

NEWS FROM 202

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Our Mission Statement

Friendship House is committed to providing a safe, clean, and reliable place for people recovering from alcoholism to have meetings and fellowship.

Moving on....

April is moving to the Gulf Coast! She's been a big part of 202. If you've tried her cheesecake, you have an idea how delicious her future will be. We'll miss her mustard seeds, cheeky personality, and genuine care for newcomers.

Emily started working at 202 in November and stole our hearts. She is moving to Cleveland to be closer to family. She has filled this house with laughter and will be missed.

New staff

Greg works Sunday AM, Tuesday & Thursday PM since October. He writes music, cooks, and occasionally sings Karaoke at our events.

Michael works Monday PM and is well-loved regular member of 202. He loves film & the arts.

Taffy works Sunday PM, Wednesday & Friday AM. She's a mean cook who celebrated one year sober on 6/21/22 and says: "God is good."

Sheila works Monday & Saturday AM. She's a Veteran & loves sober life. We look forward to working with her.

Events are back!



On April 23, the 5x5 group sponsored the first outdoor event in over 2 years. They provided food and drinks, had a guest speaker, and ran karaoke. Over 150 people attended, and it was a great day all around.



On May 28th, one of our newest groups, The Last House on the Block sponsored a Speak, Eat and Sing event. The organizing committee was a team of young people running their first event, and they threw a fun, well-attended party with excellent food.



New T-shirts

We held a T-shirt Design contest and had eight entries. The winning design was from Lisa's son Heath. We love it!

Improvements

Thanks to our new board member Amanda, we have a team helping us with some improvements to the house. Thank you, Rose Paving, for patching up our parking lot pot-holes and providing a new bollard in the driveway.

Lisa H has generously donated plants and landscaping expertise to us. Come by and see all the lovely plants on each side of the building and the pots she filled in the front. We're lucky to have someone who has both skills and passion for 202.

Service Opportunity:

Our 1:00 and 3:00 meetings need love! Lots of newcomers attend and they need people with some time and experience to welcome and support them! If you can commit to a regular day, get in touch with us to see what days are needed. Thank you, Nancy G and volunteers who recently signed up to help!

Meeting space:

If you're looking to start a new AA meeting or know of a meeting looking for space, our 6:30 Wednesday spot is open for a new group to take over.

THIS SATURDAY - JUNE 25 5x5 is hosting a Karaoke cookout! Please bring a dessert or side.



Hot dogs, burgers & one drink paid for by the 5x5 group!



When: June 25, 2022

Time: 4:PM Speaker - 5:PM Eat and Fun

Where: 202 Friendship House

202 23rd Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203

There are many ways to support us

202 has weathered some challenging times and we're relieved to be back to normal at last. As always, we depend on contributions for at least part of our annual budget. Here is how you can help:

- ✦ Membership is a wonderful way to support 202. Become a member for \$120 a year (also payable \$10 a month). Join on our [website](#) or you can pay in person with cash, check or credit card, or by bank draft. A members receive a 25% discount on food and drinks.
- ✦ You can make a tax deductible donation any time at the counter, via our [Facebook page](#), or [on our website](#).
- ✦ We have Venmo: @amy-kurland-202 (please indicate if \$ is for membership or donation).
- ✦ If 202 has given you a second chance at life, you may consider putting 202 in your will or donate shares of stock.

A note from Amy K

I have been on the board of 202 for many years now, and it is my most profound desire that 202 should last far into the future. I have made it my mission to raise enough money for an endowment fund so we will have a way to be sure of that.

202 is simply not self-supporting. Our meeting rents, concession sales, and memberships only cover about 60% of our annual expenses. We make up the rest through fundraising, an annual concert, letter writing, events like karaoke, the Big Payback etc. Even with all that, we always just break even.

I promise you that we are very frugal in our spending. We have wonderful underpaid staff, our beautiful landscaping was all donated. We make it through Covid on government grants.

An endowment fund, quite simply, is money set aside (invested) to earn revenue. The principal value of the endowment fund is kept intact, while the earnings can be used for our expenses.

We have a good start on our endowment fund. Our goal is \$1,200,000.

We currently have \$700,000 in our fund. *We also have been blessed with the promise of up to \$250,000 to match whatever we raise.* Over the next 10 months, 202 needs all the help we can get to raise that \$250,000. No donation amount is too small, and of course, none is too large! **If you can help to raise money from friends or businesses, we would love to have you on our committee.**

Please ask me or Merrill any questions that you have.

Sincerely

Amy K