



CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE

JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



MEETING INFO AA BIRTHDAYS AA-RELATED ARTICLES CONTRIBUTIONS UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW MEETINGS

(See enclosed flyers for details.)

Monday, 7:00 PM, MX-O-NS, Affton Baptist Church, 8751 Mackenzie Road, 63123

“STEP SERIES”

Tuesday, 12 Noon, MX-C-NS, Central Service Office, #14 Sunnen Drive, 63143

WE AGNOSTICS (Topic Meeting)

Wednesday, **TIME CORRECTION: 9:00 PM**, MX-O-NS, Steps Alano Club, 3974 Humphrey, 63116

CANCELED

GROUP #1051

Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Harris House West

NEEDS SUPPORT

GROUP #70

Friday, 7:30 PM, M-C-NS, St. Andrew’s Church, 309 Hoffmeister, 63125

GROUP #443

Wednesday, 6:00 PM, MX-C-NS, St. Joseph Catholic Church (Rectory Basement), 106 N. Meramec, 63105

GROUP #761

“Stepping Stones,” Thursday, 7:30 PM, MX-O-NS, Salem Lutheran Church, 8343 Gravois Road, 63123

MOVED

THREADS OF RECOVERY, Monday, 5:30 PM, MX-O-NS, Beginning 2/1/18—New Location: Church at Affton, 9607 Gravois Road, 63123

GROUP #376

Wednesday, 12 Noon, MX-C-NS

New Location: The Gathering, 101 N. Bemiston, 63105

GROUP #419

Tuesday, New Time: 7:00 PM, MX-C-NS,

New Location: Christ Church (Library), 2200 Belleview, 63143

DAY CHANGE

GROUP #1065

New Day: Tuesday, 6:00 PM, MX-O-NS, St. Luke the Evangelist, 63117

KEY:

- C - Closed Meeting (Alcoholics only—i.e., individuals who have a desire to stop drinking.)
- O - Open Meeting (Everyone is welcome; however, only alcoholics participate.)
- M—Male; F—Female; MX—Male & Female

“Each day, somewhere in the world, recovery begins when one alcoholic talks with another alcoholic, sharing experience, strength and hope.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. xxii

“Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 58

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE

ALANO

*The Annual Winter Gathering of
Your Central Service Office
With the AA and Al-anon Community*

Saturday, February 3, 2018

The Heights

8001 Dale

Richmond Heights, MO 63117

Dinner: 6:00 PM

***Meat and Drinks will be provided—
Please bring a side dish.***



**Open AA and Al-anon Meeting:
7:00 PM**

**GAMES! FUN! BASKETS!
AA & Al-anon Books, Jewelry & Gifts for Sale**

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE

#14 Sunnen Drive . Suite 144 . Maplewood, MO 63143 . 314-647-3677 . www.aastl.org . email: alano@aastl.org

Birthdays celebrated are 30 Days, 6 Months and Years thereafter. Please call birthdays in to the office after they have been celebrated. Thank You! (314) 647-3677



Group #5
Dan M. 4 Years

Group #163
Dave K. 10 Years!
Terry W. 24 Years!!
Gary W. 25 Years!!
Jim M. 27 Years!!
Charlene W. 30 Years!!
Pat S. 31 Years!!!

GROUP #166
Megan 30 Days
Jeanette J. 1 Year
Caitlin L. 5 Years

GROUP #220
Annette G. 39 Years!!!

GROUP #254
Ellen M. 30 Days
Kate S. 18 Years!

GROUP #319
Bernie H. 38 Years!!!

GROUP #365
Karl K. 1 Year
Melissa T. 2 Years

GROUP #414
Peggy 26 Years!!

GROUP #449
Jim S. 2 Years
Bill S. 27 Years!!
Mary Ann R. 33 Years!!!

GROUP #460
Earnest D. 22 Years!!

GROUP #467
Jack M. 5 Years

GROUP #477
Gary S. 9 Years
Greg P. 10 Years!
Mike V. 14 Years!
Tom A. 26 Years!!

GROUP #669
Ken 10 Years!
Frank H. 22 Years!!

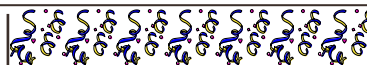
GROUP #699
Lauren K. 2 Years
Liz P. 3 Years
Bernadette O. 9 Years

GROUP #774
Dave W. 8 Years
April D. 28 Years!!

GROUP #940
Jeff F. 5 Years
Dave J. 5 Years
Dave W. 8 Years
Susie C-R. 11 Years!
Charlie C. 22 Years!!
Laura A. 37 Years!!!

