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CHANGING TIMES

THIS IS THE YEAR OF UNITY

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Hi, my name is Teresa. I am an Alcoholic. My Sobriety Date is: July 4, 1990. As of January 30, 2018 I am the new Director for Kansas City Area Central Office. I am very much humbled and honored to do this work. There are very large shoes from the past to fill. Please be patient with me as I grow into them. I do strive on a daily basis to live by the Principles of the Program. Progress, not perfection. Please feel free to call or come to the Office with any questions or concerns.

We have had some challenges recently, opportunities for GROWTH at the Office.

As Bill Says..."TROUBLE BECOMES AN ASSET"

"A.A. was born out of trouble that can befall an individual, the trouble attendant on this dark and fatal malady of alcoholism. Every single one of us approached A.A. in trouble, in impossible trouble, in hopeless trouble. And that is why we came. Friction of opposing viewpoints is the very modus operandi on which they proceed. Then what should we be afraid of?"

From "As Bill Sees It", pg. 82.

We are moving forward at the Office, unafraid. We will move forward with Office Traditions from the past and new and improved ways for the future. "Nothing changes if nothing changes." So, let us all watch together as the "Trouble Becomes An Asset".

We are looking forward to the Thirty-Sixth Annual Sunflower Roundup! We are gearing up to bring items that maybe some of you have not seen. We will be set up in the lower level to the right of the escalators. We will have plenty of Big Books, 12&12s and beautiful medallions. Thank you to those who put so much thought and work into this Event every year.

This is a very exciting time to see Unity in Action at the Sunflower Roundup. We will see many old friends and make new ones. Together we will trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.

Teresa A.

Happy, Happy Birthday!

Bill W.	**34 Years**	**Honest Desire Group**
Bruce B.	**34 Years**	**NE Johnson County Group**
JD N.	**29 Years**	**Shawnee Group**
Paul N.	**28 Years**	**New Chosen Few Group**
Flody T.	**11 Years**	**Paseo Group**
Julie S.	**3 Years**	**Bill's Friends Group**
Tim M.	**2 Years**	**North Oak Group**

Please make certain to include your name and group when sending in your Birthday donation so we can be certain your information is listed.

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

Anita	**38 Years**	**Wings and a Prayer**
Lewis B.	**37 Years**	**Sweet Springs Group**
Jeff R.	**36 Years**	**NE Johnson County Group**
Bill S.	**35 Years**	**Sweet Springs Group**
Bill W.	**34 Years**	**Honest Desire Group**
Bruce B.	**34 Years**	**NE Johnson County Group**
Mark D.	**32 Years**	**College Blvd. Movers**

Keep Coming Back!

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!

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 and sign up

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2018

9 **VISION FOR YOU—VALENTINE BINGO, potluck at 6:30 p.m., Bingo at 7:15 p.m.**
6108 Blue Ridge Blvd. (Raytown Christian Church), Raytown, MO, 64133,use WEST door
$5.00 at the door, $1.00 per card (kids 50cents) Bring a dish and your Honey!!!

10 **ENTIRELY READY GROUP—11 YEAR ANNIVERSARY, 10 a.m.**
151st Street Church of Christ, 13875 W. 151st St., Olathe, KS, 66062

15-18 **54th INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2018—**
Sheraton Grand Phoenix Hotel, 340 N. 3rd St, Phoenix, AZ, 85004
www.internationalwomenscongerence.org

16 **WE AGNOSTICS GROUP—AA MOVIE NIGHT, 6:30 p.m., $5.00 suggested donation**
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 4501 Walnut, Kansas City, MO, 64111
Future dates: May 18th, 2018 and August 2018 (day TBA)

23-25 **36th ANNUAL SUNFLOWER ROUND UP—**
Registration & Hospitality Room open at Noon
Jack Reardon Conference Center, 500 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101

24 **THE ADRIAN and BUTLER GROUPS ARE HOSTING**
LOVE FOR THE PROGRAM POTLUCK at 4:30 p.m. (Italian theme)
United Methodist Church, 202 E. Main St., Adrian, MO, 64720

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Area Service Schedule

AREA 25 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

APRIL 13-14, 2018

QUALITY INN 2110 WEST CRAWFORD ST.

SALINA, KS. 67401

AREA 39 ASSEMBLY

MARCH 24-26, 2018

JUNE 23-25, 2018

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

Would you please help us carry the message to our siblings behind the walls?

