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A Celebration of Sobriety

In 1990, a vision came to a Paiute Indian named Earl L., Jr., an alcoholic from Bishop, California. Earl saw the Indian Nations coming together in unity — celebrating sobriety while embracing their culture. Ultimately, Earl’s vision led to formation of the annual national/international Native American Indian Alcoholics Anonymous Convention (NAI-AA), whose sole purpose is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the Native American Indian, both in and out of the program, who still suffers. In 2020, with nearly three decades under its belt, the convention is a traveling one, having been held on reservations and in a broad variety of cities from Burbank to Billings to Green Bay. In August of this year, the 29th NAI-AA Convention was to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, but due to current health conditions it has been rescheduled for November 26–29.

The NAI-AA Convention follows a time-tested format each year, with many activities having been proven beneficial, instructive and moving to all. Six general sessions featuring A.A. speakers are spread over the course of the weekend. A marathon meeting starts on Thursday and ends Sunday morning. Al-Anon meetings are scheduled throughout, with an Al-Anon speaker at the Saturday morning brunch. A banquet is held on Saturday, and there is an intertribal social pow wow later in the evening. Also on the docket are Talking Circles, open to all attendees; an oldtimers meeting; and a dance on Friday night.

Sunday closing ceremonies include a sobriety countdown and a Passing of the Big Book ceremony, in which the person with the most years of sobriety passes a Big Book signed by convention attendees to the person with the least amount of sober time. Another ceremony is the Tying of the Feather, in which the person with the least amount of sober time is honored with the job of tying a feather on the Convention Eagle Staff, representing the culmination of another successful annual convention, and signifying the hope that sobriety will continue to be handed down from one generation to the next.

During the farewell ceremony, people form a circle while the drum group sings a farewell or “traveling” song. People dance, shake hands and say their farewells. At past conventions, many participants were overwhelmed by the miracle that is A.A. and by the multitude of precious bonds forged over years of sobriety and fellowship.

Despite recent spikes of COVID-19 in certain areas of the country, NAI-AA organizers have no plans to cancel this year’s convention — contingent, of course, on other — higher — powers. One of the organizers, when asked to comment on the current situation, was hopeful and humble: “We are praying that the health circumstances across the country will allow our convention to take place. If it is cancelled, it will be cancelled by powers greater than ourselves.”

For further information about the convention, visit www.nai-aa.com.

Happy, Happy Birthday!

The Over Thirty Club

Keep Coming Back!

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.

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!

DAVID W. 33 YEARS SIMPLE SOBRIETY

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Please make certain to include your name and group when sending in your birthday donation.

STARTING NOVEMBER 1st, 2019, THE SUBSCRIPTION RATE FOR THE CHANGING TIMES WILL BE \$15 PER YEAR.

Starting in January 2020, we will only be mailing out copies of the newsletters to those who have a paid subscriptions. Event flyers will not be mailed with the newsletter. After several months of discussions at CO delegates meetings and by the Board of Directors approval, we have voted in these changes. We are not stopping publication of the newsletter. Any individuals or groups wishing to receive the newsletter may have one mailed to them by subscription. The cost will be \$15.00 per year.

The newsletter will as always be available on our website and can be printed out at your convenience. Current monthly flyers will also be available next to the newsletter on our website and can be downloaded and printed, either together or individually.

Copies of the newsletter and flyers will be available at the CO for you to pick-up, free of charge. We will also have copies at the CO Delegates meeting. If you have any questions, please call the Office at 816-471-7229. This is a cost saving effort.

The email accounts at Central Office are :

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themanager@kc-aa.org— Michael O.

kccentraloffice@kc-aa.org—General Office Mailbox

Calendar of Event—JUNE 2021

JUNE 11-13, 2021 MEN'S FLOAT TRIP BASS RIVER RESORT 204 BUTTS STEELVILLE, MO

JUNE 13, 2021 GARDEN CITY AA HOG ROAST SHELTER 7 HARRISONVILLE CITY PARK 706 ASH STREET HARRISONVILLE, MO 64701 11:00 A.M.

