# EAST TENNESSEE INTERGROUP JFWSI Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat . . . — Bill W.



**OCTOBER 2024** 

### **Intergroup News**

Thank you to Cathy, Patrick, and Tom for filling the open Office Service Worker positions!

The Decades Party was a huge success with 250 attendees!



Enameled Tri-Plate medallions are available in many colors, designs, and years. If you would like a special or specific medallion and it not in stock, we can order it. You can leave the information at the front desk, and it will be included with the next order. We will call you when it arrives.

#### Help us to continue to share the news about the 1st OIAA Online International Convention with our AA community worldwide!

Please announce the news of the OIAA Online Convention in as many meetings as possible and share them in the meetings you go to.

The first-ever OIAA International Convention is October 25-27, 2024! It's FREE! You can register here:

https://aa-intergroup.org/1st-oiaa-online-international-convention/

Hotline

Jack

Carol

Bob

Emily

Anna

Miles

Randal

Patrick

Luke

Lee Anne Austin

\_Dawn W.

## **Office Service Workers**

Robin	Bob
Dave S	Peggy
Dave R	Patty
Katie	Maria
Joan	Mary
Amy	Melanie
Glenn	Charlie
Jill	Gerald
Pete	Beth
Rick	Dennis
Cathy	Patrick
Tom	

Intergrou	p Board	Webs
Dave S	Amber	Barb
Barb	Marian	Sterli
Jacque H	Fawn	Eamn
Jack F	Fawn	SuZar
Susie	Mel	-
Jimmy	Allison	Span <u>Liais</u>
Becky	Amber	
Scott	Ken	Ma
Sarah	Letha	
Tiffany	Jim	
Brian	Nathan	
Dennis	Talia	

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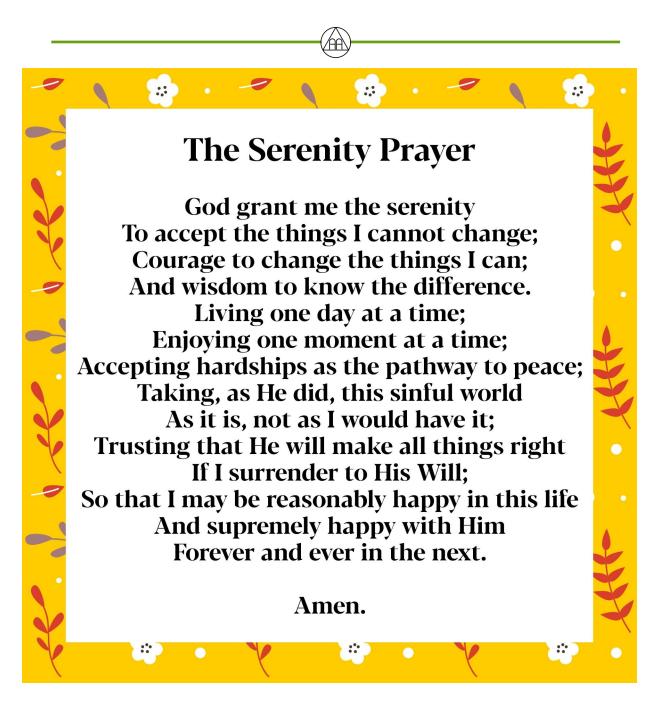
#### Submissions

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!

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.

Isolation is the dark room where I go to develop my negatives. -- Guy H.(Buffalo Men's Zoom Meeting)

If I get rid of the drugs and alcohol but don't work on my morals, principles and spirituality, I'm still the exact same person just without the substances, and that really defeats the main purpose behind recovery. – Steve K. (RIP)



#### 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 fourth Sunday of the month @6:30pm at the REBOS Building, 213 E. Maple St., Johnson City 37601.

**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.

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

865-522-9667	9217 Park West Blvd #B3; Knoxvi Manager@etiaa.org	lle, TN 37923 <u>www.etiaa.c</u>
	Last Name *Phone	
E-mail address	*State *ZIP Alternative Ph * Required for listing in 12 <sup>th</sup> Step List / Renewal (Free subscription for email issu	one
Volunteer Service Options	Com	mittees of Interest

#### **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.

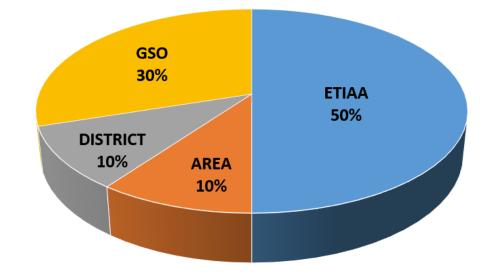
• The local district, which communicates directly with the groups, providing the district group conscience for the area assemblies and serving as a link between the area delegates and the GSRs.

• 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 Fellow-ship, 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]



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 <u>www.aa.org</u> The GSO prefers online contributions

NEW

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.

## Intergroup Financial / Contributions Report

GROUPS DONATING	Aug '24	Jul '24— Jun '25
1ST THINGS 1ST KNOXVILLE	350.00	1,150.00
4-WAY GROUP		50.00
A FRESH START	25.00	25.00
APPALACHIAN REG.ROUNDUP		500.00
BIG BOOK RECOVERY		25.00
BREAKFAST CLUB	30.00	30.00
COLONIAL GROUP		100.00
DANDRIDGE UNITY		48.00
DOWN BY THE RIVER	235.74	235.74
DOWN ON THE RIVER		230.00
FRESH START / SECRET CITY	25.00	25.00
HAPPY DESTINY	200.00	200.00
HAPPY HOUR		381.80
HIGH NOON ROGERSVILLE		68.00
KEEP LEANING FORWARD	38.00	68.00
KODAK HWY 66	100.00	100.00
LUNCH BUNCH BRISTOL	316.51	316.51
LUNCH BUNCH- GREENEVILLE		484.40
MARYVILLE 12 STEP		10.00
MEMORIAL RECOVERY		50.00
MICHAEL DECILLA	10.00	10.00
NORTH GATLINBURG	228.50	228.50
OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE	71.00	71.00
PHOENIX GROUP		345.00
ROAMERS		393.00
SAT. MORNING BIG BOOK STUDY	592.00	592.00
SEYMOUR SHARING		247.00
SIMPLY AA	60.00	60.00
SPIRITUAL PROGRESS	10.00	10.00
Square Customer		35.00
Stepping Through Sobriety	50.00	50.00
TELLICO VILLAGE	50.00	150.00
TENNESSEE GROUP	420.02	420.02
TRUDGING THE ROAD		110.00
TUESDAY NIGHT LOUDON		80.00
WEARS VALLEY GROUP	103.50	103.50
TOTAL	\$2,915.27	\$7,002.47

Twelve Steps Out of Six

From "The Three Legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous":

"Though subject to considerable variation, it all boiled down into a pretty consistent procedure which comprised six steps. These were approximately as follows:

1. "We admitted that we were licked, that we were powerless over alcohol.

2. "We made a moral inventory of our defects or sins.

3. "We confessed or shared our shortcomings with another person in confidence.

4. "We made restitution to all those we have harmed by our drinking.

5. "We tried to help other alcoholics, with no thought of reward in money or prestige.

6. We prayed to whatever God we thought there was for power to practice these precepts.

"This was the substance of what, by the fall of 1938, we were telling newcomers. Several of the Oxford Groups other ideas and attitudes had been definitely rejected, including any which could involve us in theological controversy."

(Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, pg. 160)

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

#### September 16th, 2024 Intergroup Board Meeting Minutes

Jacque opened with serenity prayer at 6:34pm.

**Present in person and via Zoom:** Dawn W., Suzanne, Jack F., Bruce M., Colleen, Jim S., Scott S., Kyle S., Pam S., Allison, Mel, Jim, Brandon, Sandra, Susi, Karen, Letha, Sheena, Jacque, Dave S., Nathan, Matt, Rob, Michelle, Bryan G.

<u>Groups represented</u>: 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, High Nooners, Sisters in Sobriety, Serenity Sisters, Roamers group, Marble City group, 4-Way group, Trudging the Road group, Sevierville Riverside group

Motion made to accept previous month's minutes by Sandra, Dave 2nd. All accepted.

#### Manager's Report – Dawn W.

• Attended Office Manager Conference in Las Vegas - acquired a wealth of knowledge and skills to apply in her role.

#### Treasurer's Report – Dave S.

- Statement information available on the etiaa.org website.
- Contributions are good, several groups still do not contribute there are opportunities for growth please share at groups.
- Report accepted. All approved.

Hotline Report – Jack F.: No updates to review or report, all is well.

#### Office Service Workers – Dave S.

• Staffed and covered, all shifts covered with none closed.

#### Archives – Allison

• Had picture from World Conference Seattle framed for office, Allison to be re-imbursed for expense.

Website - Suzanne to assist???: no report

#### Accessibilities – to be filled

Spanish liaison - Maria - not present

CPC/PI – Sandra - no report

Treatment Report – Jacques H. - no report

Corrections Report - Marian G. - not present

Outreach Report – Ken L. - late check in, no report

#### Events – Jimmy & Susi

- Birthday Decades Bash was a huge success again, 250 in attendance.
- Extra t-shirts still available in the office.

#### Mobile Intergroup Report – Colleen

• Volunteers needed for future events - please announce at groups.

#### OLD BUSINESS: - none to discuss

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Announcement: International Convention 2025 registration is open, there will be possible hybrid meetings.
- Jimmy & Susi requested transfer of events chair to Keri & Mel; Dave S. made motion, Matt & Letha 2nd. All in favor.
- New accessibilities chair Colleen willing to accept, all in favor; Colleen will research this position, manual will be ordered.
- If anyone needs a big book in foreign language or Braille, intergroup is able to order them.
- Brandon announced Dist 4 to have corrections meeting Sept 26th, 6:30pm at Happy Destiny group attendees and support is appreciated.
- Other announcement: Dist 5051 Committee meeting for Corrections Sept 23rd, 6:30pm at Intergroup office.

#### The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm, closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Next meeting will be held Monday October 21st at 6:30pm in person and via Zoom.

### **New Meetings:**

NEW MEETING NAME	DAY/TIME	LOCATION
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 Of- fice, 210 S. 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
Came to Believe	Wednesday @ 7pm	1010 New Hope Rd, Rockwood, TN 37854
4 Way Group	Monday @ 7pm Effective July 1, 2024	Lyons Creek Baptist; 9235 Strawberry Plains Pike; Strawberry Plains, TN 37871
Recovery Warrior Sisters	Monday @ Noon Effective July 15, 2024	The Gateway 540 W 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Knoxville TN 37917
Morristown Group	Wednesday @ 6:30am	314 S Fairmont, Morristown, TN 37813
Rockford AROC	Mon-Tue-Wed-Thu-Fri @10am Sat-Sun @ 5:30pm	3722 Old Knoxville Hwy, Rockford, TN 37853

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 <u>manager@etiaa.org</u>

#### **Reported AA Birthdays**

38 years
40 years
22 years
1 year
6 years
22 years
3 years
1 year
8 years
2 years
16 years
11 years
9 years
19 years

198 years of Sobriety

# MORNING GLORY

Friday Mornings @ 7:30 AM

3100 W Old Andrew Johnson Hwy,

Strawberry Plains, TN 37871

865.936.4571

"the only requirement for CA.CA.

membership is a desire to stop

drinking.



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

# AA GRAPEVINE Record Your Story Workshop



Here is your opportunity to share your story in the AA Grapevine and you don't even have to write it down!

We'll be meeting together and taking turns recording our stories to the Grapevine by using our cell phones. It could be on a variety of topics, i.e. early sobriety, first sponsor, making amends etc. The Grapevine team will let us know if our stories will be published.

The stories should be between 6-8 minutes. There will be other instructions to follow on the day of the workshop.

> Place: 314 South Fairmont Ave. Morristown

Date: October 5, 2024

Time: 2:00pm

Please call Dodie A. if you are planning to attend by 9/28 or if you have any questions. (406) 240-5700

Refreshments will be served.

50th Annual Memphis Bluff City Fellowship
The Joy of Living!
The Great Hall & Hotel Rooms: Conference Center 1900 Germantown Rd Germantown, TN 38138
<b>Speakers</b> Bill F. Memphis, TN Oct. 17 – 20 2024
Bill F. Memphis, TN Oct. 17 – 20 2024 Cliff G. Oklahoma City Leslie S. Atlanta GA Recovery Repertory Théâtre,
Lori G. Oklahoma City Snow P. Boca Raton FL Brenda J. McKinney, TX Clemente C St Louis Mo,
Registration Form
Name:
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AA or Alanon:
Are you available to help.
Yes or No (please circle one) Registration or Hospitality?
Donate to Scholarship Fund? Yes or No (please circle one) s this your first convention? Yes or No (please circle one) Price: \$25 before June 1, \$30 prior to convention, \$35 at the door
For the latest information, please view our website:
Registration is now open on the website
https://www.bluffcityfellowship.com

The Group With No Name Invites you to an open meeting

# COFFEE & PIE PROVIDED

An Evening Of Gratitude

# WEDNESDAY. 11-27-24 6:00 P.M.



• PIE • FELLOWSHIP



Speakers Patrick W. & Sandy W. 136 Smith Road Farragut, TN, 37934



# FOURTH QUARTER AREA 64 ASSEMBLY 2024 RIGHT of PARTICIPATION

Holiday Inn and Suites Memphis Southeast -Germantown

> 7730 Centennial Dr. Memphis TN. 38125

november 15-17

Contact: Mark M. (662)874-7144



The cut off date to book at \$119 + tax room rate is October 16. Please be sure to book with room code.

Parking is free and inside a gated lot.

Hotel Number: (901) 730-0015



### On the Lighter Side



Pretty sure my therapy dog is considering a career change.



## Just in time for Oktoberfest!



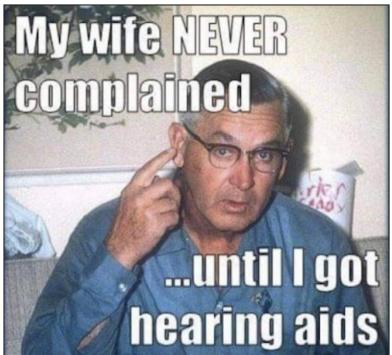
#### **Points to Ponder**

there are days when I wish I could wear one of these around my neck.

Do NOT

DISTURB





# October 2024

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