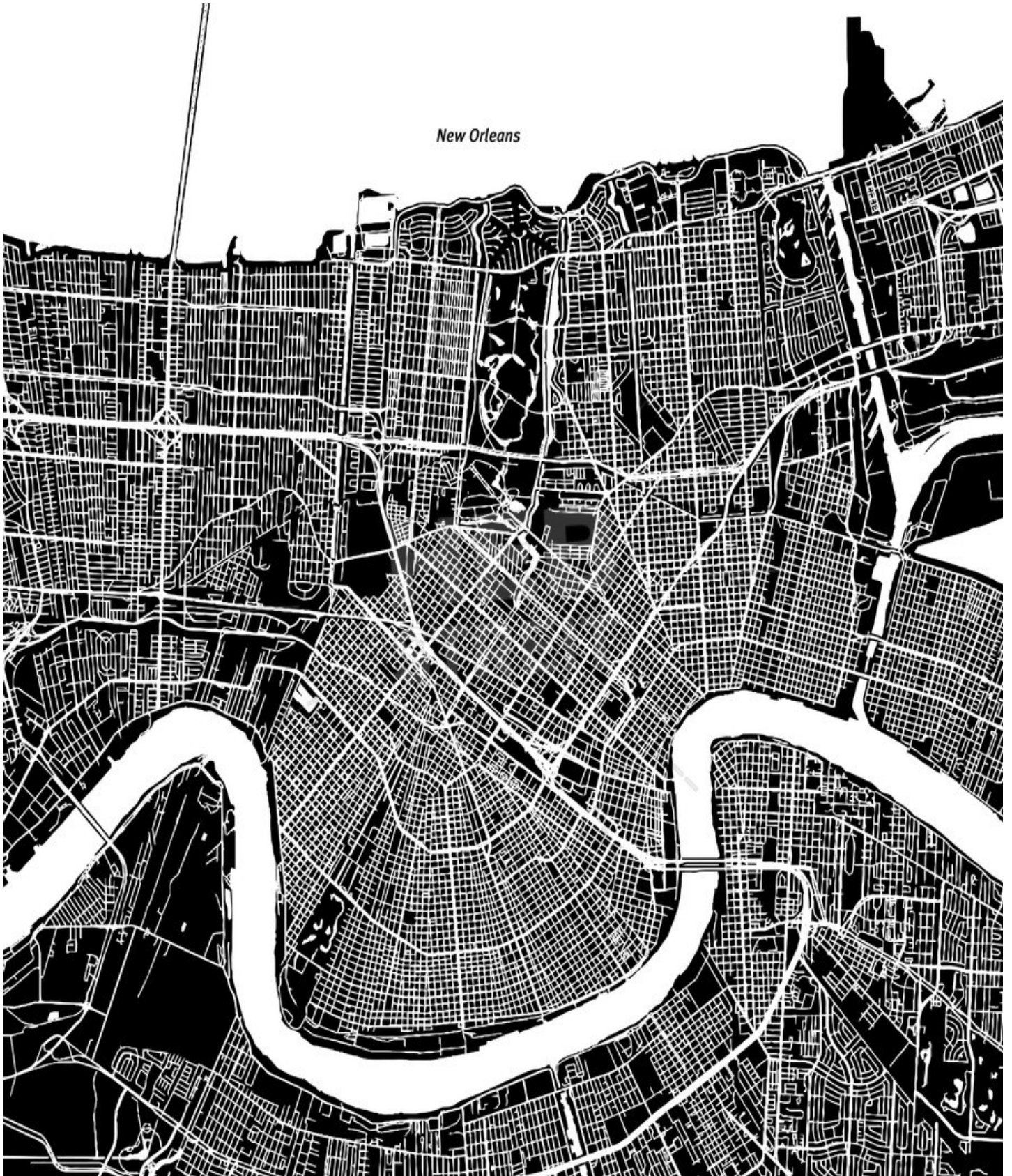


# DECEMBER 2024

*New Orleans*



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## **OUR THREE LEGACIES**

### **UNITY — TRADITION 12**

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

### **RECOVERY — STEP 12**

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

### **SERVICE — CONCEPT 12**

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of governments, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

# DECEMBER 2024 BIRTHDAYS

## UPTOWN MEN'S GROUP

West F.	12/01/83	41
Bob R.	12/11/88	36
Pat M.	12/15/90	34
Cliff M.	12/16/03	21
David B.	12/20/06	18
Parke M.	12/25/07	17
Robert S.	12/15/10	14
Steve D.	12/07/13	11
Grant C.	12/16/13	11
Ross G.	12/30/15	9
John D.	12/20/17	7
Trevor R.	12/26/22	2
James S.	12/25/23	1

## THREE LEGACIES

Kevin A.	12/19/23	1
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## PLAIN CRACKPOTS

Chris H.	12/9/2015	9
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## NEW ORLEANS MEN'S GROUP

Harrison H.	12/13/19	5
Tommy M.	12/04/23	1
Scott E.	12/15/23	1
Ricky P.	12/15/23	1
Joe S.	12/26/23	1
Daniel D.	12/27/23	1
<b>449</b>		
Ian C.	12/03/15	9
Brett P.	12/01/23	1

## SUNDAY MORNING GROUP

Dave L.	12/21/80	44
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## EAST JEFFERSON RENEGADES

Pat Mc	12/08/19	5
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## ST JOHN'S NOON GROUP

