

# EAST TENNESSEE INTERGROUP

# **UNITY** NEWSLETTER





Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat . . . — Bill W.

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#### **Intergroup Office News**

The Appalachian Regional Roundup was a huge success! It is a treat to get to be a part of such a wonderful event. Getting to see so many happy, joyous and free sober alcoholics is truly inspiring. Not to mention the great lineup of speakers!! The dates next year will be later in the year so mark your calendars and book soon for May 16-18, 2025 at the Meadowview Marriot in Kingsport, TN, 423-578-6600.

East Tennessee Intergroup could not have had such a great weekend without our wonderful service workers. Special thanks to Dave, Mary, Peggy, Eddy, Sue, and Jack. They made the weekend run smoothly and we had so much fun.

We also took a table to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter assembly and were well received. Thanks to Linda for helping with that. The best part about these events is the relationship we build with other members.

If you'd like intergroup to come to an event you are having, just reach out to:

manager@etiaa.org.

Office Service	ce Workers	<u>Hotline</u>	Intergroup	Board	Website
Robin	Bob	Jack	Dave S	Amber	Barb
Dave S	Peggy	Carol	Barb	Marian	Sterling Eammon
Dave R	Patty	Bob	Jacque H	Fawn	SuZanne
Katie	Maria	Emily	Jack F	Fawn	
Joan	Mary	Anna	Susie	Mel	
Amy	Melanie	Miles	Jimmy	Allison	
Glenn	Charlie	Randal	Becky	Amber	
Jill	Gerald	Patrick	Scott	Ken	
Pete	Beth	Lee Anne	Sarah	Letha	
Rick	Dennis	Austin	Tiffany	Jim	
		Luke	Brian	Nathan	
			Dennis	Talia	

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#### **Submissions**

Is your group celebrating Birthdays/
Anniversaries? Are you? Do you
have AA-related questions or myths
that East Tennessee Intergroup of
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 manager@etiaa.org Subject line:
Newsletter!



#### WISDOM OVERHEARD IN THE ROOMS

The Program of AA: A Spiritual place where Liar, Thieves and Cheats collectively come together to tell the "Truth. Anonymous

I will never get as well as I was sick. -- Gary M. (Men Who Trudge)

When life takes you to your knees, you're in the perfect position for praying. ~ Street Bob

Putting down the drink is just the ante to get into the game. -- Ben "Men Who Trudge"

The only thing that can keep GOD'S will out of my life.....is my will.

The more grateful I am, the more beauty I see. ~ thanks John G.

The 12 Steps are like underarm deodorant; It doesn't work unless you apply it every day. — Stu K.

"I took actions I didn't believe in and got results that I couldn't deny." Micheal P.

I am hopeless when the only person I am listening to is me. -- Andy S

In drunkenness I was surrendered by the bottle. In sobriety I was surrendered by life itself. (Bob D. - 2018 Appalachian Regional Roundup)

The measure of my recovery is not if I get off the path; it's how quickly I get back on it. Scott L. (Appalachian Regional Roundup 2022)

God loves you no matter what, and there's nothing you can do about it ~Father Hilary



# A Manual for Alcoholics Anonymous

#### **THE AKRON MANUAL (1940)**

"Barefoot Bob says that this little booklet was written and being distributed within one year of the publication of the Big Book, which would date it back to 1940. On the basis of a number of statements made within the text, it certainly could not have been produced much later than that.

#### Read the rest here:

https://silkworth.net/alcoholics-anonymous/a-manual-for-alcoholics-anonymous-the-akron-manual/

#### **DISTRICT MEETINGS**

**District 1** Typically meets the first Saturday of even months @11am at the Renaissance Center. Please contact District 1DCM through ETIAA for most accurate information.

