

South Mississippi

Intergroup Newsletter

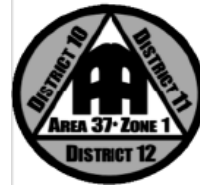
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 8, 2025 will be a Pre Conference workshop hosted by our MS delegate, Kat Y and DCMs of Districts 10 and 11.

March 22, 2025 will be a Comedy and Dinner Night at 15900 LeMoyne where 3-2-1 meets. It begins at 6:30 pm.

March 29th, 2025, Area 37 Assembly, Pearl Community Center, Pearl, MS

May 2, 2025 will be District 12s Annual Fish Fry.

May 10, 2025 District 10 will be hosting a picnic in Diamondhead.

June 14, 2025 Gulf Coast Group will be celebrating their 79th Anniversary at 2518 24th Avenue in Gulfport. They are the oldest group in South Mississippi.

June 27-29, 2025 will be the MS State AA Convention being held this year in Brandon.

International Convention **July 3rd-6th 2025**, Vancouver. Contact AA.org for more details.

ADDING HOURS FOR CENTRAL OFFICE!!

Beginning March 17th the Central Office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Many thanks to volunteers aiding in this endeavor!

We need a volunteer to take over this newsletter. Contact Cathy K at the office, 228-575-9225.

We need a hotline volunteer for Tuesday nights from 6 p.m.-10 a.m. Wednesday morning. Volunteer needs a year of sobriety to do this. Call 228-575-9225 if you would like to do this service.

We wish to thank the Gratitude Roundup Committee for their generous contribution of \$3000.

Last year 21 groups made monetary contributions as well as some AA members. We wish to thank all of you.

Coastal Group in Biloxi no longer meets. There are some other great groups close to that meeting.

CONTRAVERSIAL QUESTIONS IN AA

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?
What governs Clubhouses in AA? Do bylaws in AA mean anything?
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?
What does the phrase "Time takes time mean"?
Does an open meeting mean that anyone can share?
If an AA group doesn't send money out to the District, Area, or GSO is it a real AA group?
What is the best literature to share with a newcomer?
Should AA have billboards, commercials, websites, etc.?
Why do judges send people convicted of drug crimes to AA?

Heard at a Meeting:

How could I possibly live like the prayer on page 99 in the 12 and 12 describes?

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 March 29, 2025

ABOUT THE OXFORD GROUP

The Oxford Group was a Christian Movement that had begun in America in 1921. It is still around today in Europe but it changed its name to Moral ReArmament or MRA for short

When Rowland Hazard was told that there is no hope for an alcoholic of his type “unless he has a vital spiritual experience” he began visiting the Oxford group. This is how he met and became the sponsor of Ebby Thatcher who carried the message to Bill W., our founder. The following are the 6 tenets of the Oxford Group. Some have called these the original steps.

The Oxford Group was a Christian movement that emphasized **personal transformation and social change**. The group had **six basic assumptions**:

1. Men are sinners
2. Men can be changed
- 3 Confession is prerequisite to change
- 4 The changed soul has direct access to God
- 5 The ‘Age of Miracles’ has returned
- 6 Those who have been “changed” must “change others”.

The Oxford Group maintained four guiding principles:

1. Love
2. Purity
3. Honesty
4. Unselfishness

The Bible was the guiding piece of literature that the group used. In most of the literature about the Oxford Group it is said to fail in America due to a highly coercive authority and they were aggressively evangelical.

This Display as well as much more is housed in Long Beach where Mississippi's AA archives are found. This is just a small part of what you can find there.



You can visit the Mississippi AA Archives by calling the Central Office 228-575-9225 for appointment. Please call during our open hours. Now they are Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 10am-2pm but beginning March 17th they will change to every day Monday-Friday 10-2 and also 2-6pm on Wednesday.