Melody H.	12/18/94	30
Dennis K.	12/24/23	1

## IN THE VINEYARD

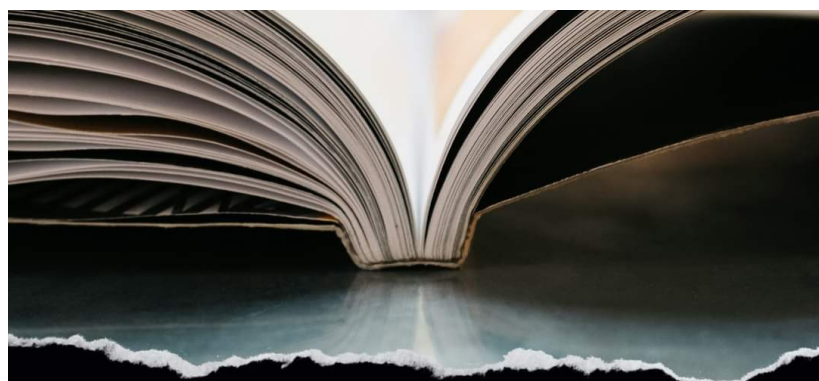
Vic T.	12/29/14	10
Adria R.	12/30/17	7
Christie D.	12/11/21	3
Josh S.	12/11/23	1
Megan E.	12/18/23	1

## EYE OPENERS

Danny B.	12/27/04	20
Tommy S.	12/12/12	12
Johnny E.	12/31/13	11
Tracy R.	12/19/23	1
Lou D.	12/25/23	1

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

\*DENOTES PAST DATES




LASCYPAA 39 HOST COMMITTEE PRESENTS

## PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK RELEASE PARTY

FOOD | SPEAKER PANEL | SWEET TOOTH AUCTION

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 **DECEMBER 14, 2024**  
12:00 PM-4:00 PM

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L.I.F.E. CENTER | 10473 OLD HAMMOND HWY.

**SPEAKER PANEL GUESTS**

Special Shoutout to our  
former Central Office  
General Manager, Ken T.,  
celebrating 11 years (12/03/13)  
Thank you for your service, Ken.

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**Karl S. (Baton Rouge)**  
Area 27 Alt Delegate-Elect

**Molly E. (New Orleans)**  
Current Area 27 Delegate

**Jay T. (Monroe)**  
Area 27 Delegate-Elect

# Service Board Meeting Minutes - Thurs., November 21, 2024

Next Service Board Meeting: Thursday, November 21, 2024

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Service Board Email: [gnoserviceboard@gmail.com](mailto:gnoserviceboard@gmail.com)

**In Attendance:** Estimated 11 total attendance

2 Trustees; 0 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs; 1 Central Office Manager; 1 DCM/Alt-DCM; 4 Group Service Board Reps/GSRs;  
2 Member-At-Large

Chairperson: Andrea Halstead | Co-Chair: Jim Newton | Treasurer: Alyson "Sunny" Taylor

**Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Andrea H. (Chairperson); Started with Serenity Prayer; Minutes from last meeting reviewed and approved with substantial unanimity

## Officer Reports

**Secretary:** Position is still available. Notes taken by Colyn N.

**Treasurer:** Sunny T. - See attached report for further details

- 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget Update: Cannot continue to wait for Big Deep South to disclose monies; will have a budget done by end of next week

**Central Office:** Carolyn H. - Full report available on website

- Plain Language Big Book released Nov. 1st – first order of 100 sold out in a few days; next order has shipped, 30 of those 100 have been preordered
- Printed Meeting Book available at the office, \$5 after tax per last month's meeting discussion
- Printable Service & Events Calendars now include Holiday Flyer for Thanksgiving Day, and will include winter holidays, so please share events and meeting changes with Central Office
- Pricing structure changes are being implemented across all products in Central Office, to make prices more accessible to more of our fellowship
- Color Printer - With high costs of toner and maintenance on current older color printer at the office, more prudent decision may be to purchase a new color printer during upcoming holiday sales to make most of tech budget.
  - Motion to purchase a new color printer (Carolyn H.) - passed with substantial unanimity.

## Old Business

**Ad Hoc Committee for Big Deep South Financials:** Jim N. not present; still working to connect with group services at Area and national; BDSC Google Drive exists, though Service Board does not presently have access to it

**Parking Issues:** Andrea has phone number to contact neighbor and discuss solutions for ongoing parking issues for Tuesday and Thursday evening meetings

**Gratitude Envelopes:** Amended logistics of Gratitude envelopes, to give thanks to contributing groups/meetings and to allow Pink Can initiative more time to reach more groups

## Committee Reports

**Big Deep South:** Mike A. (absent) (report via Carolyn H.)

- Planning committee has voted on the Voice and theme for the 2025 event

# Service Board Meeting Minutes - Thurs., November 21, 2024

**Daay in the Park:** Kyle N. (absent) (report via Carolyn H.)

- Had plenty of food, drinks, and activities and stayed within budget
- **Literature Fund:** Committee requested that instead of half of the 50/50 winnings going to cover costs of the event, that money instead would be used to fund literature purchases for home groups and members; Central Office fulfilled this request with a Literature Fund gift card for home groups and members in need who request literature at no cost; limited to Big Books and Twelve & Twelves only; Fellowship may continue to contribute to the Fund if it's to be a long-term effort, or when the fund is depleted, then this Fund can be reopened whenever funds are available

**T&C:** Scott B. (absent)

- The form to apply to bring a meeting into OPP is now available

**Website:** Tourne T. (absent) | **Hotline:** Will H. (absent)

## District/DCM Reports

**District 12:** absent; SELA Spring Roundup May 23-25, 2025 | **District 17:** absent | **District 18:** absent

**District 19:** District Inventory December 1, chaired by Q

**District 20:** Colyn, Incoming DCM; Inventory, end of Nov, chaired by Molly; St. Charles Angels Hot Mess Potluck Dec. 4th; Big Easy Retreat Dec. 13-15; New Years Eve Event; Colyn is attending SE Regional Forum