JUNE 27, 2021 THE 44TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WE ARE ONE GROUP 2:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AT 3801 HARRISON STREET KANSAS CITY, MO

SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2021 64TH ANNUAL KANSAS AREA 25 CONFERENCE HYATT REGENCY 400 W.WATERMAN STREET WICHITA, KS 67202

NATIONAL AA ARCHIVES WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 29 — OCTOBER 3, 2021 HILTON SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT HOTEL 611 NW LOOP 410

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78216

OCTOBER 22-24, 2021 27TH ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGIONAL CONFERENCE TOWN AND COUNTRY INN AND SUITES 110 NORTH 54TH STREET QUINCY, IL 62305

CENTRAL OFFICE WEBSITE

(www.kc-aa.org)

We have a new feature in the upper right hand corner. You can now view our website in Spanish & 13 other languages. PDF's and flyers will not translate.

The Kansas City Central Office publishes the "Changing Times". The views and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Central Office or AAWS, Inc. The editor reserves the right to edit for length and clarity, and for accuracy concerning the quoting of AA material. "Changing Times" is about, by, and for the members of the Fellowship of AA. Quotes from Alcoholics Anonymous, the Twelve Step and Twelve Traditions, The Service Manual and Conference Approved literature and pamphlets reprinted with permission of AA World Services, Inc. and the Grapevine, Inc. There is a subscription form on the back page of the issue. It is \$15.00 per year. Thank you all for your contributions and support of the Changing Times and your Central Office. We publish something for everyone, the mistakes are in the newsletter for a reason, so everyone will have something to appreciate.

Area Service Schedule

KANSAS AREA 25 COMMITTEE MEETING

- ◆ Hilton Garden Inn- Salina, KS 3320 S 9th St
Salina, KS 67401 785-309-0440

MISSOURI AREA 39 ASSEMBLY

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

2021 SCHEDULE

- January 16 — 17
- March 27 — 28
- June 26 — 27
- September 18 — 19

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.

YOU WILL BE MISSED

If you know of any member of the fellowship who has gone to the big meeting in the sky. Please send an email to:

themanager@kc-aa.org.

HENRY G. CHOSEN FEW

JOE B. SOUTH LEAWOOD



District Service Schedule

DISTRICT 9 KS

2nd Thursday of each month at Primary Purpose
3038 N. 52nd St., Kansas City, KS 66109.
Committees meet at 6:30PM, District meeting at 7PM.

DISTRICT 10 KS

1st Thursday of the month at Church of the Resurrection. 8412 W. 95th St., Overland Park, KS 66212
Committees meet at 6PM, District meeting at 6:30PM

DISTRICT 23 KS

2nd Saturday of the month at Westside Presbyterian Church 1024 Kasold, Lawrence, KS 66044 at 10AM

DISTRICT 2 MO 2:00pm.

3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH SOBER SKIRTS 28TH & SACREMENTO St., JOSEPH MO 64507

DISTRICT 3 MO

2nd Tuesday Every Month at 2PM at Liberty Group 1323 E. County Rd. H, Liberty, MO 64068

DISTRICT 4 MO

DISTRICT 6 MO.

3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm at KC Group 1, 311 W. 80th Terr., KCMO 64114

DISTRICT 7

at 2:00pm. Simple Sobriety, 1040 SW Luttrell St., Suite A, Blue Springs, MO. 64015

DISTRICT 8 MO

DISTRICT 10 MO

Second Sunday 2pm, Harrisonville , 106 N. Independence, St Harrisonville, MO 64701

DISTRICT 11 MO

5:45PM, Eldorado Gr., 1305 S Park St., Eldorado, MO. 64774

DISTRICT 12 MO

2nd Sunday Every Month at 6:00pm Alano Club, 1800 E. 30th, St., Joplin, MO. 64804

DISTRICT 14 MO

2nd Sunday Every Month at 2pm. Hillcrest Presb. Church, 818 E. Norton Rd., Springfield, MO. 65803

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

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE
 PO Box 459
 Grand Central Station
 New York, NY 10163
 Or online at www.aa.org

KANSAS AREA 25
 KANSAS AREA ASSEMBLY
 PO Box 388
 Westmoreland, KS 66549
 Or online at www.ks-aa.org

WESTERN AREA MISSOURI AREA 39
 WAMO TREASURER
 5229 Fuller Dr.
 Kansas City, MO 64133
 Or online at www.wamo-aa.org

