# **JULY 2024**



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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 2024 BIRTHDAYS**

THREE LEGACIES			ST JOHN'S NOON GROUP			LADIES LIVE AND LET LIVE			
Walter W.	07/21/18	6	Challie	07/05/10	14	Claudia C.	07/18/93	31	
Ryan R.	07/11/23	1	Brett H.	07/13/13	9	Danielle M.	07/18/21	3	
Christian B.	07/14/23	1	Julio R.	07/22/21	3	Judy H.	07/01/22	2	
Drake L.	07/15/23	1				Christy O.	07/08/22	2	
Michelle C.	07/15/23	1		IN THE VINEYARD					
			Bobby O.	07/21/09	15	<b>WOMEN SHARING HOPE</b>			
UPTOWN MEN'S GROUP			Bobby D.	07/17/15	9	Cathy B.	07/05/84	40	
Ted N.	07/17/86	38	Tisere T.	07/24/17	7	Christy C.	07/25/22	4	
Rob C.	07/14/09	15							
Doug M.	07/09/18	6	<u>449</u>			EYE OPENERS			
George E.	07/21/18	6	Hank	07/24/97	27	Bobby A.	07/18/15	9	
Dale M.	07/23/18	6	Greg M.	07/28/08	16	Toscha S.	07/02/20	4	
Kevis A.	07/14/19	5	Rob C.	07/14/09	5	Lauren H.	07/15/23	1	
Jacob M.	07/21/19	5				Ryan H.	07/16/23	1	
Jonathan G.	07/31/19	5		KENNER GROUP					
Matt G.	07/23/20	4	Glynn C.	07/15/86	38	NEW ORLEANS MEN'S GROUP			
Harper S.	07/24/21	3	Joe S.	07/18/98	26	Zach G.	07/11/08	16	
Connor F.	07/15/22	2	Doug A.	07/01/02	22	Anthony C.	07/20/14	14	
Michael G.	07/22/22	2	Sarah A.	07/27/23	1	Gene C.	07/19/14	10	
Bryan T.	07/31/22	2				Gavin D.	07/11/23	1	
<u>JET SET</u>									
			Nyshma M.	. 06/05/23*	1	INTO ACTION			
*DENOTES PAST DATES			David R.	07/02/22	2	Kelly C.	07/18/21	3	
			Magen C.	07/24/22	2	Brad D.	07/23/07	17	

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# To see a calendar of events, Visit www.aaneworleans.org and click Events.

Support A.A. as a Central Office Backer and help us keep the lights on. \$25 annual contribution

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Help us help those in need.

### Service Board Meeting Minutes - Wed., June 26, 2024

Next Service Board Meeting: Thursday, July 25, 2024
aaneworleans.org | office@aaneworleans.org
Central Office, 638 Papworth Ave, Ste A, Metairie, LA 70002
Service Board Email: gnoserviceboard@gmail.com

In Attendance: Estimated 19 total attendance

2 Trustees; 4 Committee Chairs; 1 Central Office Manager; 9 Service Board Reps; 3 Visiting Members

Welcome: Co-Chair/Interim Chair Alexa B. opened the meeting at 6:30pm with Serenity Prayer.

### **Officer Reports**

Chairperson: Former Service Board Chair Wesly W. (absent) resigned in June 2024.

**Secretary:** Former Secretary Josie D. (absent) resigned in June 2024.

- The submitted minutes from May 2024 meeting were approved by Service Board.
- June 2024 Meeting minutes taken by Colyn, Assistant Manager at Central Office

**Co-Chair/Interim Chair:** Alexa B. - Term of service ends at the end of June and is happy to be stepping down. Was grateful for her time serving.

