



East Tennessee Intergroup

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## *“Here are the steps we took”* by Clarence Snyder Working With Others

*Dr. Bob Smith 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 in March 1984.*



There are five phases to the Twelve 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

**STEP SIX:** You were ENTIRELY ready (not almost, not just about, not partially) to have God remove ALL (not some) of these defects. He cannot remove things that have already happened. You are ready to get rid of ALL of them, even the ones that are fun. REMEMBER, YOU TURNED YOUR WILL AND LIFE OVER TO GOD IN STEP THREE.

Now comes...

**STEP SEVEN: (Next Month)**

**STEP: 06**

*““Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”*

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## **Step Six: “Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”**

“THIS is the Step that separates the men from the boys.” So declares a well-loved clergyman who happens to be one of A.A.'s greatest friends. He goes on to explain that any person capable of enough willingness and honesty to try repeatedly Step Six on all his faults—without any reservations whatever—has indeed come a long way spiritually, and is therefore entitled to be called a man who is sincerely trying to grow in the image and likeness of his own Creator.

### **Sixth Step Prayer:**

Dear God, I am ready for Your help in removing from me the defects of character, which I now realize, are an obstacle to my recovery. Help me to continue being honest with myself and guide me toward mental and spiritual health.



### **Tradition Six (long form):**

Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A. such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.

### **Tradition Six Checklist:**

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with “Guidelines on Clubs” (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?



**Concept VI and Checklist: The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.**

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.? Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?
- Are we clear about the terms, “chief initiative” and “active responsibility”? Can we see a direct link to our home group?

*"Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."*

This step is most important because here we are ready for God (as we understand Him) to walk along with us and guide us as we seek to improve our character and eliminate the defects which contributed to our alcoholic problem.

With God's help we'll now apologize quickly when we are curt to others. We'll overcome our resentments. We'll become humble and remember it's our own character we want to improve, not the character of others. We'll remember that as we aren't perfect we haven't any particular right to be critical toward others.

We'll ask quickly for help each time we are aware of wrong thinking and whenever we begin to feel sorry for ourselves. When we wish to judge others, we'll remember that not so long ago we were in no position to judge anyone.

Resentments, our biggest stumbling block, can be dropped right here. Resentments against those who loved us and tried to help us; resentments against the boss, against our fellow-worker, and all the million other little and big resentments must be turned over to a higher power.

At a later date, as our character becomes sound, we'll find that these resentments disappear.

We must ask God to help us understand others.

It takes a continued program of doing and thinking our best each day to lead us ahead, out into the open, where we can join the company of our fellow men.

The same help we seek in dealing with our alcoholic problem must be used to overcome our other defects. Knowing our problem is in God's hands will give us serenity and peace of mind.

In other words, we will turn our will over to God, asking that His will be done, and we'll work on our defects one by one as they make themselves known to us.

### **An Alcoholic's Prayer**

**OH LORD**, Watch over this Alcoholic. Be Thou my Higher Power as I strive toward recovery. Permit me to lean on You for strength and guidance. Grant that I may become totally honest about my problem. Touch my soul - and spark my spirit into awareness, Lord, that I may see the value of a sober life. Show me the glory of the Dawn and a new day and the reward of a Sunset and a day well lived. Help me to deal with resentments, Lord, the real curse of the Alcoholic. Take from me all hatred, anger and willfulness and persuade me to work toward emotional health and maturity that I may fully enjoy the blessings of respectability.

In Thy mercy, Lord, see fit to remove my cravings for that which will destroy me — alcohol. Keep me ever mindful that alone, I am unable to maintain a happy sobriety. Bring me ever close to you and those who will help me along the way. Most of all, prompt me to extend my hand to the Alcoholic who still suffers, so that through him, or her, I may find You and continued sobriety. AMEN

— Irene Palmer Costigan-1970's

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1 meets the first Saturday, every other month (Jan, Mar, May, etc.) 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 6:30pm 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

### Website

### Meeting List

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

Sterling  
Eammon  
SuZanne

Barb

### Intergroup Board

### Hotline:

Rhonda	Barb
Dave	Susi
Marian	Tami
SuZanne	Jacque
Beth	

Clara	Anna	Austin
Bob W	Carole	Rebekah
Susie	Jimmy	Ron M.
Susi	Barb	Frank T.
Emily	Patrick	Bill E.