KANSAS DISTRICT 23
 Treasurer
 PO Box 1939
 Lawrence, KS. 66044

WAMO DISTRICT 4
 Treasurer / Lewis B.
 2020 Lake St.
 Sweet Springs, MO. 65351

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

YELLOW CAN FUND AREA 25
 PO Box 23117
 Overland Park, KS. 66283

WAMO DISTRICT 1
 Treasurer Julius D
 First United Methodist Church
 102 N Main St
 Maryville, MO 64468

WAMO DISTRICT 7
 Treasurer Rob A.
 P.O. Box 6952
 1951 NE Rice RD Lees Summit,
 MO 64055

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

WAMO DISTRICT 2
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 2619 Duncan
 St. Joseph, MO 64507

WAMO DISTRICT 10
 Treasurer
 P. O. Box 453
 Peculiar, MO. 64078

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

WAMO DISTRICT 3
 Treasurer; Doni P.
 PO Box 1139
 Liberty, MO 64069

WAMO DISTRICT 17
 Treasurer
 424 Dickenson St.
 Chillicothe, MO 64601

NEW TREASURES, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHERE TO HAVE THE DONATIONS SENT FOR YOUR DISTRICTS

Tradition Seven

“Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

A 7th Tradition poster is now available on the KC Area Central Office website under the Announcements section.

It is 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:

50% to Central Office

30% to General Service Office

10% to District

10% to Area Committee

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 GROUP

2ND CHANCE GROUP MEETS MONDAY AND THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M. THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 141 W. GAY STREET WARRENSBURG, MO 64093

MARSHALL GROUP MEETS MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 181 W. ARROW STREET MARSHALL, MO 65340

MEETING CHANGES

ALIVE AGAIN DELETE TUESDAY 5:00 P.M., SATURDAY 10:00 A.M., AND FRIDAY 8:00 P.M. THE LAST FRIDAY OF MONTH 6:30 P.M. IS BIRTHDAY MEETING

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS GROUP DELETE MONDAY AND THURSDAY MEETINGS

LEAVENWORTH GROUP #1 MEETING SCHEDULE HAS RETURNED TO ITS FULL SCHEDULE SEE WEBSITE ADD SUNDAY 7:00 P.M. CLOSED

LEES SUMMIT #1 BACK TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS

Central Office Delegate May 2, 2021

Hybrid

Kelly opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

SECRETARY REPORT: Deiatra D. read secretary's minutes, accepted as read.

TREASURE REPORT: Shawn L.

Total Income= \$13, 399.79

Total Expenses= \$14,429.00

Net Loss = (\$1,051.01)

Board Report: Art; Board meeting, went well. There were no visitors. Terasa gave the Central Office report, no new business. Northeast Johnson County group paid monies owed.

OFFICE REPORT: Teresa- Office is doing great. Books are being sold. Everything is going well with parking and construction. Teresa is going on vacation. All board members need to be here May 19, at 7: 30

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

TOPIC: Shawn- When we have a new person come in wanting detox. We need to have an updated pamphlet on how to help newcomers with detox and, or treatment information.

GROUP REPORTS:

Greg- Bethel Group Meetings all seems ok.

Cheryl- Sobriety First- Attendance great! The only issue Johnson County lifted the mask mandate and the people are taking off their mask.

Susan- Holden Group, Things are going well. They voted to give more money to the church, and give regular donations to the District and Central office. They're meetings are held on Wednesdays at 8pm.

Susan - Keep It Simple, It's a very new group. We're still trying to figure out group expenses. We're having a bon fire meeting on May 22. They've started new CPC/ PI committees. Area 39 Delegate Pam attended our business meeting yesterday. Meetings are held twice a day, noon and 7pm.

Vaughn-Turner Group, going through new changes with mandates changing, otherwise things are going well. Group requires mask inside. Patience and understanding is being asked of members.

Lisa- Baldwin Group, doing great attendance is steady with two meetings a week.

Tony C. - Harrisonville, rolling along and newcomers seem to come and go.

Mike O-Paseo Group is back in business. Zoom meetings during the weekdays at noon. Evening and weekend meetings are in-person. We're also looking for speakers.

