

### EDITOR'S CORNER

We may not feel it sometimes, but if we are recovered we can honestly say we have continued to practice the principles in all our affairs. We know we're wrong sometimes, maybe a lot of times if you're like me, but we continue to take personal inventory and admit when we're wrong. We continue in service to keep ourselves somewhat sane, and more importantly we continue so A.A. will be there for others. We continue to pray, we continue to take phone calls, plan events, call our sponsors, show up when and where we are needed, and do a thousand other things that we never imagined we would enjoy but

somehow we do, especially after we've done them. If you're reading this, thank you for continuing this far, there is a lot better stuff to read in this issue than what I have to say here. Adrienne L. has some words of wisdom on Step 10 and I've pulled a few other articles from our archives for the article on Tradition 10 and Concept 10.

Happy reading,  
Mike D.

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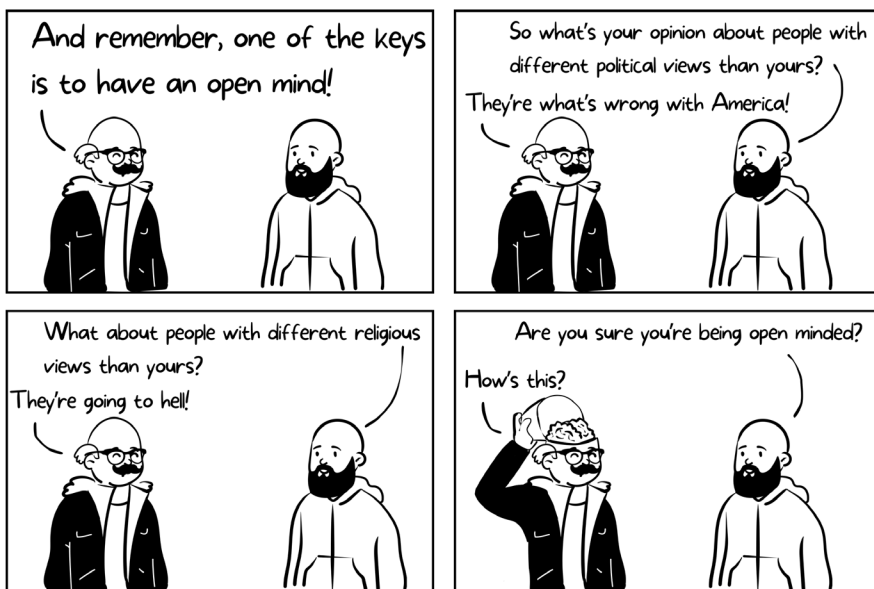


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### Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues, but boy do alcoholics have opinions!



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# What Your Sobriety Birthday Says About You...

## January

You decided Dry January was going to be a fun challenge and ended up discovering you have a mental and physical obsession only a God of your Understanding could relieve.

*Lucky Step: Step 8*

## February

Finally had enough crying and complaining from your friends and family about how you ruined the holidays once again. Started going to meetings and discovered life could have meaning again.

*Lucky Step: Step 11*

## March

You definitely went to rehab thinking it was going to be just like a free vacation from work. You wind up connecting with your future sponsor (who likes to bring meetings up there). God gave you the ability to pay attention that day.

*Lucky Step: Step 6*

## April

From April Fool's to 4/20, people held their breath about your sobriety. Would it stick? Were you serious? A desire to stop drinking brought you into the rooms, the Fellowship that sprung up about you helped you stay.

*Lucky Step: Step 4*

## May

The spiritual malady was no joke for you, but after wrestling with 'We Agnostics', you stand in the Sunlight of the Spirit. You always have a lighter, but aren't a smoker. Your favorite way to carry the message is after the meeting over Chipotle.

*Lucky Step: Step 2*

## June

Gemii season! Out there, you were truly a two-faced twin. One day Jekyll, the next Hyde. Wild enough to get a gun pulled on you during an amends, at least your side of the street (and conscious) is clean.

*Lucky Step: Step 9*

## July

Between setting off fireworks in a tailpipe and passing out face down in the pool, admitting powerlessness seemed obvious to you. You're the first to tell a newcomer, "progress, not perfection", and the last sneak in before the Serenity Prayer.

*Lucky Step: Step 1*

## August

School started back up, and you thought to go back out. Service got to you and now your constant thought is of others. You know what it is to earn your seat in the Rooms. You don't hesitate to set up, pour coffee, and stay after.

*Lucky Step: Step 12*

## September

Nothing much was going on in September, so you thought you'd recover from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. You thought you'd just *try* sobriety, and discovered your well-earned seat.

*Lucky Step: Step 5*

## October

Congratulations! You got Sober just in time to walk through 3 major holidays with minimal Step work and maximum "the thought of spending time with my family makes my skin crawl". We suggest calling many a recovering alcoholic during this time.

*Lucky Step: Step 3*

## November

Someone nominated you for Trusted Servants as a joke, and now you're the resident service sponsor. Before you couldn't drive without passing a breathalyzer, now you're the first to get in the car for any conference or assembly.

*Lucky Step: Step 10*

## December

This holiday season, you received the Gift of Desperation. Lucky you! Some people call it rock bottom, but you call crying over a bowl of egg nog at the company Christmas party a spiritual awakening and make no apologies for it.

*Lucky Step: Step 7*

"Instead, the problem has been removed. It does not exist for us. We are neither cocky nor are we afraid. That is our experience. That is how we react so long as we keep in fit spiritual condition."

-The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 85.

By: Natalie M. & Mia M.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Intergroup Monthly Meeting  
Saturday, October 7, 2023**

8:00 a.m. @ Legacies Group (via Zoom)  
3412 Atlanta Hwy, Montgomery, AL 36109

**District 8 Service Meeting  
Saturday, October 7, 2023**

9:30 a.m. @ Legacies and via Zoom



**SERVICE ALERT**

Intergroup is in need of a chairperson. Requires 12 months of sobriety and can't be serving on the board. To keep the website calendar updated please email [webchair@centralalaa.org](mailto:webchair@centralalaa.org) with events. If you would like to write an article for the P.O.S.T. please email [post.editor@centralalaa.org](mailto:post.editor@centralalaa.org)

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Please contact  
[Intergroup@centralalaa.org](mailto:Intergroup@centralalaa.org) if willing and able to serve!

**Area 1 Assembly at the Clarion Inn and Suites**, Friday October 6th-8th. See [aaarea1.org](http://aaarea1.org) for more information.

**Intergroup Monthly Meeting** Sat, October 14th, 8:00 am - 9:00 am at Legacies and on Zoom.

**District 8 Monthly Meeting** Sat, October 14th, 9:30-10:30 am at Legacies and on Zoom.

**PI Committee Meeting** Mon, October 16th at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Strange Camels

**Combined Monthly committee meeting** for Corrections and Treatment Sat, October 21st @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am at Legacies

**Archives Meeting** Sat, October 21st at 10:30 am at Happy Hour

See [Centralalaa.org](http://Centralalaa.org) Calendar for Zoom links

**MORE EVENTS & INFO:**  
[WWW.CENTRALALAA.ORG/UNITY/UPCOMING-EVENTS/](http://WWW.CENTRALALAA.ORG/UNITY/UPCOMING-EVENTS/)

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## MONTGOMERY INTERGROUP DIRECTORY OF A.A.<sup>®</sup> GROUP MEETINGS

*Meeting Schedule: April 14, 2023*

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Group/Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MONTGOMERY</b>							
<b>A Vision for You Group of AA</b> R.O.S.S. Recovery Center 925 Forest Ave Montgomery, AL 36106			O-D 7:30 p				
<b>Chapter 9 Group of AA</b> CAP Auditorium 1153 Air Base Boulevard						O-D 1:30 p <b>Temporary Inactive</b>	O-D 1:30 p <b>Temporary Inactive</b>
<b>Chisholm Group of AA</b> I-409 Federal Dr. Montgomery, AL 36107 in back of strip mall	C-D-SM 12p C-ST-SM 6p	C-D-SM 12p C-D-SM 6p	C-D-SM 12p C-L-SM 6p	C-D-SM 12p C-D-SM 6p	C-D-SM 12p C-D-SM 6p	C-D-SM 6p	O-SP 6p
<b>Fellowship Group of AA</b> Grace Church at Bell Road 5 Bell Road (Corner of Bell Rd & Atlanta Hwy)	C-L & BG * 6 p	C-D & BG * 6 p		C-D & BG * 6 p	C-L & BG * 6 p	O-SP 6p	C-D* 2p C-D-W 6p
<b>Happy Hour Group of AA</b> 3466 Eastdale Circle (Next to Fortis College)	C-D 6:30 am 12p & 6p	C-D 6:30 am & 12p C-L (12x12) 6p	C-D 6:30 am C-L/BB 12p C-D 6p	C-D 6:30 am & 12p O-D/BG 6p	C-D 6:30 am 12p & 6p O-SP 7p 1st Friday	C-D 12p	C-D 12p O-D/BG 6p
<b>The Legacies Group of AA</b> 3412 Atlanta Highway (Enter on Forrest Hills) Zoom ID 798-727-9234 PC Awakening	C-D 12P C-D 6 pm Zoom	C-L BB 12p	C-D 12p O-SP 8p Hybrid (in person and on-line)	C-L (12X12) 12p	C-D 12p C-D-CI 8p C-D-CI 8p Zoom	C-D 12p	C-D 9am C-D 9am Zoom
<b>Grupo Ayudate a Ti Mismo</b> 3412 Atlanta Highway (Enter on Forrest Hills)	O-D 7:30-9p HISP	O-D 7:30-9p HISP				O-D 7:30-9:30p HISP	O-D 11a-1p HISP
<b>Living Sober Group of AA</b> Church of the Ascension 315 Clanton Ave. 36104 meeting in the Joshua house	C-D 6p		C-L 6p				
<b>Sole Purpose Group of AA</b> 22 North California Street		C-D 7:30p		C-L BB 7:30p			
<b>Strange Camels Group of AA</b> Immanuel Presbyterian Church 8790 Vaughn Road	C-L 7p	C-D 7p		C-D 7p			
<b>Tradition Three Group of AA</b> First Christian Church 1705 Taylor Montgomery, AL 36117	O-D 11a	O-D 11a	O-D 11a	O-D 11a	O-D 11a		
<b>We Stopped in Time Group of AA</b> Eastern Hills Baptist Church 3604 Pleasant Ridge Road		O-S/D 8pm YP <b>Temporary Inactive</b>				O-SP/D 8pm YP	
<b>CLANTON</b>							
<b>Clanton Group of AA</b> Church of Christ 111 Lay Dam Rd. Clanton, AL 35045	O-D 7p			O-L 12p		O-D 7p	
<b>GREENVILLE</b>							
<b>Camellia City Group of AA</b> Greenville Housing Authority 601 Beelant St, 30637 334-437-2015	C-D 7p			C-D 7p			

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<b>HOPE HULL</b>							
<b>County Hope Group of AA</b> Hope Hull United Methodist Church 305 Wasden Road (Silver trailer behind Church)		O-D 6p		O-BB 6p			
<b>MILLBROOK</b>							
<b>Primary Purpose Group of AA</b> Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall 3251 Brown Road		O-D 6p		O-D 6p		O-SP 6p	
<b>PRATTVILLE</b>							
<b>Autauga S.O.S. Group of AA</b> St. Mark's Episcopal Church 178 E 4th Street	O-L/BB 12p	C-D 12p		C-D 12p	O-L(12x12) 12p	C-D-W 9a	
<b>Prattville Downtown Group of AA</b> 326 West 5th Street	O-SP 6:30p	O-BG 6:30p	O-D 12p C-D 6:30p	C-L 6:30p	O-SP 6:30p	C-D 12p O-D-CI 6:30p	O-D 12p C-L /12x12 6:30p
<b>SELMA</b>							
<b>Selma Group of AA</b> Courthouse, Alabama Ave & Lauderdale St	O-D 12:30p	O-D 6p	O-D 12:30p	O-D 6p	O-D 12:30p		O-D 6p
<b>Braveheart Group</b> St. Paul's Episcopal Church 210 Lauderdale St	C-D 6p		C-D 6p			C-D 6p	
<b>THORSBY</b>							
<b>Thorsby Group of AA</b> 20466 US-31 Thorsby, AL 35171			O-D 7:30p				O-D 8a
<b>WETUMPKA</b>							
<b>Wetumpka Group of AA</b> 103 Tuskeena St	C-D * 7p			C-D 7:30 p			

**Legend**

**O = Open Meeting** (for anyone interested in the AA Program)  
**C = Closed Meeting** (attendance limited to those with a desire to stop drinking)

D = Discussion	HISP = Spanish Speaking	Literature Study (BB, 12/12 or Other)
SP = Speaker	YP = Young People & Young at Heart	LGBT = Lesbian, Gay, Bi Transgender
SM = Smoking	ST = Step Study	* Al-Anon meets Simultaneously
CI = Candlelight Meeting	BG = Beginners	** Alateen meets Simultaneously
W = Women	L = Literature	

*Montgomery Intergroup provides this schedule of A.A. group meetings in this area to member groups, individual A.A. members, and appropriate interested parties. A listing in this schedule does not imply approval of endorsement of any group's approach to or practice of the traditional AA program.*

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## STEP TEN CONTINUED TO TAKE PERSONAL INVENTORY, AND WHEN WE WERE WRONG PROMPTLY ADMITTED IT.

Should I make a conscious effort to complete this step daily? Yes. Do I complete this step daily? No. I struggle with pride and pity. I constantly fight those character defects which are fiercely commanded by self-will. It is still there. Until God removes them completely, I must ask Him for His will to be done and not mine. I have found I must do that on a daily basis. I have no choice. In my just over two years of sobriety I have learned that my survival is dependent on my spiritual relation with God. I must remind myself to constantly ask for the will of my higher power and not my own.

I have questions. It says, "when we were wrong, we promptly admitted it." Does this mean we admitted we were wrong when I realized I was wrong or when they realized I was wrong? This could prove problematic when dealing with life as it tends to go on even in sobriety. I am starting to learn that this is where the inventory part comes in. I need to ask simple questions. And answer them honestly. Why must I complicate such a simple step? I am an Alcoholic, of which there is no cure. There is only the daily reprieve that thankfully we are given, contingent upon our work we put into what our program suggests of us. Put simply, I must tell myself to shoot for the next right thing, right the wrong ones, and ask for God's will.

Adrienne L.

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## TRADITION TEN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS HAS NO OPINION ON OUTSIDE ISSUES; HENCE THE A.A. NAME OUGHT NEVER BE DRAWN INTO PUBLIC CONTROVERSY.

Opinions on outside issues is what we as a fellowship have to avoid. Whether it be internal to A.A. or at the public level, engaging in this type of controversy will divert us from our primary purpose. Our preamble states our view that "...A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes." We have to remain neutral on all outside issues if we are to carry our message to the maximum number of people.

The long form of the tradition states:

*No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.*

Alcoholics Anonymous could do nothing but die if it was not for this tradition. If A.A. "officially" held opinions on various issues outside the program we would alienate members who disagreed. Occasionally A.A. is referred to as a cult, and if not for Tradition 10, it could develop into just that. If A.A.W.S. set policies on outside issues and then expected the rest of us to follow, we would be like a political party.

Also, it is our responsibility as individual members to practice this at our group level. Sometimes opinions and beliefs taught by outside organizations are passed off as A.A.'s message. For example, we ought not to attempt to be untrained medical doctors with our own or other members' medication. That is what doctors are paid to do. We should share in meetings in a general way our experience as it relates to alcoholism. Another example is the idea that a drug

is a drug. This is not A.A.'s opinion, but rather an outside medical opinion. We deal with freedom from alcohol and that is our message. Anything else should be discussed before or after the meeting to not give the wrong impression to those less experienced in A.A.

A.A. as a whole ought not have an opinion on outside issues, but does that mean we do not argue and are always one big happy family? No. Bill writes, "Before we leveled off a bit, A.A. looked more like one prodigious squabble than anything else, at least on the surface." From these arguments and squabbles we learned these internal issues were how alcoholics learned to work and live together. These growing pains in A.A. were almost always concerned with how we could carry our message more effectively in order to reach more suffering alcoholics. These inside controversies ought not be avoided, but we do learn and grow from them.

Ironically, some of our lessons in the Traditions did come from outside organizations. Bill found out about the Washingtonian Society in the 1940's as we were experiencing our adolescent period. As he was reading about the Society, he saw another group of alcoholics trying to help each other. At first, they were very successful but later allowed outside issues to enter the Society. They allowed politicians and reformers to use them for their own purposes. Their membership numbers peaked at over 100,000 but due to the move away from the primary purpose of helping alcoholics, unity was not kept and the Society crumbled. We learned a valuable lesson from them: stay out of public controversy as an organization. As individuals, we can join organizations and act upon issues as we see fit, but we should never bring those beliefs into our home groups or expect A.A. as a whole to get involved. A.A. has no opinion on outside issues.

Trei J. - Strange Camels

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**CONCEPT TEN  
EVERY SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE  
MATCHED BY AN EQUAL SERVICE AUTHORITY- THE  
SCOPE OF SUCH AUTHORITY TO BE ALWAYS WELL  
DEFINED WHETHER BY TRADITION, BY RESO-  
LUTION, BY SPECIFIC JOB DESCRIPTION OR BY  
APPROPRIATE CHARTERS AND BYLAWS.**

In order for our service structure to operate productively each and every operational responsibility should be matched with a corresponding authority to carry it out. So authority needs to be delegated at every level and the responsibilities and authorities should be well defined for every entity. The reason for this level of detail is to guard against ineffectiveness, personal clashes, and confusion. Throughout our service structure, there is always an ultimate authority. Why? Because all of our activities and services must go somewhere for responsibility, and an ultimate authority is necessary so that each trusted servant in every classification knows who the boss is. So it is important that these things are made clear to prevent anyone trying to lord over the other and to prevent any passing of the buck. This keeps our service structure operating as efficiently as possible. It is also important that when delegated authority is operating well, it should not be interfered with. That would only lead to the people who are tasked with those responsibilities being demoralized which would

ultimately make their work ineffective. It would be as if a boss gave someone responsibilities to carry out, but then their boss decided to cut into their work and micromanage certain aspects that they charged their employee with doing in the first place. It makes them feel pretty useless. So even though the boss has the authority to do that, it doesn't mean they should.

This same thinking could be applied to the General Service Board. The G.S.B. owns the two operating corporations and has absolute authority over them. However, if they constantly interfered with their work nothing much would be accomplished besides making those operating corporations feel pretty useless. So, as long as things are running smoothly, it is important that the trustees do not interfere with these service entities. In the closing remarks on Concept 10 in the A.A. Service Manual, Bill explains, "To sum up: Let us always be sure that there is an abundance of final or ultimate authority to correct or to reorganize; but let us be equally sure that all of our trusted servants have a clearly defined and adequate authority to do their daily work and to discharge their clear responsibilities... We well know that only by means of careful definitions and mutual respect can we constantly maintain a right and harmonious working balance."

Love & Service,  
Jay Walker

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**THOUGHTS ON LIFE**

"A Comfort zone is a safe place, but nothing ever grows there " Eli Jen. ART

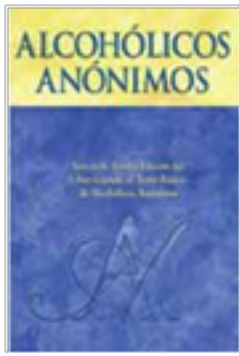
When my heart is broken and my feelings are seemingly hurt, or my ego touched heavily, also when I lose.. (many areas)...big or small, so it is within that period of life staying true to self without that false help of J.B. or other, except now through God and going over those issues with another

er who knows, that I get to learn and see results of learning "Life on Life's Terms" for me. And I am so grateful to have found this out later in my life instead of earlier in my life as I may then not pay much attention to wisdom.

J.B. the dreadful.  
Love on AA campus  
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Desde su publicación en 1939, este texto básico ha ayudado a millones de hombres a recuperarse del alcoholismo.

Actualmente disponible en la Tercera Edición aprobada por la Conferencia de Servicios Generales, el Libro Grande contiene las historias de los cofundadores, y de muchos miembros de diversa procedencia que han encontrado la recuperación en la Comunidad mundial.

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DISTRICT 8 MINUTES | \* Pending approval by District 8 on October 14th, 2023

GROUPS PRESENT | Strange Camels, PDG, Fellowship, Legacies, Happy Hour, We Stopped In Time, Tradition 3, Living Sober and Intergroup

OPENING | WELCOME | Becky P. | The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. and opened with the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were done. 21 members present in person and 5 present on ZOOM.

READING OF THE TRADITION(S) & EXPLANATION OF THE CONCEPT(S)

Dave H. | Read Long Form Tradition 9      Craig W. | Read and explained Long Form Concept 9

READING SCHEDULED for October 14th.

Colby W. | Read Long Form Tradition 10

Logan T. | Read and explain Long Form Concept 10

#### OFFICER REPORTS:

SECRETARY'S REPORT | Ashley B. | SECRETARY@CENTRALALAA.ORG | Present  
Presented August meeting minutes. Motion to accept made and passed. Asked those wanting to be included on email list to add their name and email address to signup sheet.

TREASURER'S REPORT | Alex T. | TREASURER@CENTRALALAA.ORG | Present  
Treasurer report and bank statement presented. MOTION to approve passed.

QUARTERLY FINANCE Report | Alex T. | No report this District  
DCM | Becky P. | DCM@CENTRALALAA.ORG | Present

A digital copy of the 2023 Final Conference Report is available. A link was sent to the secretary to disseminate to the District email list. Hard copies will be picked up at Area Assembly and brought to the next district meeting.

Becky met with a representative from the Montgomery Area (GUMPYPAA) ALCYPAA Bid Committee to discuss writing a letter of support from the District. Becky informed the committee that the District has their full support and will contribute in any way possible while respecting the traditions.

Fall Area Assembly will be October 6-8 in Auburn. Becky will be in attendance to represent District 8. Because of this, the next District meeting will be moved to October 14.

ALTERNATE DCM | Jay W. | ADCM@CENTRALALAA.ORG | Present on Zoom  
Jay is continuing to participate on the ALCYPAA Bid Committee.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROGRAM CHAIR | Vicki S. | Program@centralalaa.org | Present  
Patti H. - Area 1 Literature Chair gave a brief presentation on bringing the Area Literature Road Show to District 8. This roadshow includes a game, presentation of AA approved Literature and an explanation of the AA Group Pamphlet. The presentation takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. The Area hosts a Literature Zoom meeting on the last Tuesday of each month. This includes different speakers presenting information on our literature.

ARCHIVES CHAIR | Jill Z. | ARCHIVES@CENTRALALAA.ORG | Not present. Report read by Ashley B.-pictures of how archives are being stored at Happy Hour were available for the District to view. Jill asked that the District consider how we want to go forward with better storage for our archives. The district archives meet on the 3rd Saturday at 0830 now. Next meeting Sept 16 @ 0830.

CORRECTIONS CHAIR | Jeremy T. | CORRECTIONS@CENTRALALAA.ORG | Present.  
Jeremy will submit info to the website committee to get the facilities we are serving on the website. Members are continuing to go to Montgomery co detention center women and men, weekly on Wednesdays at 7pm.  
Elmore co every other Saturday at 1:00 pm. The warden would like to increase that to weekly in October. Approval has been received to go to Mt Meigs. If you have expressed interest in that please come to the committee meeting on sept 16 at 10:30 at legacies and on zoom. We need to schedule at time and day to get that started.

Montgomery women's facility (aldoc) is in the works. Hopefully, will have more info soon.

CPC CHAIR | Les H. | CPC@CENTRALALAA.ORG | Present.

CPC "Postcard" has been received and is ready to be distributed... first among CPC liaisons and then to those interested and will cross paths with "professionals". Next steps when possible is to create the awareness of CPC Service opportunities within District 8 and its groups.

GRAPEVINE CHAIR | Natalie M. | GRAPEVINE@CENTRALALAA.ORG | Present.

Monthly Meeting: First Monday of every month, this will be a Zoom Meeting. Please contact Natalie at (270) 279-0205 or Grapevine@centralalaa.org. This September's issue is "Young and Sober" featuring stories from AA members who got sober early in life. Natalie enjoyed the article about the Young AA Members getting together to form ITALYPAA after meeting at EURYPAA.

- Grapevine App

- It is a free to download app but you can subscribe to digital grapevine for 2.99 a month or 29.99 a year. Grapevine Print is 4.99 a month and 28.97 a year.
- When you subscribe to the digital version you do get the entire archive dating back to 1944.
- Natalie encouraged each group to subscribe to Grapevine as a Home Group and have the magazine out each month for members to read before or after meetings.
- The interface of the app is much like any other social media app, with scrolling and side menus.
  - Next Month – Natalie wants to do a deep dive into all the features on the app.

The highlight from this month is being able to listen to any article much like how'd you listen to a podcast. The search feature is decent, type in a topic like Step 10 or resentments and it'll give you all types of articles from the archive to listen to or read. It's very connected to what is already on the Grapevine Website.

INTERGROUP/CENTRAL OFFICE | Parker M | INTERGROUP@CENTRALALAA.ORG | Present.

Currently seeking a business meeting chairperson. 1 yr. sobriety required. Contact Parker at (980)-621-1595 if willing and able.

LITERATURE CHAIR | OPEN | LITERATURE@CENTRALALAA.ORG | Open Position.

PI COMMITTEE CHAIR | Nick P. | PI@CENTRALALAA.ORG | Not Present. Report given by Ashley B.- no report because there was not a meeting held in August. Next meeting will be September 18th 6pm Strange Camels Group.

TREATMENT CHAIR | Colby W. | TREATMENT@CENTRALALAA.ORG | Present.

Currently still carrying a meeting to the Renascence House at 7 every Tuesday, also at 7:00 on Tuesday's Alex T has been carrying a book study to the Lifehouse. There is an open discussion meeting at 6:30 also being taken to the Lifehouse on Thursdays. Would love support from anyone who is willing and able to come help carry the message.

Elmore County Detox still needs meetings on the weekends. Strange Camels is going on the last Sunday of the month, but any other slot Friday through Sunday is open.

The only new update is for Bradford. The committee has had a couple groups agree to take the responsibility being PDG, Legacies, and Fellowship to take one slot a month. Colby has been trying to get back in touch with Mr. Austin, the counselor trying to get it set up, but hasn't been able to get back in touch with him. The most recent was that Mr. Austin wants us to bring a speaker meeting every Tue at 6.

The next Treatment/Corrections meeting is 9/16/23 at 10:30, at Legacies and is also available on zoom. Please come if you're interested in helping with Treatment or Corrections in any way.

WEBSITE CHAIR | John W. | WEBSITE@CENTRALALAA.ORG | Not present. Report read by Becky P. The following is an update of the Website Committee for August 2023. Committee activities were limited due to a 2-week commitment to Jury Duty.

This month we were able to reinstall Exact Metrics, which monitors activity on the website. Next month we will provide available reports that let us know how people are accessing the site and what information they access.

The next meeting of the committee is September 21st at 6 p.m. We meet in person at 3428 Atlanta Hwy, Montgomery AL 36109 (around the corner from Legacies) and on Zoom. The link can be found on the District 8 Calendar. All AA members are invited to attend. This month we will continue to explore online anonymity and demonstrate how to add Events to the District Calendar.

We invite those interested in service work to join the Website Committee. You don't need to have any experience or expertise in websites or computers — just an honest desire to help carry the message through this information channel. We're always looking for members with opinions, ideas, and enthusiasm. If you believe decisions in A.A. should be based on an informed group conscience rather than the well-meaning ideas and designs of an individual, PLEASE encourage participation in this committee.

Group Events:

If your group is having an Anniversary, Open Eat & Meet or if your District 8 Committee is having a meeting, let the website committee know and post it on the District 8 Calendar. To submit an event just go to <https://www.centralalaa.org> and select ADD AN EVENT at the bottom of the page.

Group Schedules:

GSR's and/or Group Chairpersons, if you have changed your meeting schedule LET THE COMMITTEE KNOW.

Most visits to our website are to look at the Meeting Schedule. The Meeting Guide App is based on what is entered at the District level. Please keep the committee up to date so we offer the most current meeting information for the still-suffering alcoholic.

OTC CHAIR | Chris | [OTP@CENTRALALAA.ORG](mailto:OTP@CENTRALALAA.ORG) | Not present. No report.

GSR SHARING & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Abby F. with County Hope Group in Hope Hull expressed the need for support for their meeting that is held on Thursday nights, 6pm, Hope Hull Community Church.

OLD BUSINESS:

Open positions- District 8 Literature Committee Chairperson position is open. Craig W. is willing and able to serve as the Chair. Votes taken and Craig W. voted in as Literature Committee Chairperson.

Website committee changes presented at the last meeting were approved by vote.

NEW BUSINESS: Colby W. presented a motion that the WSIT Group host the Area 1 Literature Committee Road Show for District 8. After discussion, Colby rescinded the motion. A motion must be made that District 8 would like to have the Area 1 Literature Committee Road Show come to the District and voted on before a decision is made about where the event would be held.

OPEN SHARING None.

CLOSING | Becky P. | There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am with the Responsibility Declaration.

NEXT DISTRICT 8 MEETING: | October 14th, 2023, 9:30am. Hybrid meeting

NEXT AREA ASSEMBLY: October 6-8th, 2023 Clarion Suites and Hotel, Auburn, Al.

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## ALABAMA/NORTHWEST FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES OF SERVICE MEETING Sunday, July 9, 2023

The Alabama/Northwest Florida Area Assembly held a regular closed service meeting on July 9, 2023, in Auburn, Alabama. Chairperson, Connie Moya, opened the meeting at 9 am with the Serenity Prayer. First-time attendees to the Assembly were recognized. Connie thanked the Saturday night speaker, Area 1 Delegate, Tomy Gable. Voting members were announced and include GSRs or, in their absence, the Alternate GSR; DCMs, or in their absence, the Alternate DCM; Committee Chairs, or in their absence, the Alternate Chair and Area Officers.

A warm appreciation was extended to the Saturday night speaker Amanda Brown from Montgomery, AL.

**SECRETARY:** Secretary, Regina Valpredo, read the minutes from the April Assembly. The minutes were accepted as read.

**TREASURER:** Treasurer Michael Stewart provided the Treasurer's report. The operating balance at the beginning of the 2nd Quarter was \$19,041.51. Group contributions totaled \$9,185.28. Expenses totaled \$15,131.65. The prudent reserve at the end of June was \$39,391.10 The total funds available to the Assembly equal \$54,426.67. The treasurer's report was accepted. Committee members were requested to give Michael their estimated budget for 2024 before the end of the assembly.

**DELEGATE REPORT:** Area 1, Panel 73 Delegate Tomy Gamble began his report by stating that should anyone have any questions or concerns to please do not hesitate to contact him at [delegate@aaarea1.org](mailto:delegate@aaarea1.org). Informed Area that he has now been elected to serve as the Literature Chair at General Service Conference for 2024. He will meet with the Trustee's Literature Chair in July virtually. Report of the meeting will be given in October. Also, will be attending the Board meeting in January, 2024. Will be attending SSAASSA7 (Southern States AA Service Assembly) on Nov 17-19 in Orlando, FL. Will be attending quarterly Delegates and Trustees meetings where they will be keeping us up to date in between conferences. Tomy has a lengthy explanation of the process that took place in regards to how the use of insurance money, that was returned from the International Conference that was cancelled due to Covid, was allocated for. Short version is every dollar was accounted for. District 24 has invited Tomy to come give his report. Susan has volunteered to translate his report into Spanish.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT:** Luke can be reached at 251-379-7181 or by email [Altdelegate@aaarea1.org](mailto:Altdelegate@aaarea1.org). Has continued to meet the first of the month with the North American Alt Delegates virtually which continues to be very informative and helpful. First of August will be the Southeast region presentation *How does your Alt Delegate serve your area?* Luke will attend SSAASA7. Attended 12 Steps Live in May in Birmingham. The food was AMAZING! Will also attend 12 Traditions Live will be in July at Dothan (district 10). Will be attending 12 Concepts Live in Spanish Fort in September. Past Delegates Cushing P. and Craig M. will be the presenters. Will be speaking at the New Life Group in Oxford for their Anniversary event.

**REGISTRAR REPORT:** Area 1 Registrar Angie Pauley reported that 192 members were present, with 35 joining remotely. Voting members total 111, with a 2/3 vote being 74. There has been an addition of 1 new group.

**CHAIR REPORT:** Connie Moya, Area 1 Chair, stated she had the opportunity to present the first step at the 12 Step Live event in Birmingham. Shared her story, strength and hope at the Jaywalker 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May and at The Lunch Bunch Group's event in Marquette, MI.

**AGENDA:** The October 13-15, 2023 Agenda was read and approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARCHIVES:** Chair Glenn Clements stated 13 districts were represented. Informed Area that John W., Area 1 archivist, is in the hospital and to please keep him in your thoughts. Repository display will be put on hold until New archivist is appointed. Archives display table at Area is now being set up. Panama City Beach Florida meeting on preservation and digitizing our areas Archives on August 5, 2023. All invited and flyers available. In person workshop will be in Winterpark, FL February 14, 2024 9am-4pm.

**HOSPITALITY:** Chair Carly Barnes reported contribution taking in at \$718. (starting seed funds at always at \$500) 😊 Her usual helper had passed away and Mike D. has stepped in to assist. Appreciation was expressed.

**CONVENTION:** Chair Dave Westcott stated Cushing Philips opened the meeting. There were 17 in attendance. District 24 expressed interest in hosting the convention and asked many questions.

**CORRECTIONS:** Chair Mitchell Franklin stated if any district would like bookmarks instead of chips to pass out, please let Jeremy know. Motion was made to request a \$500 annual budget to acquire a PO box for Bridging the Gap. Committee will be having a corrections workshop in October.

**CPC:** Chair Josh Summerford explained was CPC is and what it does. Kits are currently being made available. Gave the distinction between C.P.C. and P.I. entities. Crystal E. is now the new secretary.

**DCM Committee:** Secretary DeAnna Welch, DCM, reported 21 out of 24 Districts were present. Dave Wescott, Convention chair, stated District 24 is interested in hosting the convention. District 11 to host the Archives display for October. Treasurer, Michael Stewart, Area 1 Treasurer, announced that new cards with address and QR code are available. Provided envelopes with address printed on it. Explained numbers for 2nd Quarter. Check donations binder for group donation information., Regina Valpredo Area 1 Secretary, requested DCMs to turn in reports via print out or email. Please provide any GSR information for those not receiving emails from Secretary. Delegate, Tomy Gamble, requested to please get with Registrar about Unknown Groups. Gave information regarding all DCMs having View Only access to Fellowship Connection. Please schedule District visits for Delegate's Report. Secretary to email documents regarding Plain Language Big Book. Angie Pauley, Registrar, GSO is looking at Unknown Groups to figure out which should be Inactive. Connie Moya, Area Chair, requested help with clean up on Sunday after Assembly. January opportunities for DCMs to chair. Start thinking about an in-Area speaker for January. Alt. Delegate, Luke Bray, Gave 12 Live information 7/14-7/15. Highlighted the Literature Road Show.

**FINANCE:** Chair Patrick Patterson reported 17 in attendance. There were 3 motions presented. Secretary requested \$550 for new printer and supplies (within budget), Corrections for additional \$300 for Bridge the Gap (current is \$200), motion to up the stipend budget line by 2,480 to fund Area 1 Officers to attend SSAASA #7 in Orlando, FL. The total budgetary consideration is not to exceed \$620 per officer. Will prepare a budget for 2024 so the assembly can vote on it in October's assembly. So, officers will be contacted and chairs to see what their requirements would be.

**GRAPEVINE:** Chair Kevin Dunne reported 22 members were present which included grapevine chair, alternate, secretary, 5 GSR's, 2 grapevine reps, 3 DCM's, and 9 were there to learn more about Grapevine. District 6 discussed an interest in digital membership. He couldn't get any answers so he contacted New York via email. Their response was to supply a password, ID and profile and share with his district for those interested. It is still a work in progress. District 24 stated that La Vina sales/memberships were up and the word is getting out.



**INTERGROUP:** Central office group Liaison Mike Richards reported there were 8 attended with 6 districts represented. We gave everyone an opportunity to speak and talk about what was going on in their district. Had very good discussion about intergroup function to be of service to the still suffering alcoholic.

**LITERATURE:** Patty Hardwick, Chairperson, stated there were 28 in attendance which included 4 literature chairs. Reported annual budget of \$550 will not change. Treasurer report – beginning of year balance \$169.75, current ending balance \$210.19. GSO news – There is new Spanish translation of the book *Experience, Strength & Hope* digital is available and hardcopy is coming soon. All books have gone up 20% in price. 30% up in pamphlets. Patty encourages all groups to have Spanish literature available. Monthly Area 1 Literature Workshops held via Zoom on a monthly basis. First Roadshow was held in district 23! Will be presenting in District 8 in August. Will be presenting at the October Area 1 assembly a Literature workshop Saturday at 4pm. It will be a miniature Roadshow.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Chair Tracy Chancellor reported that PSA was shown. A special election was held – co-chair is Russell McCay and secretary is Steven Smith. Districts are very active in CPC and PI activities bringing flyers local events, facilities as well as QR code business cards and flyers of contact information of websites are being created by some districts.

**PRE-CONFERENCE:** Secretary Jen Moore Bray stated that committee discussed in depth how they can make sure every group has a say and had information to participate at the pre-conference assembly.

**STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES:** Chair Eric Jasso reported 20 people in attendance. We hosted the two orientation workshops on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Eric gave overview of history/ purpose of committee. Hand book has been updated in English and Spanish – March 2023. Appreciation to Susan M. D14 for Spanish translation. In the process of reconstructing the duties and responsibilities of Area officers' book that used to be available at the back table and will be there soon. Motion will be presented that comes out of committee.

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** Web Coordinator Lucus Pitcock stated 15 were in attendance. New Business – It was brought to the committee attention that the image of the “blue people” on the Area 1 website was under copyright by A.A. World Services. Discussion for replacement was made in order to be in compliance with that. Bill M. suggested creating an image that is more inclusive to the diversity to the region in the area. Motion to change the Blue people image to a more appropriate image and we would decide on an image next assembly. Motion was passed. Coming up with examples for image replacement to be given at October assembly. I made a motion to stop email forwarding on officer and committee chair emails in hope that it would create a better work flow. After discussion, motion was made to table the motion until next assembly meeting. There was a discussion on maintaining anonymity in regard to people using personal email when forwarding AA related emails. Cushing stated that personal emails were not a direct violation of traditions because the information is willingly given by the user and not being given for personal gain. District 12 wants to be included in the Meeting Guide App. Yay! Also will be providing assistance for the districts website.

**TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES:** Chair Sandi Thomason reported 21 in attendance. Focus of meeting was Accessibilities. Gave main definition of accessibility. Proposed the question is Area 1 hitting the individuals that would fall under the category of having various disabilities. Phil A. – Are meeting places using the Accessibilities Checklist to do inventory? District 6 & 7 has implemented a traveling meeting system. They did do an inventory and saw where they need improvement. Encourages others to do the same. District 14 is having issues with constant and consistent participation to keep meetings in facilities.

#### **DISTRICT REPORTS**

**DISTRICT 1:** Allen Lowery, DCM, stated District is the northwest point of Alabama and serves 12 active groups. There were 3 in Attendance at Area. Attended several Group Meetings in District 1. Helped with the move of my home group to new location, which is the group that host monthly District Meetings and Literature. Much like an intergroup office. Experienced firsthand the Traditions and the Group Conscience in action. We had formed an Ad Hoc Committee to review District 1 Structures & Procedures, review complete, changes made and approved. Held a

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Founders Day event. A Taco dinner and Terry Stokes to entertain us. Created a Protocol for the District AA Answering Service to use to help those answering the phones for District. New Women's meeting at Quad Cities as well as a men's meeting at 4th Dimension. All positions were filled at our last District meeting.

**DISTRICT 2:** Mike Nixon, DCM, reported many were in attendance. Had a Traditions Workshop and a play at the Mountain Top Round-up that was held May 19 – 21<sup>st</sup> and had a spring picnic. District is now on the Meeting Guide app. Cullman Group is back in the jails. A new group has formed. David P. is now alt DCM.

**DISTRICT 3:** Robby Cannon, Alt DCM, reported 4 were in attendance. There are 7 active groups as well as 2 virtual groups. Had a workshop on the 7 deadly sins. New group started in Fort Payne.

**DISTRICT 4:** Lori Doyle, DCM, reported 13 were in attendance. Have 22 active groups including (1) virtual as well as (1) new group, The Jaywalkers. All district chair positions are filled. Old-timer Rick Powell passed away with 15+ sobriety. 450 attendees showed up for the Roundup April 22 in Oxford. The Anniston Group will have 83 years of being an active group and is the oldest group in the district. Had a treatment workshop in early July. Area 1 Literature Road show will be coming August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**DISTRICT 5:** Matt Smith, DCM, reported 9 were in attendance. Annual Fish fry was held on June 4. A retreat will take place November 10 - 12 at Camp McDowell.

**DISTRICT 6:** Dave Aaron, Alt DCM, 14 members in attendance. Fellow members John Cobb passed away May 29<sup>th</sup> and Charles Gastin passed away June 1<sup>st</sup>, former District 6 DCM Jeff Scott May 28<sup>th</sup>, John Foster passed away April 30<sup>th</sup>, Tommy C. Passed away May 22, Eugene A. passed away May 8<sup>th</sup> and Bob Botwell passed away April 16<sup>th</sup>. Birmingham Intergroup is hosting picnic in the park September 16<sup>th</sup> at Black Creek Park, 6 & 6 will host the delegate for his report on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 5 Points Alcoholics Anonymous will be celebrating it's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Birmingham.

**DISTRICT 7:** Dawn Davis, DCM, stated the district is the largest in Area 1 consisting of 29 active groups including 3 virtually. There are also 3 meetings. New Beginnings virtual meeting will be celebrating its 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary at Oak Mountain State Park with a Dunk a Drunk activity July 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a new meeting called Sobriety Night Live. B n

**DISTRICT 8:** Becky Proudfoot, DCM, thanked Tomy G. for coming and giving his Delegate report to District 8 on July 1. The district has their regular district service meetings the first Saturday of the month. The meeting is hybrid has all active committees except two open positions for a Grapevine committee chairperson and Literature committee chairperson. They have one active hybrid group in the district, the Legacies Group. Between treatment and corrections, meetings are taken to about 10 facilities weekly. The annual Old Timers Celebration will be on August 19 at Landmark Church in Montgomery. One of our local old timers, Vicki B, will be the speaker.

**DISTRICT 9:** Jim Holland, Alt DCM, stated there are 21 groups that are really active in District. District holds their business once month and everyone meets for breakfast prior to the meeting. Had a Founders Day celebration in June that well attended. District has created a workshop committee. Next workshop "Emotional Sobriety" occur in August.

**DISTRICT 10:** Deanna Welch, DCM, reported 19 members in attendance including 3 first timers! There 5 out of 8 groups represented at Area assembly. 7 / 8 active groups participate at District. 12 Tradition Live will take place July 14 – 15, Wireypa Blackout party (ALYPAA bid committee) will be August 19<sup>th</sup>. Intergroup is still working on Central Office, more progress to come. New Free-thinkers meeting has started. Larry Kirkland passed away in May and will be greatly missed.

**DISTRICT 11:** Edward Berry, DCM, reported 14 active groups in the district which is located on the southeast side of Alabama. District is preparing for the event Oldtimers Day scheduled Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Wiregrass Club. Will be open mic for members of 15+ years to share story, strength and hope. Families are encouraged to come and celebrate. Lots of activities scheduled. Flyer is on the website. Request prayers for John W. who is battling cancer and other medical challenges.

**DISTRICT 12:** NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 13:** Rick Stewert, DCM, stated that they are a part of the Tri-District alongside districts 21 and 22. We have 9 active groups and 5 GSRs (includes 1 virtually) are present at this Area Assembly. The district hosted an inventory in April, which was facilitated by Lisa W. (past delegate). District 13, 21, and 22 (Tri-District) hosted the Delegate's Report on June 24. Thank you Tomy! The District is planning to host a workshop in September – The topic will be the 12th Step: Principles, Sponsorship, and Service.

**DISTRICT 14:** Dawn Ossont, DCM, stated the district is the largest in Area 1 consisting of 48 groups. 20 members in attendance including 4 visitors to see what assembly is all about. All GSRs meet at the Intergroup office the first Monday of the month. All District and service committee meetings meet hybrid. Thankful to District 15 co-hosting Tomy for his Delegate's report. Treatment committee conducted a workshop in May with Area 1 Treatment chair Sandy. September 1-4 is Summer Serenity at the Beach event. November 10-11 is the Annual Sunshine Convention, which was moved from May. Literature committee is presently looking for a venue so the district can host the Area 1 Literature Road Show.

**DISTRICT 15:** Jo Dunahoo, DCM, reported that District 15 has been busy. We had our biannual Alkathon in May and it was a huge success. Our next one is in Oct and we hope to have a talent show. Two of our groups had workshops last quarter. One had a Concept weekend and the other had a workshop on How to Chair a meeting. We are having Area 1 Archives Chair, Glenn, come do an Archives Workshop on Aug 5. District 15 attend the Delegate report with District 14. It too was well attended; good food, and our Delegate, Tomy, did an amazing job. One of GSRs, a longtime member is attending the Assembly for the first time. I am scheduled to attend SSAASA 7 for the first time. Looking forward to it.

**DISTRICT 16:** NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 17:** NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 18:** NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 19:** Wes Wilds, DCM, (virtually reports) 4 in attendance. Has 11 active groups. Recently co-hosted Tomy's Delegate report along with district 23. Thank you to Tomy as well as special thanks to Joel, District 23 DCM, for providing the venue. There are two monthly ongoing activities in the district, a monthly medallion meeting and a Meeting Crashers (group attends various meetings arounds the district in a 50-mile radius). You can visit [Gulfcoastaa.org](http://Gulfcoastaa.org) for upcoming events.

**DISTRICT 20:** Hugh Campbell, DCM, reported 12 members were present. District website is [aahuntsvilleal.com](http://aahuntsvilleal.com). Stairway Group (Decatur) celebrated their 36th anniversary on April 23rd. Beltline Recovery Group (Decatur) celebrated their 3rd anniversary on May 6th. Our Treatment committee represented AA at the Be the Hope Recovery Celebration & Resource Fair on June 10th in Huntsville's Big Springs Park. Founder's Day Picnic was held at Rhodes Ferry Park in Decatur on June 11th. JD B., a long-time AA and member of the Huntsville Group, who has been active in group and district service, received a diagnosis of cirrhosis of the liver after 20 years of sobriety. Fortunately, he has received a liver transplant and is currently doing well. The Huntsville Area Intergroup Association's picnic will be held at the Green Mountain Nature Trail pavilion on September 17th. The Athens Serenity Group will celebrate their 50th anniversary on September 24th. The Riverside Roundup XXXVII (37) will be Friday Oct 20 - Sunday Oct 22 at Joe Wheeler State Park Lodge.

**DISTRICT 21:** Bradley Weddell, DCM - Appreciation was extending to the Delegate for presenting his report. Celebrated a 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic party. Alkathon coming up July 29<sup>th</sup>. Corrections committee are bringing meetings to the Santa Rosa jail.

**DISTRICT 22:** Carol Van Dresar, DCM, reported that in 2020 there were 20+ active groups, now post Covid, 4 groups remain. Good news is district 22 has 100% participation. Meets the first Monday of each month. Innerarity Acceptance group hosts a monthly medallion meeting. Attended the New Warrington group conscience meeting. Financing for the groups is doing well. Has been asking to speak at the following events – the Young Peoples', Keep the Change, quarterly Speaker's party July 15<sup>th</sup>, and July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Alkathon in District 21. Will be attending September 1 at the Summer Serenity Beach Conference in District 14 as well as November 10 the Cullman Fall Retreat. g

**DISTRICT 23:** Joel McEntire, DCM, reports 9 in attendance. Northern part of Baldwin County. District handbook in still in progress. Currently at 80 % approved. Hosted Tomy G. for Delegate's report June 10 with district 19. Thanks to Tomy G for coming down and District 19 for joining us. There were 25 in person and 10 virtually. Also held at the same time was our Annual Crawfish Boil event with guest speaker Tomy G. Created district business cards with Hot line number, District web page and QR code to meeting list. Purpose is to spread out in local area to help the newcomer get access to meeting and other resources.

**DISTRICT 24:** Alvaro Sanchez, DCM, reports the district is a linguistic and consists of 14 groups spread out across the state. There were 5 members in attendance for Area 1 weekend. District Meeting is the first Sunday of the month,

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with 10 groups regularly sending GSRs to participate. District 24 DCM and other members travel twice per week to visit groups without active GSRs, to encourage participation in service. The Última Estación (Last Stop) group in Bessemer celebrates 6 years on August 13. Roberto, a member of the group Trasmítelo (Pass It On) in Decatur, celebrates one year of sobriety on August 19. Emanuel, a member of the Huntsville Group, celebrates one year of sobriety on September 23. Founder's Day celebration on June 10, 2023 drew more than 60 members of District 24 from as far as 8 hours away. The 2023 AA National Spanish Convention will take place in Seattle, WA on September 1-3, 2023. Attendance is expected to be 3,000-5,000 Spanish-speaking AA members from around the country. Members of District 24 will be there. August 20, 2023: Area 1 Delegate Tomy G. will present the Delegate's Report, with Spanish versions of written materials available to members. Dave W., Area 1 Conventions Committee Chair, will also be there to discuss District 24's interest in hosting the next Area 1 Convention. Two new Spanish-speaking meetings have formed in Districts 14 and 15. Contact information will be shared with members of those new groups to encourage them to contact and join District 24.

### **BUSINESS TRANACTED**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Motion: Eric Jasso, Structures and Procedures chair, **motion that Area 1 create a co-registrar position to be elected and stipend by Area 1, also considered a voting position.** Following discussion points: a) it was suggested that a person could be an assistant to learn from the Treasurer what the position entails but not be an created position to be stipend. b) Area's budget is below; therefore, do we even have the funds for another stipend that would be given out on a regular basis. c) due to the still overwhelming transition of new software, having an assigned volunteer would produce a consistent assistance and result and because of that consistency, should be compensated. This comes out of Structures and Procedures committee and needs no second. **Motion Fails.**
- 2) **Motion to fund Area 1 Officers to attend SSAASA #7 in Orlando, FL. The total budgetary consideration is not to exceed \$620 per officer. Following discussion points:** a) Patrick – would increase stipend budget line by \$2,480. b) stipend generally reflects the location and costs relative to that. Regional Forums operated the same way in regards to stipend allowances. c) Is this a need or an extra? This comes out of Finance and needs no second. **Motion Passes.**
- 3) Motion: Michael Stewart, Area 1 registrar co-chair, **motion to fund the Correction committee \$300 for a Correction Bridge program.** This motion is recommended and approved by Finance committee and needs no second. **Motion Passes.** Mitchell – in the past, Correction's budget was \$600 and was reduced due to lack of participation and usage. Now there is action being taken and the financial need is there. **Motion Passes**

**A Motion to Adjourn was made, and the motion passed.**

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer.**

Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
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