## AA Birthdays / Anniversaries

### Seymour Sharing Group

Nick T.                      37 years                      June 12

## Intergroup Office News

The intergroup office is getting a make-over! We are installing floating shelves and will provide much more space for literature, be more durable, and look really nice. Please excuse the mess during construction. They will likely be completed by the beginning of July.

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>

## Service Work Opportunities

We are in need of a Hotline Coordinator and an Events Coordinator.

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 by the hotline worker. They usually need to talk to someone of the same sex about the program and potentially meet at a meeting.

We also need service workers to be backups on the hotline.

**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, [managr@etiaa.org](mailto:managr@etiaa.org)

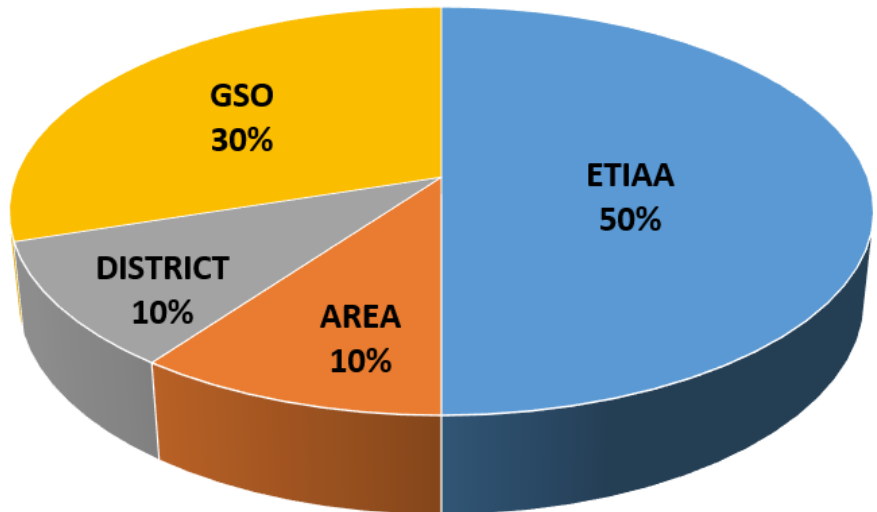
## 7TH TRADITION SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTIONS

### 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 or  
865-320-8649  
Zelle 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  
Barb Sapp  
4137 Skyland Dr,  
Kingsport, TN 37664**