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

**District 3** meets the first Sunday of the Month @12:30pm at the Morristown Group.

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

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

**District 6** meets the first Thursday of the month @8:30pm on Zoom Meeting ID: 821 3520 6316 Password: AA.

Intergroup Committee meets the third Monday of the month at the Intergroup Office and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 190817 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

865-522-9667	<u>Manager(</u>	<u>@etiaa.org</u>	www.etiaa.org
	First Name		
	*State		
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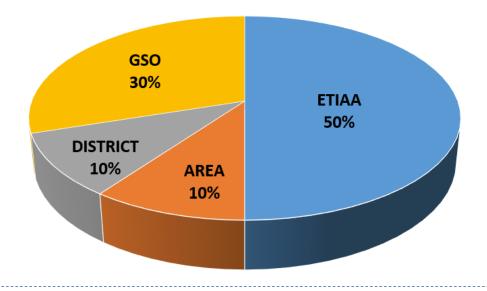
# How can groups participate?

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]

#### 7TH TRADITION SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTIONS



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

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
P.O. Box 2407
James A. Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407
www.aa.org
The GSO prefers online contributions

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

NEW!

## Intergroup Financial / Contributions Report

		Jul '23—			Jul '23—
GROUPS DONATING	Feb '24	Jun '24	GROUPS DONATING	Feb '24	Jun '24
1ST THINGS 1ST KNOXVILLE	825.00	2,181.00	MEMORIAL RECOVERY		150.00
4-WAY GROUP		200.00	METRO GROUP		500.00
BIG BOOK RECOVERY		25.00	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S		812.95
BLOUNT COUNTY GROUP		400.00	MORRISTOWN GROUP		90.00
BREAKFAST CLUB	30.00	669.02	NEW BEGINNINGS KNOXVILLE		290.00
COLONIAL GROUP		300.00	NORRIS CLINTON GROUP		60.00
COLONIAL HEIGHTS		150.00	NORTH GATLINBURG		531.60
CONCORD GROUP	49.27	49.27	PHOENIX GROUP		997.00
CONTRIBUTION JAR		25.00	PRIMARY PURPOSE- OAK RIDGE	200.00	600.00
COOKIE GROUP		240.00	RISING FROM THE ASHES		560.00
DAILY REPRIEVE- MARYVILLE		50.00	RIVERSIDE GROUP		610.84
DANDRIDGE UNITY		64.00	ROANE COUNTY UNITY		450.00
DANIEL ELLIS		75.00	ROCKY HILL GROUP		305.00
DESIGN FOR LIVING	110.47	211.57	ROGERSVILLE GROUP		271.67
DISTRICT 50/51		1,860.00	SAT.MORNING BIG BOOK STUDY		1,276.00
DOWN ON THE RIVER		329.83	SEYMOUR SHARING		1,118.37
FOUNTAIN CITY SERENITY		300.00	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY		80.00
FRIDAY NIGHT OUT 160185		40.00	SPIRITUAL PROGRESS	60.00	120.00
GROUP WITH NO NAME		250.00	SQUARE CUSTOMER	33.23	2,726.07
HAPPY DESTINY		150.00	STEADY HAND GROUP		200.00
HAPPY HOUR		1,183.91	STEPPING THROUGH SOBRIETY		100.00
HAPPY HOUR ZOOM		1,020.10	TELLICO VILLAGE		120.00
HIGH NOON ROGERSVILLE		323.00	TENNESSEE GROUP	217.98	958.12
HIGH NOONERS-P40	750.00	•	TRUDGING THE ROAD		320.00
KEEP LEANING FORWARD	44.00	242.00	TUESDAY NIGHT LOUDON		100.00
KODAK HWY 66	100.00	400.00	TURNIP PATCH		144.16
LAFOLLETTE AA GROUP		485.04	WEARS VALLEY GROUP		81.00
LUNCH BUNCH BRISTOL		1,637.22	WEST KNOXVILLE GROUP		192.75
LUNCH BUNCH- GREENEVILLE		669.81	TOTAL	2,419.95	\$28,671.30

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



Alcoholics Anonymous

### General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous

www.aa.org

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

AA highlights here: AAWS January 2024 Highlights

Please direct all communications to:

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

#### March 18, 2024, Intergroup Board Meeting Minutes

Jacques H. opened with Serenity Prayer and Third Tradition at 6:35pm

Present in person and via Zoom: Clara, Jacque, Tiffany, Letha, Amber, Jimmy & Suzi, Mel, Jim F., Sandra, Nathan, Sara, David, Robert, Scott, Allison, Dave S., Pam S., Maria H., Bruce M., Ken L., Talia

Groups represented: Primary Purpose, TN Group, So-So Group, Friday Night Group, Colonial Heights Group, Happy Hour Group, First Things First Group, Happy Destiny Group, Rockford Group, West Knox Group, Design for Living, Blount County, High Nooners, Sisters in Sobriety, Serenity Sisters, Trudging Group, Alphabet Soup

Motion to accept previous minutes David S., 2nd by Clara. All in favor.

#### Manager's Report - Clara M.

- Largest sales event yet! Numbers in progress, volunteers showed up and showed out!
- 2nd quarter assembly coming up.
- Time for office manager review again see new business.

#### Treasurer's Report - Dave S.

- Contributions are lower so far this month.
- Checkbook will be balanced after Roundup information is finalized.
- Clara made motion to accept report, Sandra 2nd. All in favor.

#### Hotline Report – Jack F. - not present

• Reports All is well.

#### Office Service Workers - Dave S.

There is a need to for someone for 2nd Sat. of the month 8:30am to 12pm; 1 year sobriety minimum.

#### Archives - Allison

Reading through the Archives workbook.

Website - Barb S. - not present

#### Accessibilities - open

#### Spanish liaison - Maria H.

Attended event at Nueva Esperanza – well organized and attended-many services.

#### CPC/PI - open

#### Treatment Report – Jacques H.

• 5051 attended and services offered.

#### Corrections Report – Marian G. - not present

#### Outreach Report - Ken L.

- Attended North Station
- Attended North Gatlinburg

#### **Events** – Jimmy and Suzi

- Several artists working on donations for Decade Bash September 14th.
- Working on several things for this year's bash.

#### Mobile Intergroup Report - open

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to review currently.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Evaluation committee assigned for awesome manager annual review –Sandra, Mel, Dave S. to serve and review.
- Open positions to be announced in the area, discussion of those positions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm (motioned by Mel, 2nd Dave S.). Closed with Responsibility Statement.

Next meeting will be held Monday April 15th, 2024, at 6:30pm in person and via Zoom.

#### **New Meetings:**

When we support each other, we all grow! Tradition One states: *Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.* What better way to practice this than to support new meetings in our area?

NEW MEETING NAME	DAY/TIME	LOCATION
Maryville 12 Step Meeting	Sundays @ 7pm	Blount Memorial Hospital 907 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, TN Meets in Auditorium
KNOXYPAA	Sundays @ 11am	The Gateway 530 W Fifth Ave.; Knoxville, TN
The Solution	Wednesdays @7:30pm	Polly Bales Building 4726 Airport Hwy.; Louisville, TN 37777
The Next Step	Thursdays @7:30pm	405 Roy Martin Rd #104 Johnson City, TN 37615
12 Step Family Meeting of AA AA/AI-non	Saturdays @7pm	Covenant Presbyterian Church 603 Sunset Rd.; Johnson City, TN 37604
Still Waters	Thursdays @8pm	Carter Co Drug Prevention South Hills Off. 210 South Hills Dr. Elizabethton, TN 37643
Open Doors	Mondays @7pm	Blue Springs Baptist Church 956 Highway 92; Rutledge, TN 37861
The Bird House Women's Meeting Childcare available & kid friendly	Tuesdays @5:30pm	Birdhouse Neighborhood Center 800 4 <sup>Th</sup> Ave.; Knoxville, TN 37917
Girls Gone Sober	Wednesdays @6:30pm	Prospect Center 1426 E Center St.; Kingsport, TN 37664
Stone Cold Sober	Tuesdays @6pm	Cornerstone Christian Church 1411 Lantana Ln NW; Knoxville, TN 37912
Lafollette AA Group	Fridays @ Noon	300 Beech St Lafollette, TN 37766 Back side of building, corner classroom
The Promises Group Closed Big Book Study	Thursdays @ 2pm	The Gateway 530 W Fifth Ave Knoxville TN 37917

