



East Tennessee Intergroup

# UNITY NEWSLETTER

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## “Here are the steps we took” by Clarence Snyder

### Working With Others

*It was Dr. Bob Smith who sponsored Clarence Snyder into this simple program. Clarence repeated this approach with other alcoholics in Cleveland where he achieved a high recovery rate. Here is the approach the A.A. pioneers used to carry the message to the person who suffers from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. Clarence remained very active in A.A. until his death on March 22, 1984.*



There are five phases to the Steps:

- STEP 1: ADMISSION,
- STEPS 2 and 3: SUBMISSION,
- STEPS 4, 5, 6, and 7: CONFESSION,
- STEPS 8 and 9: RESTITUTION,
- STEPS 10, 11, and 12: THE LIVING STEPS, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE

Then we have to take an inventory.

**STEP FOUR:** Take a searching and fearless moral inventory. We must find out what we’ve got, what we need to get rid of, and what we need to acquire. There are 20 character defects to ask about — the individual wrongs are not necessary to go over, just the defects that caused them. Going over the questions, you ask that the person be honest and admit his defects to himself, to you, and to God (where two or more are gathered in His name, there shall He be.) By admitting, the person also takes.

(To be continued next month.)



“Made a searching and moral inventory of ourselves.”

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## Step Four: “Made a searching and moral inventory of ourselves.”

CREATION gave us instincts for a purpose. Without them we wouldn't be complete human beings. If men and women didn't exert themselves to be secure in their persons, made no effort to harvest food or construct shelter, there would be no survival. If they didn't reproduce, the earth wouldn't be populated. If there were no social instinct, if men cared nothing for the society of one another, there would be no society. So these desires—for the sex relation, for material and emotional security, and for companionship —are perfectly necessary and right, and surely God-given.

Yet these instincts, so necessary for our existence, often far exceed their proper functions. Powerfully, blindly, many times subtly, they drive us, dominate us, and insist upon ruling our lives.

### Fourth Step Prayer

Dear God, it is I who has made my life a mess. I have done it, but I cannot undo it. My mistakes are mine and I will begin a searching and fearless moral inventory. I will write down my wrongs. But I will also include that which is good. I pray for the strength to complete this task.



### Tradition Four (long form):

With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority other than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

### Tradition Four Checklist:

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?



**Concept IV and Checklist: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional “Right of Participation,” allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.**

- Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the “Right of Participation”?
- What does “in reasonable proportion” mean? Do we understand when it is appropriate for A.A. paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure?
- Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1 meets the second Saturday of odd months at 11am at the Renaissance Center.

District 2 meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Mountain Home VA, Johnson City.

District 3 meets the first Sunday of the month at 12:30pm at the Morristown Group.

District 4 meets the first Sunday of even months at 2:00pm at Happy Destiny.

District 50/51 meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm at Intergroup.

Intergroup Committee meets the third Monday of the month at 6:3pm on Zoom. Meeting ID: 190 817 792; Password: 076583.

### Want to do Service Work for Intergroup?

Use the form below, OR sign up online here:

<https://www.etiaa.org/contact-us/>

#### East Tennessee Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous – Gratitude With Service form

Return to: ETIAA; 9217 Park West Blvd #B3; Knoxville, TN 37923

865-522-9667

[Manager@etiaa.org](mailto:Manager@etiaa.org)

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \*First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*City \_\_\_\_\_ \*State \_\_\_\_\_ \*ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\* Required for listing in 12<sup>th</sup> Step List

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#### Volunteer Service Options

Check only those you are willing to commit time to:

##### 12<sup>th</sup> Step List Volunteer

Weeknights

Weekends

Weekdays

##### Phones Night & Weekend

Weeknights

Weekends

#### Committees of Interest

Check only those you are willing to serve on:

Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community

Intergroup Representative

Office Worker

Archives

Outreach

Spanish Liaison

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

We can't do it without you! Intergroup volunteers help carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, and provide groups and individuals with literature and other resources. It's a great gig! If you have at least 6 months of continued sobriety, come join us!

Fill out your info at the office, or online at <https://www.etiaa.org/contact-us/>.