**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	Apr '22	Jul 21— Apr '22	GROUPS DONATING	Apr '22	Jul 21— Apr '22
1ST THINGS 1ST KNOXVILLE		3,332.95	MEMORIAL RECOVERY		50.00
4-WAY GROUP		275.00	METRO GROUP		350.00
4TH DIMENSION		880.00	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S		500.00
AGE OF MIRACLES		25.00	MORRISTOWN GROUP	100.00	400.00
ANON CUSTOMER		50.00	NEW BEGINNING- LOUDON		35.00
AREA 64 HOST COMMITTEE		60.00	NEW BEGINNINGS KNOXVILLE		50.00
BACK TO BASICS- OAK RIDGE		153.00	NORRIS CLINTON GROUP	50.00	91.00
BIG BOOK RECOVERY		25.00	NORTH GATLINBURG	135.92	1,050.66
BLOUNT COUNTY GROUP		450.00	NORTH STATION GRP		11.00
BREAKFAST CLUB		440.00	NORTHSHORE		150.00
CARING AND SHARING		17.32	Nueva Esperanza	100.00	100.00
COLONIAL GROUP	100.00	300.00	ONLINE LUNCH BUNCH	141.17	867.51
COLONIAL HEIGHTS	45.00	170.00	PHOENIX GROUP	530.00	1,294.00
CONCORD GROUP		250.50	PRIMARY PURPOSE- OAK RIDGE		680.00
CONTRIBUTION JAR		165.52	PRIME TIME		780.00
COOKIE GROUP	120.00	480.00	RIVERSIDE GROUP		174.81
DANDRIDGE UNITY		96.00	ROANE COUNTY UNITY	550.00	1,476.00
Dist 4 PICNIC		18.00	SAT. MORNING BIG BOOK STUDY		1,524.15
DISTRICT 3		100.00	SATURDAY MORNING SERENITY		284.50
DISTRICT 50/51	240.00	540.00	SERENITY IMPROVEMENT		1,200.00
DOWN ON THE RIVER		480.00	SEYMOUR SHARING	177.61	734.53
FOUNTAIN CITY SERENITY	150.00	600.00	SOBER PRIDE	254.05	254.05
FRIDAY NIGHT MEETING		375.00	SOBRIETY AND BEYOND		258.25
FRIDAY NIGHT OUT		15.00	SOBRIETY SOCIETY- SO-SO		525.00
GROUP WITH NO NAME		1,590.00	Square Customer	19.39	1,852.16
HAPPY DESTINY		750.00	Stepping Through Sobriety	63.00	63.00
HAPPY HOUR		2,978.43	STEPS FORWARD		220.00
HIGH NOON ROGERSVILLE		174.00	TCYPAA		0.70
HIGH NOONERS-P40		2,425.00	TELLICO VILLAGE		240.00
I Am Responsible Mountain City		100.00	TENNESSEE GROUP		634.44
Jaywalkers	300.00	300.00	TRUDGING THE ROAD		192.96
Johnson City Women's Group		100.00	TUESDAY NIGHT LOUDON		75.00
KEEP LEANING FORWARD		92.58	TURNIP PATCH		242.15
KODAK HWY 66	50.00	250.00	UNKNOWN GROUP		310.00
LAFOLLETTE-THERE IS HOPE	20.00	200.00	WEARS VLY CARRIAGE HOUSE		105.55
LUNCH BUNCH- GREENEVILLE	100.82	651.04	WEST KNOXVILLE GROUP		115.50
MARYVILLE 12 STEP		300.00	WORKING WITH OTHERS		117.00
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,246.96</b>	<b>\$36,218.26</b>

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



## **12 STEPS IN 30 MINUTES by Bill W. (excerpt)**

The Grapevine July 1953 Vol. 10 No. 2

AAs are always asking: "Where did the Twelve Steps come from?" In the last analysis, perhaps nobody knows. Yet some of the events which led to their formulation are as clear to me as though they took place yesterday.

So far as people were concerned, the main channels of inspiration for our Steps were three in number--the Oxford Groups, Dr. William D. Silkworth of Towns Hospital and the famed psychologist, William James, called by some the father of modern psychology. The story of how these streams of influence were brought together and how they led to the writing of our Twelve Steps is exciting and in spots downright incredible.

Many of us will remember the Oxford Groups as a modern evangelical movement which flourished in the 1920's and early 30's, led by a one-time Lutheran minister, Dr. Frank Buchman. The Oxford Groups of that day threw heavy emphasis on personal work, one member with another. AA's Twelfth Step had its origin in that vital practice. The moral backbone of the "O.G." was absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness and absolute love. They also practiced a type of confession, which they called "sharing"; the making of amends for harms done they called "restitution." They believed deeply in their "quiet time," a meditation practiced by groups and individuals alike, in which the guidance of God was sought for every detail of living, great or small.

These basic ideas were not new; they could have been found elsewhere. But the saving thing for us first alcoholics who contacted the Oxford Groupers was that they laid great stress on these particular principles. And fortunate for us was the fact that the Groupers took special pains not to interfere with one's personal religious views. Their society, like ours later on, saw the need to be strictly non-denominational.

In the late summer of 1934, my well-loved alcoholic friend and schoolmate "Ebbie" had fallen in with these good folks and had promptly sobered up. Being an alcoholic, and rather on the obstinate side, he hadn't been able to "buy" all the Oxford Group ideas and attitudes. Nevertheless, he was moved by their deep sincerity and felt mighty grateful for the fact that their ministrations had, for the time being, lifted his obsession to drink.