Please advise Intergroup if you know of new meetings in the east Tennessee area. Send name of the group, meeting details (place, time, type of group, etc) to <a href="mailto:manager@etiaa.org">manager@etiaa.org</a>

#### **Reported AA Birthdays**

Mar 22 -	<ul> <li>Joe C., Monday Night Men's Group</li> </ul>	36 years
Apr 7 -	<ul><li>April R., Serenity Group</li></ul>	13 years

#### Bill's Last Message

"My dear friends,

Recently an A.A. member sent me an unusual greeting which I would like to extend to you. He told me it was an ancient Arabian salutation. Perhaps we have no Arabian groups, but it still seems a fitting expression of how I feel for each of you. It says, "I salute you and thank you for your life."

My thoughts are much occupied these days with gratitude to our Fellowship and for the myriad blessings bestowed upon us by God's Grace.

If I were asked which of these blessings I felt was most responsible for our growth as a fellowship and most vital to our continuity, I would say, the "Concept of Anonymity."

Anonymity has two attributes essential to our individual and collective survival; the spiritual and the practical.

On the spiritual level, anonymity demands the greatest discipline of which we are capable; on the practical level, anonymity has brought protection for the newcomer, respect and support of the world outside, and security from those of us who would use A.A. for sick and selfish purposes.

A.A. must and will continue to change with the passing years. We cannot, nor should we, turn back the clock. However, I deeply believe that the principle of anonymity must remain our primary and enduring safeguard. As long as we accept our sobriety in our traditional spirit of anonymity we will continue to receive God's Grace.

And so—once more, I salute you in that spirit and again *I thank you for your lives*.

May God bless us all now, and forever."

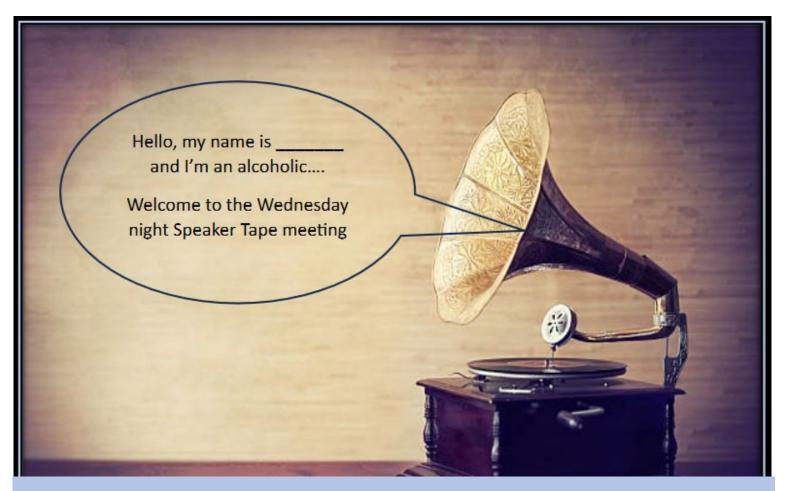
\*Read by Lois at the annual dinner given by the New York Intergroup Association in honor of Bill's 36th anniversary—October 10, 1970.

If you don't want to slip, stay out of slippery places. Don't go to bars without a reason. Bars are for drinking. If you want to watch TV, you've got a set at home. If you want to play darts, go buy a dart board.