Art – Northeast Johnson County group, we paid the Central Office back the money we owed. Also every group should have a list of resources to refer new people to.

Andy- Park Hill Group, mandates have slowed, and meeting capacity has opened up. Things are going well.

Doug- You Are Not Alone, just glad to be here and things are going well.

Rose- Hope Group, attendance is up to where it used to be. We're still wearing masks, but getting more relaxed.

Josh -Olathe Group, things are going good, bills are being paid and attendance is returning to normal.

Mel- Unity Group is financially doing well. We have an interpreter now Sat at speaker meetings. Need corrections on website concerning sign meetings information. We continue to wear masks, following KC mandate.

Dave- Wing and a Prayer, donations are down. They're planning a potluck in Wallace Park. We will announce plans later.

Candy- Lenexa, things are returning to normal. They now have a phone where people can call into meetings.

Steve- South Leawood Group, Woods Church has loosened covid restrictions.

Anthony- Liberty, we're waiting for the landlord to make repairs. Also, adding a newcomers meeting.

John- Richmond Group, things are going well and meetings are as usual. Attendance is good.

Steve- Blue Springs Group, things are going well. We're opening up to full capacity and speaker meetings are being held every Saturday. We're still using masks.

Ted- Primary Purpose, things are okay and attendance is up. We're planning a 20th Anniversary picnic. Carrying the message is still shut down; maybe they will get back to normal soon.

Felicia- You Are Not Alone , attendance is good. We elected a new GSR and an Alternate GSR and Central Office Delegate.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully, Deiatra Davis- Secretary

GROUP ATTENDANCE

MAY 2021

BETHEL	OLATHE
BLUE SPRINGS	PARKHILL
FAMOUS BALDWIN GROUP	PASEO
HARRISONVILLE	PRIMARY PURPOSE
HOLDEN	RICHMOND GROUP
HOPE	SOBRIETY FIRST
KEARNEY	SOUTH LEAWOOD
KEEP IT SIMPLE	TURNER GROUP
LEAVENWORTH GROUP #1	UNITY ON THEN PLAZA
LENEXA	WING AND A PRAYER
LIBERTY	YOU ARE NOT ALONE
NEW CHOSEN FEW	Total attendance 27
NORTHEAST JOHNSON COUNTY AA	
NORTH OAK	

We need email addresses for your group treasurer or someone in your group so we can email statements to them.

Send info to: thedirector@kc-aa.org

“Our first duty, as a society, is to insure our own survival. Therefore we have to avoid distractions and multipurpose activities . . . Sobriety—freedom from alcohol—through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps, *is the sole purpose of an A.A. group* ... We have to confine our membership to alcoholics and we have to confine our A.A. groups to a single purpose. If we don’t stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone.” **Bill W. / Problems Other**

GROUP DONATIONS

GROUP NAME	MAY	YTD 2021	GROUP NAME	MAY 2021	YTD 2021
449 GROUP	20.00	100.00	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS GROUP	45	139.12
6th CHAPTER GROUP	0.00	0.00	EYE OPENER GROUP	0.00	224.00
A VISION FOR YOU GROUP	0.00	0.00	FAMOUS BALDWIN GROUP	150.00	300.00
ACORN GROUP	25.00	100.00	FREEDOM 11 GROUP	0.0	0.00
ALIVE AGAIN	50.00	250.00	FRIENDS OF SOBRIETY –PERRY, KS.	0.0	0.0
BASEHOR GROUP	15.00	15.00	GALLITAN UPPER ROOM	0.0	0.00
BETHEL GROUP	75.00	425.00	GRASSROOTS GROUP	0.0	0.0
BEYOUND SOBRIETY WOMENS MTG	0.00	0.00	HARRISONVILLE GROUP	0.00	500.00
BILL’S FRIENDS	25.00	125.00	HIGGINSVILLE GROUP	0.00	0.00
BLUE SPRINGS GROUP	0.00	400.00	HOLDEN AA GROUP	100.00	160.00
BONNER SPRINGS GROUP	0.00	178.50	HONEST DESIRE	10.00	50.00
CAME TO BELIEVE—GLADSTONE BLVD	0.0	0.0	HOPE GROUP	0.00	563.59
CAME TO BELIEVE-O.P.	0.0	0.0	HUMBLE BEGINNINGS A.A.	0.00	0.00
CAMERON CROSSROAD GROUP	0.00	50.00	INDERPENDENCE #1 AA GROUP	0.0	0.00
CHAPTER FIVE GROUP - CLAYCOMO	0.00	0.00	IT’S NEVER TO LATE GROUP	0.00	0.00
COLLEGE BLVD. NOONERS	0.0	0.0	JAYWALKERS GROUP	90.00	437.00
CORE GROUP	0.00	0.00	JUST US GIRLS	0.0	0.00
COURAGE TO CHANGE	0.0	0.0	KANSAS CITY GROUP #1	0.0	0.0
DESOTO GROUP	0.0	0.00	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP—O.P.	0.00	256.38
DISTRICT 4 MO.	0.0	0.00	KNIGHTS OF SOBRIETY	20.00	100.00
DISTRICT 7 MO.	5.00	1760.00	KNOB NOSTER GROUP	0.0	0.0
DISTRICT 11 MO.	0.00	0.00	LATHROP GROUP	0.00	0.00
DOWNTOWN BASEMENT GROUP	0.00	0.00	LEAVENWORTH GROUP #1	553.18	823.01
EASY DOES IT—LAWERNCE	0.0	0.00	LEAWOOD/PRAIRIE VILLAGE GROUP	75.00	150.00
ENGLEWOOD WINNERS GROUP	0.00	20.00	LEE’S SUMMIT GROUP	0.00	0.00
ENTIRELY READY GROUP	0.00	30.00	LENEXA GROUP	175.00	625.00
EUDORA MIRACLES GROUP	0.0	0.00	LIBERTY GROUP	100.00	600.00
ARCHIE GROUP	0.00	6.00	LIVE AND LET LIVE GROUP	0.00	5.00
COMMON SOLUTION	0.00	41.22	LIVING MIRACLES	0.0	0.00
HAMILTON EVENING OPEN AA	20.00	20.00	GARDEN CITY #1	0.00	0.00
ACCENT ON SOBRIETY	0.00	150.00	GRAND AVENUE DOWNTOWN NOONERS		0.00

GROUP DONATIONS

GROUP NAME	MAY 2021	YTD 2021	GROUP NAME	MAY 2021	YTD 2021
MARCELINE GROUP	0.00	50.00	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP	120.00	570.00
MI GROUP	0.0	0.0	RECOVERY PLUS	36.17	331.24
MONDAY NIGHT TURKEYS	0.00	0.00	ROE CENTER GROUP	120.00	200.00
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	0.0	0.0	SECOND CHANCE—WARRENSBURG	0.00	0.00
NEVADA GROUP	0.00	5.50	SEDALIA 12 X 12	0.0	0.0
NEW BEGINNINGS—MARSHALL	8.00	23.00	SERNITY GROUP	0.0	0.0
NEW CHOSEN FEW GROUP	0.00	55.00	SHAWNEE GROUP	0.00	250.00
NEW FELLOWSHIP	0.0	0.00	SIMPLE SOBRIETY GROUP	0.00	260.00
NEW TONGANOXIE GROUP	0.0	0.0	SIMPLY AA—KC	0.00	44.29
NEW VISION GROUP	60.00	145.00	SLATER GROUP	0.0	0.00
NORTH KANSAS CITY GROUP	38.75	168.75	SOBER SKIRTS	0.00	45.00
NORTH OAK GROUP	80.00	400.00	SHELTER KC GROUP	0.00	0.00
NORTHEAST JOHNSON COUNTY GR	100.00	500.00	SOBRIETY FIRST GROUP	35.00	140.00
NORTHLAND MIRACLES GROUP	0.00	0.00	SOUTH KANSAS CITY GROUP	0.00	0.00
NUTS AND BOLTS—LENEXA	0.00	200.00	SOUTH LEAWOOD GROUP	0.00	1280.20
OLATHE GROUP	0.00	160.00	STOCKTON GROUP	0.00	600.00
ONE DAY AT A TIME GROUP	0.0	0.0	SUNSHINE GROUP—LAWRENCE	0.00	100.00
OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE	0.0	0.0	SWEET SPRINGS GROUP	0.00	0.00
OVERLAND PARK FELLOWSHIP	0.00	138.75	THE WAY OUT GROUP	0.0	0.0
P III	0.00	20.00	TICKLED NOT TO BE PICKED	0.0	0.00
PARKHILL GROUP	0.00	530.00	TONGIE GROUP	0.0	0.0
PASEO GROUP	0.00	100.00	TURNER GROUP	0.00	350.00
PFLUMM SOBER	54.60	254.60	TWELVE AND TWELVE GROUP	0.0	0.00
PLATTE CITY SOLUTIONS	50.00	150.00	UNION HOUSE #1	0.00	20.00
PLEASANT HILL GROUP	0.0	0.0	UNITY ON THE PLAZA	100.00	6.00
M.C. GROUP	100.00	100.00	WARD PARKWAY GROUP	0.00	500.00
New Path AA Group	165.34	429.25	WARRENSBURG GROUP	25.00	25.00
ANONYMOUS GROUP OF MEN	0.00	250.00	WE ARE ONE GROUP	0.00	240.00
CAN WE TALK	0.00	25.00	WING AND A PRAYER	0.0	0.0
KEARNEY	0.00	640.00	WITH NO RESERVATION	0.00	90.00
			UNIT GROUP	0.00	164.00
			DISTRICT 9	0.00	11.00
			TOTAL	2,552.70	20,550.39

TRADITION SIX PROTECTS AA

An AA Group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

I find it tempting to praise all sorts of political and, religious activities that I have been involved with through the years. I believe it does not violate the spirit of Tradition Six to mention them—even by name—during an AA meeting. However, if I find myself trying to convince other AA members that they should join my church or political party, I have then gone a bridge too far. The same goes for a treatment center where I once worked. I believe competition is fine in the outside world, but it does not belong in AA rooms. Such is sure to provoke friction.

As for finances, I believe all money placed in the AA basket belongs to AA and nowhere else! Donations should support *only* the **Intergroup; District; Area** or **GSO**. Recovery clubs are considered as *"outside enterprises"* as well as detox centers and hospitals. Of course, according to Tradition Eight, a group can pay for services rendered, such as printing informational flyers, and like that. I also believe finances from the group's prudent reserves are approved for group picnics, conferences, and gas money for out-of-town speakers, etc.

What if the treasurer of a group donates the group's funds to outside enterprises? Well, is there no retribution? Page xix from the FOREWORD TO THE SECOND EDITION, states: *"None of these principles have the force of rules or laws."* Of course, there will be rotation and elections. But what if the entire group decides to donate some of its prudent reserve funds to an outside enterprise? This violates the First, Fourth and Sixth Tradition. What to do? Maybe nothing. However, I *have* seen one instance where the Intergroup Office refrained from listing an AA group that stood in violation of Tradition Three.

Tradition Six allows AA to remain autonomously free from outside influence or domination, but we must remain aware of consequences if not followed.

Bob S, Richmond, Indiana

*****NEW POLICY*****NEW POLICY*****

CENTRAL OFFICE WILL BEGIN A NEW POLICY WITH CREDIT BALANCES. THE CUSTOMER WILL BE NOTIFIED AT 60 DAYS TO USE THE CREDIT OR IT WILL EXPIRE AND BE CONVERTED TO A "CENTRAL OFFICE ANGELS" DONATION.

Concept VI

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Just as the A.A. groups find themselves unable to act decisively respecting world service affairs unless they delegate a great amount of active authority and responsibility to their Conference, so must the Conference in turn delegate a liberal administrative authority to the General Service Board, in order that its Trustees may act freely and effectively in the absence of the Conference itself.

Central Office MAY Finances

Income \$10,348.25

Expense \$10,799.47

Net Loss = (\$451.22) *These are preliminary numbers*

2021 MAY GROUP DONATIONS \$2,552.70

2020 MAY GROUP DONATIONS \$1,446.38

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.

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	292	DETOX/TREATMENT	7
12 STEP	18	MISC.	181
BRIDGE THE GAP	3	EMAILS	8
ALANON	10	WET DRUNKS	0
OFFICE INFORMATION	333	VISITORS	442
NA/CA/OTHER	15	AFTER HOURS HOTLINE	386

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