*Read the rest here:* <https://e-aa.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=5581>



## **May 2022 Intergroup Meeting Minutes**

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

Present via Zoom: - Tami D, Rhonda, SuZanne A., Jacque H., Fawn L., Al L., Marian G., Jody F., Clara M., Steve S., Dave S., Hunter H., Scott S., Beth C., and Jim F.

Groups Represented: First Things First Group., TN Group, 4-Way Group, Saturday Morning Big Book Group, Primary Purpose Group, Memorial Recovery Group.

Previous minutes were accepted as is motion Dave S., seconded by Scott S., all in favor.

### **Manager's Report – Clara M**

- Welcome new IGRs – Clara welcomed new reps to the meeting. If you need anything reach out to the office manager @ 865-320-8649 or manager@etiaa.org.
- Remind – Clara 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.
- Office Manager Training Update – all is going well! Clara advised she is mostly working on her own and that the job entails quite bit of accounting which she didn't expect but that she is learning quickly.
- Office Manager Hours – Clara asked the attendees if we thought it would be more helpful if she had a dedicated work day and hours in the office every week. Those who commented were all in agreement stating they would prefer this type of arrangement so that we know when she is available in the office as well as anyone else needing to speak to the office manager. Clara stated she will be in the office on Tuesday's from 7a-3p.
- Process for adding new items to inventory – Clara was approached about adding a new book to the Intergroup inventory that was written by someone local about his recovery and time spent on the Appalachian Trail. The Bylaws state proposed additions to the inventory must be approved by the Board. After much discussion it was decided we did not want to add this particular book to be sold at Intergroup.
- History of alarm system – Clara asked for the background on why we had installed the Simply Safe security system in the office. Dave S went over the feelings of vulnerability and lack of security some of the office volunteers experienced prior to the system being installed. Clara advised the police were called several times recently because one of the workers kept activating the silent alarm accidentally. Since then the panic button has been relocated to try to prevent any false alarms in the future.

### **Treasurer's Report – Dave S.**

- Year to Date P&L \$4198.56
- April P&L -\$1374.52
- May 1-13 P&L - \$1486.91
- Dave reported April contributions high at \$3244.
- Dave reported all accounts healthy.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Fawn L., seconded by Scott S., all in favor.

### **Hotline – Susi M. – not present**

### **Service Workers – Dave S.**

- Dave advised all shifts covered except the Wednesday 1-4pm every other week.
- Dave will be on vacation 06/25-07/15 and will need his Friday shifts covered during those dates.

### **Archives – Barb S. – not present**

### **Website – Barb S. – not present**

### **Accessibilities – Susi M. – not present**

### **Spanish Liaison – open**

### **CPC/PI – open**

### **Treatment – Jacque H.**

- Jacque unable to attend the District Treatment meeting last month because they hold the meetings on Thursday evening and she is taking a meeting into Centerpointe on Thursday nights. The next District Treatment committee will meet on 05/22 at 7pm on Zoom.

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

- **Need women to take a meeting into Centerpointe on either the 1st and 2nd Thursday of the month, contact Jacque for more information.**
- Knox Recovery is also looking for women to take a meeting into their facility on Mondays.
- There is a group of women taking a meeting into Journey Pure treatment facility on Tuesday nights.
- Robin G (treatment chair for District 50/51 is doing more research on carrying the message into hospitals (this is part of Treatment) and more information is to come as it is available.
- Jacque requested \$250 a month in order to purchase pamphlets to provide information regarding treatment when she visits the District meetings around our area. After discussion, Jacque made a motion for Intergroup to financially support this effort by providing \$250 a year. Dave S seconded, all in favor.

### **Corrections – Marian G.**

- Marian attended the District 50/51 meeting.
- July 7th she will be attending the District One meeting in Kingsport.
- Corrections Workshop – the Corrections Workshop was last Sunday May 15th at Ebenezer United Methodist church. Very few attendees. Someone from the Knox County jail came and spoke to the group. She provided information about the jail system and even offered to give a tour of the jail for those interested. She will be attending and speaking at the next Corrections workshop to be held in abt 6 months – more information to come.