Call your sponsor. Stay close to the program. Double up on your meetings. When you get up in the morning, ask God to help you stay sober. When you go to bed at night, thank Him. If you can't get to a meeting, read the Big Book, read the Twelve & Twelve, pick up the phone and call somebody. Don't isolate, because when you're by yourself, you're in bad company. And let people know what's going on with you, because you're only as sick as your secrets.

And remember this: You're an alcoholic. You're not all better now. You'll never be cured. All you are, all you'll ever be, is one drink away from a drunk.

— Unknown



# **AA Speaker Tape Meeting**

**Back to Basics** 

301 Oak Ridge Turnpike

Every Wednesday at 7pm

Come listen to a good AA speaker and the discussion to follow.



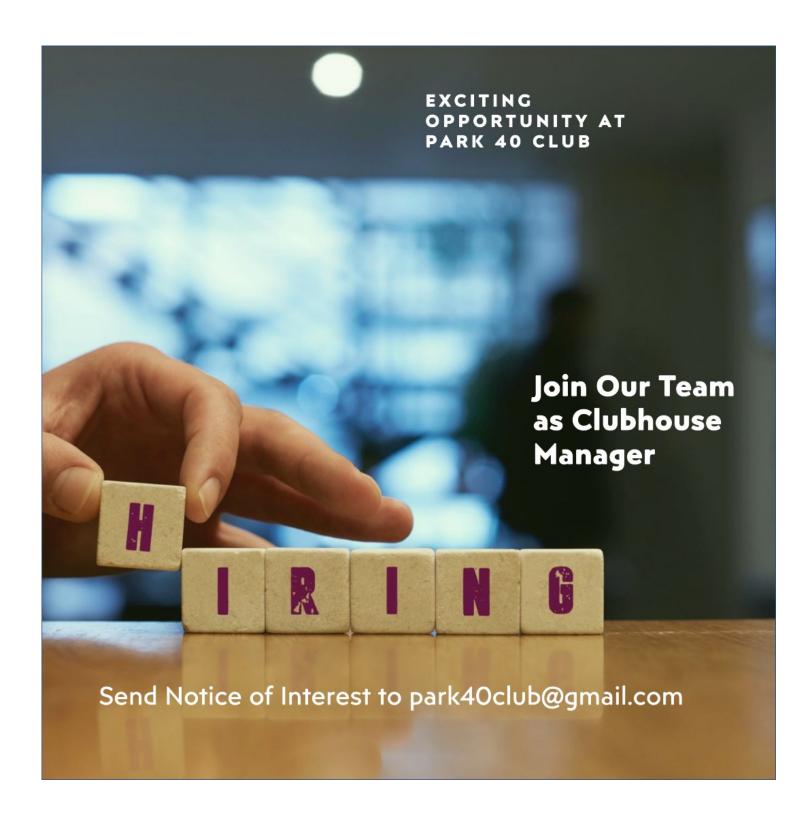
An Open Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous

**Meets every Sunday at 7pm** 

Blount Memorial Hospital 907 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, TN

Meeting is in the Auditorium - ground floor of hospital

Contact Bill T with questions 865-314-1261





Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church 213 Colonial Heights Road Kingsport, TN 37663

SPEAKER: JENNIFER H-KFROM PLANO, TX

DINNER AT 6:00PM SPEAKER AT 7:30PM

Meat & beverages provided.
Please bring side dish or
dessert to share.

# The Tennessee Group \*

# \*6TH ANNIVERSARY \* EAT AND SPEAK \*

April 13th, 2024

Ebenezer United Methodist Church
1001 Ebenezer Road Knoxville, Tennessee 37923

Dinner at 6:00 pm
(Main dish and drinks included. Please bring side dish or dessert.)

Speaker at 7:30 pm Amy D. from Louisville, KY Guest Speaker



#### 16th ANNUAL



# SPRING FLING CONVENTION

"Easy Does It"

April 19 - 21, 2024



#### Friday 6:00 p.m. BBQ & Washers

Friday 8:00 p.m. AA Speaker

Jennifer K. - Plano, TX

Friday 10:-00 p.m. YP Speaker

Saturday 8:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Workshop

Saturday 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Lunch

Saturday 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon Speaker

Catherine T. - Dallas, TX

Saturday 3:00 p.m. Speaker Panel

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday 6:30 p.m. BANQUET

Saturday 8:00 p.m.

