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## Anonymity Letter to the Media:

### “A Gift Each Member Makes to the Fellowship”

Each year since the practice began in 1949, the trustees’ Public Information Committee has sent its annual Anonymity Letter to the Media.

The simple letter both thanks our friends in the media — journalists, radio, television and online editors and producers — for the support they have always afforded Alcoholics Anonymous with respect to protecting the anonymity of A.A. members at the public level and asks for their continued cooperation. The letter goes on to request that if A.A. members are identified in the media that only their first name and last initial be used, and no images be used in which a member’s face may be recognized.

This helps to provide A.A. members with the security that anonymity can bring. The letter further explains, “The principle of anonymity is at the core of our Fellowship. Those who are reluctant to seek our help often overcome their fear if they are confident that their anonymity will be respected. In addition, and perhaps less understood, our tradition of anonymity acts as a healthy guardrail for A.A. members, reminding us that we are a program of principles, not personalities, and that no individual A.A. member acts as a spokesperson of our Fellowship.”

“We’re trying to focus on the message that we’re sending about Alcoholics Anonymous to clarify any misconceptions that we find and to remind all about our spiritual principles and why they are important,” says Patrick C., General Service Office staff coordinator on the Public Information desk. “So that no one person is speaking for A.A. or there’s not one person who is intentionally causing harm — although normally anonymity breaks happen out of innocence or lack of understanding.”

This January, thousands of Anonymity Letters will be distributed to a media list covering the U.S. and Canada (including Spanish media in the U.S. and French media in Quebec). The letter is also posted on G.S.O.’s website at [https://aa.org/pages/en\\_US/pressmedia](https://aa.org/pages/en_US/pressmedia).

Despite the saturation coverage of the Anonymity Letter, and the vigilance of A.A. groups and individual members everywhere, anonymity breaks do happen — a number of them at the hands of well-meaning members eager to help other alcoholics like themselves. What is done about such breaks and the dozens of others that occur yearly? As mail received by the General Service Office reveals, members have expressed continuing concern about such violations of the Eleventh Tradition (“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films”), which the Fellowship’s co-founder Bill W. called “the key to A.A.’s spiritual survival.”

When a specific anonymity break occurs, A.A. members frequently ask G.S.O. to send a letter to the publication or broadcast station involved. But it has long been the consensus of A.A.’s General Service Conference that responsibility for protecting the Tradition of Anonymity at the public level, and for responding to anonymity breaks in the media, rests with the individuals, groups and service committees within the Fellowship. So, when there is an anonymity break at the public level, the Public Information desk at G.S.O. writes to the appropriate area delegate, passing along the basic facts and suggesting that the delegate or another trusted servant make contact with the member.

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# 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!*

JACK MC. 53 YEARS ENGLEWOOD WINNERS

LEWIS B. 41 YEARS SWEET SPRINGS

SUE C. 40 YEARS NORTH OAK GROUP

DARRELL R. 40 YEARS NORTH OAK GROUP

VERNON G. 35 YEARS NEW VISION

SARA L. 35 YEARS

PATRICIA H-L. 34 YEARS HAMILTON EVENING

BRIAN H. 33 YEARS 24&7

NARKIN Y. 31 YEARS SWEET SPRINGS

LONNIE V. 30 YEARS NORTH KANSAS CITY

WILLIE A. 25 YEARS WE ARE ONE

JANET B. 14 YEARS LENEXA GROUP

DEB O. 10 YEARS LENEXA GROUP

DAVID W. 9 YEARS WING AND A PRAYER

JOE 1 YEAR NORTH OAK GROUP

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

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BRIAN H. 33 YEAR 24&7

**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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# Calendar of Event—JANUARY 2022

**JANUARY 2-30, 2022 SERENITY SISTERS STEP BY STEP ZOOM ID: 842 1136  
0078 PASSWORD: 693023**

**JANUARY 8, 2022 3:00—4:30 P.M. AREA 39 DISTRICT 3 PRESENTS THE ORAL  
HISTORY WORKSHOP 311 . 80TH TERR KANSAS CITY, MO 64132**

**JANUARY 29, 2022 2:00 P.M. NUTS AND BOLTS 33RD ANNIVERSARY UNIVER-  
SITY OF KANSAS, KANSAS UNION 5TH FLOOR 1301 JAYHAWK BLVD LAW-  
RENCE, KANSAS 66045**

**MARCH 25-27, 2022 35TH ANNIVERSARY AIM FOR AMES ROUND-UP EAST  
13TH STREET & I-35 QUALITY INN & SUITES**

**APRIL, 23 2022 10:00 A.M. TIL 4:00 P.M. DISTRICT 3 LONG-TIMER CELEBRA-  
TION EAGLETON CIVIC CENTER 1015 ROYALE STREET RICHMOND, MO64085**

**APRIL 30, 2022 INSTITUTIONS FORUM 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. MULTIPURPOSE  
BUILDING YOUTH**

**MAY 13-15, 2022 37TH ANNUAL A.A./AL-ANON WOMIN IN RECOVERY  
WEEKEND KANSAS HEART-TO-HEART HEARTLAND CENTER 16965 NW 45  
HIGHWAY KANSAS CITY, MO 64152**

**JUNE 10-12, 2022 FOUNDERS' DAY CONFERENCE AKRON, OHIO**

## CENTRAL OFFICE WEBSITE

([www.kc-aa.org](http://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.

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*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: 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*

**BOB J. NORTHEAST JOHNSON COUNTY**

**DON D. BLUE SPRINGS**

**CONNIE C. SOBER SKIRTS**

**PAUL C. HOPE GROUP**



*District Service Schedule*

**DISTRICT 9 KS**

**2nd Thursday of each month at Turner Group**  
4845 Shawnee Dr. Kansas City, KS 66106.  
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**

Post Office Box 2407  
James A Farley Station  
New York, NY 10116-2407

**KANSAS AREA 25**

KANSAS AREA ASSEMBLY  
PO Box 388  
Westmoreland, KS 66549  
Or online at [www.ks-aa.org](http://www.ks-aa.org)

**WESTERN AREA MISSOURI AREA 39**

WAMO TREASURER  
WAMO Treasurer  
PO Box 93  
Carthage, MO 64836

**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  
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102 N Main St  
Maryville, MO 64468

**WAMO DISTRICT 7**

Treasurer Rob A.  
P.O. Box 6952  
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MO 64055

**KS DISTRICT 9**

Treasurer  
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Kansas City, KS 66112

**WAMO DISTRICT 2**

Treasurer  
3122 Monterey St,  
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

### MEETING CHANGES

**HEARTLAND GROUP** THURSDAY MEETING TIME HAS CHANGED FROM 8:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

**FOUR REASONS GROUP** ADD SATURDAY 5:30 P.M. SPEAKER MEETING

**OLATHE GROUP** ADD SUNDAY 8:30 P.M. LGBTQ CLOSED MEETING

**KEARNEY GROUP** ADD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. CLOSED MEETING

## Delegate Meeting

### December 12, 2012

**Chairperson-** Kelly opened meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

**Secretary Report-** Deiatra gave Secretary Report, no changes requested and it was accepted as read.

**Finance Report** - was read by Teresa

November Income= \$10,695.72

November Expenses= \$9,925.31

November Net Income= \$ 769.81

**Board Report-** Art was absence, and Greg gave report.

**Office Report-** Teresa, we will switch from High Touch IT to EST, due to cost effectiveness. We're keeping office hours at 10a -3p, which helps financially. Business is a little slower. All delegates please take our information back to your groups and post where members can see it. Please read the information in the packets to your group. There're members who don't know what Central Office does/and how we can help groups. The upcoming Board Meeting will be hosted by Paseo Group. Bills are paid and shelves are stocked. We're still having trouble getting some items, but the Big Book and 12&12 are in stock.

**Old Business-**NA

**New Business-** Ted stated that, The Sunflower Roundup will be held this year at The Memorial Hall, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. There are rooms block off for us at the Hilton Garden Hotel, reservations are open until Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. Also we lost one Board member and need a replacement, please come to next Board meeting if you are interested.

**Topic:** NA

**Sobriety First-** Cheryl, Everything's is good, attendance is down but 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is up. Hall is open 8p-10p on Saturdays for Game Night, everybody is welcome.

**Liberty Group-** Anthony, their 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Alk-Athon starts 6p on Dec 30<sup>th</sup> thru 6p on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

**We Are One-** Richard H. he's not the delegate, just filling in until replacement is voted in. Their Annual Chili-thon is in March, further info coming. Sunday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> they're hosting a Christmas Dinner from 2p-5p.

**South Leawood Group-** Steve, Bills are paid and attendance is up.

**Simply AA** –Jeff, Big Book study every Wednesday at 7p and still having Hybrid Mtgs.

**Richmond Group** – John, bills are paid attendance is up and things are going well. Meetings are Monday-Friday at 11am and Monday- Saturday at 7p.

**Lenexa Group** – Candy, voted in all new positions for next year. Attendance is up and there's a Women Group every Wednesday at 10am.

**Shawnee Group** –Cindy, Things are good, weekend meetings are full.

**Bethel Group** – Chris, " thanks for coming"! Attendance is still up and down and they're heads above water on finances. 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was last Sunday, it was great.

**Shelter KC Group-** Brett, the Mission Downtown has 20 residents there for 9 month program. More guys are getting involved with AA. Still need male members to come in and share at meetings at 5:30p on Wednesdays.

**Sunshine Group** – Ross, everything is good. They're having New Years Eve Party it starts at 5p on Friday. There'll be games, speaker and pot luck.

**Harrisonville** – Greg, things are good and attendance is up. They open every night at 8p, and extended hours for Christmas and New Year's Eve opens at 10a.

**Honest Desire** – John, attendance is up and hall is open 3p- 7p every night.

**Olathe Group-** John, things are good and meetings are great.

**Bethel Group** –Karen, attendance is up and down. Hall is opened all day Christmas 10a-10p.

**Leavenworth Group** – Ron, finances are good, attendance good. The meetings are still Hybrid for now and hall is opened Christmas and New Year's Eve.

**Primary Purpose** – Ted, group is doing ok, but attendance is down. They have Ala-Teen meetings there.

**Park Hill Group-** Doni, they have good attendance and for Christmas there's Dinner and opened 24 hours.

**Unity** – Mel, they've selected positions for next year. Still have Hybrid meetings and will continue. Attendance is up and they're doing great. There's a Christmas Alka-thon, and open until 2am on New Year's Eve.

**Nuts and Bolts** – Kyle, they still have Friday night speaker meetings and things are going well. Wes will be new Delegate starting next year.

**New Chosen Few** – Deiatra, we don't have a delegate at this time, but things are going well. We have a new meeting time on Wednesdays of 4:30p instead of 2p.

Cheryl from **Sobriety First** is willing to stand for Alternate Chairperson. The vote was taken and she was voted in.

Next meeting is Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at the Leavenworth Group in Leavenworth, KS.

It was motioned and accepted that we close the meeting. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.



## GROUP ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 2021

24&7	OLATHE
ALIVE AGAIN	PARKHILL
BETHEL	PASEO
BLUE SPRINGS	PRIMARY PURPOSE
BONNER SPRINGS	RICHMOND
BUTLER	ROE CENTER
ENGLEWOOD WINNERS	SHAWNEE
HARRISONVILLE	SHELTER KC
HOLDEN	SOBRIETY FIRST
HONEST DESIRE	SOUTH LEAWOOD
LEAVENWORTH #1	SUNSHINE GROUP
LENEXA	TURNER GROUP
LIBERTY	UNITY
NORTH KANSAS CITY	WE ARE ONE
NORTHEAST JOHNSON COUNTY	WING AND A PRAYER
NUTS AND BOLTS	YOU ARE NOT ALONE
	Total attendance 32

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](mailto: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	240.00	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS GROUP	0.00	229.12
6th CHAPTER GROUP	0.00	100.00	EYE OPENER GROUP	0.00	739.00
A VISION FOR YOU GROUP	60.00	120.00	FAMOUS BALDWIN GROUP	200.00	650.00
ACORN GROUP	25.00	275.00	FREEDOM 11 GROUP	0.0	0.00
ALIVE AGAIN	50.00	600.00	FRIENDS OF SOBRIETY –PERRY, KS.	0.0	0.0
BASEHOR GROUP	0.00	15.00	GALLITAN UPPER ROOM	0.0	0.00
BETHEL GROUP	100.00	1050.00	GRASSROOTS GROUP	0.0	0.0
BEYOUND SOBRIETY WOMENS MTG	0.00	100.00	HARRISONVILLE GROUP	0.60	660.00
BILL'S FRIENDS	25.00	350.00	HIGGINSVILLE GROUP	0.00	652.00
BLUE SPRINGS GROUP	0.00	900.00	HOLDEN AA GROUP	0.00	240.00
BONNER SPRINGS GROUP	142.25	445.75	HONEST DESIRE	10.00	120.00
CAME TO BELIEVE—GLADSTONE BLVD	0.0	0.0	HOPE GROUP	0.00	1158.11
CAME TO BELIEVE-O.P.	0.0	0.0	HUMBLE BEGINNINGS A.A.	0.00	0.00
CAMERON CROSSROAD GROUP	25.00	100.00	INDERPENDENCE #1 AA GROUP	0.00	20.00
CHAPTER FIVE GROUP - CLAYCOMO	0.00	429.00	IT'S NEVER TO LATE GROUP	250.00	463.00
COLLEGE BLVD. NOONERS	0.0	0.0	JAYWALKERS GROUP	118.00	1105.00
CORE GROUP	450.00	650.00	JUST US GIRLS	0.00	510.00
COURAGE TO CHANGE	0.00	375.00	KANSAS CITY GROUP #1	0.0	0.0
DESOTO GROUP	0.00	3200.00	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP—O.P.	0.00	256.38
DISTRICT 4 MO.	0.0	0.00	KNIGHTS OF SOBRIETY	20.00	240.00
DISTRICT 7 MO.	0.00	1770.00	KNOB NOSTER GROUP	0.0	0.0
DISTRICT 11 MO.	0.00	0.00	LATHROP GROUP	0.00	100.00
DOWNTOWN BASEMENT GROUP	0.00	0.00	LEAVENWORTH GROUP #1	337.19	2895.44
EASY DOES IT—LAWERNCE	0.0	0.00	LEAWOOD/PRAIRIE VILLAGE GROUP	1500.00	300.00
ENGLEWOOD WINNERS GROUP	120.00	260.00	LEE'S SUMMIT GROUP	200.00	200.00
ENTIRELY READY GROUP	0.00	255.00	LENEXA GROUP	100.00	1050.00
EUDORA MIRACLES GROUP	0.00	60.00	LIBERTY GROUP	100.00	1300.00
ARCHIE GROUP	0.00	6.00	LIVE AND LET LIVE GROUP	20.00	105.00
COMMON SOLUTION	0.00	30.94	LIVING MIRACLES	0.00	150.00
HAMILTON EVENING OPEN AA	0.00	40.00	GARDEN CITY #1	0.00	0.00

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GROUP NAME	MAY 2021	YTD 2021	GROUP NAME	MAY 2021	YTD 2021
MARCELINE GROUP	0.00	50.00	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP	80.00	1271.50
MI GROUP	0.00	25.00	RECOVERY PLUS	273.63	1151.17
MONDAY NIGHT TURKEYS	0.00	0.00	ROE CENTER GROUP	80.00	480.00
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	0.0	0.0	SECOND CHANCE—WARRENSBURG	0.00	25.00
NEVADA GROUP	0.00	5.50	SEDALIA 12 X 12	0.0	0.0
NEW BEGINNINGS—MARSHALL	0.00	43.00	SERNITY GROUP	480.00	480.00
NEW CHOSEN FEW GROUP	0.00	55.00	SHAWNEE GROUP	0.00	1250.00
NEW FELLOWSHIP	0.0	0.00	SIMPLE SOBRIETY GROUP	0.00	530.00
NEW TONGANOXIE GROUP	0.0	0.0	SIMPLY AA—KC	0.00	134.45
NEW VISION GROUP	0.00	295.00	SLATER GROUP	0.0	0.00
NORTH KANSAS CITY GROUP	44.55	505.90	SOBER SKIRTS	0.00	75.00
NORTH OAK GROUP	80.00	880.00	SHELTER KC GROUP	0.00	0.00
NORTHEAST JOHNSON COUNTY GR	100.00	1200.00	SOBRIETY FIRST GROUP	35.00	350.00
NORTHLAND MIRACLES GROUP	0.00	0.00	SOUTH KANSAS CITY GROUP	0.00	50.00
NUTS AND BOLTS—LENEXA	0.00	400.00	SOUTH LEAWOOD GROUP	0.00	4192.32
OLATHE GROUP	80.00	400.00	STOCKTON GROUP	0.00	600.00
ONE DAY AT A TIME GROUP	0.0	0.0	SUNSHINE GROUP—LAWRENCE	25.00	1300.00
OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE	0.0	0.0	SWEET SPRINGS GROUP	95.00	210.00
OVERLAND PARK FELLOWSHIP	0.00	186.23	THE WAY OUT GROUP	0.0	0.0
P III	0.00	300.02	TICKLED NOT TO BE PICKED	0.0	0.00
PARKHILL GROUP	400.00	1835.00	TONGIE GROUP	0.0	0.0
PASEO GROUP	25.00	300.00	TURNER GROUP	50.00	500.00
PFLUMM SOBER	71.97	890.42	TWELVE AND TWELVE GROUP	0.0	0.00
PLATTE CITY SOLUTIONS	0.00	300.00	UNION HOUSE #1	0.00	20.00
PLEASANT HILL GROUP	0.00	52.50	UNITY ON THE PLAZA	300.00	2100.00
M.C. GROUP	0.00	100.00	WARD PARKWAY GROUP	0.00	1,200.00
NEW PATH AA GROUP	0.00	970.65	WARRENSBURG GROUP	0.00	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	198.95	1289.53
KEARNEY	360.00	1000.00	WITH NO RESERVATION	0.00	575.00
			UNIT GROUP	0.00	164.00
			DISTRICT 9 MO.	0.00	11.00

GROUP DONATIONS

GROUP NAME	MAY	YTD 2021
ALMOST HOME RECOVERY GROUP	0.00	250.00
ACCENT ON SOBRIETY	0.00	185.00
ANY LENGTHS	0.00	70.00
BUTLER GROUP	50.00	125.00
CLINTON GROUP	0.00	60.00
GRAND AVENUE DOWNTOWN NOONERS	0.00	0.00
NEW BEGINNINGS RICHMOND	0.00	1012.27
OSKALOOSA KS AA GROUP	25.00	150.00
RICHMOND GROUP	0.00	60.00
UNION HOUSE 2	0.00	20.00
TICKLED NO TO BE PICKLED	154.12	154.12
TOTAL	7,039.75	54,049.81

GROUP NAME	MAY 2021	YTD 2021
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As it turns out, Patrick is a past delegate — Panel 63, Southwest Texas, Area 67. “So I was on the receiving end of a P.I. coordinator’s letter, the kind of standard email from the General Service Office, which says, ‘Hey we have an anonymity break in your area. Here’s an example of a letter that you can use to write to the individual who appeared in the article.’ Because that’s who we are reaching out to — not the journalist. The responsibility for our Traditions lies with the A.A. member and so we’re just providing a friendly reminder — ‘Did you know that when we are involved in a media story, one of the things we avoid is putting our full name or our full picture and our statement saying we are members of A.A.?’”

Terry Bedient, nonalcoholic former chair of the General Service Board, has put it very well. He sees anonymity not as an act of self-restraint, but as an active demonstration of love and service. “Anonymity is a gift each member makes to the Fellowship. It is humility in action, a voluntary decision made by A.A. members to set aside personal recognition so that the A.A. principles and program can have center stage instead.”

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## **A.A. Guidelines: Experience As It Happens**

Developed individually over the years in response to the expressed needs of A.A. members for specific information on specific topics, G.S.O.’s A.A. Guidelines contain shared experience on 17 different areas of concern to members, groups, and service committees throughout the Fellowship. Covering such issues as central and intergroup offices, the relationship between A.A. and Al-Anon, the Internet, and accessibility for all alcoholics, the Guidelines reflect current A.A. practices and consolidate A.A. experience as it happens. The historical development of the A.A. Guidelines is shrouded in mystery, and a search through G.S.O.’s A.A. Archives turns up little to clarify their exact beginning. In the early 1960s, however, according to Beth K., a G.S.O. staff member during those years, what appears to be the first of A.A.’s Guidelines was prepared as a result of ongoing Conference concern over the relationship between A.A. and clubs. Other Guidelines, such as those on conferences and conventions, court issues, and institutions, came about because G.S.O. would receive a flood of mail over an extended period of time containing questions about what to do regarding a particular topic. Reaching out to delegates and other appropriate and relevant sources for additional sharing, the staff would then gather as broad a range of experience as possible on each given topic and prepare a set of Guidelines. Unlike A.A. Conference-approved literature, which expresses A.A.’s collective group conscience, the bright yellow A.A. Guidelines (two to six pages) are a distillation of specific trial-and-error experience that has been shared with G.S.O. on a number of specialized topics that come up frequently in correspondence but are not necessarily relevant to all groups or members throughout the Fellowship. For that reason, the 1980 General Service Conference approved a recommendation that the A.A. Guidelines could be produced or revised at the discretion of the G.S.O. staff without Conference approval when new information or other contingencies arose. The Guidelines bring together the shared experience of A.A. members and groups throughout the U.S./Canada service structure, and, over the years, as concerns with a given topic have abated, the corresponding Guidelines have been dropped; similarly, as particular topics of concern come to the fore, new ones have been added. A.A. Guidelines, which are listed in the A.A.W.S. literature catalog, are available singly or in complete sets. They may also be accessed on G.S.O.’s A.A. website (aa.org).

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# CONCEPT I

*The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.*

The A.A. groups today hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world services — those special elements of over-all service activity which make it possible for our Society to function as a whole. The groups assumed that responsibility at the St. Louis International Convention of 1955. There, on behalf of Dr. Bob, the Trustees and A.A.’s old-time leaders, I made the transfer of world service responsibility to our entire Fellowship.

Why, and by what authority was this done? There were reasons of stark necessity for it, and there were further reasons which have to do with A.A.’s fundamental structure and tradition.

## Central Office DECEMBER Finances

Income \$20,904.73

Expense \$11,866.24

Net Gain = 9,038.49 *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.

2021 DECEMBER GROUP DONATIONS \$7,039.75

2020 DECEMBER GROUP DONATIONS \$2,682.11

**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**

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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GROUP INFORMATION	268	DETOX/TREATMENT	8
12 STEP	3	MISC.	106
BRIDGE THE GAP	1	EMAILS	5
ALANON	10	WET DRUNKS	2
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