GROUP #983
Ann P. 18 Years!
Laura A. 37 Years!!!

Thanks for sharing the miracle of your recovery with us!



WE WISH YOU A HAPPY, JOYOUS & FREE NEW YEAR 2018!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE!



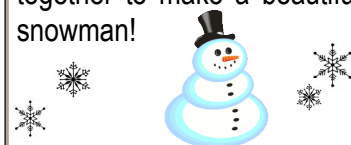
THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE



Carl M. Group #26
Marty T. Group #541
Arless D. Group #644

They will be missed by all who knew them!

If your group is hesitating to make contributions to one of the A.A. entities (i.e., Central Service Office, GSO, Eastern Area, Your District) because you think it's too small to bother with, just remember how the smallest, individual snowflakes can be lumped together to make a beautiful snowman!



"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called *Opportunity* and its first chapter is "New Year's Day."

Edith Lovejoy Pierce

A.A. WORD SCRAMBLE

Words used in A.A. Big Book

1. NCIRULAEB _____
2. SYESRILUO _____
3. GLEMITEIAT _____
4. YTSIAN _____

(Answers on pg. 4)

“SAFEGUARDING ANONYMITY IN A DIGITAL AGE”

“...Here’s one of the things I think about anonymity,’ Andrew L. says, ‘I don’t think we talk enough about how one person’s anonymity, or lack of it, impacts the organization as a whole. You become a reflection of A.A. on social media to many people, like it or not. The Eleventh Tradition is designed to protect A.A. from its members. We can be dangerous.’

“One way to understand your goal in posting about program-related events on social media, according to Jason, is to ask yourself, ‘What is my ultimate purpose?’ Is it self promotion when I post something, even if only a limited audience will see it? When people talk about their anonymity, they are often talking about the Eleventh Tradition, but the Twelfth Tradition comes into play here as well. Am I practicing humility when I post on whatever platform? Am I placing principles before personalities, or just seeing as many *likes* as I can get?

“To Clay R., the key to safeguarding anonymity on social media is education. ‘One of the things the Fellowship needs to adapt to is how to educate our new members on the importance of anonymity and how that is reflected in public media. As sponsors, we can educate our sponsees. As A.A. groups, we can take the time in our group announcements to underscore the importance of the gift of personal anonymity that every group offers to all of its members, and how we all need to respect that. And as A.A. entities—groups, districts, areas—we need to be more attentive to education via workshops and Tradition meetings as to why this is important.’

“Jason R. adds, ‘When you see an anonymity break, it’s important to understand that you can’t necessarily control it. My opinion may be that I wouldn’t have done that. But my responsibility as an A.A. member is to speak with other members of the Fellowship in a loving and tolerant way and accept that they may choose not to change. I cannot be the Tradition police.’”

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“THE VINE LINE”

“Q: How many first edition Big Books were published; how much did they sell for; how much is one worth today; and does the General Service Office have any copies?

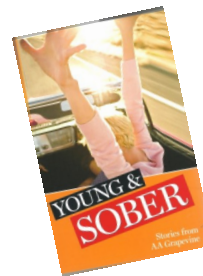
“A: There were 4,700 first edition Big Books published with the first printing in April 1939; they sold for \$2.50 to AAs and \$3.50 to “outsiders;” how much one is worth today has a lot to do with the condition the book is in (whether the dust jacket is intact, whether or not it is autographed, etc.); though according to *Publisher’s Weekly* it is the most sought after book in the country; the GSO Archives has four copies of the first edition, first printing of the Big Book.”

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“2008 Alano Newsletter”*

ABOUT NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS...

“If nothing changes, nothing changes.”

AA Slogan

**BOOK OF THE MONTH:****YOUNG & SOBER**

*Stories from AA
GRAPEVINE*

PAMPHLET OF THE MONTH:**TOO YOUNG?**

*AA CONFERENCE-APPROVED
LITERATURE*



Victor E.



