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The Perfect Night

by Charles M. - Harbert, MI

*Just as the midnight mass bells were ringing,
he and his partner were heading to jail.*

When friends asked what I was doing for Christmas Eve 2019, I smiled and said, "Going to jail." A friend and I were taking an AA meeting to incarcerated fellows at our local county jail. I had even added something self-serving like, "I can't think of a better place to be on Christmas Eve."

Well, I sure didn't feel that way on that dark and cold December night in Michigan when I first arrived in the parking lot opposite the forbidding institution. I really wanted to be home with my wife and our new cat and the gas fireplace we had given ourselves for Christmas. Plus, I was feeling more than a little sorry for myself because the Christmas Eve jail AA service meant missing midnight mass, which at our church began at 8 p.m. to allow the aging faithful to get to bed at a decent hour.

Sure, I could go to mass the next day on Christmas morning, and that would certainly count with the church, but I would miss all the magic of midnight mass. And wouldn't you know, the church on the other side of the jail's parking lot rang its bells, summoning folks to come inside and worship on a cold, dark night. I looked over longingly at the warm, cozy church's glowing stained-glass windows and watched worshippers eagerly climb the church steps in anticipation of some midnight marvels. Oh, how I wanted to join them.

But then I looked over at my partner in our Twelfth Step work and decided I couldn't let him down. There had to be at least two of us outsiders for there to be an AA meeting at the jail. And, well, wasn't there also that line



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from Step Twelve about carrying "this message to alcoholics." I knew that I had a solemn duty to carry the message of my recovery to my incarcerated brothers on this side of the parking lot.

The church bells rang again, reminding me that I had a choice to make, and make it I did that cold, clear night in Michigan. My partner and I took the AA meeting into the county jail on Christmas Eve—and what a meeting it turned out to be!

I don't have to tell you, because you know, what happens when we AAs share our experience, strength and hope with one another. Serenity happens...peace prevails. The Promises are fulfilled among us, sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them. And we band of brothers—in green jump suits, blue jeans and flannel shirts—worked for them.

Because it was Christmas Eve, we got extra time on our meeting because the correctional staff was short-handed for the holiday. It was all too beautiful.

Once back in the parking lot, my partner in crime and I wished one another a Merry Christmas and agreed we couldn't have found a better way to spend this night. And don't you know, I went to our church on Christmas Day and got so much more out of it because I had been saved by the bells the night before.

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December Grapevine now available!



Remote Communities and Sober Holidays

This month's feature section is "Remote Communities and Sober Holiday Stories." Members share hopeful stories about alcoholics having trouble reaching AA and the people who do Remote Community service. Plus some wonderful sober holiday stories!

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/>



After-hours Phone Volunteers Needed

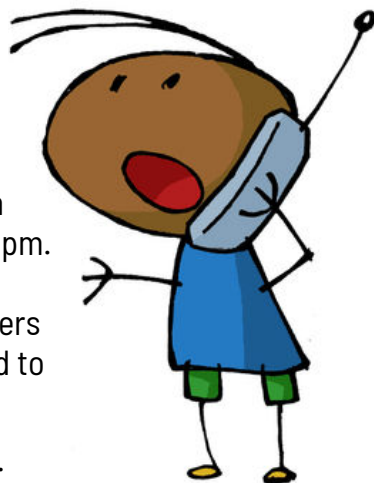
Central Office is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from 1:30pm in the afternoon until 9:30am the next morning. Most nights don't see more than a call or two, rarely after 10 or 11pm. Most callers are interested in meeting information so volunteers should have the internet at hand to access the meeting guide.

One year of sobriety is required.

Information can be found at:

<https://aancmco.org/index.php/about-ncmco/service/>
(scroll down to "After-hours Phone Volunteer")

Or call Central Office at 828-254-8539.



Moonlight Melody



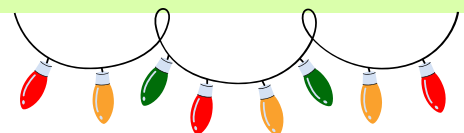
The full moon's light
awakened me.
I left its ivory glowing.
It called me from my bed
to see autumn's meadow flowers growing.
Full moon that also calls the sea
to rise high upon the shore,
somehow, too, is calling me
to be with her once more.
There's a restlessness within.
I feel, somehow, all undone.
There I need begin.
I am a "Moondrawn" one.
The bright moon glow is calling me
to come forth and complete
whatever has been left undone.
Where must I place my feet?
Arising sweetly from my bower
I spend a pleasant moonlit hour
scribbling moonlit melodies.
Moonsong comes bubbling out of me.
I'm called, with you, to converse,
to share this little moonlit verse.

Ocean S., Burnsville, NC - 10/28/2023

Call & Visitor Log October 2023

12 Step Calls - 35
General Info - 2
Family Help - 0
Meeting Info - 15
Central Office Business - 79
Medical/Detox - 0
Visitors - 53
After-hours calls - 59

Visits to aancmco.org/ website:
Unique Visitors - 5,469
Total Visits - 8,772; Visits/Visitor - 1.60
Total Pages - 84,633; Pages/Visit - 9.65



COR/NCMCO Board Meeting

COR/Board meetings are held the second Thursday of odd-numbered months. All A.A. members are welcome to attend but only CORs may vote so we encourage your group to elect a COR. Your input is important to us! The next COR/Board meeting will be **Thursday, January 11, 6:00pm**, via Zoom: Meeting ID: 757 855 2319 Passcode: 000000

We will be selecting a new 12th Step Call Volunteer Coordinator (a Board-appointed position) and electing a new Alternate Chairperson (for the second year of the 2023 term) and a new Secretary (for a 2-year term that begins January 2024.) See page 5 for details of qualifications and duties.