Treasurer: Ray, stepping down as Treasurer - See attached balance sheet

- Income was good with merch, donations, etc.; Purchase orders were high (in advance of Conventions) and cash on hand got fairly low

Central Office Report: Carolyn H. - See full report attached; some notes below:

- Big Deep South 2023 reported "\$22k" in profit in the July 2023 Service Board Meeting minutes. Central Office has not yet received a contribution or financial documentation of totals from Big Deep South 2023.
- May 2024 Meeting minutes did not include former Chair Wesly W.'s May 2024 hiring of Assistant Manager Lynn W. Assistant Manager Lynn W. resigned in June 2024.
- AT&T Phone (landline to digital) & Internet contracts have been renegotiated to lower bill amounts, require Service Board approval to move forward and reduce monthly bill payments
  - Motion to accept new AT&T contracts: Motion passes with substantial unanimity, 2 abstentions
- Motion to buy Square product barcode reader: Motion passes with substantial unanimity, 1 abstention

### **Committee Chair Reports**

**Hotline Chair:** Will H. - Almost fully staffed; Only shift on offer is Saturday night 5-10pm; Part of the job will be to coordinate with the 33 volunteers about new phone procedures; Working to update the driver rider list and 12th Step list for different regions

**Website Chair:** Tourne - Code for Recovery: The folks who build the chair Meeting app, and the plugin that allows all meetings to look the same across multiple websites; "What are the meetings that are nearest to me right now" button is something they are working on; UI/UX stuff in the works

DAAY in the Park: First planning meeting Tues., July 2nd at 5:30pm at Central Office

### **District Reports**

**District 12:** absent **District 18:** absent

**District 19:** Marlena - Had meeting last night; Need a treasurer; Elections should be held around October; Is preparing to review District Inventory

District 20: Colyn - Elections coming up in October; Positions will be for 2 years; had a good D20 Speak n Eat

District 21/23: Catherine - Any Lengths is having a Speak n Eat, Speaker is Jeff A.

### **Chair Reports**

**CPC/PI Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information** – Brian **T&C Treatment & Corrections:** Scott B. - Have a group me chat: NOLAT&C; Bought a bunch of pamphlets for Big Deep South that needs reimbursement check written

**Big Deep South:** John P., Outgoing Chair - needs to schedule final meeting which should be held soon; Planned for hotel to reimburse for parking and rooms, an \$800 check, and due to miscommunication, now we are not getting the \$800 check and owe a balance of \$4,000; Learned a couple days after the convention

- Had approval from service board to engage the hotel for next year's contract; hotel can't find the signed contract; Lady overseeing this quit a week before the convention. That is what we had to deal with and are dealing with
- \$15,000 in cash from tickets, 50/50 raffle, etc.; Had about 400 registrations, including scholarships
- Props to the hospitality chair who became CO manager in the month leading up to the convention
- Incoming Chair Mike A. has the key to the storage unit, and he will focus on future BDS events
- Experience has been frustrating and challenging: "if you can stay sober in AA you can stay sober anywhere"
- Need to figure out PayPal account, which has had 8 people on it

#### **Elections**

**Treasurer:** Sunny: Sober for 6 years July 25, has run her own small business in the past, and runs her own house which is quite large; Will be out of town for July and December meetings; Sponsor approves the idea - Elected with substantial unanimity, no opposed or abstentions

Chair: Andrea willing and able (will fill in for 1 year, to end of current Chair term)

- -Sobriety date 11/25/2020; has several homegroups and holds positions at all of them; Is Service Board Rep for one meeting, and is GSR for another meeting
- Elected with substantial unanimity, 1 opposed, no abstentions

Secretary: no one stood for position; also to fill in for 1 year, to end of current Secretary term

- Election to be held again next month

#### **New Information**

- National Corrections Convention is taking place in Charlotte this year
- State Convention is this coming weekend

Closed at 7:03pm with Serenity Prayer

### **GREATER NEW ORLEANS SERVICE BOARD**

Next meeting Thurs., July 25th, 6:30pm
Central Office, 638 Papworth Ave., Metairie
Meets the last week of the month,
rotating Monday thru Thursday 6:30pm

THE SERVICE BOARD FINANCIAL DATA AVAILABLE AT CENTRAL OFFICE AND AANEWORLEANS.ORG UNDER "GREATER NEW ORLEANS SERVICE BOARD."

# Responsibility Statement

I am 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.

### **Greater New Orleans Service Board**

# **MEETING CENSUS 2024**

## To All A.A. Meetings & Home Groups

We are conducting a service area-wide census of meetings and groups to ensure completion and accuracy of our meeting list. We will gather information via email, meeting visits, your group's GSR, etc.

Please email us at office@aaneworleans.org if any information for your home group or favorite meetings needs to be added, updated, or removed for discontinued meetings still being listed.

This will include basic meeting information
(Meeting Name, Address, Meeting Date(s)/Time(s))
as well as Meeting Types (Open/Closed, Discussion,
Newcomer, Literature, Step Meeting, Beginner, etc.),
Contact Info, District, GSR, Business Meeting
Day/Time, and other information.

Some of this information will be for the Meeting Locator on aaneworleans.org and the Meeting Guide App. Other information will be for internal use and communications as we move forward with various initiatives to support our local recovery community.

# **CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT**

Summary of Report From Service Board Meeting - June 26, 2024

### Office Updates

- New Products More Spanish language literature, including books and meeting lists; Expanded audio library and other merchandise options
- Shelf Reorganization and Remerchandising
- Expanded Resources Available on Website Creating webpages
   For Newcomers, Service, and each service committee
- Increasing Website Accessibility
- 2024 Meeting Census and Accessibilities Checklist
- Initiative to Reorganize Printed Meeting List for Packets and Bring Back Printed Meeting Guide Booklet
- Proposed Digital Pamphlet Packets
- Bulletin Submissions for Events, Birthdays Now Due 25th of the Month (July 25th for August Bulletin)

### **Administrative Updates**

- Negotiations of 24/7 Hotline Phone Bill and Contract, Including Switch From Landline to Digital
- Negotiation of AT&T Internet Bill Reduction
- Investing in Product Barcode Scanner for Office
- Reviewed Discrepancies From Big Deep South 2023

Full Report available at aaneworleans.org under "Central Office Reports"

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Support your Central Office. \$25 a year helps keep the lights on at AA and "carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers"

### Your dollars help pay for:

- > AA HotLine where an alcoholic answers calls 24 Hours Every Day
- > AA Website for meeting information and mapping
- > AA Monthly Bulletin
- ➤ Utility, Postage, Rent and Business costs

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## **Central Office Backer Heroes**

Eric W. (Renewal)

Patti S. (Renewal)

Susan C. (Renewal)



Thanks for donating \$25.00 USD to Greater New Orleans Service Board

Increase your impact and ask your friends to match your donation

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Help us help those in need.

### Tradition Seven Checklist from AA Grapevine:

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

- I. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help A.A. (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
- 2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
- 3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize A.A. groups in hospitals and prisons?
- 4. Is it more important to get a big A.A. collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
- 5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant A.A. business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
- 6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

### **MAY 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS**

16 MEMBERS

**6 CENTRAL OFFICE BACKERS** 

16 GROUPS

#### **GROUP**

449 GROUP	\$300
BIG BOOK STUDY	\$21
ВУОВВ	\$274
EARLY BIRDS	\$1,000
IN THE VINEYARD	\$722
LADIES LIVE & LET LIVE	\$117
NEW FREEDOM	\$75
RAISE THE BOTTOM	\$25
ROUNDTABLE GROUP	<b>\$1</b>
SLIDELL SERENITY	\$166
ST. JOHN'S NOON GROUP	\$50
ST. JUFE—LULING	\$10
STABLE & STURDY	\$500
SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT	\$56
THERE IS A SOLUTION	\$25
THREE LEGACIES	\$180



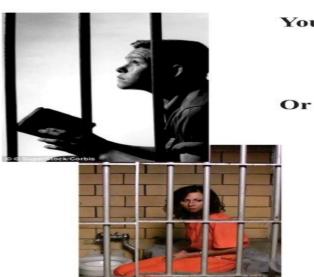
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\$3,541

\$175



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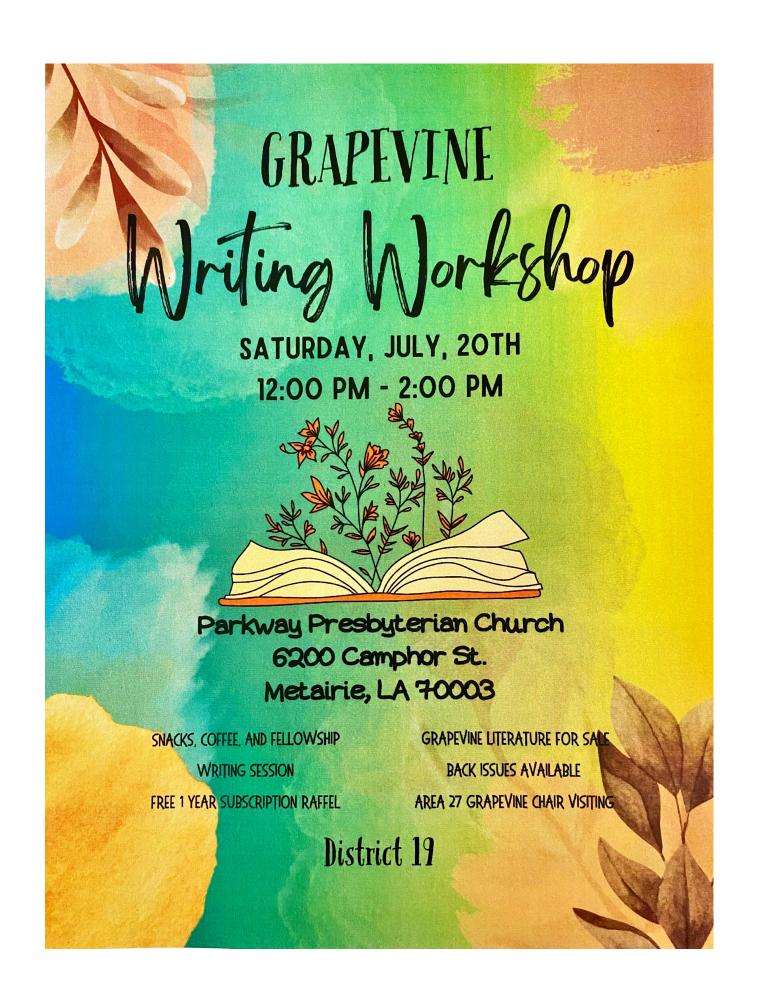


You can make donations at: AA Central Office 638 Papworth Ave. Metairie, LA 70005 504-836-0507

Charles P. 504-701-4652







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JUL\* 4-7\* 2024

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"The unique ability of each A.A. to identify himself with, and bring recovery to, the newcomer in no way depends upon his learning, eloquence, or on any special individual skills. The only thing that matters is that he is an alcoholic who has found a key to sobriety. These legacies of suffering and of recovery are easily passed among alcoholics, one to the other. This is our gift from God, and its bestowal upon others like us is the one aim that today animates A.A.'s all around the globe."

