in a four-man scramble format. Players can also register as a single golfer and will be placed on a team. Prizes will be awarded following the tournament! To register for the scramble, please complete the entry form below and return with your payment to the Baton Rouge Central Office

Location: Copper Mill Golf Club
2100 Coppermill Blvd, Zachary, LA 70791
Time: 8:00AM: Registration & Refreshments

9:00 AM: Golf T-Off
Lunch Immediately Following

Cost: \$75 per participant for AAs, \$55 per participant (non-AAs,) lunch included

Sponsorship: *Hole Sponsors* are available for \$100 each and will be designated at each hole with a sponsorship sign.

Rain: In case of rain, call 225-658-0656 to see if the tournament has been postponed

ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE ENTRY FORM

Name (please print): _____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Single Player: (you will be placed on a team): _____

Player Partners: in four-man team (each participant should complete a separate entry form):

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Hole Sponsor (your gift is tax-deductible): I would like to sponsor _____ Hole(s) at \$100.00 each.

Name listed on your sign(s): _____

Payment: Please enclose check made payable to AA Central Office for \$ _____

Complete this entry form and return your payment to:

AA Central Office, 10319 Old Hammond Hwy. Suite C-2 Baton Rouge, LA 70816

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DECEMBER 2-4, 2022



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