It's better to *get* to go to jail than to *have* to go to jail.

For further information, please contact us:

Missy M. 913-702-7348 Ted U. 913-940-0610

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

Bob G. North Kansas City 13 Years

YOU 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

Quarterly at a date and time TBA

DISTRICT 3 MO

2nd Sunday Every Month at 2PM

Liberty Group 1323 E. County Rd. H

Liberty ,MO. 64068

DISTRICT 6 MO

date and time TBA

DISTRICT 7 MO

Date and time TBA

DISTRICT 10 MO

date and time TBA

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

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
KANSAS AREA ASSEMBLY
PO BOX 3565
SHAWNEE, KS 66203-0565
or online at www.ks-aa.org

WESTERN AREA MISSOURI AREA 39
WAMO TREASURER
8905 Holly
Kansas City, MO 64114

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

YELLOW CAN FUND
PO Box 28
Valley Center, KS 67147

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 DISTICT 9
Treasurer
PO Box 12518
Kansas City, KS 66112

WAMO DISTRICT 2
Treasurer
2619 Duncan
St. Joseph, MO 64507

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
424 DICKENSON ST
CHILLICOTHE, MO 64601

New Treasurers, Please let us know where to have the donations sent for your district!

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 Beginnings AA Group—Richmond, MO

Add Friday 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Add Sunday 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Clinton AA Group—Clinton, MO

Remove Saturday 8 p.m.

Recurring Events

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 Delegates Meeting Minutes at the Liberty Group – January 14, 2018

Janet B., the Delegates Chair, opened the meeting at 12:05 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. All present were reminded to sign in with their home address, not their group address. New members were requested to sign in at the bottom of the sheet and to pick up a new delegate packet.

Teresa, office manager, stated for the record that Sue Ann, Central Office Director, had passed and that a memorial service had been held for her. Delegates, and groups, were previously informed of the service and it was well attended.

Link S. gave the Secretary's report. The November Minutes, including the October minutes corrections, were distributed to all Delegates via email, and available at the meeting. The November Minutes were approved with correction as shown below after these January meeting minutes.

Art S. gave the Treasurer's Report for November and December 2017. Total Income for November was $13,783.14, less Expenses of $12,280.75 leaving a net gain of $1,502.39. Total Income for December was $16,004.78, less Expenses of $13,575.55 leaving a net gain of $2,429.23.

AJ – The Board Report for the November Board of Director's Meeting was given by AJ, Board President. Everybody was present at the meeting, except for Sue Ann. Board voted against giving Christmas bonuses and for holding an appreciation dinner for the volunteers. Also, in the future the board meeting will be limited to one and a half hours.

Office Report – Teresa, the office manager, gave the Office Report. Shelves are stocked, and the bills are paid. The office, at this time, is in good shape and we have wonderful volunteers. Central Office has changed the IT support to an outside vendor which has halved the amount the Central Office is now paying for IT services. The gratitude tree lighting was attended by many and enjoyed by all. The volunteer appreciation dinner was held on December 22, 2017.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Group Reports: Topic suggested by the board president was to discuss an interview process for hiring a new Central Office Director. Janet stated that this was an inappropriate topic and should be discussed at the board meeting. The board president then stated that Janet and Teresa took it upon themselves in deciding that the meat for Sue Ann's memorial would be paid for by Central Office. Link suggested that the board could retroactively approve this decision, but that it was a board discussion, not a delegates' meeting discussion. The Nuts and Bolts delegate suggested a topic of how we deal with disagreements in our groups. This topic was later adopted.

The delegate from We Are One Group stated that when he comes to the Delegate's meeting he wants to know what is happening with other groups and what he can take back to his group. He found it helpful when we had a topic that was beneficial to AA as a whole because we learned something to take back to our groups. Another delegate mentioned that asking about expenses of Central Office (i.e. payment for the meat at Sue Ann's Memorial) was proper because the groups need to know how our donations are spent. Janet and Teresa agreed. The delegate from Pflumm Sober asked about how the delegates could get a report of the board's minutes. Janet reported that the board minutes are not handed out at the delegates' meeting, but are available upon request. The We Are One Group delegate and others agreed that information is the key to understanding. We need to know what committees/boards are doing or we have sufficient information to help make decisions and to report back to our groups. North KC Group – whenever there is a vast difference of opinions we check ourselves by talking to our sponsors. We ask ourselves, "What is the tradition?" or "What is the principle that applies here?" At the end of the day, it is what it is, and those unhappy will need to consult with their sponsor or another alcoholic. The principle is often, "take me out of it, and put the group first." The Richmond Group delegate stated it was her first time at the delegates' meeting and requested input on getting persons to their group to to open the door on time.

