

South Mississippi
Intergroup Newsletter

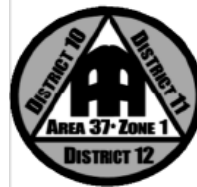
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July 2024

Central Office

Hours of Operation

10 am-2pm

**Monday, Wednesday,
& Friday**

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**Controversial Questions among AA
Members and Groups?**

What is the criteria for forming an AA Group?
Does your AA group allow visitors to contribute?
Does your AA group allow anyone to share at an AA meeting even though they might not be an alcoholic? What about Chair a meeting?
Does your group have a GSR? Why or Why Not?
Does your group have an Intergroup Rep? Why or Why Not?
Does your group acknowledge and follow the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous?
Does your group send money to G.S.O.? If so what is the amount based on? If not, why not?
Does your group send a G.S.R. to the District and Area meeting? Why or Why Not?
Does your group try to follow the suggestions of our General Service Board? Why or Why Not?
What does Autonomy of an AA Group mean?
How might our group affect other AA Groups or AA as a whole?
When someone raises an issue at a group conscious/group business meeting are their views listened to or ignored depending on who they are?
Are you afraid to ask questions at your group conscious/business meeting? Do you still love folks you disagree with?
Which pamphlets, books, or other materials could these answers be found?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 20th, 2024, Traditions Workshop
At 24th Avenue Fellowship Hall
Hosted by District 11
Facilitated by Gary M

August 31st, 2024, Area 37 Assembly,
Pearl Community Center, Pearl, MS

Gratitude Roundup Thanksgiving
Weekend, November 29-Dec 1st, 2024
to be held at

Southeastern Regional Forum
December 5-7th, 2024 at Golden
Nugget Biloxi More info later

International Convention July 3rd-6th
2025, Vancouver, More Information
Soon.

Controversial Questions Continued

What is your group doing to carry the message outside your group?
If a person tries to share for the third time in a meeting with a lot of folks what do you do if you are chair?
What criteria is used for banning people from a meeting and do some groups just hide behind the fact that the Clubhouse can ban because they are not AA?
What, if any, Traditions are a Clubhouse required to follow?
Is there a limit on the amount of money a person can contribute to AA?
Should you sell raffle tickets for an aa function to outsiders?
Should you accept raffle items from folks who are not AA members?

LITERATURE SUGGESTIONS TO FIND ANSWERS:

The Group Pamphlet # P-16
12 Steps and 12 Traditions book
AA Guidelines, Finance
The AA Group Treasurer pamphlet F-96
Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix pamphlet F-3

Heard at a Meeting:

Love and tolerance of others is our code according to the Big Book,,,,,, we need not forget that even at a group conscious meeting!

THIS REALLY HAPPENED in MS –THOUGH HARD TO BELIEVE.

A man was very good friends with his neighbor who he shared social events with sometimes. Always, there was drinking. At some point, however, the neighbor stopped drinking. Some time went by and the man questioned the neighbor as to why he had stopped drinking. The neighbor said that drinking became such a problem that he realized he had to stop, and after trying on his own and not getting anywhere, the neighbor tells the man that he found the solution in AA. Some time went by, and the man thought about what the neighbor had said and wondered if he, too, had a problem. He decided to just stop drinking one or two nights a week. He found after a very short period he could not stop drinking even for one evening a week, let alone 2. He questioned the neighbor about how to find AA so the neighbor gave the man a meeting schedule of AA meetings on the MS Gulf Coast. Not right away, but eventually, the man made his way to an AA meeting. He showed up a little early and sat down by himself. (The neighbor had told him about what to expect at a meeting). Soon, a young lady came in and sat down beside him and started talking to him. She didn't ask him if he was new or anything, but just started talking about life in general. The room quickly filled with people and then the meeting began. The man did not want to be singled out, so he didn't acknowledge that it was his first meeting when they asked (partly because the young lady kept on talking even though the meeting had started). The man did not pick up a beginner's desire chip. The young lady continued talking. What were her topics through most of the meeting? Her topics ranged from how bad her sponsor was to how her life sucked since she had joined AA. The man went home and talked to the neighbor again & the neighbor encouraged to go back or go to another meeting. Work schedules prevented neighbor from going with the man. The next time he didn't arrive as early but made sure he did not sit next to the young lady from before. Two ladies came and sat on either side of him. Throughout the meeting the two ladies talked across him to each other. Their topics? How bad the meeting was being handled and how horrible the person was chairing the meeting. At the end of the meeting, it was announced that they needed volunteers in the Central Office, so he called and volunteered. The manager had to leave for a little while to make a bank deposit when someone came into the Central Office and complained about their AA group and how bad it was. The man resigned his Central Office position and never came back to AA period.

AA Birthdays for June 2024

Little Yellow House

James J.	1 yr
Kenneth M.	2 yr
Troy W.	3 yr
Donna B.	4 yr
Steve S.	6 yr
Kristy M.	8 yr
Mark R.	8 yr
Kerri H.	9 yrs
Kathy F.	20 yr
Leslie M.	25 yr

Fun Facts about AA

Did you know that the tradition of giving out medallions for periods of Sobriety goes all the way back to the Oxford Group prior to Alcoholics Anonymous?

The first national exposure for Alcoholics Anonymous came with April 25, 1939 "We the People" broadcast. Gabriel Heatter's radio program was a tremendously popular program that was tuned in by millions of people. Morgan R., the AA member who spoke on the program, was expected to launch sales of the newly published book, Alcoholics Anonymous. How Morgan was prepared for his three-minute talk, and the resulting book sales are described in the A.A.W.S. publication Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age on pages 174-175

Checklist Group Questions about Tradition 7 from AA Grapevine

Tradition Seven: Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?

Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?

If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?

Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?

Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?

How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

Why do service work?

It changes our thoughts from thinking about ourselves to thinking about others.

INFORMATION SOURCES FOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:

**Hotline answered by AA members 24/7
228-575-9225.**

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MS Area 37 Website:

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MS AA Area Archives are located:

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**Please call Central Office to set appointment if
you wish to see.**

National AA Website: AA.org National AA
General Service Office (G.S.O) Phone Number:
212-870-3401

AA Grapevine Website:

Aagrapevine.org

AA National Newsletter Box 459:

aa.org/box-459

South MS Intergroup

Meets at Central Office 19021
Commission Road Long Beach,
MS 39560

First Sunday of each month at 5 p.m.

You can zoom Intergroup Meeting just go to
AAGulfcoast.com press zoom meeting button and
enter the following:

Meeting ID 832 1961 7748

Passcode xyz32

District 10 serving Hancock and Pearl River Counties

Meets 3rd Wednesday each month 7 pm Kiln
Community Center Kiln MS

District 11 serving Harrison and Stone Counties

Meets 2nd Sunday each month. 24th
Avenue Clubhouse
2518 24th Avenue, Gulfport, MS

District 12 serving Jackson & George Counties

Meets 3rd Sunday of month,
location rotated.

Area Assembly Area 37 serving the state of
Mississippi meets 4 times a year at Pearl
Community Center in Pearl, MS.
Next Assembly meets August 31st, 2024