If you are interested in being of service, please attend the next COR/Board meeting. Contact Central Office with any questions: (828) 254-8539; info@ncmco.net

For updated meeting information and Zoom link, check the website: <https://aanmco.org/index.php/events/>



Where to Find Meetings

Printable In-person Meeting Guide



Meetings in all 3 Districts



Meetings in District 70



Meetings in District 71



Meetings in District 80



Cash on Hand as of 10/31/2023

Prudent Reserve
\$16,133.11

Operating Account
\$15,848.57

Rent Deposit - \$400.00

Petty Cash - \$50.00

Profit & Loss YTD

	Oct 2023	Jan-Oct, 2023 (YTD)
Income		
Contributions		
Birthday Contributions		\$117.28
Group Contributions	\$6,871.71	\$29,818.70
Individual Contributions	\$46.40	\$922.82
Total Contributions	\$6,918.11	\$30,858.80
Interest on Money Market	\$1.37	\$13.45
Sales Income		
Literature & merchandise	\$2,478.48	\$25,977.01
Shipping charged to groups	\$41.48	\$652.33
Total Sales Income	\$2,519.96	\$26,629.34
Total Income	\$9,439.44	\$57,501.59
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold		-\$108.17
Credit Card Processing		
PayPal Fee	\$21.22	\$187.48
Total Credit Card Processing	\$21.22	\$187.48
Freight - vendor shipping	\$114.75	\$500.57
Literature & merchandise	\$1,980.21	\$21,442.69
Shipping to groups	\$41.48	\$680.05
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$2,157.66	\$22,702.62
Inventory Shrinkage		\$303.34
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$2,157.66	\$23,005.96
Gross Profit	\$7,281.78	\$34,495.63
Expenses		
ICOAA Conference	\$591.36	\$641.36
Insurance Expense		\$605.00
Office Expenses	\$15.99	\$88.25
Office Supplies	\$275.65	\$858.80
Payroll Expenses		
Gross Salary	\$2,130.00	\$15,580.00
Payroll Taxes (Company)	\$162.96	\$1,191.98
Total Payroll Expenses	\$2,292.96	\$16,771.98
Rent	\$604.00	\$6,040.00
Telephone & Internet		
Office Telephone/Internet	\$76.48	\$1,164.91
Web Expenses		-\$94.23
Total Telephone & Internet	\$76.48	\$1,070.68
Total Expenses	\$3,856.44	\$26,076.07
Net Operating Income	\$3,425.34	\$8,419.56
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Group Contributions:	Oct 2023	YTD
12 & 12 Study Group - 000090348	\$35.00	\$140.00
Acceptance Group 000092265		\$983.50
Agnostics Atheists Free Thinkers Gp - 000092498		\$265.00
As Bill Sees It Group (Franklin) - 000093648	\$20.00	\$65.00
Back To Basics Group - 000094453		\$150.00
Big Town Group - 000096080	\$107.76	\$495.21
Brevard Men's Group - 000096757		\$250.00
Brevard Serenity Group - 000096758		\$340.00
Bryson City Group - 000097273		\$156.00
Burnsville Group - 000235484		\$75.00
BYOC - Bring Your Own Coffee Group - 000409871		\$150.00
Candler K.I.S.S. Group - 000098073	\$114.00	\$464.50
Cashiers Valley Group - 000098360	\$567.29	\$1,340.23
Cedar Mountain Group - 000098480		\$121.00
Columbus Group - 000099696		\$0.00
Common Sense Group - 000099801	\$150.00	\$450.00
Conscious Contact Group - 000099980	\$325.00	\$1,156.00
Cullowhee Valley Group - 000100669		\$210.00
Cumberland Group - 000100676		\$230.00
Daily Decisions Group - 000100743	\$351.15	\$2,896.82
Day By Day Group - 000101059	\$124.31	\$452.89
St. Johns Early Bird Group - 000078454		\$327.00
Fellowship Group (Fletcher) - 000104116	\$360.00	\$1,680.00
Fireside Group - 000027641		\$171.73
Good Livers Group - 000107590		\$400.00
Grace Group (Asheville) - 000107789		\$1,273.10
Hendersonville Group - 000110033		\$399.00
Hendersonville Men's Group - 000044576		\$200.00
H'ville Women's Big Book Step Study Group - 000110036	\$228.17	\$403.17
Hey Girl, Surrender Group - 000392207		\$150.00
It's In the Book Group - 000260106		\$150.00
Joy Of Living Group - 000112527		\$424.50
Lambda Group - 000007190		\$64.00
Liars Club	\$89.00	\$553.00
Lost and Found Group 000427291	\$82.25	\$182.25
Love & Tolerance Group - 000015029		\$75.00
Maggie Valley Group - 000016476		\$550.00
Mars Hill Group - 000017945		\$160.00
Marshall Group - 000017982		\$210.00
Mens Attitude Adjustment Group 000020095		\$285.00
Micaville 12 & 12	\$100.00	\$200.00
Hendersonville Midday Group - 000110035		\$60.00
The Open Meeting Group - 000418805		\$140.30
Mountainview Group - 000027730		\$295.27
Newcomers Group - Flat Rock		\$40.00
New Freedom Group - 000032374	\$265.00	\$415.00
Noontime Big Book Study Group - 000409637		\$72.40
The Out To Lunch Bunch Group - 000408968	\$200.00	\$600.00
Phoenix Group - 000049062	\$72.00	\$228.00
Practicing Principles Group - 000051260	\$5.05	\$36.32
Recovery By The River Group - 000055540	\$101.67	\$259.46
Round Table Group - 000059337		\$70.00
Safe And Sound Womens Group - 000060517	\$97.95	\$516.92
Saturday Morning Men's Meeting	\$75.00	\$600.00
Serenity Service Group - 000068387	\$268.27	\$692.60
Sober Sisters Group (Blk Mtn) - 000073208		\$438.50
Sober Sisters Group (Burnsville) - 000460489	\$100.00	\$200.00
Solutions Group - 000074739	\$502.71	\$502.71
South Asheville Literature Group - 000075329		\$75.00
Spiritual Fitness Group - 000076890		\$50.00
Spruce Pine Group - 000077533		\$225.00
Spruce Pine Saturday Morning Group - 000379649		\$116.00
Total Surrender Group - 000010020		\$264.00
Traditional Group - 000010438	\$182.93	\$932.93
Tuesday Night Men's Group - 000013982		\$93.00
Waynesville Grace Group - 000022141	\$2,347.20	\$3,654.39
We Think Not Group - 000025928		\$30.00
West Asheville Group - 000030473		\$20.00
Women of Courage Group - 000036989		\$642.00
Young Peoples Group - 000042150		\$300.00
Total Group Contributions:	\$6,871.71	\$29,818.70