How do the groups decide who chairs the meeting? The Richmond Group's attendance is lower this time of the year. The We Are One Group is moving to 3800 Troost Avenue, KCMO 64110. Attendance is up and down. Problems at Olathe Group are usually addressed at the monthly business meeting. Sometimes people walk out when they are upset, saying they will never come back, but they usually showing up again for meetings. Roe Center has meetings every day, but has gone through some meeting changes. They don't have enough people showing up at their business meeting to have a difference of opinion! Park Hill Group's business meetings go very well. Group leaders work hard to encourage others to participate and take on group responsibilities. They laugh about their disagreements. An old-time member shared that all the groups she has participated in solved problems by holding group business meetings and the members together decided how they wanted things to run. Decisions were made by the members and it was up to the person's elected to positions to carry out the wishes of the members. Humble Beginnings is a small group. The delegate shared that there have been times when the doors have been locked and things are kept going by just a few members. North Oak Group meets 25 times a week. The group is fairly large. Their steering committee meetings tend to be small and easy going. Out of 200, or so, that attend meetings only about 25 attend the group conscience meetings. Most probably come for the good food provided at group conscience meetings. We Are One Group is ready to hold next month's delegates' meeting even though it will take place shortly after their move to their new location. They will also have their annual Chili-thon in March. Primary Purpose in KCK is doing very well. Attendance is up. They take meetings to treatment centers and jails. Al-Anon and Alateen has the house on Mondays. When AA gives you something then you want to start giving back. Rule 62: Don't take yourself so damn seriously. **Sunflower Roundup will be February 23-25, 2018.** 24/7 Group is doing well, getting new members. Bethel Group is doing well. They have guidelines for meeting leaders to arrive 30 minutes early to open the doors. Conflicts at the business meetings tend to work themselves out. The main thing about conflict is that something good comes out of the resolution to the conflict. Turner Group has a small group, but they get a lot of help from the groups around them. Sunday night is their biggest night (usually speakers from the Shawnee Group). The meeting leaders are responsible for opening the doors. Shawnee Group has tried hiding keys to keep from having dark meetings, but things seem to be working out better now. Major decisions are often shelved for six months to see what happens. Problems sometimes handle themselves if we keep our mouths shut and stay out of the problem. Shawnee Group is moving – no date yet for the move. Northeast Johnson County Group – many clubs in Johnson County were started because someone got upset at their group. They have a steering committee to consider ideas before they get to the business meeting. Otherwise, the business meeting would go on forever. Liberty Group welcomed us to their club. Lenexa Group has had problems in the past with doors being locked and people coming to a meeting and not being able to get in. They now have a lockbox with a code to access the key. Controversies are discussed at the business meeting. They hear from the minority opinion and then they move on. We have to accept the decisions and move on. Pflumm Sober is doing well. Attendance is up. Bills are paid, and doors are open. Most problem issues are handled at the business meeting and they strongly believe in the group conscience. Bonner Springs Group is doing well, but keeps getting smaller. Only two people showed up at their most recent business meeting. Honest Desire's attendance is way down. Service work helps us in our sobriety and helps our groups to flourish. Wing and a Prayer has lots of well-attended meetings.

Next meetings: February 11, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.at We Are One Group, 3800 Troost, Kansas City, MO 64110.
March 11, 2018 – 12:30 p.m. at North Oak Group, 7125 N. Broadway, Gladstone, MO 64118
April 8, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. at Primary Purpose Group, 3038 N. 52nd St., Kansas City, KS 66104
Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
Delegates – 17 present (according to sign-in sheet, but more attended). **Delegates: Please remember to sign in!** Board Members – 9 present. Donations: $52.00 reported by Teresa

Respectfully submitted by Link S., Secretary.