Jason J. - Oregon City, OR

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Deb H. - Akron, OH

#### ACTIVITIES

#### FRIDAY

BBQ & Washer Games Young People's Meeting Ice Cream Social Games w/prizes

#### SATURDAY

Banquet Table Trivia Speaker Panel Games w/prizes DJ & Dancing

#### Hilton St. Louis Airport

Special Room Rate \$97 Mention Spring Fling code: SPR

Reserve before 3/20/24 for reduced room rate

10330 Natural Bridge Rd St. Louis, MO 63134 314-426-5500

### www.springflingstl.com

Spring Fling Chair - Susan B. 314-583-5296 Registration Chair - Liz C. 314-479-3560 springflingconvention@yahoo.com

FREE PARKING

Merchandising & Marathon Meetings & Activities Room Open All weekend long

#### PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!!

To register, get information or sign up for Service: www.springflingstl.com

#### CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

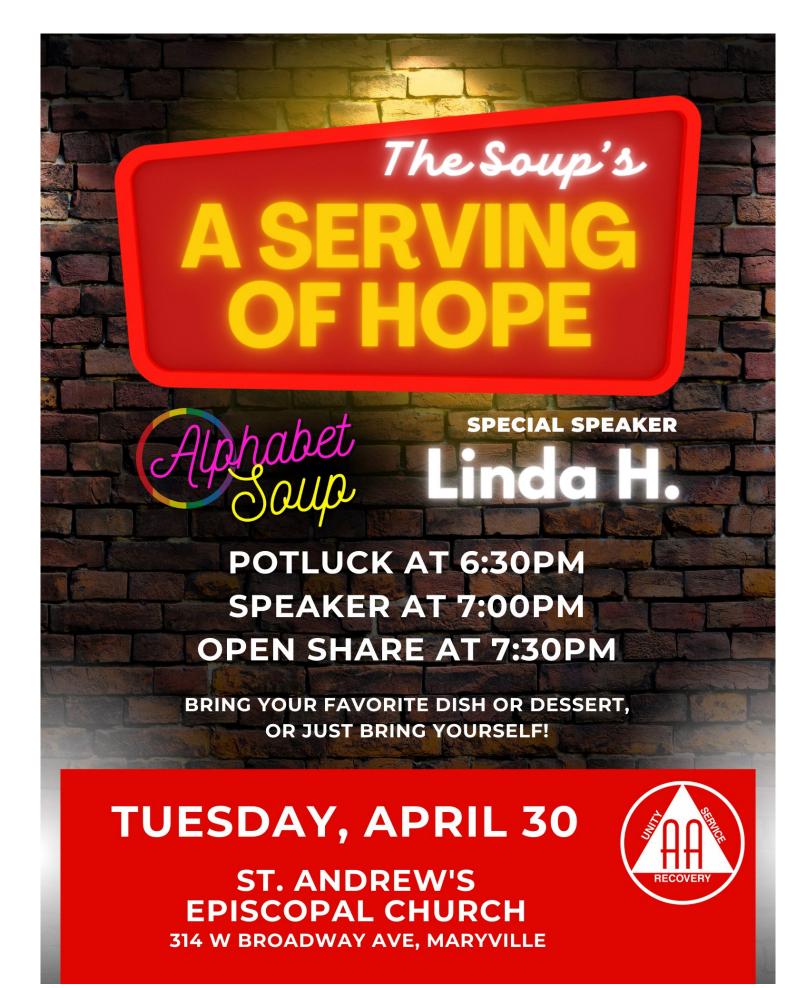
- Please complete and mail to Spring Fling Convention, PO Box 22002, St. Louis, MO 63126
- Complete a separate form for each additional registration, which is REQUIRED FOR ADMITTANCE.
- Make checks/money orders payable to Spring Fling Convention
- To sit together, please submit together 10 people per table