### In the Office:

Rebekah	Susi	Paul
R .	Clara	Kathy
Jill	Bob	Rick
Glenn	Robin	Audrey
Richard	Dave	Deanna
Pete	Patty	Fawn
Charlie	Eddie	

### Hotline:

Clara	Carole
Bob W	Jimmy
Susie	Barb
Susi	Patrick
Emily	Austin
Anna	Rebekah

### Intergroup Board

Rhonda	Barb
Dave	Susi
Marian	Tami
SuZanne	Jacque
Beth	

### Website

Sterling  
Eammon  
SuZanne

### Meeting List

Barb

## AA Birthdays / Anniversaries

### Monday Night Men's Group

James P.	1 year	Feb. 28
John L.	28 years	Feb. 2
Scott B.	20 years	Feb. 22
Joe C.	34 years	Mar. 22

### Serenity Sisters Group

Cheryl E.	8 years	Mar. 2
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## Intergroup Office News

### Office Manager Job Posting

## NEW OFFICE MANAGER

Please join us in welcoming our new Office Manager Clara M! Clara has been involved with the Intergroup since May of 2013 as the Chair of the Intergroup Committee that started our revitalization and has been an office

Service Worker since 2015. We are very excited for her to start on 3/21 at our Intergroup Board Meeting. Rebekah's last day will be the week of April 24th.

Intergroup is getting ready to take the Mobile Intergroup to the Appalachian Regional Roundup March 18-20 in Kingsport. This our biggest Mobile Event and Outreach Event of the year. If you are interested in doing service work for IG for this event email [manager@etiaa.org](mailto:manager@etiaa.org).

A number of AA books are on back order due to shipping/printing/fulfillment issues. We have plenty of Big Books at the moment in all formats.

Grapevine now has a podcast. It can be found at <https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast>

We are in need of chairpersons for our Intergroup Committee. If you are interested, attend the Intergroup at 6:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month on Zoom.

We need new service workers for our 12 Step List. These workers answer calls from people who need to talk to an AA member after they have been screened buy the hotline worker. They usually need to talk to someone of the same sex about the program and potentially meet at a meeting.

**Contact us to find out how you can help us carry the message!**

## Unity Newsletter

is a monthly publication of East Tennessee Intergroup about, by, and for members of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). Opinions herein are not to be attributed to AA. Except when indicated, this publication does not imply endorsement by either AA or the Newsletter. Delegates to the General Service Conference on April 24, 1972 agreed that the use of full names and addresses could improve communication within the Fellowship. Consequently, we may use full names for AA service members. To ensure anonymity, it is requested that the Newsletter be kept within the Fellowship.

## Submissions

Is your group celebrating Birthdays/Anniversaries? Are you? Do you have AA-related questions or myths that Intergroup of East Tennessee Alcoholics Anonymous (ETIAA) can answer for you? Is there an "In Memory" group member to be recognized? We encourage all appropriate submissions by sending them to: Newsletter Coordinator, man-

*Join East TN Intergroup  
in Celebrating our  
outgoing Office Manager,  
Rebekah!*

*When?*

April 30th at 12pm

*Where?*

East Tennessee Intergroup Office  
9217 Park West Blvd Suite B3  
Knoxville, TN 37923

*What?*

Celebrating Rebekah's hard work  
for the last 7+ years!

*Bring snacks to share!*

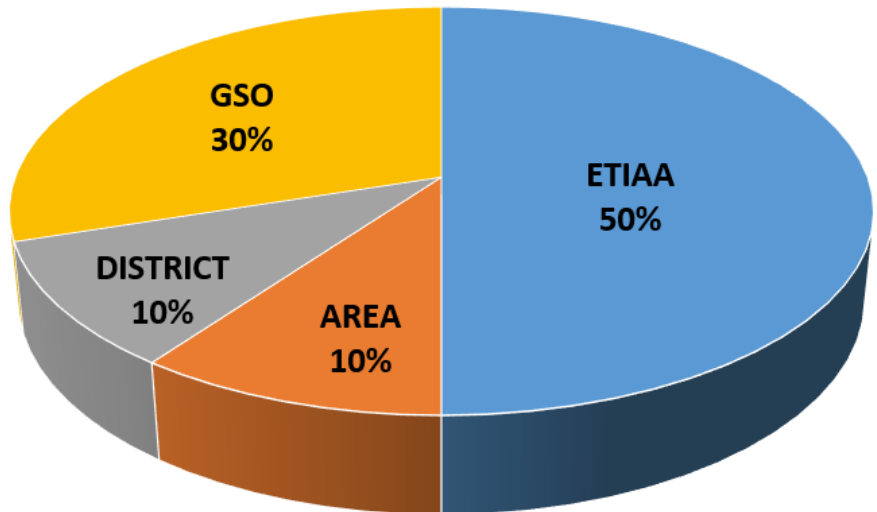
## 7TH TRADITION SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTIONS

### How can groups participate?

To help support AA's essential services, the General Service Conference suggests that individual groups, through an informed group conscience, adopt a specific contribution plan tailored to meet the group's financial situation. Once the basic group expenses have been taken care of (for example, rent, refreshments, AA literature, Grapevine literature, local meeting lists, GSR travel expenses to attend service functions) and a "prudent reserve" has been set aside to cover any emergency contingencies that might arise, the group may decide to further carry the message by sending money to the following AA service entities.

- The local district, which communicates directly with the groups, providing the district group conscience for the area assemblies and serving as a link between the area delegates and the GSRs.
- The area committee, which coordinates vital AA activities over a broad geographic area, sends a delegate to the annual General Service Conference, holds area assemblies to determine the needs of the Fellowship, and provides information at all levels of service.
- The local intergroup or central office, which may provide phone service for Twelfth Step calls and other inquiries, coordination of group activities, AA literature sales, institutions work, public information, and cooperation with the professional community activities.
- AA's General Service Office, which functions as a storehouse of AA information, communicating with members and groups around the world, publishes AA literature, and supplies information and experience to professionals and others interested in AA.

[Self-Support—Where Money and Spirituality Mix. Go to: [www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/f-3\\_selfsupport.pdf](http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-3_selfsupport.pdf)]



***Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.***

### Contribution Addresses

**ETIAA East Tennessee Intergroup of AA**  
**9217 Park West Blvd #B3**  
**Knoxville, TN 37923**  
**865-522-9667**     [www.etiaa.org](http://www.etiaa.org)

**New ways to contribute:**

Paypal [Manager@etiaa.org](mailto:Manager@etiaa.org) or  
 865-320-8649  
 Zelle [Manager@etiaa.org](mailto:Manager@etiaa.org) or  
 865-320-8649  
 Venmo @ETIAA

**General Service Office**  
**Grand Central Station**  
**P.O. Box 459**  
**New York, NY 10163**

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

**The GSO prefers online contributions**

**Area 64 Assembly**  
**2500 Murfreesboro Pike**  
**Suite 105 Box 235**  
**Nashville, TN 37217**

[www.area64assembly.org](http://www.area64assembly.org)

**District 1 Treasurer**  
**Richard Ellis**  
**1302 Chestnut St.**  
**Kingsport, TN 376604**

**District 2 Treasurer**  
**PO BOX 1872**  
**Johnson City, TN 37605**

**District 3 Treasurer**  
**John H.**  
**1466 Darbee Dr.**

**Morristown, TN 37814**

**District 4 Treasurer**  
**P.O. Box 6642**  
**Maryville, TN 37802**

**District 6 Treasurer**  
**Richard B.**  
**105 Mariner Point**  
**Clinton, TN 37716**

**NEW ADDRESSES**

**AA District 50/51 Treasurer**  
**9217 Park West Blvd**  
**Suite B-3 (ETIAA)**  
**Knoxville, TN 37923**

Please mail all District 50/51 contributions to the Intergroup Office. Specify on the check AND on the outside of the envelope that it is for district 50/51.

*Please be sure to include your Group Name and Number.*

## Intergroup Financial / Contributions Report

GROUPS DONATING	Jul '21—		GROUPS DONATING	Jul 21—	
	Feb '22	Feb '22		Feb '22	Feb '22
1ST THINGS 1ST KNOXVILLE	1,488.98	3,332.95	MARYVILLE 12 STEP		300.00
4-WAY GROUP		200.00	MEMORIAL RECOVERY		50.00
4TH DIMENSION	550.00	880.00	METRO GROUP		350.00
AREA 64 HOST COMMITTEE		60.00	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S	300.00	500.00
BACK TO BASICS- OAK RIDGE		53.00	MORRISTOWN GROUP		300.00
BIG BOOK RECOVERY		25.00	NEW BEGINNING- LOUDON	35.00	35.00
BLOUNT COUNTY GROUP	200.00	450.00	NEW BEGINNINGS KNOXVILLE		50.00
BREAKFAST CLUB	20.00	340.00	NORRIS CLINTON GROUP		41.00
CARING AND SHARING		17.32	NORTH GATLINBURG 157790		914.74
COLONIAL GROUP		200.00	NORTH STATION GR		11.00
COLONIAL HEIGHTS		125.00	NORTHSHORE		150.00
CONCORD GROUP		250.50	ONLINE LUNCH BUNCH	7.74	673.84
CONTRIBUTION JAR		106.54	PHOENIX GROUP		764.00
COOKIE GROUP		360.00	PRIMARY PURPOSE- OAK RIDGE	200.00	680.00
DANDRIDGE UNITY		96.00	RIVERSIDE GROUP		174.81
Dist 4 PICNIC		18.00	ROANE COUNTY UNITY 112631		820.00
DISTRICT 3	100.00	100.00	SAT. MORNING BIG BOOK STUDY		1,524.15
DISTRICT 50/51	30.00	270.00	SATURDAY MORNING SERENITY		284.50
DOWN ON THE RIVER		480.00	SERENITY IMPROVEMENT		1,200.00
FAWN LANDRUM (deleted)		50.00	SEYMOUR SHARING		556.92
FOUNTAIN CITY SERENITY		300.00	SOBRIETY AND BEYOND		258.25
FRIDAY NIGHT MEETING	375.00	375.00	SOBRIETY SOCIETY- SO-SO		525.00
FRIDAY NIGHT OUT 160185	15.00	15.00	Square Customer	155.00	1,695.97
GROUP WITH NO NAME		1,340.00	STEPS FORWARD		220.00
HAPPY DESTINY	500.00	750.00	TCYPAA		0.70
HAPPY HOUR	1,233.43	2,978.43	TELLICO VILLAGE		180.00
HIGH NOON ROGERSVILLE		174.00	TENNESSEE GROUP	513.60	634.44
HIGH NOONERS-P40		2,425.00	TRUDGING THE ROAD		192.96
JOHNSON CITY WOMEN'S GROUP		100.00	TUESDAY NIGHT LOUDON		75.00
KEEP LEANING FORWARD		92.58	TURNIP PATCH	106.12	242.15
KODAK HWY 66		200.00	UNKNOWN GROUP		310.00
LAFOLLETTE-THERE IS HOPE	20.00	160.00	WEARS VLY CARRIAGE HOUSE	105.55	105.55
LUNCH BUNCH- GREENEVILLE	68.05	484.87	WEST KNOXVILLE GROUP		115.50
			WORKING WITH OTHERS		117.00
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6,023.47</b>	<b>\$30,861.67</b>

*East Tennessee Intergroup of AA fiscal year is July 1 -June 30*



## March 2022 Intergroup Meeting Minutes

Open with Serenity Prayer and monthly Tradition at 6:30.

Present via Zoom: - Tami D, Rebekah R., Dave S., Erika W., Rhonda, SuZanne A., Jacque H., Barb S., Trey M., James F., Fawn L., Al L., Marian G., Susi M., Jodi, Clara M., David G.

Groups Represented: Happy Destiny II Group, First Things First Group., TN Group, Colonial Heights Group, High Nooners Group, 4-Way Group, Bristol Memorial Group, Roamers Group, So-So Group.

Previous minutes were accepted as is motion Jim F., seconded by Susi M., all in favor.

### Manager's Report – Rebekah R.

- Welcome new IGRs – Rebekah welcomed new reps to the meeting. If you need anything reach out to the office manager @ 865-320-8649 or manager@etiaa.org.
- Remind – Rebekah again asked for anyone wanting to be added to the Remind App for staying up-to-date with announcements and updates to add their contact information in the Zoom chat box.
- New Office Manager – Clara M has been offered and has accepted the Office Manager position at Intergroup. Today is her first day. Rebekah's last day will be sometime the week of April 24th.
- Appalachian Regional Roundup – Round-Up was March 18-20 in Kingsport TN. 950 people attended. Lots of Outreach done and net sales were \$6645.56. It was a huge success!
- Alarm System – Rebekah reported the alarm system is already set up with 4G capabilities and therefore will not lose function when 3G networks are discontinued.

### Treasurer's Report – Dave S.

- Year to Date P&L \$3678.62
- Fawn L reported February contributions at an all time high.
- Dave S reported there were donation at the Appalachian Round-Up totaling \$250.00
- Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Fawn L., seconded by Jim F., all in favor.

### Hotline – Susi M.

- Susi would like to give up this position.
- All is going well with the Hotline. There are 3 new volunteers.
- Susi is going to put a flyer together to take to groups that explains the 12 Step Call List and gives people instructions for how to sign up to be a part of the 12 Step Call List.

### Service Workers – Dave S.

- Dave advised we lost one volunteer and there are still office positions available on Monday from 11-4, every other Tuesday and Thursday from 11-1:30.
- Call for more volunteers.

**Archives – Barb S. :** Nothing new to report.

### Website – Barb S.

- Nothing new to report. She requested February #s from Rebekah, to be provided at a later date.



## **March 2022 Intergroup Meeting Minutes (Cont.)**

**Accessibilities – Susi M. :** Nothing new to report.

**Spanish Liaison – open**

**CPC/PI – open**

**Treatment – Jacque H.**

- Jacque and Marian will be attending the District 2 meeting next month.
- Need women to take a meeting into Centerpointe one Thursday night a month, contact Jacque.
- Need men and women to take meetings into Rehab Knoxville facility, contact Jacque.

**Corrections – Marian G.**

- Marian advised she attended the District 3 meeting and met their Corrections Rep.

**Outreach – Susi M. :** Nothing new to report.

**Events – SuZanne A.**

- Working on Intergroup Anniversary event to be held sometime in August 2022 as well as a Volunteer Appreciation Event also to be held in August. Barb S is assisting. They are going to visit The Main Event to see what packages they have to offer for the Volunteers event. She requested a head count for the Volunteer event and Rebekah stated around 50.
- SuZanne asked for ideas for both events and Clara suggested we have an open house at the Intergroup office with volunteers present, a “meet and greet” and serve cookies, cake punch, etc. Susi M suggested a picnic for the Anniversary and/or the Volunteers. SuZanne and Barb to look into both options.
- The prospective date is 08/21/2022.

**Mobile Intergroup – Beth C – not present**

- Rebekah advised she will be going to the District 3 Meeting and Pancake Breakfast on 04/03/22.

**Old Business:**

- Office shelving – Trey M was present and provided proposed drawings of the new floating shelves. Shelves will cover the office and will match the paint. The cost is \$2500 and he will need \$1250 up front for the cost of materials.
- Susi M made a motion that we give Trey \$1250 for the project. Rebekah seconded. All in favor.

**New Business:**

- Rhonda proposed having a going away party for Rebekah at the Intergroup office on 04/30/22. Clara is the committee chair and Jacque H to assist.
- Rhonda requested a list of everyone’s emails. Rebekah requested all to send her an email so she has everyone accounted for and she is to forward information to Rhonda.
- Rebekah is requesting each District compile a list of contacts for their Districts including contact information for the DCM, committee Chairs and a contact for each Group.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm, motion Jim F., second Susi M., all in favor.**

**Next meeting to be held Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm via Zoom.**

## Tradition Four – Group Autonomy Alcoholics Anonymous Cleveland

<https://www.aacle.org/tradition-four-group-autonomy/>

It's hard to fathom how well Alcoholics Anonymous has fared throughout its years of existence which began in 1935. Navigating the waters in those early days was a lot more treacherous than the average member of today's AA population would be aware of, since efforts of the founders have been proven to have weathered each and every storm that appeared on the horizon. The AA members of that time did however, have the experience of understanding the mistakes of their predecessors, The Oxford Group, which had some success where it had recorded over one hundred thousand sober members before it ventured outside certain boundaries and got off the track when religion seemed to become more of an agenda than sobriety.



Then there was the similar experience when it came to the Washingtonians that also let outside influences like politics and outside money issues take over the agenda. These mistakes did not go unnoticed by the early members of the AA program and may have been the things that set the tone for being very careful about sticking to our singleness of purpose requirement, and structuring the tradition in a way that gives the individual groups as much leeway as possible as not to discourage diversity yet staying on course when it comes to rules that would omit any alcoholic that wants to get sober.

Autonomy is simply a form of independence that gives each group the latitude to be creative in their own way, when it wants to appeal to certain factions of the alcoholic community at large so long as it doesn't cross over into making those painful mistakes that could lead us down that path that led to the dismantling of those groups that came before AA. Today, in AA we have meetings that cater to specific segments of the AA population, such as: Men's Meetings, Women's Meetings, Closed Meetings, (alcoholics only), Open Meetings, Gay and Lesbian Meetings, Step Study, Big Book, Spanish Speaking, and on and on. The common theme for all of these meetings is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Anyone who has a desire to quit drinking cannot be turned away if; indeed that meeting wants to continue to be called an AA meeting.

I was serving in the U.S. Navy at the time when I got sober in late 1969 and shortly after my one year sober celebration, I was on a plane heading to the Philippines to go aboard a fuel tanker and I spent the next four months hauling fuel out to the Tonkin Gulf and refueling the convoys of ships out there during the Vietnam War. During that four months period I was unable to go to a single AA meeting. What did happen during that time when I was cut off from the daily news concerning the AA program, without my knowledge was the sad news that Bill W. had passed away. This happened shortly after I left the country and by the time I returned home it was no longer the topic of conversation and I heard nothing about it.

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Shortly after I returned home my wife and I attended an AA convention in California and to my surprise, the main event at that convention was the Bill W. Memorial Meeting, and I had no idea when he had passed away, it could have been ten years earlier for all I knew. On the stage at that meeting there were ten chairs lined up and seated in those chairs were ten of the most prominent speakers of that time, and each of them were to tell a five minute story of their own personal experience with Bill. The one story that I still remember from that meeting goes something like this.

On a request from some of his AA friends on the west coast, Bill was on a train going to California to speak at several well planned out meetings. The members of AA in a small Midwestern town heard that his train would be stopping in their town and asked if he would consider stopping over for a day and speaking at their meeting. He agreed to do it as he usually did in those days. When the train arrived the town members expected Bill to arrive with an entourage of people assisting him, and they had arranged a welcoming with a band, a large crowd, and an all the town's dignitaries. When the train stopped, the only one that got off was Bill, as he walked down the ramp alone with one suitcase. He proceeded to the planned meeting place and as the meeting began, Bill was somewhat shocked when the members started the meeting with several church hymns. Never the less, he fulfilled his promise and gave his talk and was again disturbed when the meeting ended with several more hymns. After completing his stay he boarded a train and continued on his way.

On the train, what kept bothering Bill was "what are they doing to AA with the hymns" and it didn't seem right. Then Bill started thinking about the size and the population of that small town, and about the large number of alcoholics that attended that meeting and he concluded that, per capita, that was probably the largest meeting in the country and if they wanted to sing hymns, well that's their business.

I believe that tradition four leaves it up to the individual group's discretion to consider the different cultural influences that affect the make up and the structure of the meeting format and I believe that Bill got it right as long as it does not change the spirit of our primary purpose, to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers and that no one with a desire to stop drinking can be turned away.

LET THEM SING

*By Rick R.*



ARGENTINA

**SAVE  
THE DATE**



CANADA

***“Beyond Language,  
Culture and Geography:  
Sobriety Within  
Everybody’s Reach.”***

**Alcoholics Anonymous®  
North/South  
Virtual Special Forum  
about Remote Communities**

Interpretation available in English, French and Spanish.  
The event will be open to all members.

Registration and agenda information to follow.

**Saturday, July 16, 2022**

UNITED STATES



CHILE



# Brown-Bag-It with Bill W.



**Outdoors in the Gazebo at:**

**Wilson Park,  
115 Wilson Lane,  
Maynardville, 37807.**

**A brand spanking new meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous!**

**Thursdays at Noon beginning April 7.**

**Bring your own lunch and beverage.**

**Open discussion.**

**All are welcome!**

**BROWN BAG-IT  
WITH BILL W.**

**There's ample parking to the left of the gazebo, with a short, wheelchair-friendly walk into the venue.**

**Gazebo can be seen from Rte 33, across from Exxon.**

**Dogs allowed if well behaved. There are hiking trails in the park.**

**Covid-free Zone. Masks not required.**

**Remember! We don't start until Thursday, April 7.**

**Help us make our new meeting grow.**

**Happy Hour Zoom Group  
Zoomers & In-person  
Spring Gathering  
Sunday April 10 2021  
10:30 am – 2:30 pm**



**The Cove - Concord Park  
11808 S. Northshore Drive 37922**

**Bring a dish to share. This is a family friendly event.  
We plan to eat around 12:30 for those attending  
church services.**

**Questions made be emailed to  
[P40HappyHour@gmail.com](mailto:P40HappyHour@gmail.com)**



JOIN THE FRIDAY NIGHT GROUP  
FOR OUR ONE YEAR  
CELEBRATION



**Date: Friday, May 20, 2022**

**Time: 5:30 Dinner - meat and drinks provided**

**Please bring a side or dessert**

**6:45 Open Speaker Meeting**

**Place: Concord UMC 11020 Roane Drive**

**Knoxville (behind Sam & Andy's )**

62<sup>nd</sup> International Conference  
of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

ICYPAAA

NEW ORLEANS

September 1st-4th, 2022 | Hyatt Regency New Orleans



*Music to my Ears*

Pre-registration \$30



Scan here to register!

Or go to

[www.ICYPAA.ORG/Registration](http://www.ICYPAA.ORG/Registration)



# FOUNDERS' DAY 2022



*Back live and in-person!*

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Join us in the birthplace of Alcoholics Anonymous:  
Akron Ohio, June 10-12, 2022

## Featured Speakers

**Sandra S.** – Cleveland, OH  
**Christina G.** – Brecksville, OH  
**Michael D.** – Sioux Fall, SD  
**Bob C.** – Cleveland, OH  
**Chris H.** – Parma, OH  
**Joe L.** – Edmond, OK  
**Dick D.** – Hamilton, Canada  
**Jay A.** – Scarborough, Canada  
**Kenny D.** – Seattle, WA  
**Mike & Diane A.** – Nashville, TN

## Featured Events

**Twelve Step Panel**  
**Actors Guild Play**  
**Spanish Meetings**  
**Historic Site Tours**  
**Twelve Traditions**  
**History of Our Big Book**  
**Dance! Dance! Dance!**  
**Spiritual Panel Meeting**  
**Al-Anon / Alateen**  
**Alkathon**

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**REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1, 2022**

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# FOUNDER'S DAY COOKOUT



Hosted by the  
Lunch Bunch

**Saturday, June 11th**  
**12:00 cookout**  
**Speaker to follow**

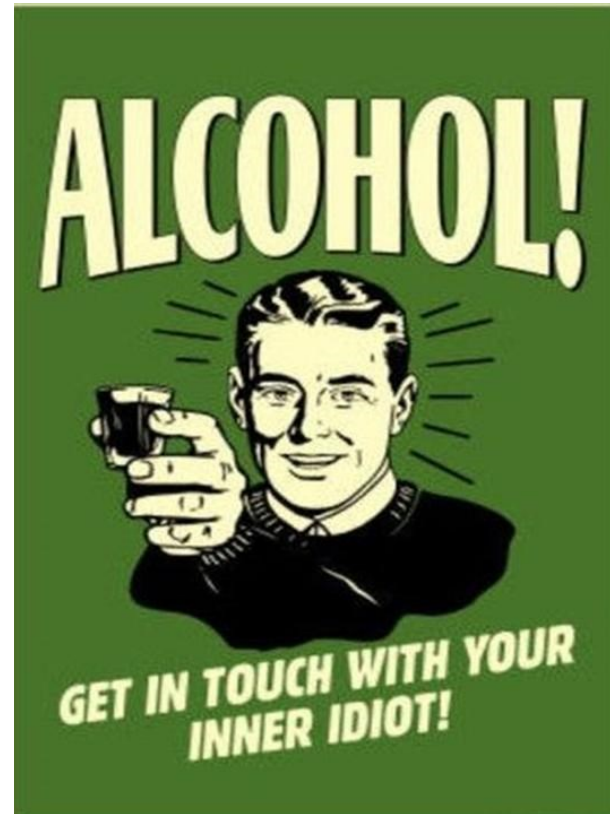
**Sugar Hollow Park**  
**Bristol, VA**

**MORE INFO TO COME**

## CAMPOUT

Contact Sugar Hollow for camping  
site availability and info

*On the lighter side....*



**When I drink alcohol, everyone says I'm an alcoholic. But when I drink Fanta, no one says I'm fantastic.**



**Post what you want. We can delete it in the morning.**

**~Alcohol**

April 2022

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