Contributions

Individual Contributions:	Oct 2023	YTD
Anonymous	\$11.40	\$238.78
Beverly B.		\$130.00
Judy M.		\$84.00
Kay G.		\$30.00
Nancy B.		\$10.04
Shannon K.	\$25.00	\$250.00
Sheila D.		\$80.00
In Memory of B.G.	\$10.00	\$100.00
Total Individual Contributions:	\$46.40	\$922.82

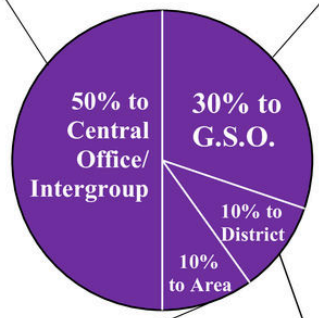
Birthday Contributions:	Oct 2023	YTD
Anonymous		\$34.28
Pam C.		\$40.00
Sandra F.		\$38.00
Keith F.S.		\$5.00
Total Birthday Contributions:	\$0.00	\$117.28

Total Contributions:	\$6,918.11	\$30,858.80
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Suggestions & Addresses for sending Donations to the A.A. Service Structure* Revised for 2023

* From the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix." Recommendations for other percentages are also in the pamphlet.

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Central Office Board Positions Open

Central Office is looking to fill three Board positions: Alternate Chair (now open since John D, the previous Alternate Chair, stepped up to take over the Chair position starting in January 2024. Thank you, John!), Secretary, and 12th Step Call Volunteer Coordinator. Below are the responsibilities and requirements for each position. If you are interested, please attend the next COR/Board meeting, **Thursday, January 11 at 6:00pm**, via zoom. For updated meeting information and Zoom link, check the website: <https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/>

Alternate Chair (second year of the 2023 term)

1. Shall perform the duties of the Chairperson when requested by the Chairperson or in the case of their absence or inability to act, and shall preferably be interested in rotating to the Chairperson position if it becomes vacant.
2. Shall perform other duties as occasionally assigned.
3. Shall have at least five years' continuous sobriety at the time of taking office.
4. Shall attend Central Office Board and General Committee meetings.

Secretary (2-year term that begins January 2024)

1. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and others as assigned.
2. Shall attend and take minutes of all COR General Committee and Central Office Board meetings and have copies available at the Central Office's customary place of business within 14 days after the meeting.
3. Shall follow the Alternate Chair in line of succession to the Chair at board meetings.
4. Shall have at least five years' continuous sobriety at the time of taking office.

12th Step Call Volunteer Coordinator (a Board-appointed position)

1. Has responsibility for maintaining the 12th Step Call Volunteer List.
2. Recruits new volunteers.
3. Works with the office manager to keep the 12th Step Call Volunteer List information current.
4. Attends Board and General Committee meetings as a voting member.
5. Shall have at least three years of continuous sobriety.
6. The suggested term will be three years.

Contact Central Office with any questions: 828-254-8539; info@ncmco.net



Special Meetings and Events



NOTE: For updates, please check the specific event websites, or <https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/>



Ongoing... Bowling Fridays @ Sky Lanes. Hang out with fellow A.A.s, bowl a game or two, and have some fun! **Every Friday at 1:30pm.** Sky Lanes, 1477 Patton Ave, Asheville 28806. See flyer for more information.

The History Roundup. December 1-3. A weekend celebrating the History of Alcoholics Anonymous. Landmark Resort, 1501 S. Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. To reserve your room with the group rate, contact the hotel directly at (855) 338-0226 and mention "History Roundup" for the group rate. For more information, see flyer or visit their website: <https://thehistoryroundup.com/>



2nd Annual CPC & PI Conference. December 2-3, 10:00am-3:00pm. REGISTER NOW: <https://bit.ly/CPCPI2023>. Registrants (those who complete the Registration Form) will receive the Meeting ID and Password a few days before the event. See flyer for more details. Questions? Email: cpcpiconferencechair@gmail.com



3rd Annual Holiday Celebration for Recovery. Sunday, December 10, 6:00-8:00pm. Hosted by Wednesday Women's AA BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee) Group. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 20 Oak St, Asheville 28801. Entrance at double glass doors on Oak St. This will be a closed AA meeting for women and will feature two speakers and lots of fellowship! See flyer for more information.

Christmas Celebration AVL12. Monday, December 25. Food and fellowship 1:30-6:00pm; meetings before and after, at 12:30pm and 6:00pm. Please bring a covered dish, friends & family. 1 Kenilworth Knolls #4, Asheville 28805. See flyer.

Southern States Women's Conference. January 26-28.

Hyatt Riverfront Jacksonville, 225 E Coastline Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32202. For more information, see flyer or visit their website: <https://southernstateswomensconference.org/>



60th International Women's Conference. February 8-11.

Portland, ME. In-person conference is already sold out! To register for virtual conference, visit their website: <https://internationalwomensconference.org/>



Stepping Into Serenity Women's Conference. February 23-25.

Doubletree by Hilton, 407 Chestnut St, Chattanooga, TN 37402. For more information, see flyer or visit their website: <https://steppingintoserenity.org/>



Tri-District Service Rally. Saturday, May 4, 9:00am-3:00pm.

Hosted by NCMCO and Districts 70, 71 & 80. A day of fellowship and fun. Food, panels, speakers, entertainment, inspiration and more! Covenant Community Church, 11 Rocket Dr, Asheville 28803. Contact Joe at technology@ashevilleaa.org or NCMCO at 828-254-8539.

NC Area 51 Events: <https://aanorthcarolina.org/events/>



GSO in New York: For events around the country and the world, as well as great information, go to: <https://www.aa.org/> and Box 459: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-36_fall2023.pdf



The Service Express

District 70

GSR Business Meeting – held the 2nd Sunday of the month. There will not be a meeting in December; the next meeting will be **Sunday, January 14, 2:30pm**, via Zoom – Meeting ID: 933 8500 3069; Passcode: 672458. For updates go to the District website: <https://ashevilleaa.org/calendar/>



District Service Committees. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee, please attend the next GSR Business Meeting.