**District 21:** Elections coming up; Sending outgoing DCM Q to Regional Forum; Had a successful Traditions workshop; Lambda Center Speak n Eat on Thanksgiving; Outreach chair compiled list of districts' meetings and their info and GSR/contact info

**District 25:** Newly created Area 27 online district

- Motion to invite District 25 to join Service Board (Carolyn H.) - passed with substantial unanimity

## New Business

- **Holiday Office Hours:** Closed for upcoming national holidays; open limited hours Dec. 24th-Jan. 1st.
- **Southeast Regional Forum:** Motion for Service Board to cover travel costs for Office Manager to attend Forum - passed with substantial unanimity
- **Store Policy Review:** Previous policy at Central Office Policy had been no returns, exchanges, or refunds; with addition of gift card technology, this policy can be amended in certain situations: with receipt, within two (2) weeks of purchase, items like new, at discretion of manager, for store credit only
- **Phone Call Incident, Nov. 15, 2024:** Phone calls made repeatedly to central office and hotline (28 total calls between 11:36am and 2:19pm) with demands for manager's and trustees' personal information, inquiries about salaries and who oversees payments, threatened a civil lawsuit to "hold someone responsible" for the A.A. organization having "ruined his life"; did not understand our service structure. We did not file a police report, and the individual has not called again since. Call log documented for security purposes.
- **Outreach for Service Board Participation:** Discussion to make a flyer with announcements, available service positions, and more explanation about what Service Board is and does; will include flyer in Bulletin
- **Central Office Backer Program:** Needs to be overhauled; tabled for next month
- **Big Deep South Inventory:** (from member-at-large) No longer the only event in this area or at that time of year; event venue costs have increased significantly; event planning seems to continue to repeat previous years without revisiting some of these underlying issues. An inventory process could help to find solutions for some of the ongoing challenges and confusion surrounding the event.

Closed with at 8pm with "we" version of Serenity Prayer



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| <p><b>Dec. 1:</b><br/>Tradition Nine</p> <p><b>Dec. 8:</b><br/>Tradition Ten</p> <p><b>Dec. 15:</b><br/>Tradition Eleven</p> <p><b>Dec. 22:</b><br/>Tradition Twelve</p> |
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## Concept XII Checklist from G.S.O.

**Long Form: General Warranties of the Conference:** in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that, though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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1. How do we guard against becoming a “seat of perilous wealth or power”?
2. How do we practice prudent use of our Seventh Tradition contributions and literature revenue?
3. Do we insure the spiritual liberties of all A.A. members by not placing any member in the position of absolute authority over others?
4. Do we try to reach important decisions by thorough discussion, vote and, where possible, substantial unanimity?
5. As guardians of A.A.’s traditions, are we ever justified in being personally punitive?
6. Are we careful to avoid public controversy?
7. Do we always try to treat each other with mutual respect and love?

# Tradition Twelve Checklist from A.A. Grapevine

*Long Form: And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.*

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**Summary: Spiritual substance of anonymity is sacrifice. Subordinating personal aims to the common good is the essence of all Twelve Traditions. Why A.A. could not remain a secret society. Principles come before personalities. One hundred percent anonymity at the public level. Anonymity is real humility.**

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1. **Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all A.A. members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if A.A. as a whole disappeared?**
2. **When I do not trust A.A.'s current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?**
3. **In my opinions of and remarks about other A.A.s, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?**
4. **Do I ever try to get a certain A.A. group to conform to my standards, not its own?**
5. **Have I a personal responsibility in helping an A.A. group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?**
6. **Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition—or belie it?**
7. **Do I do all I can do to support A.A. financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?**
8. **Do I complain about certain A.A.s' behavior—especially if they are paid to work for A.A. Who made me so smart?**
9. **Do I fulfill all A.A. responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?**
10. **Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give A.A. critics real ammunition?**
11. **Should I keep my A.A. membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of A.A. so attractive that other drunks want it?**
12. **What is the real importance of me among more than a million A.A.s?**

## **Progress not Perfection...**

**We did not update our Three Legacies and Tradition/Concept Checklist for the Eleventh month in our November 2024 Bulletin. So, as direct amends to our cherished readers, here are those “I I” principles reprinted here, that they may have their moment to bask in the Sunlight of the Spirit, at the Eleventh Hour.**

**Thank you for your patience with our alcoholism and humanness. :)**

## **OUR THREE LEGACIES**

### **UNITY — TRADITION 11**

**Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.**

### **RECOVERY — STEP 11**

**Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.**

### **SERVICE — CONCEPT 11**

**The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.**



# **Tradition Eleven Checklist from A.A. Grapevine**

**Long Form:** Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

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**Summary:** Public relations are important to A.A. Good public relations save lives. We seek publicity for A.A. principles, not A.A. members. The press has cooperated. Personal anonymity at the public level is the cornerstone of our public relations policy. Eleventh Tradition is a constant reminder that personal ambition has no place in A.A. Each member becomes an active guardian of our Fellowship.

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1. Do I sometime promote A.A. so fanatically that I make it seem unattractive?
2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an A.A. member?
3. Am I careful about throwing A.A. names around—even within the Fellowship?
4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?
5. What would A.A. be like if we were not guided by the ideas in the Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
6. Is my A.A. sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

## **Concept XI Checklist from G.S.O.**

**Long Form:** While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

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1. Do we understand how the roles of nontrustee directors and nontrustee appointed committee members help serve and strengthen the committee system?
2. How do we encourage our special paid workers to exercise their traditional "Right of Participation"?
3. Do we practice rotation in all our service positions?

# CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT

## Summary of Report From Service Board Meeting - November 21, 2024

- **Plain Language Big Book.** First order sold out within days; second order of first printing had shipped **\*\***(arrived 11/22)
- **Printed Meeting Book.** Back by Fellowship request, a 64-page booklet of printed meeting lists (in-person and online meetings), plus other resources and Meeting in a Pocket. \$5 each
- **Printable Service & Events Calendar + Holiday Fellowship Flyers.** Alongside monthly Service & Events calendar, we have also created printable holiday fellowship flyers including info and QR codes for events, meetings, and meeting changes around the holidays. Never alone again.
- **Pricing Changes.** New pricing structure now in effect for all books, will complete process for pamphlets and merchandise next. Focus is on accessibility of products and their price points for members across our fellowship.
- **Literature Fund.** Founded from 50/50 winnings of 2024 DAAY in the Park, this fund provides literature to members and meetings/home groups, to further carry the message on an as-needed basis; includes the "Big Book" and "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" only.
  - Learn more at <https://aaneworleans.org/literature-fund>

*Bulletin Submissions for Events & Birthdays Due 25th\* of the Month  
(December 27th\* for January Bulletin)*

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# WHY BE A CENTRAL OFFICE BACKER?

As a Central Office Backer, your annual contribution of \$25 or more supports "carrying this message to the alcoholic who still suffers." (Tradition Five)

## "What do y'all do at Central Office, anyway?"

*We exist outside of the upside-down triangle of the A.A. service structure.*

*Central Office provides space, services, and resources to connect and support the A.A. service structure. We also provide direct support to alcoholics seeking recovery, fellowship, and service opportunities. Here are some of the ways we support our regional A.A. and recovery community:*

- **24/7 Hotline.** Where a recovering alcoholic answers the call to support other alcoholics.
- **A.A. Meetings List.** Maintenance of new, active, and inactive meeting information.
- **Website.** Our online communications hub, hosts meeting info and maps, plus resources and information about local and regional A.A. events, service work, and more.
- **Monthly Bulletin.** Printed and PDF versions of our monthly publication mailed or emailed to groups and members of the fellowship and published on our website.
- **Email Newsletters.** Updates about local meetings, events, service opportunities, and news from all levels of A.A.
- **Local Bookstore.** Conveniently browse and purchase literature, chips, newcomer packets, and other recovery merch and meeting lagniappe.
- **Meeting Space.** To support service committees, workshops, fellowship, and meetings.
- **Special Workers.** In honor of Tradition Eight, we are dedicated to answering your phone calls, emails, and questions about meetings, service work, fellowship, and A.A.
- **Intergroup Communications.** Share information and ideas between meetings, home groups, districts, and service committees across all levels of the fellowship.

Thank you for helping us here at Central Office to provide these resources and services to our local recovery community.

**Each Central Office Backer contribution (\$25+/annually) includes a monthly subscription to our printed Bulletin, that you may keep or donate to your home group or another meeting**

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# UNITY | EVENTS



12TH SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE: SERVICE

UPDATED WITH EVENT INFO RECEIVED AS OF NOV. 27, 2024

# December

2024  
SERVICE MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2:00PM D19, 20, 21 ACCESSIBILITIES MEETING 3PM DISTRICT 25 MEETING 5:30PM D21 PJ/CPC MEETING 8:30PM NOLAYPAA ZOOM TRADITIONS SERIES - NINE	7:00PM D21 T&C MEETING	6PM ST. CHARLES ANGELS HOT MESS WOMEN'S POTLUCK 6:30PM BIG DEEP SOUTH PLANNING MEETING	7PM MAN 2 MAN GROUP'S HOLIDAY SPEAK & EAT	SOUTHEAST REGIONAL FORUM		
<h2 style="margin: 0;">PDF Printable Service Meetings &amp; Events Calendar</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Scan QR code to access printable calendar</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Print to include calendar on your meeting space bulletin board, info table, and stack of announcements.</p>						
8:30PM NOLAYPAA ZOOM TRADITIONS SERIES - TWELVE	6:30PM DISTRICT 19 MEETING	8PM NEW YEAR'S BASH AT SERENITY BY THE LAKE		7AM EYE OPENERS SPEAK & EAT		

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**GREATER NEW ORLEANS SERVICE BOARD**  
 Next meeting Mon., December 16,\* 6:30pm  
 Central Office, 638 Papworth Ave., Metairie  
 Meets the last\* week of the month,  
 rotating Monday thru Thursday 6:30pm  
 \*adjusted for holiday season

# OCTOBER 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP

449 GROUP	\$300	TIME'S UP GROUP	\$100
ARABI WE SHARE	\$50	TO BREATHE OR NOT	
BIG BOOK SQUAD	\$100	TO BREATHE	\$82
CARROLLTON GROUP	\$200	UPTOWN MEN'S GROUP	\$800
CONTEMPT PRIOR TO		WAY BACK	\$400
INVESTIGATION	\$2	WOMEN SHARING HOPE	\$50
EYE OPENERS	\$436		
IN THE VINEYARD	\$690		
KENNER GROUP	\$505	11 MEMBERS	\$385
METAIRIE THURSDAY NIGHT	\$18	22 GROUPS	\$5,689
PAGE 132	\$397	5 CENTRAL OFFICE BACKERS	\$150
RIGHT TRACK	\$313		
SAT MORNING IN THE VINETARD	\$196		
SISTERS IN SERENITY	\$344		
SOBER & SERENE AT 12:15	\$716		
ST. JOHN'S NOON GROUP	\$25		
ST. JUDE GROUP	\$15		



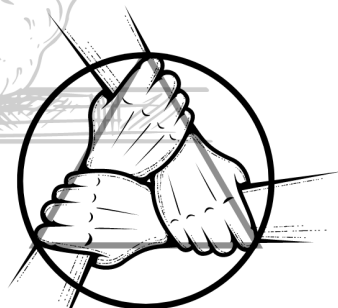
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**Contributions can be made via:**

Home Group T&C Committee  
 District T&C Committee  
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# Central Office Backer Heroes

*Thank you for your contributions and support!*

**Allen F. (Renewal)**

**Callie R. (New Backer)**

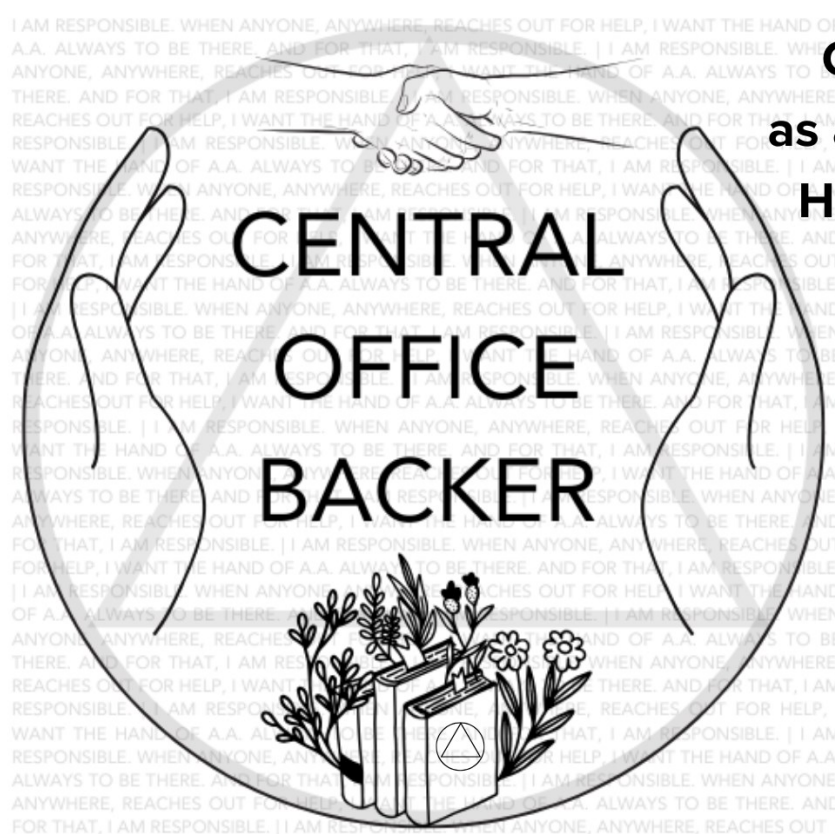
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# THE PRINTED MEETING BOOK IS BACK

AVAILABLE AT CENTRAL OFFICE: NOVEMBER 2024

By requests from our regional fellowship members, we have assembled a printed meeting booklet. In an age of mobile devices, QR codes, and screen domination, we hope this printed guide supports an increased accessibility of our meeting list to members of Alcoholics Anonymous across all ages, backgrounds, and levels and preferences of tech usage.

In the 64 pages of this booklet, we have listed the nearly 600 in-person and online meetings hosted across eight districts (D12, D17, D18, D19, D20, D21, D24, D25). We have also included components of the “Meeting in a Pocket”: readings, prayers, and topics that can help support a meeting among any two or three alcoholics gathered in the name of recovery and a Higher Power.

We will be refreshing and reprinting this booklet on a quarterly basis. Because meeting information does change regularly, we cannot guarantee all printed meeting info will be exactly accurate at all times. Though we do hope our efforts demonstrate a willingness to provide information to newcomers, long-timers, and all recovering alcoholics in between, wherever they are.

**The most up-to-date meeting information will continue to be on our website [aaneworleans.org](http://aaneworleans.org) and, by extension, the Meeting Guide app.**



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## Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.



**1** *Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season.* Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.



**2** *Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers.* If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.



**3** *Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time.* If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.



**4** *Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations*

given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.



**5** *Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about.* Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.



**6** *If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.*



**7** *Don't think you have to stay late.* Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.



**8** *Worship in your own way.*



**9** *Don't sit around brooding.* Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.



**10** *Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations.* Remember—"one day at a time."



**11** *Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy.* Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.



**12** *"Having had a . . ."* No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.



God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,



courage to change the things I can,  
and wisdom to know the difference.





# Contribute as a Meeting or Home Group



# Contribute as a Member



CONTRIBUTIONS VIA CASH, CHECK,  
AND CARD ACCEPTED AT OUR OFFICE  
CENTRAL OFFICE, 638 PAPWORTH AVE  
STE A, METAIRIE, LA 70005  
AANEWORLEANS.ORG | 504-836-0507



SCAN HERE  
for more info

This fund provides literature to members and meetings/home groups, to carry the message on an as-needed basis. Includes copies of the "Big Book" and "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions".

Learn more at <https://aaneworleans.org/literature-fund>

**“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.”**

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**ST. CHARLES ANGELS**

# Hot Mess Women's Potluck Dinner

**Wednesday, December 4th**

**Dinner at 6pm**  
Feel free to bring a covered dish or other food item!

**Speaker at 7pm**  
Martha G of the Metairie Group

**Temple Sinai, 6227 St. Charles Ave.**



THE MAN 2 MAN GROUP

"an active AA Group of "District 12 on the Northshore"

**"CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
SECOND ANNUAL / EAT AND SPEAK"**

*Thursday December 5, 2024*

7:00pm *Pot-Luck Meal & Fellowship*  
*(M2M supplying Ham and Drinks)*

8:00pm *Terry E. (Area 27 Delegate)*

*(Open AA Get Together ~ Everyone is Invited)*

*First Baptist Church ~ (Adult building)*

*325 East Pine St. ~ Ponchatoula*

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[aa-louisiana.org](http://aa-louisiana.org)

[aa.org](http://aa.org)

**Join us for Plain Crackpots'  
second annual**

## **COOKIES & CANDLELIGHT**

**Sunday, December 8**

6 PM: Cookie potluck!  
6:30 PM: Ugly sweater contest!  
7 PM: Speaker—Curtis D.

St. Anna's Episcopal Church  
1313 Esplanade Ave., NOLA  
Enter on Marais St. side

# METAIRIE GROUP SPEAK & EAT

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

**ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**2216 METAIRIE RD. METAIRIE, LA 70001**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024**

**FOOD @ 6:00**

**SURPRISE SPEAKER @ 7:00**

**FOOD WILL BE PROVIDE BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING A DISH OR DESSERT!**



**PLEASE JOIN  
NEW FREEDOM  
WOMEN'S MEETING  
FOR**

**COOKIES  
AND  
CROSS TALK**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024  
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM  
SPEAKER AT 730**

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
201 FILMORE AVE NOLA  
ZOOM ID: 462 580 485  
PW: 523983**

*Sweet treats &  
light bites Welcome!*



**Airline Park**

**Christmas Holiday  
Speak N' Eat  
Potluck**

FRIDAY DEC 13TH 2024

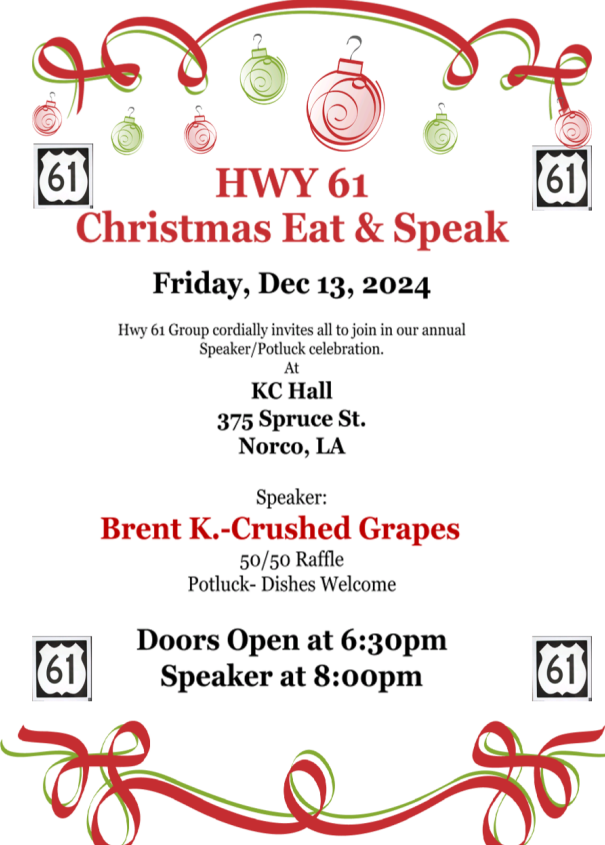
AA Speaker:  
Tisere O. from IN THE VINEYARD

AI-Anon Speaker:  
TO BE ANNOUNCED

Food: 7:00 pm  
Speakers: 8:00 pm

PLEASE BRING A DISH!

Location:  
Parkway Presbyterian Church  
6200 Camphor St.  
Metairie, LA 70003



**HWY 61  
Christmas Eat & Speak**

**Friday, Dec 13, 2024**

Hwy 61 Group cordially invites all to join in our annual  
Speaker/Potluck celebration.  
At  
**KC Hall  
375 Spruce St.  
Norco, LA**

Speaker:  
**Brent K.-Crushed Grapes**  
50/50 Raffle  
Potluck- Dishes Welcome

**Doors Open at 6:30pm  
Speaker at 8:00pm**



**BIG EASY  
RETREAT**

THE COST PER BED IN A CABIN/LODGE IS \$130  
AND THE COST PER BED IN A COTTAGE IS \$120.  
FOOD IS INCLUDED IN COST.

**COME AND KEEP  
IT EASY AT THE  
BIG EASY GROUP  
RETREAT!**

**DECEMBER  
13-15  
(WEEKEND)**

FELICIANA RETREAT CENTER  
10274 LA-422, NORWOOD LA 70761

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT  
SHOSHANA (646)629-5880

VENMO IS @bigeasygroup

Join us for a night  
of recovery  
and holiday fun!


# Monday Night Live

**December 16th, 2024**

**Meeting at 7pm,  
Potluck, and Fellowship at 8pm!**

Bring your favorite covered dish to share!

**2200 RUE DENISE  
HAMMOND, LA**




## NOON REFLECTIONS

3300 Monroe St. Mandeville LA 70448

# Christmas Potluck Party



**December 20, 2024**

**10:00am - 2:00pm**

*AA Meeting 12:00 to 1:00*



**December 25th, Noon - 7:00 pm**

Join us for Christmas Day at the Camel Club. Have a bowl of gumbo, play pool, watch movies, enjoy games outside with our unique version of Badminton and fellowship. We are stronger together and you don't have to be alone. Come spend the day in a sober safe space. Bring a dish, bring a desert or bring ice to share and sodas. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a mini alcathon with meetings at 12:30, 2:00, 4:00 and 6:00.

# Eye Openers

## SPEAK & EAT

**Saturday, December 28th**  
**Breakfast: 7am**  
**Speaker: 7:30am**

**Eric W.**  
 (Kenner Group)

3303 Richland Ave | Unity of Metairie  
 Behind Parran's on Veterans

**New Years Eve Bash**  
 Serenity By The Lake  
 3300 Monroe Street  
 Mandeville LA

**Tuesday December 31, 2024**  
 Following the 8pm Meeting  
 9p til ?

Potluck  
 Food, Fun, Music, Dancings and  
 Fellowship

There will be a Back Line, so bring you  
 instruments

**WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT!!!!!!**

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

# WELCOME, 2025!

- Live/Relive the Steps
- Call Your Sponsor
  - Read Big Book Stories
- Study the Traditions
  - Recommit to Prayer and Meditation Practice
- Recommit to Daily Inventory Practice
  - Read the Grapevine
- Read Living Sober
  - Call or Text Fellow Recovering Alcoholic to Say Hi
- Explore New Service Commitments

And, most importantly:  
**DON'T PICK UP THE FIRST DRINK  
 NO MATTER WHAT**

**CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS: M-F 11AM-5PM, SAT 10AM-2PM**  
 504-836-0507 | OFFICE@AANEWORLEANS.ORG  
 24/7 HOTLINE: 504-838-3399

# BATON ROOTS

**80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AA  
 IN BATON ROUGE**  
 HOSTED BY DISTRICT 150

**JANUARY 11, 2025**  
 11AM TO 3PM

**THE LIFE CENTER**  
 10473 OLD HAMMOND HWY,  
 BATON ROUGE, LA 70816

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**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP**

OLD TIMERS PANEL | BATON ROUGE AA HISTORY | LUNCH & BIRTHDAY CAKE

# SAVE THE DATES



35<sup>th</sup> Annual

May  
23 - 25  
2025

***"We are not Saints"***

[www.springroundupla.com](http://www.springroundupla.com)

Courtyard by Marriot

101 Northpark Blvd.

Covington, LA 70433

(north side of I-12 off of exit 63-B)

800-321-2211


Ask for Spring Roundup 2025

[www.district12.org](http://www.district12.org)

To Register  
Scan Here



NATCHITOCHEES AA PRESENTS  
**"THE CONVENTION  
YOU CANNOT MENTION"**



**TCYCM 2025**

WORKSHOPS,  
SPEAKERS & DINNER GAMES, DRINK UP! NR,  
**TO BE DETERMINED** MEDITATION, CORN HOLE,  
FOOD, FUN & RECOVERY!


ANONYMITY IS THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION

**MAY** 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM EST  
**31<sup>ST</sup>**  
SATURDAY  
**NATCHITOCHEES  
EVENTS CENTER**  
750 2ND ST, NATCHITOCHEES, LA

**PRE-REGISTER \$15**

[WWW.TINYURL.COM/TCYCM/](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/TCYCM/)

RON 504-939-1454 DIANNA 318-332-2604



## SAVE THE DATE

### Big Deep South

### 2025



FROM DARKNESS  
INTO LIGHT

### June 6-8, 2025

Hilton New Orleans Airport  
901 Airline Dr, Kenner, LA 70062

[bigdeepsouth.org](http://bigdeepsouth.org)



DESIRED SHORE OF FAITH

65<sup>th</sup> annual

**LOUISIANA  
STATE CONVENTION**

**Save  
the  
Date**

**AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>-10<sup>TH</sup> • 2025**

BATON ROUGE MARRIOTT  
5500 HILTON AVE

# WHY IS SERVICE BOARD?

We're glad you asked.

Service Boards are a vital aspect of the overall service structure that supports the day-to-day functioning of our Fellowship.

Locally, the Greater New Orleans Service Board (GNOSB), a 501(c)(3) is the Steering Committee for our regional Central Office, for Service Board service committees, and for events like the Big Deep South Convention.

Central Office is a bookstore, meeting space, and information hub that provides various products and services in support of the Greater New Orleans area and beyond.



Review  
Service Board  
Financials



Scan Here to Learn More About  
Service Board, Central Office, and  
View Service Board Meeting Minutes



Read  
GNOSB  
By-Laws



## HOW DO WE GET INVOLVED WITH THE GNO SERVICE BOARD?

### Stand for Secretary

- 2 years of sobriety
- Officer position
- Records and publishes minutes of monthly meetings
- Maintains records of Service Board (with Central Office)



More info in  
GNOSB  
By-Laws

### Be a Service Board Rep for Your Home Group

- Service Board Representatives (SBRs) are voting members of the Service Board
- One vote per participating meeting or home group

**Next Service Board Meeting:**  
Monday, December 16, 2024  
6:30pm at Central Office  
638 Papworth Ave, Metairie

### Join a Committee

- Treatment & Corrections
- Website
- Hotline & Twelfth Step Calls
- Public Information & Cooperation with Professionals in the Community
- More committees forming in 2025

Scan to Learn More  
About Service Board,  
Central Office, and  
View Service Board  
Meeting Minutes



Friday and Saturday

# We Meet Frequently AA Meeting

Meeting is 10:00-11:00 p.m.

