JULY 2023



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OUR THREE LEGACIES

UNITY — TRADITION 7

Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

RECOVERY — STEP 7

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

SERVICE — CONCEPT 7

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

JULY 2023 BIRTHDAYS

<u>UPTOWN MEN'S GROUP</u>		<u>449</u>			ST JOHN'S NOON			
Rob C.	07/14/09	14	Hank	7/24//92	31	Challie	7/5/2010	13
Doug M.	07/09/18	5	Rob C.	07/14/09	14	Brett.H.	7/13/2013	10
Dale M.	07/23/18	5	J.T.	07/15/15	8	Julio R.	7/22/2021	2
Kevis A.	07/14/19	4	Robert G.	07/02/22	1			
Jacob M.	07/21/19	4	*Eric B.	06/30/09	14		<u>WAYBACK</u>	
Jonathan G.	07/31/19	4	*Jesse L.	06/17/11	12	Jose B.	07/25/95	28
Matt G.	07/23/20	3	*Melissa D.	06/06/16	7	Bruce F.	7/4/2000	23
Bobby D.	07/13/21	2	*Bob P.	06/26/20	3	Tayler M.	07/10/18	5
Connor F.	07/15/22	1				Kenny S.	07/05/19	4
Michael G.	07/22/22	1	<u>OPE</u>	N ON SUNDAYS		Jody R.	07/10/20	3
Bryan T.	07/31/22	1	Franke W.	07/04/83	40	Candice	07/11/20	3
						Ernest B.	7/24/2020	3
NEW FREEDOM			IN THE VINEYARD		Tiffany A.	07/27/20	3	
Rebecca R.	06/11/19	4	Bobby O.	07/21/09	14	Jojo R.	7/16/2022	1
*Tylina	05/15/22	1	Bobby D.	07/17/15	8	Renne	7/18/2022	1
			Tisere T.	07/24/17	6	Brad S.	07/21/22	1
			<u>C</u>	AMEL CLUB				
WOMEN SHARING HOPE			Henry W.	07/24/92	31			
Cathy B.	06/05/84	39	<u>(</u>	COVINGTON		SATURDA	Y MORNING IN THE VIN	<u>EYARD</u>
			Bob B.	07/04/79	44	Lester P.	07/03/20	3

*DENOTES PAST DATES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

PLEASE HELP THE SERVICE BOARD
CARRY THE MESSAGE...
REMIND YOUR HOME GROUP TO
CONTRIBUTE AT CENTRAL OFFICE WHEN
PURCHASING BOOKS OR CHIPS.

MAY 2023 CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUPS

11 GROUPS

4 CENTRAL OFFICE BACKERS

HIGH NOON	\$10
METAIRIE THURSDAY NIGHT	\$23
NEW FREEDOM	\$75
ON THE DOT	\$281
OPEN ON SUNDAYS	\$156
SATURDAY MORN IN THE VINEYARD	\$200
ST. JOHN'S NOON	\$50
ST. JUDE KENNER	\$10
STABLE AND STURDY	\$300
SUNDAY NIGHT HUGGERS	\$50
TO BREATHE OR NOT TO BREATHE	\$118
5 MEMBERS	\$95



AA Trivia Quiz

\$1,276

\$100

- 1. Who was Bill W's secretary in the late 1930's?
- 2. Who was offered, but declined the opportunity to write the chapter "To Wives"?
- 3. In what popular magazine did Jack Alexander write his 1941 article introducing and supporting AA?
- 4. In what New England state was Dr. Bob born and raised?