### **Outreach – Susi M. – not present**

### **Events – SuZanne A.**

- SuZanne advised she reached out to many of the Intergroup volunteers and did not see much interest in attending the proposed Volunteer Appreciation event at Main Event. She proposed we do not go through with making those reservations.
- She will move forward with the open house in August to celebrate the 40th Anniversary.

### **Mobile Intergroup – Beth C.**

- Beth stated she will be doing the mobile intergroup for the 3rd Quarter Assembly to be held July 22-24th at the Cedar Bluff Rd Holiday Inn as well as the District 3 picnic on June 5th. Volunteers needed for both events.

### **Old Business:**

- Office shelving – Trey M has been working on the shelving and it is coming along nicely. Paint has been picked out (a little darker gray than the walls).

### **New Business:**

- Hunter H – District 50/51 Accessibilities Chair proposed Intergroup support his efforts to provide more accessibility to the literature of Alcoholics Anonymous for those who are blind and deaf by updating the Intergroup website links to AA.org to specifically state the available resources for accessing the literature. On AA.org the Big Book and 12&12 are available to read, to listen to and to watch in American Sign Language. The Intergroup website already includes links to the literature on GSO's website but he proposed the description of the links be improved to denote the available ways in which the literature may be accessed so that hearing and visually impaired people will readily know these resources are available to them. Hunter is also going to get a QR code available so that people can just scan the code and immediately be taken to the Intergroup website links to the literature on AA.org. Clara made a motion that the Intergroup website be updated as outlined by Hunter and Dave S seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Beth proposed the Intergroup meeting return to in-person with a hybrid zoom option for those who are unable to make the in-person meeting. Clara will do a test run with setting up the Zoom/hybrid portion of the meeting for next month's meeting and we will tentatively go to in-person option for July's meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm, without motion.**

**Next meeting to be held Monday June 20th at 6:30pm via Zoom.**

# District 1 News

Here in District 1, we go into the local jails as part of our Corrections Outreach. With COVID, that obviously stopped. This letter is to one of our people who is very involved in Corrections in Hawkins County. In the letter, the Hawkins County Sheriff's Office was expressing their appreciation to Cathy specifically and the hope that we can begin coming in again soon. We aren't back in the jail yet, but hope to be soon.



Main: 423-272-4848  
Fax: 423-272-7019

## Hawkins County Sheriff's Office

117 Justice Center Drive  
Rogersville, Tennessee 37857-3393

*Sheriff Ronnie Lawson*



Emergency: 911  
Jail: 423-272-6568

November 24, 2021

To: Cathy Dunn  
1296 Morning Star Road  
Church Hill, Tenn. 37642

From: 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Donna Carter  
Hawkins County Jail

RE: AA/NA inmate meetings

Hello Cathy,

First let me apologize for the delay in responding to your letter. Believe me it was not intentional, it just got mixed with some other paperwork. I am sorry for that.

I am sorry you had a death that was close to you, my sympathy goes out to you.

I sure did miss seeing you at the training. However, you have always attended and I know you are very much aware of our rules in the facility.

Thank you for your updated application to volunteer in our jail. Due to covid, we have not had the programs in our jail in quite some time. I am hoping that very soon we can begin again. And yes ma'am, I will welcome you with a smile! You were such a great help to the females in the facility and I appreciate you putting the time and effort into helping them again.

I will call you as soon as I have the okay to begin programs again.

Take care and stay well.