Page 150, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, with permission

### MEETING NOTES AND NEWS

- Time Change Saltwater Serenity, 5pm Wednesday and Saturday, Community Church of Grand Isle, 120 Cedar Ln, LA 70358

  Location Change New Orleans Men's Group, 8pm Wednesday, St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 2216 Metairie Rd, Metairie, LA 70001

  Time Change Conscious Contact, 7pm Saturday, Unity of
- Time Change Conscious Contact, 7pm Saturday, Unity of Metairie, 3303 Richland Ave, Metairie, LA 70002, 12&12 Meditation
- Temporary Location Change Stick with the Winners, 8pm Saturday, Parkway Presbyterian Church, 6200 Camphor St, Metairie 70003
- Location Change Man 2 Man, 8pm Thursday, Old Yellow House, 320 E Oak St, Ponchatoula, LA 70454
- <u>Time Change New Freedom</u>, 7:30pm Wednesday, Bethel Baptist Church, 201 Filmore Ave, NOLA 70124
- New Meeting Safe Harbor, 11:59pm Friday, St. John's, 2109 17<sup>th</sup> St. Metairie, LA 70062
- New Meeting The Big Book Made Easy w/ Joe and Charlie, 6pm Wednesday, 1656 N Tonti St, New Orleans, LA 70119
- New Meeting Grant Us the Serenity, 5pm Tuesday, Unity Church, 3722 St. Charles Ave, NOLA 70118 Literature meeting
- Location Change Saturday Night Action, 7pm Saturday, 622 Farrington Dr. Marrero, LA 70072, Meets in the white house
- Location & Time Change Wild Magnolias, 6pm Tuesday, 2209 Pakenham Dr, Chalmette, LA 70043
- Location Change Lunch Bunch, 12pm Mon-Fri, St. Clement of Rome Parish Center, 4317 Richland Ave, Metairie, LA 70002

New Meeting Forms available at Central Office, 638 Papworth Ave. Ste A.

Share any meeting updates with Central Office by the **25th of the month** to be included in the next month's bulletin: **office@aaneworleans.org** or **504-836-0507** 

- SEARCH: WHAT TO EXPECT AT AREA ELECTIONS? ×
- WORKSHOP/PANEL HOSTED BY AREA 27
- **SUNDAY, JULY 14th 1:00-3:00p**
- Q Zoom Meeting ID: 373-884-7070
- Passcode: Access27
- What happens at an election assembly?
- Q What is a service resume?
- What does standing for a position mean?
- What service positions do we elect?
- What is third legacy procedure?
- How do I vote for someone I don't know?

### Samples of Group Contributions for A.A. Service Entities

10% to District 10% to Area 30% to G.S.O. 50% to Intergroup or Central Office

\*"Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality" Mix" AA Pamphlet F-3 Page 13

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Area 27 Louisiana Area Assembly, Inc. 7350 Jefferson Hwy., Suite 485-179 Baton Rouge, LA. 70806

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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 www.District12.org

### **District 17**

Meets 11:15am, 2nd Saturday monthly, Easy Does It Club, 111 Munsen Dr., Houma, LA 70360 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 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: 1401 Lake Ave.,Unit C-16, Metairie, LA 70005

### District 21

Meets 6:30pm, 3rd Tuesday monthly, Zoom Meeting ID: 837 2179 6523 Passcode: 664254 Venmo@District21NOLA

### **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 19, 20, & 21 Accessibilities

Meets 2pm, 1st Sunday monthly, Zoom Meeting ID: 373 884 7070 Password: Access 27 D19 Contact Buddy B. 504-400-0320 D21 Contact Nicole B 804-297-8185

### **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 Grapevine Committee**

Meets 6pm 1st Monday monthly, Puccino's, 1801 Dickory Ave., Harahan, LA 70123

Zoom ID: 570 436 5416 Password: dist19

### **Districts 20 PI/CPC**

Meets 6:30pm, 3rd Tuesday 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

### **District 21 PI/CPC**

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

### **District 21 T&C**

Meets 7pm, 1st Monday, Zoom ID: 837 2179 6523 Passcode: 664254

### **Big Deep South Committee**

Meets 6:30pm, 1st Wednesday monthly, Central Office, 638 Papworth Ave, Ste. A, Metairie, LA 70005 www.bigdeepsouth.org