(Answers Page 17)

Highlights of the Service Board Meeting of June 28, 2023

Next Meeting: 6:30pm Thursday July 27, 2023

Greater New Orleans Service Board

Chair: Jack W./jackjpwillis@gmail.com

Co-Chair: Alexa M./alexabust@gmail.com

Treasurer: Ray Y./yeates.wr@gmail.com

Secretary: Peter G./pmgratton@gmail.com

Service Board Email/gnoserviceboard@gmail.com

- Chair Jack W.'s report:
 - Call to order at 6:30pm and welcomed all to the service board meeting
 - Attended and participated in New Freedom Taco bout Traditions
- Vice Chair Alexa M.'s report:
 - Attended Multi District Extravaganza
- Secretary: absent
- Treasurer Ray Y.'s report:
 - May was a better month for sales
 - Still addressing bank account issues
- Central Office Ken T.'s report:
 - Central Office building sold to Ducar Contractors next door
 - Website needs rebuilding, gathering proposals
 - Central Office carpet needs replacing gathering proposals
- BDSC Chair Wesly W.'s report:
 - Big Deep South 2023 HUGE success with 575 attendees
 - Deep South Wrap Up meeting scheduled 6:30pm July 15th at Unity Church
- Daay in the Park Chair Don D's report:
 - 2023 Day in the Park, 10-3 October 28 at Bucktown Harbor Marina shelter
- Website Chair Tourne' T.'s report:
 - Website needs upgrading with e commerce, email access, plugins
- District 12
 - Sponsorship workshop July 19th
- Districts 17, 18, 19-Not Present
- District 20
 - Let's Taco About Traditions was successful
- District 21/23
 - Plan to realign district boundaries
 - Unity Workshop 2pm July 15th
 - Neckbreakers 10 Year Anniversary event planned August 26th
- Chair Jack W.:
 - Will H. nominated for GNOSB Chair position
 - Motioned to remove 4 year sobriety requirement for Service Board Chair
 - Motion passed
 - New Budget motion for approval. Motion passed
 - Closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer 7:22pm

CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

JIM R.

PAT B.

WALTER B.

LAURA LEE K.

JOHN S.

ELISSA M.

BETSY L.

SCOTT L.

COLYN N.



WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

"Working with Others... Practical experience shows that nothing will so insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. This is our *twelfth suggestion*: Carry this message to other alcoholics!"

(Alcoholics Anonymous p.89)

Responsibility Statement Iam responsible...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.