Corrections to November Meeting Minutes:

Art S. gave the Treasurer's Report for October. *Total Income $13,761.01, less Expenses of $14,604.67 leaving a net ~~gain~~ **loss** of $843.66.* The "Director's Report" should have been labeled as the "Office Report" and will be so labeled in the future. Additionally, the name of the Central Office manager is spelled "Teresa", not "Theresa". There were no other corrections.

Respectfully submitted by Link S., Secretary.

Group Donations

	Jan 2018	YTD
449 GROUP	20.00	20.00
ALIVE AGAIN GROUP	50.00	50.00
BETHEL GROUP	50.00	50.00
BEYOND SOBRIETY WOMENS MTG	55.52	55.52
BILL'S FRIENDS GROUP	25.00	25.00
BLUE SPRINGS GROUP	250.00	250.00
CAMERON CROSSROADS GROUP	25.00	25.00
DISTRICT 7 MO	234.00	234.00
DISTRICT 11 MO	10.00	10.00
DOWNTOWN BASEMENT MEETING	50.00	50.00
ENGLEWOOD WINNERS GROUP	20.00	20.00
ENTIRELY READY GROUP	10.00	10.00
EYE OPENER GROUP	100.00	100.00
HARRISONVILLE GROUP	16.50	16.50
HOPE GROUP	341.38	341.38
INDEPENDENCE #1 AA GROUP	30.00	30.00
JIM MOON—CHAPTER 5	75.00	75.00
KANSAS CITY GROUP #1	120.00	120.00
KEEP IT SIMPLE GRP OP	174.04	174.04
KNIGHTS OF SOBRIETY	20.00	20.00
KNOB NOSTER GROUP	20.00	20.00
LEAVENWORTH GROUP #1	42.97	42.97
LENEXA GROUP	35.00	35.00
LIBERTY GROUP	100.00	100.00
LIVING MIRACLES	60.00	60.00
NEW BEGINNINGS—MARSHALL	2.00	2.00
NORTH KANSAS CITY GROUP	30.40	30.40
NORTH OAK GROUP	80.00	80.00
NORTHEAST JOHNSON COUNTY GROUP	100.00	100.00
NUTS & BOLTS—KC GROUP	100.00	100.00
OLATHE GROUP	150.00	150.00
OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE	25.00	25.00
P III	50.00	50.00
PASEO GROUP	50.00	50.00
PFLUMM SOBER GROUP	75.00	75.00
PLATTE CITY SOLUTIONS	100.00	100.00
PRIMARY PURPOSE—KANSAS	104.81	104.81
RECOVERY PLUS	276.48	276.48
RIC EVANS—ACORN GROUP	60.00	60.00
ROE CENTER GROUP	40.00	40.00
SIMPLE SOBRIETY GROUP	50.00	50.00
SIMPLY AA KC	30.00	30.00
SOBER AT 7 GROUP	95.00	95.00
SOBER SKIRTS GROUP	5.00	5.00
SOBRIETY FIRST GROUP	20.00	20.00
SOUTH PARK LAWRENCE	100.00	100.00
SUNSHINE GROUP LAWRENCE	25.00	25.00
WE ARE ONE GROUP	60.00	60.00
WING & A PRAYER GROUP	283.91	283.91
TOTAL	4077.01	4077.01

GROUPS REPRESENTED AT DELEGATES MEETING

24 & 7 GROUP
BETHEL GROUP
BONNER SPRINGS GROUP
HONEST DESIRE GROUP
LENEXA GROUP
LIBERTY GROUP
NUTS & BOLTS
OLATHE GROUP
PARKHILL GROUP
PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
RICHMOND GROUP
ROE CENTER GROUP
SHAWNEE GROUP
TURNER GROUP
WE ARE ONE

Central Office Finances

Income	**$ 15,783.91**
Expense	**$ 14,963.88**
Net Loss/Gain	**$ 820.03**

**These are preliminary numbers*

We now have a five 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 almost there..

2018 JANUARY Donations	$ 4900.51
2017 JANUARY Donations	$ 5645.10

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,.

CENTRAL OFFICE CALLS

GROUP INFORMATION	102	DETOX/TREATMENT	0
12 STEP	2	MISC.	60
BRIDGE THE GAP	1	WEBSITE	1
ALANON	4	WET DRUNKS	0
OFFICE INFORMATION	57	VISITORS	310
NA/CA/OTHER	4	AFTER HOURS HOTLINE	243

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