NOVEMBER 2017 CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENTRAL SERVICES				
#	AMT	#	GROUP	AMT
23	\$90.00	15	Promises	\$25.00
44	\$39.00	19	Open Door to recovery	\$18.00
47	\$20.00	40	Late Ducks	\$300.00
73	\$150.00	43	Group 43	\$29.00
107	\$500.00	69	The Gratitude Hour	\$300.00
177	\$200.00	84	Dry Noon group	\$70.00
344	\$146.85	89	Shipwreck Group	\$500.00
382	\$46.36	122	Charlietown Step/BB	\$30.00
409	\$53.00	157	Big Book	\$208.00
413	\$100.00	178	Carry the Message	\$49.00
500	\$213.00	193	Thursday Night Men's	\$40.00
719	\$150.00	253	The Group	\$121.88
972	\$40.00	307	Rancho Mirage	\$225.00
977	\$300.00	365	Gerald Cookie Bunch	\$75.00
		388	Sixth Sense	\$300.00
		418	Joe's Place	\$50.00
		424	Noon Topic Group	\$15.00
		453	Buder Bunch	\$60.00
		464	Agape Group	\$100.00
		469	Working With Others	\$68.00
		471	Spiritual Winners	\$106.50
		505	Men's Feelings	\$277.50
		566	Newcomer	\$35.00
		613	Program in Progress	\$300.00
		646	Friday Night Newcomers	\$400.00
		699	Sisters Of Sobriety	\$100.00
		722	The Journey	\$130.00
		789	SOS Eureka	\$54.00
		809	Saturday Sober Sisters	\$20.00
		815	Solution Talkers	\$155.00
		914	Big Book Babes	\$200.00
		1010	I am responsible	\$75.00
		1016	Women's Let's Talk	\$75.00
		1045	Group 1045	\$75.00
			IR Meeting	\$67.00
			Memorial	\$25.00
			Individual	\$18.30
			Individual	\$25.00
			Individual	\$80.00
TOTAL - NOVEMBER 2017				\$6,850.39

Your generous donations help "Carry the Message"

Thank You!

UPCOMING EVENTS

(See flyers for details.)

JANUARY 1
 "Triangle of Time" New Year's Meeting and Fundraiser for Central Service Office, Fellowship 1:00 PM, Meeting 2:00 PM, Central Service Office

JANUARY 5, 6, 7
 Missouri State Conference of Young People in AA, Westport Sheraton Plaza, 900 Westport Plaza, 63146

JANUARY 8 & FEBRUARY 10
 Central Service's Social Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Central Service Office (Help plan activities for CSO.)

JANUARY 13
 Sponsorship Workshop, 12 Noon—, Windsor Baptist Church, 6701 Hwy 61/67, 63052

JANUARY 20
 Pancake Sausage Supper & Speaker Meeting, 5:00-9:00 PM, North County Office, 7222 North Lindbergh Blvd., 63042

JANUARY 26-28
 20th Annual Jamboree Hosted by District 27 on South Padre Island, TX

FEBRUARY 4
 Fall Classic Super Bowl Chili Cook-off, AA & Al-anon Speakers, 3:30 PM, Free Babysitting, Crestwood Community Center, 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane, 63126

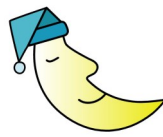
FEBRUARY 17
 Emotional Sobriety Workshop, 9:00 AM-12 Noon, Faith Lutheran Church, 6101 Telegraph, 63129

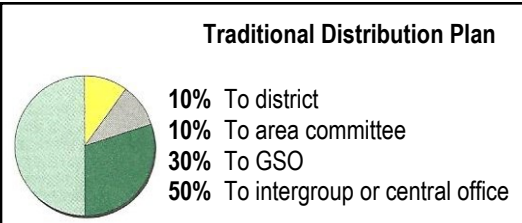
FEBRUARY 17
 Group #344, Chili Cook-off, Doors Open 10:00 AM, Lunch 12 Noon, St. Thomas United Church of Christ, 17842 Wild Horse Creek Road, 63005

A.A. WORD UNSCRAMBLE (Words used in A.A. Big Book)

1. INCURABLE ("Doctors had pronounced him incurable.") pg. 11
2. SERIOUSLY ("If you are as seriously alcoholic as we were, we believe there is no middle-of-the-road solution.") pg. 25
3. LEGITIMATE ("So our rule is not to avoid a place where there is drinking, if we have a legitimate reason for being there.") pg. 101
4. SANITY ("His sanity returned and he thanked God.") pgs. 154-155

CAN'T FALL ASLEEP?

Try counting your blessings alphabetically—starting with "AA" and ending with "ZZZZZZZZ"! 



-OR-

Customize your contribution according to your Group Conscience.

Office & Book Store Hours (Closed Most Holidays):

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM
 WEDNESDAY: 8:30 AM-7:00 PM
 Saturday: 9:00 AM-12 Noon

Deadline for February 2018 Newsletter: 1/16/18
 Next newsletter mailing: 1/23/18
 Next I.R. Meeting: 1/16/18, 7:30 PM, Central Service Office