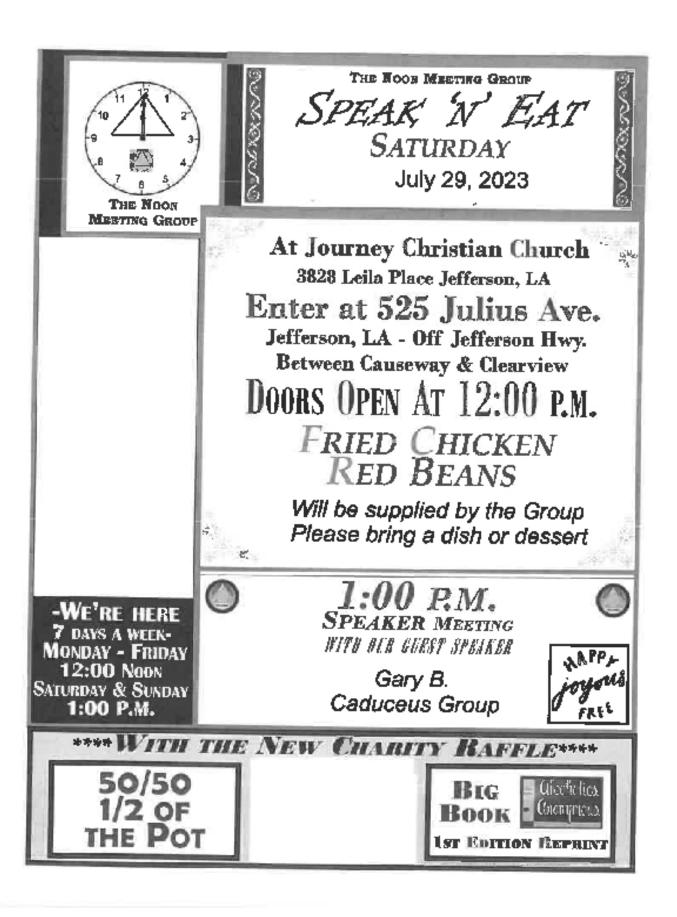




The Insanity of Alcoholism

The insanity of alcoholism is NOT the goofy behavior that people exhibit when they are drunk. Everyone who ingests enough alcohol will act goofy. The insanity of alcoholism is the alcoholic's persistent return to alcohol in the face of overwhelming evidence that it is destroying his or her life, over and over again. There are some in our fellowship of AA who have serious mental problems, but most of us joke about how "insane" or crazy or "goofy" we are or have been, when what we really are talking about is our emotional immaturity, our impulsiveness, our lack of self-discipline...our character defects if you will. Most of us would have a hard time describing many of our thoughts and actions as being in-sane. In fact, in some areas of life, we may exhibit a high degree of sanity. However, there is something about the way we perceive the world around us that has always caused us a great deal of discomfort in simply living our lives. Our general discomfort with living has much to do with the way we perceive the effects of alcohol. Our falling short of what is called "well adjusted" is definitely a part of our makeup as an alcoholic. However, that alone does not separate us much from the general population. It is our physical as well as our mental response to alcohol that is insane, and that is what separates the alcoholic from the non-alcoholic. There are two problems alcoholics have with alcohol: I. The obsession of the mind, and 2. The compulsion of the body – an incomprehensible craving. Somewhere along the line, early or late, we develop obsession with the idea that alcohol eases our minds and solves our problems. Then, our physical response to alcohol manifests in what the "Big Book" calls an allergy. Our alcoholic insanity of our minds tells us that it is a good idea to drink to relieve our stress and to have fun. Once we start, our alcoholic bodies tell us we must drink more to satisfy the craving. As every alcoholic should know, that is where the well-known cycle begins and continues over and over again, leading to death, incarceration, or "wet brain" insanity. What Dr. Silk- worth called the phenomenon of craving, manifesting as an allergy, is so overpowering that all else comes second to our primary concern of getting the next drink, even life itself takes second place. That, my friends is the "INSANITY OF ALCOHOLISM." It is only relieved and arrested by total abstinence, and as we have found, by and through the application of the 12 Steps of AA in our lives, in all our affairs, to achieve a psychic change, a "spiritual awakening," leading to growth and maturity, and a firm grasp of the reality of life and the world about us. As a young man (with tears in his eyes) in his first AA meeting said, "I'm here because I just want to live. That's it. I just want to live." It is as simple as that.

Barefoot Bob, Denver CO.
(By The Way Newsletter,



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Support your Central Office

For only \$25 a year, you can help "carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Your dollars help pay for:

- > 24 HOUR "HOTLINE" PHONE COSTS
- > ELECTRICITY EXPENSE AT CENTRAL OFFICE
- > COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS
- > PRINTING AND MAILING EXPENSES

CENTRAL OFFICE BACKER FORM

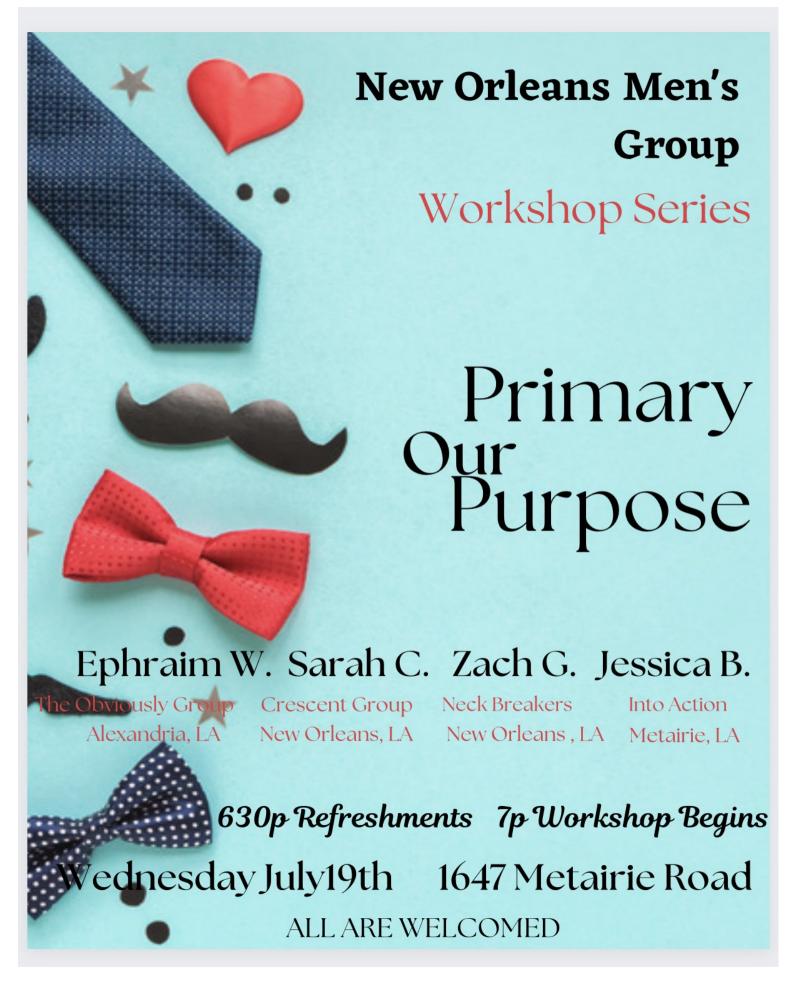
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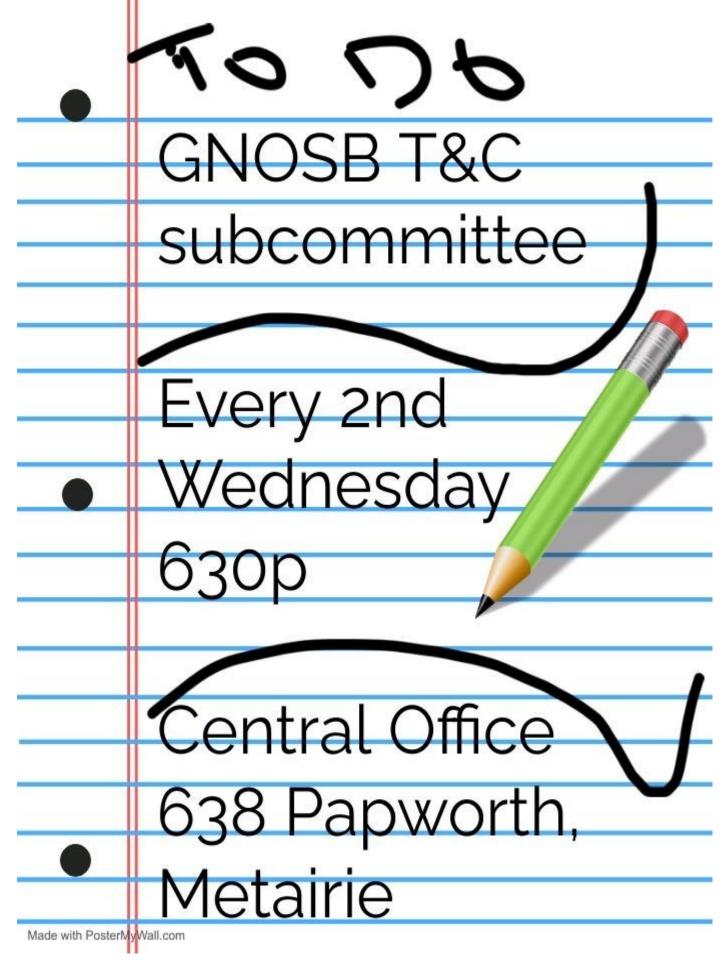






followed by BBQ fellowship and speaker Nick H at the campgrounds!
return to NOLA between 3-4pm

Questions? Contact Eric E. - (504) 577-4855



Central Office Backer Heros

Aaron S. (Renewal)

Carl C. (Renewal)

Cathy B. (Renewal)

Donna S. (Renewal)

Early Birds Group (Renewal)

Elizabeth P. (Renewal)

Francis H. (Renewal)

Jamie C. (Renewal)

Jerry I. (Renewal)

Mike Q. (Renewal)

Michael D. (Renewal)

Michael R. (Renewal)

Answers to the Trivia Quiz from page 4

- 1) Ruth Hock
- 2) Anne Smith, Dr. Bob's wife
- 3) The Saturday Evening Post
 - 4) Vermont



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DISTRICT CORNER

District 12

Meets 8pm, 2nd Tuesday monthly, American Legion Hall (Post 16), 2031 Ronald Reagan Hwy. (Hwy 190), Covington, LA 70433 Mailing address: P.O.Box 580, Mandeville, LA 70470

District 12 website www.District12.org

SELA Spring Roundup Committee

Meets 7pm, 2nd Tuesday monthly, American Legion Hall (Post 16), 2031 Ronald Reagan Hwy. (Hwy 190), Covington, LA 70433 www.springroundupla.com

District 17

Meets 11:15am, 2nd Saturday monthly, Easy Does It Club, 111 Munsen Dr., Houma, LA 70360 District 17 website www.bayouaa.org

District 18

Meets 6pm, 2nd Tuesday monthly, 1500 Lafayette St., Gretna, LA 70053

Mailing address: P.O.Box 2493, Gretna, LA 70054

District 19

Meets 6:30pm, 4th Tuesday monthly, Unity Church, 3303 Richland Ave., Metairie, 70002 Mailing address: P.O.Box 6391 Metairie, LA 70009

District 19 PI/CPC

Meets 6pm, 3rd Monday monthly, Central Office, 638 Papworth Ave., Metairie, LA 70005 Contact: Janet H. 337-342-8508

District 19 Accessibilities

Meets 2pm, 1st Sunday monthly, Zoom Meeting ID: 373 884 7070 Password: Access 27 Contact Buddy B. 504-400-0320

District 19 Grapevine Committee

Meets 6:30pm, 1st Monday monthly, Zoom ID: 570 436 5416 Password: dist19

District 19 T&C

Meets 6:00pm, 3rd Wednesday monthly, Central Office, 638 Papworth Ave, Metairie 70005 Contact: Mike T., 206-578-0703 michaelet20088@gmail.com

District 20

Meets 6:30pm, 2nd Thursday monthly, St. George's Episcopal, 4600 St. Charles Ave., NOLA 70115. Zoom Meeting ID: 861 1998 7125 Password: district20

Mailing Address: 3624 Baudin St., NOLA 70119

District 20 Accessibilities

Meets 2pm, 1st Sunday monthly, Zoom Meeting ID: 373 884 7070 Password: Access 27

Districts 20 PI/CPC

Meets 6:30pm, 3rd Wednesday monthly, Mojo's Coffee, 4700 Freret St., NOLA 70115

District 20 T&C

Meets 6:30pm, 2nd Wednesday monthly, Central Office, 638 Papworth Ave., Metairie 70005 with Service Board T&C

<u>District 21/23</u>

Meets 6:30pm, 3rd Tuesday monthly, Zoom Meeting ID: 837 2179 6523 Passcode: 664254 Venmo@DistrictTwentyOne-TwentyThree

Districts 21/23 Accessibilities

Meets 2pm, 1st Sunday monthly, Zoom Meeting ID: 373 884 7070 Password: Access 27 Contact: Nicole B 804-297-8185

District 21/23 PI/CPC

Meets 5:30pm 1st Sunday Monthly Zoom ID: 839 6363 1902 Passcode: 664581

District 21/23 T&C Meets 7pm, 1st Monday,

Zoom ID: 837 2179 6523 Passcode: 664254