Name:			Pre-Registration	\$20
Phone:	AA 🗌	Al-Anon	Door Registration	\$25
			Friday Night BBQ	\$15
Entering information b	elow gives permissi	on to receive mailings	Friday Night Ice Cream Social	\$7
and/or newsletters fro	om the Spring Fling C	Only.	Al-Anon Luncheon Saturday	\$25
Email:			Banquet Saturday Night	\$40
Address:			Sunday Breakfast Buffet	\$15
			Hospitality / Scholarship Donatio	on
City	State	Zip	Total Amount to be Paid	
City  Places list any special of		Zip	Total Amount to be Paid	

Please list any special needs here:

Flyer revised 10-27-23

Cut-off for mail-in registration is April 12, 2024



May 10 – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024
Fall Creek Falls State Park
[Newton Ford Bunk]
Spencer TN



2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

# 3 LEGACIE WEEKEND

Speakers On: Recovery/Steps | Unity/Traditions | Service/Concepts
Dick C. Jamie H. Heather L.

Includes 5 meals and lodging with showers and a kitchen. Bring chairs, bedding, and/or sleeping bag and pillow. Join us for hiking, kayaking, and campfire meetings.

Price is \$70 prior to April 20<sup>th</sup> and \$75 after. Check, Cash, or Cash App accepted.

Check In 3:00-5:00 PM Friday.

For reservations, more information, or to mail the fee:

Ted S. (423) 619-3772

Scan for Cash App

Make check or Money Order out to (3 Legacies Weekend) 28563 SR30, Pikeville, TN 37367



Name/s			
Address			
Phone	Email		
Amt Included		_ Like to Volunteer?	



We know it's far away but...

# We'd like you to save the day!

East Tennessee Intergroup's

# **Annual Decades themed Birthday Bash**

will be held the evening of

# September 14th

at Trinity United Methodist Church 5613 Western Ave Knoxville, TN 37921

Encourage your Home group and Friends to dress up like the Decade of your choice!!

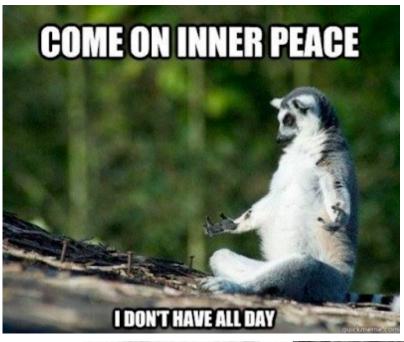
The basket contest is how we determine the most spirited group!

We ask groups to put together a themed basket.

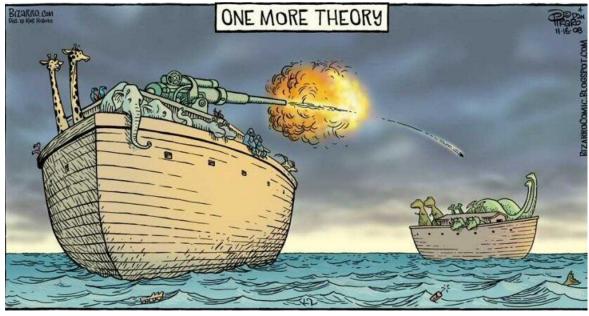
The basket that receives the most tickets determines the winner of the Birthday Bash.

Dinner, Speaker and lots of Fun!!

I'M GLAD
THAT OUR
THOUGHTS DON'T
APPEAR IN BUBBLES
ABOVE OUR HEADS.







#### Points to Ponder

Just because you fit in, doesn't mean you're in the right place



we fall.
we break.
we fail.

but then,

we rise.
we heal.
we overcome.

When you've mastered the art of minding your own business



Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change. Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things He can change.

# **April 2024**

Name	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip	