

# Changing Times

*This is the Year of Service!*

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## Hello — Alcoholics Anonymous—May I Help You

By Cheri

A few years ago I was volunteering in the office on a Saturday. All three phone lines were ringing and I was also on my cell phone giving someone the information to go and do a 12<sup>th</sup> step call. The office was full of people. Finally I finished all the calls – there was a moment of silence – and I took a deep breath and prepared to greet the people that had been patiently waiting.

One young woman started the conversations with “Do you know who was answering the phone five years ago on Thanksgiving weekend.” I had no idea. She continued her story. Five years earlier the weekend after Thanksgiving she had had enough of her drinking. She had called for help. She talked to someone about her drinking. At the end of the call she was given meeting times and directions. She made it to her first meeting that day and had just celebrated 5 years of sobriety at her home group. The person who answered the phone had no idea if the conversation had done any good at all. They had no idea that they had helped to save the woman who called from the devastation of alcoholism, maybe even death. They had just answered the phone.

When we take meetings into correctional facilities we don’t know what happens when the inmate is released. When we convince a TV station to run a Public Service Announcement in the middle of the night we don’t know if anyone will see it. I have to remember that Bill didn’t stop drinking the first time Ebbie came to see him. Bob didn’t quit drinking for another month after he met Bill. But the footwork was done. The seeds were planted.

One of the unique things that the Central Office can do is maintain one phone number that can be openly published on business cards, billboards, phone books (remember those), newspapers, websites, etc. without any chance of anonymity breaks, and is always answered by an alcoholic. But just as the office depends on the groups for support we depend on the members to answer the phone after the office is closed. At 4PM the office phones are forwarded to a cell phone. Most of the calls that come in after office hours are for meeting schedules. Sometimes AA stands for “Anything at All”. Sometimes it stands for American Airlines and the people want flight information. And then there are the other calls. Sometimes the call comes from the person who has reached the place where they can no longer live with drinking or without it and don’t know what other options they have.

Often times sitting in birthday meetings the speaker will tell of a call to Central Office that got them to their first meeting. They are always grateful for the anonymous voice that helped save their lives. And that is what 12<sup>th</sup> step work is all about. It is about giving instead of receiving. It is about being there for someone because someone was there for us. It is truly the spiritual foundation of anonymity. We do the footwork. We plant the seed. We share our experience, we try to give hope.

If you want to pay it forward, if you would like to be the one who answers the phone when someone has had enough of their drinking and wants help, if you want to give hope, this is the perfect opportunity. The big book tells us we will be rocketed into the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension. Sometimes that rocket is launched with a phone call.

If you would like to volunteer to answer the phone when the office is closed – please call us. We can always use the help.

*Birthdays, Birthdays, Birthdays!*

*Happy, Happy Birthday!*

<b>Kim B.</b>	<b>4 yrs</b>	<b>You Are Not Alone</b>
<b>Justin W.</b>	<b>5 yrs</b>	<b>Parkhill</b>
<b>Jen P.</b>	<b>9 yrs</b>	<b>North Oak</b>
<b>Mary Jane B.</b>	<b>11 yrs</b>	<b>Bill's Friends</b>
<b>Janet B.</b>	<b>29 yrs</b>	<b>Liberty Group</b>
<b>Tom C.</b>	<b>30 yrs</b>	<b>KC Group #1</b>
<b>Jim C.</b>	<b>32 yrs</b>	<b>Bill's Friends</b>
<b>Chris K.</b>	<b>33 yrs</b>	<b>Blue Springs Group</b>
<b>Kelly C.</b>	<b>34 yrs</b>	<b>401 Group</b>

*These are folks who have donated at least one dollar a year in gratitude for their sobriety to YOUR Central Office. There are birthday envelopes available at the office or you can get them from your Central Office Delegate. We appreciate the people who show their gratitude this way. Congratulations!*

## *The Over Thirty Club*

*Keep Coming Back!*

Aggie W.	52 yrs	Accent on Sobriety
Len	51 yrs	Independence #1
Gary R.	48 yrs	Voice of Truth
Joy	44 yrs	Simple Sobriety
Donn C.	42 Yrs	Knights of Sobriety
Jim V.	41 yrs	Harrisonville
Maryanne A.	41 yrs	Live and Let Live
Gene F.	39 yrs	Accent on Sobriety
Tom J.	39 yrs	Garden City
Mark W.	37 yrs	North Oak
Bill W.	37 yrs	Sedalia Group
Kelly C.	34 yrs	401 Group
Bob J.	33 yrs	Primary Purpose
Chris K.	33 yrs	Blue Springs Group
Jim C.	32 yrs	Bill's Friends
Walt K.	31 yrs	A Vision for You
Danny R.	30 yrs	North Oak
Steve B.	30 yrs	Accent on Sobriety
Tom C.	30 yrs	KC Group #1
Debra R.	30 yrs	A Vision for You

*All of these people got their names in the paper because someone took the time and trouble to let us know they were celebrating. Be proud of your old-timers! Call the office 816-471-7229 and let us know of anyone who is celebrating 30 or more years of sobriety. Let them know you care enough to share!*

*Don't know what to get that special person for his/her AA birthday?? Come see us! We are expanding our line of "drunk junk"! We also have all the AAWS Books, Grapevine Books and many other things that all of us want! Come on*

## Calendar of Events

- 6<sup>TH</sup> WE AGNOSTICS AND FREE THINKERS GROUP'S ANNIVERSARIES**  
 7:00 PM 4501 Walnut Kansas City MO 64111  
 All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church
- 11<sup>TH</sup> WE ARE ONE PRESENTS AA SPEAKS - 12 week mini summer session**  
 4:30 PM 3934 Troost Kansas City MO 64110
- 13<sup>TH</sup> MANY FACES OF GRAPEVINE**  
 Speakers, workshops, presentations, raffles, food, and a musical play!  
 9:00 AM 417 W. Pettis Sedalia MO 65301  
 Ditzfield Center Cost: \$10.00
- 14<sup>TH</sup> SOUTH KANSAS CITY 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
 1:30 PM 501 NE Missouri Rd Lee's Summit MO 64086  
 Cornerstone Church
- 18<sup>TH</sup> WE ARE ONE PRESENTS AA SPEAKS - 12 week mini summer session**  
 4:30 PM 3934 Troost Kansas City MO 64110
- 18<sup>TH</sup> CORNHUSKER ROUNDUP** visit [caa-cornhusker.org](http://caa-cornhusker.org)  
 8:00 PM 3321 S. 72nd St. Omaha NE 68124  
 Ramada Plaza Hotel/Convention Center Cost: \$25.00
- 19<sup>TH</sup> 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER HUMMER**  
 3:00 PM 3536 Hammons Blvd. Joplin MO 64804  
 Joplin Convention Center Cost: \$20.00
- 25<sup>TH</sup> WE ARE ONE PRESENTS AA SPEAKS - 12 week mini summer session**  
 4:30 PM 3934 Troost Kansas City MO 64110
- 27<sup>TH</sup> WING AND A PRAYER – POTLUCK IN THE PARK**  
 8:00 AM 998 Commercial Belton MO 64012  
 Memorial Park - Shelter #2
- 27<sup>TH</sup> Paseo Group—69th Anniversary**  
 6:00 PM 3151 Olive Kansas City MO 64109

## IT'S A BLAST

If you would like to get e-mail blasts with event information,  
 Please visit our website at [www.kc-aa.org](http://www.kc-aa.org) and sign up

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*Service, Service, Service*

*Area Service Schedule*

**AREA 25 COMMITTEE MEETING**

Oct. 14-16, 2016

Quality Inn 2110 W. Crawford, Salina, KS  
1-785-825-2111

**AREA 39 ASSEMBLY**

Sept. 17 & 18, 2016

Best Western Inn 3120 S. Limit Ave. Sedalia, MO  
1-660-826-6100

*We have found much of Heaven and we have  
been rocketed into a fourth dimension of  
existence of which we had not even dreamed.*

*They will be missed!*



*District Service Schedule*

**DISTRICT 9 KS**

Second Thursday of each month at the Bethel Group, 7856 Leavenworth Rd. Kansas City, KS 66109. Committees meet at 6:30PM, District meeting at 7PM.

**DISTRICT 10 KS**

First Thursday of the month at the Steps in Action Group, 10300 Antioch Rd., Overland Park, KS 66212. Committees meet at 6PM, District meeting at 6:30PM

**DISTRICT 23 KS**

Second Saturday of the month at Westside Presbyterian Church 1024 Kasold, Lawrence, KS 66044 at 10AM

**DISTRICT 1 MO**

2nd Sunday of the month at 5:15PM at the Methodist Church at 1st and Main in Maryville, MO

**DISTRICT 2 MO**

September 11, 2016 2PM at Sober Skirts 28th & Sacramento (Huffman Methodist Church Enrichment Center) St. Joseph, MO 34507

**DISTRICT 3 MO**

August 14th, 2016 2PM Liberty Group 1323 E. H Hwy Liberty, MO 64068 816-781-9766

**DISTRICT 6 MO**

August 28th, 2016 1:30PM at PIII1606 West 40th Street Kansas City, MO 64111

**DISTRICT 7 MO**

August 21, 2016 2:00pm at Englewood Winners 2530 Chrysler Independence MO 64052 816-461-0039

September 11, 2016 12:30pm at Blue Springs (Elections)

**DISTRICT 10 MO**

September 11, 2016 2PM at Harrisonville Group 106 N. Independence Harrisonville, MO 64701

November 13th, 2016 2PM at Wing and a Prayer 500 N. Scott Ave, Suite H Belton, MO 64012

Corrections Committee Meeting at Voice of Truth 611 E. Walnut Raymore, MO 64083 fourth Thursday of the month at 7:15PM

*WHERE DO WE SEND OUR DONATIONS??*

**GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE**  
 PO Box 459  
 Grand Central Station  
 New York, NY 10163  
 Or online at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

KS DISTRICT 23  
 Treasurer  
 PO Box 1939  
 Lawrence, KS 66044

WAMO DISTRICT 4  
 Treasurer Lewis B.  
 202 Lake Street  
 Sweet Springs, MO 65351

**KANSAS AREA 25**  
 KASO  
 PO Box 1773  
 Salina, KS 67402-1773  
 Or online at [www.kansas-aa.org](http://www.kansas-aa.org)

**WESTERN AREA MISSOURI  
 AREA 39**  
 WAMO TREASURER  
 25904 E. 267th  
 Harrisonville, MO 64701

WAMO DISTRICT 6  
 Treasurer  
 PO Box 410894  
 Kansas City, MO 64141

**YELLOW CAN FUND**  
 PO Box 67711  
 Topeka, KS 66667

WAMO DISTRICT 1  
 Treasurer Tim C.  
 PO Box 62  
 Rock Port, MO 64481

WAMO DISTRICT 7  
 Treasurer  
 5229 Fuller Drive  
 Kansas City, MO 64133

KS DISTRICT 9  
 Treasurer  
 PO Box 12518  
 Kansas City, KS 66112

WAMO DISTRICT 2  
 Treasurer  
 2248 175th Road  
 Wathena, KS 66090

WAMO DISTRICT 10  
 Treasurer  
 25904 E. 267th  
 Harrisonville, MO 64701

KS DISTRICT 10  
 Treasurer  
 PO Box 15436  
 Overland Park, KS 66285

WAMO DISTRICT 3  
 Treasurer  
 609 Central St. Unit #1310  
 Kansas City, MO 64105

WAMO DISTRICT 17  
 Treasurer  
 19577 Bow Drive  
 Linneus, MO 64653

It suggested that each group pay its bills and establish a prudent reserve based on monthly expenses. Once this is done, the excess amount may be distributed as follows:

**10% to District**

**10% to Area Committee**

**30% to General Service Office**

**50% to Central Office**

This is one suggested distribution plan from the pamphlet, "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix. F-3. It is available here at the office.

*Group Changes !*

*New Groups!*

*Welcome to the Family!*

**With No Reservation**

Is celebrating sobriety birthdays on the last Thursday of the month—The 7PM meeting is open 7/01

**6th Chapter Group**

Has changed locations to Pegah's Family Restaurant at 12122 West 87th in Lenexa

07/11

**Voice of Truth**

Is no longer having meetings at 2pm on Saturdays

07/13

**Higginsville Group**

Has started a closed Women's meeting at 7PM on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month

07/11

**Live and Let Live**

Is no longer having 6PM meetings on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursdays

07/11

**Free Thinkers**

Has added an Open meeting at 7PM on the last Friday of the month ONLY

07/11

**Roe Center**

Is no longer having a Women's meeting on Mondays at 6pm or the Candlelight meeting on Friday's at 8pm

**Kingston Group**—Is no longer meeting

**The Group (Overland Park)** - Is no longer meeting

**KC Group #1**

Has added an Open Campfire Meeting on Fridays at 10PM - all Friday Meetings are Open

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**Catherine's Place**

3720 Gillham Road  
 Kansas City, MO 64111  
 Women only  
 Friday 7PM Open

**12 Gates of Recovery**

3220 E. 23rd St.  
 Kansas City, MO 64127  
 Meeting Times  
 Sunday 6:30PM Monday 7:15PM  
 Wednesday and Thursday 7:30PM  
 Friday 4:30PM Saturday 7:30PM  
 All Meetings are Open

**Village Initiative Inc.**

3004 N. 27th St.  
 Kansas City, KS 66104  
 Institutional Group - Open Meetings  
 Monday 10AM and Saturday 5PM Open

<i>CENTRAL OFFICE CALLS</i>	
<i>July 2016</i>	
GROUP INFORMATION	130
12 STEP	20
BRIDGE THE GAP	0
ALANON	13
OFFICE INFORMATION	76
NA/CA/OTHER	1
DETOX/TREATMENT	8
MISC.	82
WEBSITE	4
WET DRUNKS	0
VISITORS	258
AFTER HOURS HOTLINE	292

### *Recurring Events*

**24 & 7** 11 E. Gregory Suite 100 Kansas City, MO 64114 See flyer in this newsletter!

**Sober @ 7** 1522 McGee Kansas City, MO 64108 Wed & Fri at 7AM No better way to start your day!

**Unity on the Plaza** 707 W. 47th Kansas City, MO 64112 Last Saturday of the month 6PM is ASL (American Sign Language) Tues. 6PM is also ASL

**Lenexa Group** 13005 W. 92nd Place Lenexa, KS 66215 Big Book Study with Jimmy C. starting Monday, January 11, 2016 8PM.

**Simply AA KC** 8801 Nall Prairie Village, KS 66208 Sunday 7PM Beginner's BB Study

*Post your on-going events here! Let people know about what is happening at your group. Call us and we will post it here and on the web.*

### **CENTRAL OFFICE OUTREACH**

Each month Central Office sends this newsletter out to all the groups that we have current mailing addresses for. We also have them available at the office and we give them to the Delegates at the Central Office Delegate Meetings. But.... Our goal is to put a newsletter in the hands of each group each month..

So we need your help . When you visit your home group or another group, make sure they get a copy of the Changing Times. If not, find out the mailing address and call us at the office 816-471-7229. Take it upon yourselves to get it done. Don't tell someone else to do it, it may never get done!

Also, this is the time of year that we update our 12 Step lists. Does your group have an accurate, up-to-date 12 Step list at Central Office? Call and ask.

Don't forget and always remember, the office cannot function without YOU.



## Central Office Delegate Meeting Minutes at Bethel Group – July 10, 2016

**Sue Ann** – Sue Ann opened meeting at 10:05 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

**Janet B.** – Secretary's report. Minutes were printed and distributed and the delegates votes to accept them and approve them without being read aloud.

**Tamika B.** – Financial report for June given by Tamika B. Income \$13,572.71 ~ Expenses \$12,195.19 ~ leaves a net gain \$1,377.52.

**Rosalinda S.** – Board Report from June. Picnic was a success. 13 flyers went out last month in the newsletter which caused the newsletter to be over the weight limit, making the postage about three times higher than normal. Postage usually runs around \$52-\$55 but this mailing was over \$150. We will now limit the number of flyers going out (about 10) on a first come first served basis with priority going to events coming up the soonest. There was also an overage on the copier of \$219. Please be aware of the weight of paper being used on flyers if YOU provide them. Seminar update – Cheri and some volunteers called Central Offices without emails to be sure everyone got their packets. The board voted that Central Office will pay for hotel rooms during Seminar for Sue Ann, Cheri (4 nights each) & Teresa (2 nights only).

**Sue Ann K.** – Office Report: The shelves are stocked and the bills are paid. Office is going along swimmingly. Teresa rearranged some stock to make things look better. Cheri was on vacation this week, should be back tomorrow – she has a stack of work waiting. July 23 workshop on Sponsorship at Basehor at 1:30pm – will discuss both sides of sponsorship. Bring questions & snacks to share. Have a few new volunteers at the office working every other week. Will see how that works out. Thrilled to be able to report a profit this month after having losses for each of the last three months. Donations were up, many of which were quarterly donations. Been getting requests from WRCC for literature – have sent your generous donations out. Friday received a letter from an inmate identifying himself as only an addict. How do you want this to be handled? Consensus is go ahead and send it. Most drug addicts start with alcohol, at least he'll have a good foundation. When anyone, anywhere reaches out.... Doesn't specify who. She will send it out Monday.

**Cheri J.** – IT Report. Cheri is still on vacation, could not attend so Sue Ann gave a short report.

Seminar – We are in a holding pattern waiting on reservations to come in. Discussed hospitality with Sally – the plan is to get districts to provide meals & she is planning the menu. Prefer donation of food, not money – for 100-120 people. If everyone just donated money, then it would all be left to Sally to buy it all, cook it all, etc. We need help with the food! MO district 6 has made arrangements to provide lunch. A group stated they discussed helping and they are willing to donate whatever is needed. Unsure if the districts will all get enough participation – may need to also let groups donate individually.

IT – Teresa's machine is broken. Cheri will look at it tomorrow!

NEW EMAIL FOR FLYERS: [flyers@kc-aa.org](mailto:flyers@kc-aa.org)

Will get flyers on website quicker. KEEP IN MIND – we have to print in black and white so keep in mind it may not look good if we are printing to include in the newsletter. Also, vertical fit in the rack at office and fit better on bulletin boards. Lastly – MAKE ADDRESS CLEAR WITH CITY, STATE & OR ZIP.

#### Delegate Topic:

Paseo – warmer weather, people hanging out too long outside the meeting, either during the meeting or before and after. It's not a problem for the church yet, but trying to avoid letting it go that far.

#### Group Reports:

Bills Friends – all is well. We could use more people hanging out. Wing & a Prayer – their experience is that they usually quit hanging out or join the group and start to grow. God is in charge, there's a reason each of us is there. Love & tolerance is our code. Basehor & Bonner Springs – no problems there with people hanging out too long. Basehor looks like they will keep their meeting location. Bonner Springs group is growing. Had a great experience carrying the Central Office cell phone! We Are One – Some groups don't have the luxury of being able to hang out – that's where it becomes a problem. Bills are paid, shelves are stocked. Park Hill – GSR told them that their district meeting is always in conflict with Central Office picnic, so going forward will hold it before picnic so they can participate. Our picnics we will pass basket for prison literature – July 4 got \$43! We found out we need to send our minutes to Archives (MO). Simply AA KC – will have 4<sup>th</sup> anniv soon. No problems with hanger outers, we meet in a church. Loitering in a parking lot can cause a group to lose their lease. Leavenworth #1 – had a problem with one person wanting to use kitchen for personal use; they tend to come and go. No big problems yet. It's always a good idea to reach out to those outside right before the meeting starts to invite them to come in and join them. Birthday night was great, even had one person celebrating 30 years. Going to CCA, Valley Hope on Saturdays with Nuts & Bolts and picked up going to Mirrors now. Speaker meeting is now only on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. Participate at VA – several of them are staying and getting



sponsors and doing the work! Will start planning 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary for October. Turner Group – trying to lead by example and start meetings on time. Go to Johnson County detox on Mondays, going to Mirrors once a month. Bethel – not a problem with hanging out. Group is doing good, welcome to all the delegates meeting here today! Pflumm Sober – bills paid, shelves stocked, picnic was a success. The group paid to replace chairs for their meeting room. Simple Sobriety in Blue Springs - all is good. Several birthdays celebrated this month. North Kansas City group – all is well. Just dealing with AC increasing the electric bill with the summer heat. Labor Day event at Macken Park following noon meeting at the hall. North Oak Group, 9<sup>th</sup> annual picnic camp out was a success. Lock up after meetings, but others hang out and it's ok because we own our building. A Vision For You – meet in a church, and people clear out pretty quickly. August will be our anniversary and will also have a picnic in September. Shawnee Group – don't have a problem with hanging out, just long enough to decide where we all go eat. Happy Hour meetings on Tues & Wed 5:30pm are well attended. Go to Johnson County Detox, Shawnee Mission Med Center ARU, and Mirrors. Not active as much in corrections hope that will increase. Still a little under prudent reserve, will see if they are able to donate anything to Central Office yet. Anniversary is in August, don't have any details yet. Humble Beginnings – attendance is up quite a bit. Started Nov of 2014 with 5 in attendance, now up to 10-12. A lot of newcomers are showing up and staying! Things are going well. Meet in a church, no problems with people hanging out. Englewood Winners – picnic for 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary had a good turnout with great food. Birthday meeting – 51 years being celebrated tonight for one member! Attendance is good, meetings are getting chaired, bills are paid, and shelves are stocked. Bethel Group – a member came to see what's going on in AA service! Missouri liaison, Derrick – Area 39 is not able to help out right now with corrections literature, so that won't change for now. He will visit the districts to discuss on the Missouri side. We Are One had their 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Sue Ann spoke & had David P as Al Anon speaker. Picnic is coming up – start passing the basket after anniversary to get money to buy several nice toys for kids. Had a problem with people hanging out and using more group supplies, such as coffee. Had to be sure to lock up after the meeting. Got sober on hanging out, but understand the problem. Voice of Truth – things are good. Annual fish fry last night for about 50 people. Have a lot going on at the group. Delegate stepped down, turned in key and left the group. Give people hanging out jobs to do, and they will quickly leave. District 10 MO picnic is coming up with a chili cook-off, will get free raffle tickets if you sign up early. Class A Trustee will talk, Sue Ann will talk as Director of Central Office, and much more is planned. Chapter 5 – bills are paid, all is good, membership is up. We don't have a problem with people hanging out, we welcome them and get them into the meeting. Paseo – hanging out problem was DURING the meeting. Need to be concerned with what's going on in the meeting as well. Church hasn't complained YET, but trying to stay ahead of that happening. A bigger problem was that the door was locked a few times for meetings – but didn't make as big a stink about that! Evening meeting attendance is still down. August 29 is our 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary! There will be great food, a great meeting inside and probably some hanging out outside! Dance will follow. Please come and hang out with us! Wing & a Prayer – Aug 27 picnic has new location (on the flyer). Have newcomers coming in and coming back. Hanging out – have two benches, one high bottom, one low bottom. Needs to be handled on a case by case situation. Tough when we don't have anywhere else to go so don't want to push them away. Blue Springs – good on money & attendance. Dance last night had 140 people! Picnic will be on September 25 – flyers next month. We stay 30 min before & after but that's it – this is stated in our lease. It did help me to identify where the meeting was at! Found my sponsor there. Sobriety First – can't hang out in front of the meeting hall, but there is a picnic table and bench to the side of the building. Had a problem with some hanging out, but since we are in a strip mall and not allowed to hang out in front, we can call police if necessary. Been there about a year and just about to break even monthly. Growing slowly. Lenexa Group – we have rules about only sticking around for up to an hour before or after meetings. We are not allowed in the house at other times and we have this posted in the hall. We are in a residential neighborhood and are renting the house from the church next door – don't want to cause any problems so we watch this carefully. Jimmy C Big Book Study is still going on Monday nights at 8pm – all are welcome! We will be having a picnic in October and will have a flyer when the date gets closer.

Remember to call Central Office with birthdays over 30 years from your home group so we can list them in the Changing Times! Directories are here, regular size and large print

Be sure to sign in on the sheets here with your own home address to get the Changing Times in the mail.

Next meeting:

**Aug 14, 2016, 10:00am** at Sunshine Group, 2415 Clinton Parkway, First Presbyterian Church, Lawrence, KS 66044

**Sept. 11, 2016, 10:00am** at Leavenworth Group #1, 409 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048 913-682-2616 – Area 25 & Area 39 Delegates will give their reports.

**Oct. 9, 2016, 10:00am** at Englewood Winners, 2530 S. Crysler, Independence, MO 64052 816-461-0039

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am with the Lord's Prayer.

Delegates – 24

Board Members – 5

Donations: \$69

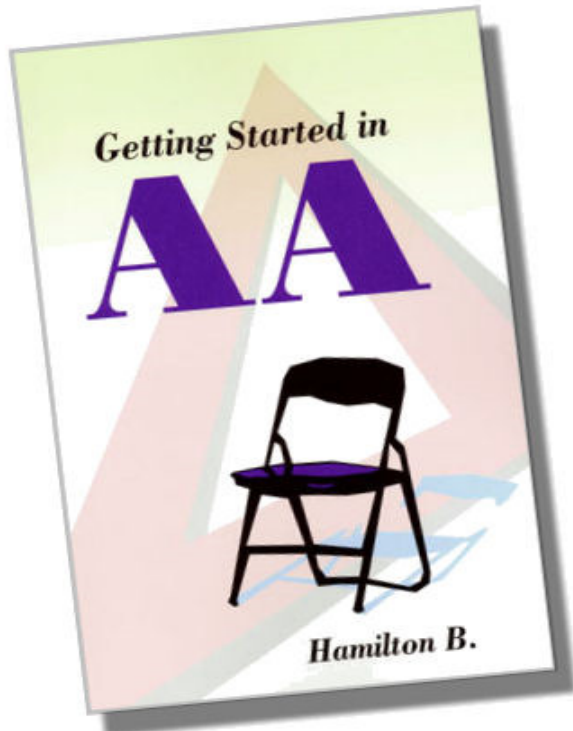
Respectfully submitted by Janet B, Secretary.

# CONCEPT VIII

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

This Concept deals with the ways the General Service Board “discharges its heavy obligations,” and its relationship with its two subsidiary corporations: A.A. World Services, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. Long experience has proven that the board “must devote itself almost exclusively to the larger questions of policy, finance, group relations and leadership. . . . In these matters, it must act with great care and skill to plan, manage and execute.” The board, therefore, must not be distracted or burdened with the details or the endless questions which arise daily in the routine operation of the General Service Office or the publishing operations, including the Grapevine. “It must delegate its executive function” to its subsidiary, operating boards.

“Here, the board’s attitude has to be that of custodial oversight. . . . The trustees are the guarantors of good management of A.A. World Services, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc . . . . by electing the directors of these service arms, a part of whom must always be trustees . . . . The executive direction of these functions is . . . lodged in the . . . service corporations themselves, rather than the General Service Board. Each corporate service entity should possess its own bylaws, its own working capital, its own executives, its own employees, its own offices and equipment.” Bill draws from earlier mistakes by the General Service Board in trying to run the service functions directly and warns repeatedly against “too much concentration of money and authority.”



# *AUGUST SPECIAL*

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*The tradition and wisdom associated with the Twelve Step AA program has been captured in this comprehensive guide*

*Practical suggestions for staying sober; summaries of AA principles, concepts, and slogans; and a historical overview to help the reader understand the spirit of the program.*

# Group Donations

	<u>Jul 16</u>	<u>YTD</u>		<u>Jul 16</u>	<u>YTD</u>
24 & 7 GROUP	0.00	6.00	HONEST DESIRE GROUP	0.00	40.00
449 GROUP	20.00	160.00	HOPE GROUP	358.76	1,030.03
A VISION FOR YOU GROUP	0.00	300.00	HUMBLE BEGININGS A.A.	0.00	425.00
AA STRAIGHT UP GROUP	0.00	40.00	ITS NEVER TOO LATE GROUP	106.65	344.85
ACCENT ON SOBRIETY GROUP ST JO	0.00	125.00	JAYWALKERS GROUP	162.38	373.25
ACORN GROUP	60.25	482.25	JUST US GIRLS GROUP	0.00	173.00
ALIVE AGAIN GROUP	50.00	514.00	KANSAS CITY GROUP #1	0.00	300.00
ATCHISON ALANO GROUP	0.00	100.00	KEEP IT SIMPLE GRP OP	74.82	170.29
BASEHOR GROUP	25.00	55.00	KNIGHTS OF SOBRIETY	20.00	160.00
BETHEL GROUP	50.00	250.00	KNOB NOSTER GROUP	20.00	40.00
BEYOND SOBRIETY WOMENS MTG	61.33	183.98	LATHROP GROUP	0.00	150.00
BILL'S FRIENDS GROUP	25.00	175.00	LEAVENWORTH # 1 GRP	204.20	658.69
BIRCH HOUSE GROUP	0.00	197.25	LEAWOOD PRAIRIE VILLAGEGROUP	0.00	300.00
BLUE SPRINGS GROUP	100.00	350.00	LEE'S SUMMIT GROUP	0.00	40.00
BONNER SPRINGS GROUP	150.00	463.00	LENEXA GROUP	35.00	245.00
BROOKFIELD GROUP	0.00	40.00	LIBERTY GROUP	100.00	700.00
CAMERON CROSSROADS GROUP	0.00	100.00	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP	0.00	225.00
CHAPTER FIVE GROUP - CLAYCOMO	75.00	150.00	LIVING MIRACLES	0.00	135.00
CHILLICOTHE AA GROUP	0.00	80.00	MAPLE STREET GROUP	0.00	152.00
CLINTON GROUP	0.00	20.00	MARCELINE GROUP	25.00	25.00
CORE GROUP	0.00	200.00	MIRACLE ON 75TH STREET GROUP	0.00	21.00
COURAGE TO CHANGE AA GRP	0.00	110.00	MONTICELLO GROUP	0.00	200.00
DESOTO, KS GROUP	0.00	20.00	NEVADA MO GROUP	0.00	120.00
DISTRICT 07 MO	0.00	80.00	NEW CHOSEN FEW GROUP	30.00	80.00
DISTRICT 09 KS	0.00	100.00	NEW FELLOWSHIP	0.00	100.00
DISTRICT 11 MO	78.00	98.00	NEW TONGIE GROUP	0.00	150.00
DOWNTOWN BASEMENT MEETING	100.00	400.00	NEW VISION GROUP	0.00	24.00
ENGLEWOOD WINNERS GROUP	20.00	140.00	NORTH KANSAS CITY GROUP	45.78	296.24
ENTIRELY READY GROUP	0.00	20.00	NORTH OAK GROUP	80.00	560.00
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS GROUP	0.00	82.35	NORTHEAST JOHNSON COUNTY GROUP	100.00	700.00
			NORTHLAND MIRACLES GROUP	0.00	50.00
GARDEN CITY GROUP #1	0.00	75.00	NUTS & BOLTS KC GRP	100.00	300.00
GRASSROOTS GROUP	0.00	120.00	OLATHE GROUP	780.00	2,370.00
HARRISONVILLE GROUP	0.00	50.00	OSAWATOMIE DOWNTOWN GRP	0.00	25.00
HIGGINSVILLE GROUP	511.80	898.80	OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE	50.00	100.00

# Group Donations

Central Office Finances

	Jul 16	YTD
OVERLAND PARK FELLOWSHIP GROUP	65.75	292.26
P III	255.00	775.00
PARKHILL GROUP	0.00	349.42
PASEO GROUP	25.00	175.00
PFLUMM SOBER GROUP	75.00	525.00
PLATTSBURG GROUP	30.00	60.00
PLEASANT HILL GROUP	100.00	151.00
PRIMARY PURPOSE KS	70.00	516.28
RECOVERY PLUS	442.27	1,019.58
ROE CENTER GROUP	20.00	140.00
RULE 62 GROUP LAWRENCE KS	0.00	50.00
SHARE GROUP	0.00	30.00
SIMPLE SOBRIETY GRP	25.00	75.00
SIMPLY AA KC	100.00	176.00
SOBER AT 7 GROUP	0.00	135.00
SOBER SKIRTS GROUP	0.00	62.62
SOUL SEEKERS	0.00	50.00
SOUTH KANSAS CITY GROUP	180.00	540.00
SOUTH LEAWOOD GROUP	0.00	2,721.28
SOUTH PARK LAWRENCE	0.00	200.00
STEPS IN ACTION GRP	50.00	355.25
STOCKTON GROUP	0.00	100.00
SUNFLOWER ROUND-UP	0.00	1,000.00
SUNSHINE GROUP LAWRENCE	50.00	200.00
SWEET SPRINGS GROUP	0.00	30.00
THE WAY OUT GROUP	15.00	74.50
TURNER AA GROUP	0.00	341.43
UNITY ON THE PLAZA	0.00	734.20
VILLAGE GROUP	0.00	98.00
VOICE OF TRUTH AA GROUP	0.00	115.00
WARD PARKWAY GROUP	1,500.00	1,500.00
WE AGNOSTICS - KC	0.00	100.00
WE ARE ONE GROUP	0.00	80.00
WING & A PRAYER GROUP	0.00	1,104.00
WITH NO RESERVATION	0.00	25.00
YOU ARE NOT ALONE GROUP	0.00	200.00

Income July 2016 \$ 16,158.84

Expense June 2016 \$ 13,297.31

Net Loss/Gain \$ 2,861.53

.These are preliminary numbers

We now have a four month prudent reserve. At the October, 2015 Board of Directors meeting a motion was made, seconded and passed that Central Office establish a six month prudent reserve. We are a little over half way there.

2016 Donations June \$7,002.54

2015 Donations June \$6,033.90

Each group has the ability to make these numbers change If you do not see your home group listed here, it is because Central Office has not received a donation. Please ask why. If your group feels we need to be of more service in some area, please let us know. We cannot change that of which we are ignorant.

As per your request, we are now publishing a more complete financial report. I hope this pleases those of you who have asked for it. If not, please let me know what else you would like to see. After all, this is *your* money! We at Central Office try to be good stewards of it.

Our Accountant, Janet B. of the Lenexa Group tries to come in as soon after the first of the month as possible so you can get final numbers. There will be months, however, that we will print preliminary numbers because of the publishing date. That will be noted above,.

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