Sincerely

Donna Carter

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Cell: 423-358-0044

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**TYSON PARK**  
**2351 KINGSTON PIKE**  
**KNOXVILLE**  
**SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 11**

# **FOUNDERS'** **DAY PICNIC**

**4:00 PM FELLOWSHIP**  
**5:00 PM EAT**  
**6:00 PM SPEAKER DAN S.**  
**7:00 PM LIVE MUSIC**

## **FOOD - MUSIC - FUN**

**Basket Raffle: Funds to support District.**

**Menu: Hamburger & Hotdogs, plus fixings.**

**Bring a side dish or dessert to share with others.**

**Groups are encouraged to donate a basket.**

**Contact Louise N for more information: 423-309-3663**

# Requests for Manuscripts

The General Service Office of AA in New York City is soliciting for manuscripts for:

- the 5th Edition of the AA Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous,
- the 4th Edition of the Spanish-language Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*, and
- *A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic Pamphlet*

See details below to the appropriate submitting channels, word limits, format requirements, and other important information.

Alcoholics  
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General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10115 / Telephone: (212) 870-3400

## Submissions for the 5th Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous:

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3500 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of the submission. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files.

The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not. Stories will be accepted in English, French or Spanish. Further information on where to submit your story will be provided to the Fellowship through Box 4-5-9, the A.A. website and more. If you have any questions, please write to:

**5BBStory@aa.org**

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## Submissions for the Spanish-language Alcohólicos Anónimos :

The committee is seeking stories of recovery from a wide representation of the Hispanic community. Stories of recovery may also include: Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity; Diversity of social status; Experiences of sobriety during the pandemic; Newcomer and old-timer experiences; Accessibility experiences; Spiritual experiences' A.A. meetings on virtual platforms; and Sobriety and mental health.

Suggested format: Stories written in Spanish, English or French will be accepted from any Hispanic member of the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada. Use the same format as described above in the 5th Edition notice. **Deadline:** Please submit on or before December 15, 2022. Email: **4LGHistorias@aa.org**

Subject Line: "Fourth Edition Spanish" Postal Mail: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central, Station, New York, NY 10163 The words "Fourth Edition Spanish" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

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## Submissions for the "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic" Pamphlet :

The committee is seeking stories of recovery from all African American, Canadian, Caribbean A.A. members from the English, French and Spanish-speaking Black communities in the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada. Stories of recovery may also include: Experience, Strength, and Hope; Steps, Traditions, Concepts; Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity; Diversity of social status; Sponsorship; A.A. Service; Safety & Racism; Military; Black Mental Health and Diverse Abilities; BIPOC A.A. meetings; Atheist/ Agnostics. The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font.

Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of your manuscript. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files. The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not. Instructions for submitting your manuscript: **Deadline:** Please submit on or before October 31, 2022.

Email: **pamphletstories@aa.org** Subject Line: A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic Postal Mail: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. On the envelope: The word "Pamphlet" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

**New Meeting:**

**DESIGN FOR LIVING GROUP**



**WOMEN'S BIG BOOK STUDY**

**Starting June 5th**

**SUNDAYS @ 5:30**

**CONCORD UNITED**

**METHODIST CHURCH**

**Enter using 4 West Door**

**Contact Tami @ 865-310-4142**

**NEW MEETING PLACE OFFERED**

South Knoxville Church of Christ at 760 Chapman Hwy. is offering a meeting place to the AA community. If you are interested please contact: J.L. Stelle at 865-607-3361



The Saturday Morning Big Book Group Invites you to....

# The 3rd Annual Family Afterward Picnic

Saturday

August 6, 2022

12:00 to 4:00

McFee Park

917 McFee Road, Farrgut

Walking trails, athletic fields, playground and Splash Pad

We are under the Pavilion...bring your family

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Buns, Condiments  
and paper goods will be provided.

We ask that you bring a side dish  
or desert and your own drinks.





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**SAVE  
THE DATE**



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**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**



# 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.**

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# 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**

Visit <https://foundersday.org>

# FOUNDER'S DAY COOKOUT

Hosted by the  
Lunch Bunch

**Saturday, June 11th**  
**12:00 cookout**  
**Speaker: KEVIN B.**  
**following lunch**

**Sugar Hollow Park:**  
**LIONS SHELTER**  
**Bristol, VA**  
(Just off Exit 7 @  
Lee Highway  
across from Target)

## CAMPOUT

Contact Sugar Hollow Rangers office for camping  
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