Accessibilities Committee – Chairperson is Scott S. Want to make sure your A.A. group is accessible to all who want to attend? Contact Scott at access@ashevilleaa.org for an Accessibilities Checklist.

Archives Committee needs you! Chairperson is Dennis H. The Archives Committee wants A.A. members to help compile a complete list of group histories, record interviews with old-timers, and collect classic A.A. literature. It's fun AND it's service work! For more information, contact Dennis at archives@ashevilleaa.org

CPC/PI Committee – Chairperson is George M; Tom W is Co-chair. These are two separate service committees – “Cooperation with the Professional Community” and “Public Information”. The CPC Committee visits schools, businesses, and community meetings to speak about A.A. Volunteers for area events are needed for health clinics and DUI classes to name a few. The PI Committee provides accurate A.A. information to the public and media when requested. For more information, contact George or Tom at cpc-pi@ashevilleaa.org.

Corrections Committee – In District 70, A.A. meetings are being taken into Buncombe County (Asheville), Yancey County (Burnsville), Western Correctional Center for Women (Black Mountain), Craggy (Asheville), Marion (Marion), Avery-Mitchell (Spruce Pine), and Mountain View (Spruce Pine). If you would like to be of service in corrections, contact Tammy Z, the Women's Corrections Chair at corrections_women@ashevilleaa.org. District 70 is in need of a Men's Corrections Chair. If you are interested in this service position, please attend the next GSR meeting. In the interim both women and men can contact Tammy Z.

Literature and Grapevine Committee – Chair position is open. The focus of the committee is to ensure that A.A. literature and Grapevines are available to all groups, service meetings, and other A.A. events. Through displays, supplies of A.A. catalogs and order forms, and A.A. workshops, these volunteers help A.A. members and other committees to carry the A.A. message through our literature. If you are interested in volunteering, please attend the next GSR meeting.

Treatment Facilities Committee – Chairperson is Mike. He can be reached at treatment@ashevilleaa.org. It's all about bringing the message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities and to set up means of “bridging the gap” from the facility to an A.A. group. For more information, please attend the next GSR Meeting.

“Bridging the Gap” (with treatment facilities) – This is a Temporary Contact Program, which is designed to help the alcoholic in a treatment facility make that transition from “inside” the program to life on the “outside”. They particularly need women volunteers and still need a Bridging the Gap Co-Chair. If you are interested in volunteering, please attend the next GSR meeting. To connect with Avery L, the Bridging the Gap Chair, email him at bridgingthegap@ashevilleaa.org. For more information on Bridging the Gap and upcoming events, visit the website: www.btgww.org.



District 71

GSR Business Meeting – held on the 2nd Saturday of the month. All their meetings are now in person. The next meeting will be **Saturday, December 9, 8:30am**, at the Hendersonville Group building, 1624 Willow Rd, Hendersonville, NC 28739. All A.A. members are welcome! Check their website for meeting updates and links: <https://www.nc71.org/>



There are numerous service opportunities with Bridging the Gap and Treatment, and they need more volunteers for the jails. The DCM, Alternate DCM, and Web Admin will be rotating out in December so those positions will need to be filled. They also still need Chairpersons for Corrections, Treatment and Bridging the Gap, CPC/PI, and several other Committees. See website for information on these positions. If you have any questions, contact Liz G, DCM, or Annette K, Alt. DCM, through the website: <https://www.nc71.org/contact>



District 80

GSR Business Meeting – held quarterly. The next meeting will be **Sunday, January 14, 1:00pm**. This will be a hybrid meeting with zoom capability as well as an in-person meeting. Hopefully it will be held at the WCU Campus again. More details and information to follow in January.

The proposal to divide District 80 into four sub-districts and be represented by a LCM (Local Committee Member) did not have substantial unanimity at the October meeting and was tabled. Further discussion and consideration will take place in January. All GSRs are encouraged to bring this matter before their groups and carry their “Informed Group Conscience” to the next District Meeting. For more information go to the District 80 website: <http://aawnc80.com/events>



The Tri-District planning committee has set the date of **May 4** for the **Spring “Service Rally”**. Complete details and service opportunities will be announced in the near future.

Appalachian Community Services Center located at 91 Timberlane Rd, Balsam, has A.A. meetings every Monday and Wednesday at 6:00pm and every other Saturday at 5:30pm, with one volunteer allowed in per meeting. If you would like more information about volunteering, call or email Central Office: 828-254-8539; info@ncmco.net

The **Murphy Intergroup** has closed and a new Intergroup serving much of Southwestern North Carolina and North Georgia has opened in Blairsville, GA, under the name **AA Mountain Intergroup**. For more information and upcoming events see their website: <https://aamountainintergroup.org/>

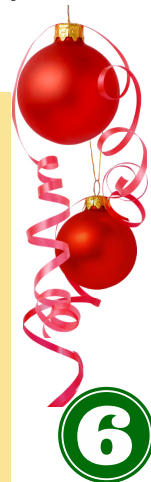
Does Your Group Have a New GSR or Alternate GSR?

District Registrars keep GSO informed of group changes. Contact your group's District Registrar by email or through the District website:

District 70: Email: registrar@ashevilleaa.org

District 71: Use the form at: <https://www.nc71.org/meeting-change-form>

District 80: Email: webmaster@aawnc80.com





Happy Anniversary!



Acceptance Group

Judy C.	12-10-1988	35 yrs
Cathy C.	12-11-2017	6 yrs
Don S.	12-13-1993	30 yrs
Bill W.	12-13-2019	4 yrs
Jack B.	12-14-1982	41 yrs
Mark F.	12-15-2022	1 yr
Carolyn B.	12-17-1993	30 yrs
Nick M.	12-19-2016	7 yrs
Perry C.	12-20-1986	37 yrs
Tom G.	12-22-2002	21 yrs

Back to Basics Group - Weaverville

Steve R.	12-11-2018	5 yrs
Stacie S.J.	12-14-2019	4 yrs
Tom H.	12-19-1975	48 yrs
Mary M.	12-30-2020	3 yrs

Black Mountain Group

Dean F.	12-18-2006	17 yrs
Bill C.	12-24-1989	34 yrs
Hans P.	12-26-2015	8 yrs
Jeff H.	12-31-2016	7 yrs

Candlelight Group

Matt H.	12-31-2015	8 yrs
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Conscious Contact

Mitch A.	12-13-2018	5 yrs
Margaret Grace A.	12-21-2020	3 yrs

Cumberland Group

Joey K.	12-08-2008	15 yrs
Lynne K.	12-16-2008	15 yrs
Gene K.	12-22-1986	37 yrs

Daily Decisions Group

Karen C.	12-02-2022	1 yr
Caleb T.	12-26-2019	4 yrs

Fellowship Group

Nan L.	12-02-1988	35 yrs
Gary S.	12-05-2019	4 yrs
George K.	12-14-1971	52 yrs
Randine A.	12-26-2017	6 yrs

Good Livers Group

Doug M.	12-01-1985	38 yrs
Jon P.	12-23-2003	20 yrs

Grace Group

Jim H.	12-01-1982	41 yrs
Bill C.	12-07-1987	36 yrs
Mickey S.	12-09-2019	4 yrs
Annie M.	12-09-2020	3 yrs
Jonathan L.	12-09-2020	3 yrs
Judy H.	12-10-1988	35 yrs
Barbara K.	12-10-2018	5 yrs
Rebecca B.	12-10-2019	4 yrs
Bob W.	12-15-1985	38 yrs
Carter M.	12-17-2006	17 yrs
Sarah M.	12-23-2021	2 yrs
Carol N.	12-28-2010	13 yrs

Hendersonville Group

Patty W.	12-01-2007	16 yrs
Dylan I.	12-04-2022	1 yr
Keith R.	12-05	
MaryJo L.	12-08-2000	23 yrs
Cat D.	12-20-2022	1 yr
Chris K.	12-25-1985	38 yrs
Nik P.	12-29-2022	1 yr

Hendersonville Men's Group

Joe B.	12-09-1989	34 yrs
John O.	12-14-2018	5 yrs
Robert K.	12-15-2016	7 yrs
Tom G.	12-20-2016	7 yrs
Rick A.	12-22-2019	4 yrs
Ron S.	12-24-2015	8 yrs
Steve W.	12-27-1998	25 yrs

Lambda Group

Gretchen M.	12-25-2020	3 yrs
George M.	12-26-2017	6 yrs
Mark L.	12-27-2014	9 yrs
Jody C.	12-29-1987	36 yrs

Leicester Group

Jo R.	12-30-2007	16 yrs
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Library Group

Bryan D.	12-08-2016	7 yrs
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Mars Hill Group

Tammy T.	12-27-2010	13 yrs
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Motley Crew/Columbus

Judy H.	12-31-1989	34 yrs
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One Day At A Time Group - Rutherfordton

Marie K.	12-10-1992	31 yrs
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Serenity Seekers - Marion

Donnie D.	12-07-2019	4 yrs
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Sober Sisters Group - Burnsville

Jody L.	12-10-2000	23 yrs
Toren T.	12-31-1984	39 yrs

Total Surrender Group

Lindsey H.	12-14-2021	2 yrs
Sarah B.	12-17-2021	2 yrs
Wes W.	12-17-2021	2 yrs
Fred C.	12-28-1987	36 yrs
Chad C.	12-30-2021	2 yrs

Traditional Group

Dennis T.	12-25-1980	43 yrs
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West Asheville Group

Mike L.	12-29-2017	6 yrs
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Women of Courage Group

Ronna D.	12-07-1985	38 yrs
Jo R.	12-07-2013	10 yrs
Genevieve B.	12-08-2012	11 yrs
Danielle K.	12-17-2021	2 yrs
Velma L.	12-19-2022	1 yr

Women's Big Book Step Study Group

Linda F.	12-12-1986	37 yrs
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Young Peoples Group

Garrett J.	12-15-2015	8 yrs
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The Birthday Plan

For many years, A.A. members have celebrated their sobriety by sending a contribution to the General Service Office. Your birthday (or anniversary) money helps to support G.S.O.'s services to members and groups throughout Canada and the U.S., to ensure that the A.A. message is carried around the world. The services that G.S.O. provides the A.A. groups cost more than \$6 per member per year. Members customarily contribute \$1, \$2 or even \$5 a year for each year of sobriety—others may give a penny or a nickel a day for each day of their sobriety. You may request these Birthday Contribution Envelopes (FR-5) from G.S.O., for yourself or for your group, at no charge.

(Reprinted from Box 4-5-9 Vol. 62, No.1 / Spring 2016)

Birthday Contribution Envelopes from G.S.O. are available for free at Central Office.

We also have envelopes for sending Birthday Contributions to the Central Office!

Stop by the Office to pick up envelopes for yourself or your group members. Or call us (828-254-8539) and we will mail envelopes to you. We thank all the A.A. members and groups who donate so generously!



Need to update your Group's anniversary list? Call Central Office: 828-254-8539 or send a new list to: info@ncmco.net The January newsletter deadline for sending in anniversaries and announcements is December 15.



Does your group have a

COR?

(Central Office Representative)

What are Central Office Representatives?

What are their duties?

Central Office Reps (CORs) and their relationship with Central Office are similar to General Service Reps (GSRs) and their relationship to A.A. General Service Districts. CORs are responsible for voting their group's conscience at COR/Board meetings and for bringing to the NCMCO Board any concerns of their home group.

In addition to this, CORs keep their groups informed about what Central Office is doing. They participate in the bimonthly COR/Board meetings on the 2nd Thursday of odd-numbered months (January, March, May, July, September, December) where they share their home group's experiences in carrying the A.A. message and express how they feel NCMCO might better serve the A.A. community in Western North Carolina.

The NCMCO Board is interested in your feedback. Take our inventory!

What are we doing well? What can we improve upon?

How can we serve Districts 70, 71 and 80 more effectively?

What might we do to draw more participation from groups?

Please send your feedback to: info@ncmco.net

Better yet, attend the next bimonthly COR/Board meeting on Zoom.

See the Central Office website for details:

<https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/>

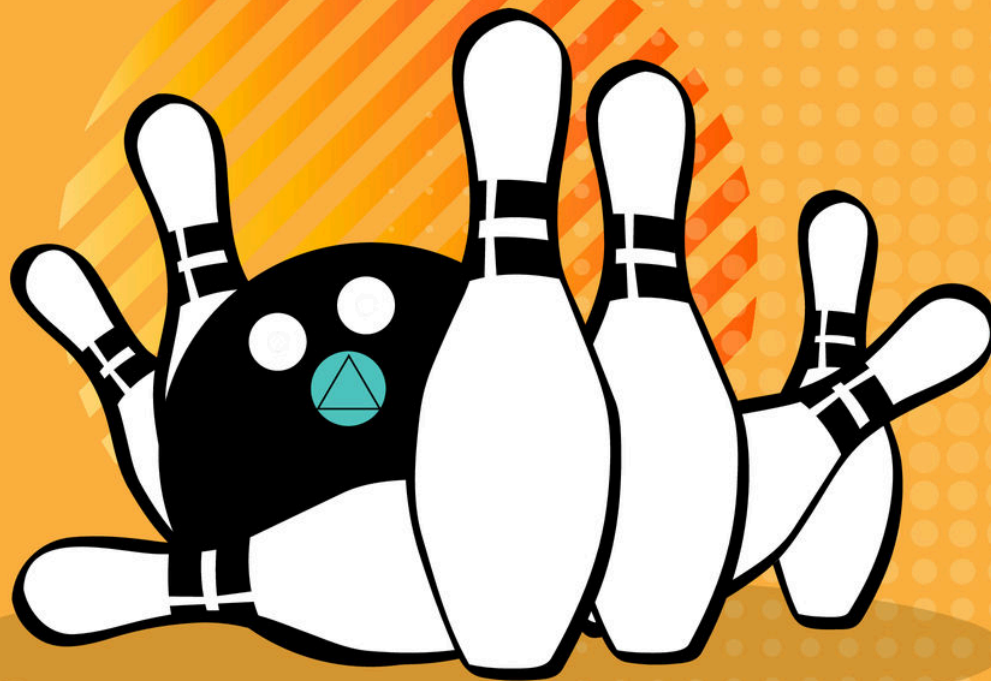
(They have great food too!)

Bowling



FRIDAYS @ SKY LANES

Hang out with fellow AAs, bowl a game or two, and have some fun! Ask for Joyce or Jeanette at the counter.



WHERE?

Sky Lanes
1477 Patton Ave
Asheville

WHAT TIME?

Every Friday
at 1:30PM

HOW MUCH?

\$5 per game
\$3 shoe rental

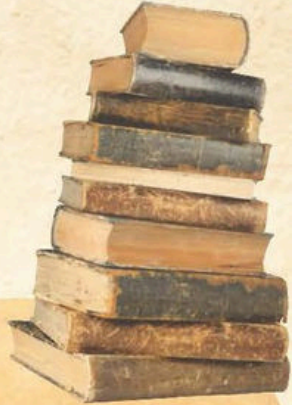
THE HISTORY ROUNDUP



Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

December 1-3, 2023

A weekend celebrating the
History of Alcoholics Anonymous



Featured Presenters

Mike F. - Aurora, CO

- Friends of Bill & Lois -
855 Ardmore

Kathleen CH. - Dallas, TX

- Contributions of Men &
Women of Religion
- The History of AA Pioneer
Women

Nancy K. - Galt, CA

- Women of the Big Book (2-Part Series)

Gary N. - Lilburn, GA

- Bobby B. The Untold Story of AA's 'Fantastic
Communicator'
- King Charles of NYC: How a 19th Century
Georgia Boy Became a Manhattan based
Sovereign Authority on Alcohol & Drug
Treatment



REGISTRATION: \$40 in Advance | \$45 at the door

Register Online at thehistoryroundup.com or by mail (Complete form below)

Make Checks Payable to & Mail Registration to:

The History Roundup, 1413 Hwy 17 South, #723, Surfside Beach, SC 29575

Hotel Information | Landmark Resort | 1501 S Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC

Call 855-338-0226 (weekdays from 9am-9pm. For Special Rate, mention "History Roundup")

Special Room Rate applies only to Thursday Night thru Saturday Night. Deadline for Special Rate ends 11/3/23

Any questions, call or email Beth H | 843-222-6527 | bethhuntl@gmail.com

REGISTRATION | \$40.00

Name _____

Email _____

Phone# _____

Badge Info:

Name on Badge _____

Group or City _____




THE 2ND ANNUAL CPC & PI CONFERENCE

SAVE & SHARE THE DATE & ATTEND

DECEMBER 2-3, 2023 | 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM PST

REGISTER NOW: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/CPCPI2023](https://bit.ly/CPCPI2023)

If you missed last year, you heard from others in PI and CPC that this was a conference not to miss. If you attended last year, you learned a lot!

- Please share the flyers and <https://bit.ly/CPCPI2023> for registration with your  webmaster to post on your website.
- Registrants (those who complete the Registration Form) will receive the Meeting ID and Password a few days before the event.
- The event is free to attendees and communication is in English; oral translation is not provided. Captioning in English, French and Spanish has been requested.
- This event is being held with Al-Anon

Presentations include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AAWS Comprehensive Media Plan• New technologies• Diversity and inclusion• Managing public meetings• 2022 Membership Survey• Social media• Intergroups and Central Offices | Working with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schools, educators, and students• The courts and legal professionals• Healthcare professionals• Traditional media• Faith leaders• Al-Anon |
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Karen S., Conference Chair

David B., Program Chair

cpcpiconferencechair@gmail.com

Third Annual Holiday Celebration for Recovery!



Sunday, December 10
6pm – 8pm

First Congregational United Church of Christ
20 Oak Street, Asheville, NC 28801

Entrance at double glass doors on Oak Street!

All women in recovery are invited to a holiday recovery meeting on December 10 from 6pm to 8pm. This will be a closed AA meeting for women and will feature two speakers and lots of fellowship! Join us beginning at 6pm for yummy savory and sweet treats and hot coffee and tea. (If you are inspired, you are welcome to bring something to share!)

The meeting will take place in the fellowship hall at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 20 Oak Street, Asheville, NC 28801. Doors open at 6pm and the meeting starts at 7pm.

Hosted by the Wednesday Women's AA BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee) Group

Get ready for a wonderful

Christmas Celebration AVL12

Food and Fellowship 1:30pm to 6:00pm
Meetings before and after at 12:30pm & 6:00pm

PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH, FRIENDS & FAMILY

December 25, 2023

1 KENILWORTH KNOLLS #4, ASHEVILLE, NC 28805





Southern States Women's Conference

January 26-28, 2024

Debbie D. (Concord, CA)	Steps 1 & 2
Sharon C. (Los Angeles, CA)	Step 3
Michalene (Escondido, California)	Steps 4 & 5
Amanda B. (Montgomery, AL)	Steps 6 & 7
Juanita U. (Santa Fe, New Mexico)	Alanon
Tina A. (Hollister, CA)	Steps 8 & 9
Mildred F. (Toronto, ON)	Steps 10 & 11
Mary T. (Tampa, FL)	Step 12
schedule subject to change	

First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Address _____
 City & State _____ Email _____
 Phone _____ Program: AA___ Al-Anon___ Alateen___
 Check here if you would like to volunteer at the conference: _____

Please make check for **\$40** per registration, payable to Southern States Women's Conference and send to:
Southern States Women's Conference
P.O. Box 35100
Elmwood Park, IL 60707

Please let us know if you need assistance with accessibility (hearing, vision, and/or physical disability)

\$40 Early registration price online at southernstateswomensconference.org/registration or use QR code



ASL Interpreter Provided

Hyatt Riverfront Jacksonville
 225 E Coastline Drive
 Jacksonville, FL 32202
 Mention SSWC for conference pricing
 904-588-1234

2024

60th International Women's Conference

VIRTUAL!

INTERNATIONALWOMENSCONFERENCE.ORG



February 8-11, 2024
Live from Portland, Maine

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS broadcast to you from Portland, Maine
ENTERTAINMENT and fellowship Friday and Saturday nights

HYBRID PANELS: Attend select panels as they happen live

EXCLUSIVE online panels & workshops for attendees

OPPORTUNITIES to be of service to other sober women

\$15

Registration

<https://internationalwomensconference.org/>



Questions? IWCPORTLAND24@GMAIL.COM

STEPPING INTO SERENITY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 23-25, 2024 CHATTANOOGA, TN



Hotel Info:

Doubletree by Hilton
407 Chestnut Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402
423-756-5150

Room Rates: \$121.00
Reservation Code: SIS
Reserve by: 01/23/2024



SPEAKERS

Jennifer D. Wilmington, NC	Step 1
Mari G. Markham, Canada	Step 2 & 3
Judith R. Bismark, ND	Step 4 & 5
Amy D. Louisville, KY	Step 6 & 7
Leslie S. Atlanta, GA	Step 8 & 9
Jessica J. Georgetown, TX	Step 10 & 11
Brenda J. Mckinney, TX	Step 12
Diane A. Nashville, TN	Alanon



Registration: \$30 until January 1st, 2024

At the Door: \$35 after January 1st, 2024

Please make check or money order to "SIS" and mail to

Stepping Into Serenity

P.O. Box 21203

Chattanooga, TN 37424

www.steppingintoserenity.org



AA Alanon Volunteer ASL
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
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STORY SOLICITATION

"Do You Think You're Different?" Pamphlet Update
Deadline for submissions: April 30, 2024

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/5a77c27d179d4856b32eed86b01e3426>

The trustees Literature Committee is seeking stories from AA members with diverse backgrounds. This is in response to the 2022 Conference Advisory Action that the trustees' Literature Committee revise the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?" to update the stories to represent greater diversity.

The Trustees' Literature Committee requested that consideration be given to stories from multicultural populations, stories from A.A. members whose experience reflects multiple factors, and from diverse populations not addressed in other current A.A. literature.

Please encourage members in your area to write their personal stories for possible inclusion in the revised pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different." Stories should reflect "in a general way what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now."

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 500-800 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 your manuscript. 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.

Instructions for submitting your manuscript:

Deadline: Please submit on or before **April 30, 2024**

Submit your story by following this link:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/5a77c27d179d4856b32eed86b01e3426>



Additional ways of sending your story:

Email: pamphletstories@aa.org

Subject Line: "Do You Think You're Different?"

Postal Mail: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

On the envelope: The word "Pamphlet" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

Thank you for your participation in the process!



Tri-District Service Rally

**SAVE
THE**

Date



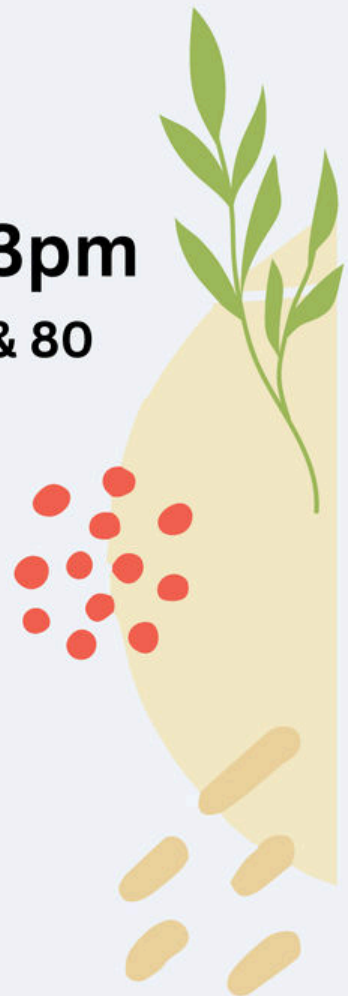
SATURDAY MAY 4TH, 9am-3pm

Hosted by NCMCO and Districts 70, 71 & 80

**Covenant Community Church
11 Rocket Dr.
Asheville, NC**

A day of fellowship and fun. Food, panels, speakers, entertainment, inspiration, education, and service opportunities galore!