1656 N. Tonti Street New Orleans La  
First Meeting will be November 15, 2024

DD  
MMM

New Meeting on Tuesdays at 6pm

## Contempt Prior to Investigation

Literature Study



BYO BB and 12&12

St. John's in Kenner  
2109 17th St at Williams Blvd



Open Newcomer Literature Meeting

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

Two Speakers on the Second Tuesday

Cornerstone United Methodist  
Church














5276 Bullard Ave, New Orleans,  
LA 70128

First meeting August 6, 2024





## MEETING NOTES AND NEWS

-  **New Meeting – We Meet Frequently**, 10pm Fridays and Saturdays, Freddy’s Ark, 1656 N Tonti St, New Orleans
-  **Time Change – 12 Steps Down the Road**, 6:30pm Tuesdays, 5:30pm Sundays, Plaquemines Prayer Center, 37393 LA-23, Buras
-  **New Meeting – Women Practicing the 10<sup>th</sup>**, 6pm Thursdays, Freddy’s Ark, 1656 N Tonti St, New Orleans
-  **New Meeting – The Misfits**, 10:10pm nightly, Serenity by the Lake, 3300 Monroe St, Mandeville, YANA renamed and expanded to more nights of the week
-  **New Meeting – As Bill Sees It**, 4:30pm Fridays, Christwood Retirement Community, 100 Christwood Blvd, Covington, Meet in Art Studio
-  **Time Change - Saltwater Serenity (Grand Isle)**, 7pm Fridays, 6pm Wednesdays, 10am Saturdays, Community Church of Grand Isle, 120 Cedar Ln, LA 70358
-  **Location Change – Raise the Bottom**, 7:30pm Fridays, 2333 Tchoupitoulas St, Uptown New Orleans
-  **Location Change – Moving Forward**, 7:30pm Tuesdays, 104 Croatian Way (Ave G), Belle Chasse
-  **Time Change – Chapter 4: We Agnostics**, 7:30pm Tuesdays, Chapel of the Holy Spirit, 1100 Broadway St, Uptown New Orleans
-  **Location Change – Westbank 144**, 7pm Wednesdays, St. Joseph Church, 610 6<sup>th</sup> St, Gretna – now in Upstairs Auditorium
-  **New Meeting – Contempt Prior to Investigation**, 6pm Tuesdays, St. John’s Episcopal Church, 2109 17<sup>th</sup> St, Kenner, Literature study
-  **New Meeting – The Lifeboat**, 7pm Tuesdays, Cornerstone United Methodist Church, 5276 Bullard Ave, NOLA 70128
-  **New Meeting – Brunch Bunch**, 11am Saturdays, Carrolton United Methodist Church, 921 Carrolton Ave, NOLA, Closed meeting

New Meeting Forms available at Central Office, 638 Papworth Ave. Ste A. and via QR code:  
Please 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](mailto:office@aaneworleans.org) or **504-836-0507**



# SOUTHEAST

## REGIONAL FORUM

December 6-8, 2024

*You are invited to the Southeast Regional Forum!*

### PURPOSE OF REGIONAL FORUMS

- ▶ Regional Forums are hosted by the A.A. General Service Board and “open” to all A.A. members or to anyone interested in A.A.
- ▶ Regional Forums are designed to enhance trust and communication between A.A. members, the General Service Board, Staff and Directors from the General Service Office and AA Grapevine.

### PROGRAM

- ▶ Your Southeast Regional Trustee will moderate the event. You will also hear from General Service Office Staff Members, the General Manager, General Service Board Trustees, AA Grapevine, Inc. Publisher and Staff, A.A. World Services, Inc. Director, your region’s Delegates, and past Trustees
- ▶ There will be presentations, workshops, panels, and more. There will also be sharing sessions to allow for comments and questions. A sample program is posted on [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) under the Regional Forums tab.
- ▶ The event will take place from Friday at 6:30 p.m. through Sunday, 12:00 p.m.

### REGISTRATION

- ▶ Registration is **FREE** and will open online at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) on October 7, 2024.
- ▶ All registration information is confidential and will not be used for anything except communicating about the event and sending the digital Final Report.
- ▶ Pre-registration is encouraged, and on-site registration will be available.

### HOTEL INFORMATION

Golden Nugget Biloxi  
151 Beach Boulevard

- ▶ For hotel reservations: <https://goldennuggetbiloxi.reztrip.com/ext/promoRate?property=1262&mode=b&pm=true&sr=883087&vr=3> or Call 1-800-777-7568
- ▶ November 14, 2024 is the room reservation deadline.
- ▶ Rate: Double Occupancy, \$129.99 per night U.S. or Canadian
  - Use the group code S240301 to receive the group rate.

*We look forward to seeing you in Biloxi!*

For more information, please contact, Regional Forums’ Staff Coordinator, at [regionalforums@aa.org](mailto:regionalforums@aa.org) or call (212) 870-3120.

### Suggested 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

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

A.A. General  
Service Office  
P.O. Box 2407  
James A. Farley  
Station  
New York, NY  
10116-2407

# 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](http://www.District12.org)

## District 17

Meets 11:15am, 2nd Saturday monthly,  
Easy Does It Club, 111 Munsen Dr., Houma, LA 70360  
[www.bayouaa.org](http://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

## Districto 24 / District 24

Districto de habla español en todo el estado; Oficina  
intergrupala hispana de Louisiana:  
3515 Melvil Dewey Dr., Suite 201, Metairie, LA 70002  
504-516-1090

## District 19, 20, & 21 Accessibilities

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

## District 19 PI/CPC

Meets 6pm, 3rd Monday monthly, Central Office,  
638 Papworth Ave., Ste. A, Metairie 70005

## Districts 20 PI/CPC

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

## Multi-District T&C

Meets 6:30pm, 2nd Wednesday monthly,  
Central Office, 638 Papworth Ave., Ste. A,  
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 70005  
[www.bigdeepsouth.org](http://www.bigdeepsouth.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](http://www.springroundupla.com)

## District 25 (Online)

Meets 3pm, 1st Sunday monthly after Area 27  
Accessibilities Committee meeting  
Zoom Meeting ID: 373 884 7070  
Passcode: Access27  
<https://aaneworleans.org/district-25-online/>

**Return Requested  
GNOSB  
638 Papworth Avenue, Suite A  
Metairie LA 70005**

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