Please Contact Joe @
technology@ashevilleaa.org
or NCMCO (828) 254-8539



Area 51 Spring Committee & Assembly Meeting

May 17-19, 2024

LAKE JUNALUSKA CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

91 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

ADVANCE HOTEL INFORMATION

Deadline for Reservations: Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Group Name: NCGSCAA Assembly Meeting

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2tjuajbr>

Terrace Hotel Room Rates: \$152.00 Single/Double, \$172.00 Triple, \$192.00 Quad

Lambuth Inn Room Rates: \$132.00 Single/Double, \$147.00 Triple, \$162.00 Quad

11% room tax will be added.

PLEASE SEE THE BACK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AND THE MEAL PLAN

Phone: 800-222-4930, ext. 1

Website: www.lakejunaluska.com

For Best Results:

- PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!!
- Call as soon as possible but before the deadline. It's easier to cancel a reservation than to get one at the last minute!
- Please note, once the rooms in our block sell out, it's unlikely there will be other rooms left in the hotel.
- Specify the group name "NCGSCAA Assembly Meeting."
- Be sure to get a confirmation number.
- If you have ANY trouble with Room Rate or Availability, please contact Greg K., the Area Chairperson, at chair@aanorthcarolina.org.

**Thank you for your service and support of Area 51.
See you at the Spring Committee and Assembly Meeting!**

Additional Information for our stay at Lake Junaluska:

- The Terrace Hotel is across the street from our meeting venue in the Harrell Center; the Lambuth Inn is farther away. It is a 10- to 15-minute walk between Lambuth and Harrell, involving a long hill. There is a trolley and a mini shuttle.
- **Optional Meal Plan:** If you would like to eat on site, there is a meal plan available. The options are: 3 meals for \$49.50 + tax/service fees (Sat Lunch, Sat Dinner; Sun Breakfast) or 5 meals for \$82.50 + tax/service fees (Fri Dinner; Sat Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner; Sunday Breakfast). You will need to order the meal plan when you make your reservation. There will not be tickets available onsite the weekend we are there.
- **Check in/Check out:** Check in will be available at 4:00 PM on the arrival day at the **Bethea Welcome Center located at 91 N Lakeshore Drive** (first building on your left as you enter from Highway 19); check out will be at 11:00 AM on the departure day.
- The discounted room rates are available for two days pre and post our event, based on availability, if you would like to plan a long weekend in the mountains.
- **Commuters:** For people attending our meeting, but not staying at Lake Junaluska, there is a \$5.00 per person per day commuter fee.
- **Cancellations:** There will be a \$15.00 per person charge for cancellations occurring more than 15 days prior to arrival. No refunds will be given for cancellations occurring within 15 days of arrival.

Why staying at our host hotel is important:

The hotels that host Area 51 events typically charge for meeting space based on how many guest rooms our attendees occupy. For every Assembly, Committee Meeting, and Convention, Area 51 has a contract that specifies the number of guest rooms the hotel will “block” for our use. If we fill at least 80% of our room block, our meeting space is *discounted about 70%*. Otherwise, the Area will be charged for rooms until we reach the 80% threshold. Free meeting space is what Area 51 budgets and what we usually achieve. However, more than once we have come up short and paid a steep price.

Area 51 makes every effort to negotiate the most favorable room rates possible. But budget hotels don't have the kind of meeting space we require, and space in larger venues is expensive. The willingness of individuals to attend Area events and to book their rooms at our host hotel is essential in making Area events affordable at all. So please attend the Area events if you can and stay at the host hotel using the group code and name whenever possible. If there is an extra cost, please consider it as a contribution to Area 51—a small sacrifice for our “common welfare,” so we can continue meeting and working together to fulfill our Primary Purpose as an Area.

“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.”

Thank you for your service in Area 51!

**Please direct all
communications to:**

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

October 20, 2023

Dear A.A Friends,

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, it presented numerous challenges to our fellowship. As groups and members were finding new ways to meet and interact, the General Service Office (GSO) quickly moved to a virtual environment. This transition came with some challenges, especially since GSO had recently adopted a new automation system. While transitioning to new systems is never easy, the move to a virtual office made things even more challenging. Nonetheless, we have made great strides in working through these challenges.

One of the challenges was the suspension of printing the AAWS Highlights newsletter. However, we are excited to announce that the [AAWS Highlights](#) are back in production and in a better and enhanced format! This new enhanced format supports consistent communication between the General Service Board and the Fellowship.

As the chair of the AAWS Board and the General Manager of GSO, we have collaborated closely to refine our reporting process to the General Service Board. The chair report covers the "Business of the Board," including details from the various committees of AAWS. The General Manager report covers "What's Happening at GSO," summarizing the information provided by the department reports to the Board in a clear and concise manner. The exact reporting format and content that we report to the General Service Board will be the same as the Highlights.


We will be distributing the Highlights after each meeting to keep the fellowship informed of the latest developments and decisions of the AAWS Board and General Service Office. The process for the first release took some time as we crafted it to ensure its quality and relevance. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work towards providing you with the best possible updates.

We appreciate your trust in us and are grateful for the valuable service you provide.

In loving fellowship,



Cathi Clark
AAWS Board Chair



Bob Wilcox
General Manager, GSO

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communications to:**

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March 15, 2023

TO: Members of the General Service Conference; Intergroups and Central Offices, U.S./Canada

FROM: Sandra W., 2025 International Convention Interim Coordinator
Email: 2025ic@aa.org

Warm greetings from the General Service Office in New York!

This is a friendly reminder regarding setting up future local events for 2025, the year that the 2025 International Convention will be held in Vancouver, BC, Canada, July 3-6, 2025.

“Reflecting guidance from the Additional Consideration of the 1999 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums, the trustees’ Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums suggested that the area/state/provincial committees be made aware that experience has shown that planning a local A.A. event such as a convention, too near the dates of an International Convention may result in a smaller attendance at the local event; this notice to be sent out annually starting three years prior to each International Convention.”

Once again, if you would pass this information on to any local or regional planning committees who may be setting up future events for 2025, we would appreciate your cooperation.