

Our mission is to carry AA's message to locations and people who are unaware of Alcoholics Anonymous fellowship of recover.



Central CT Intergroup

November 2023



CCTI-AA.org Venmo:@centralctintergroup

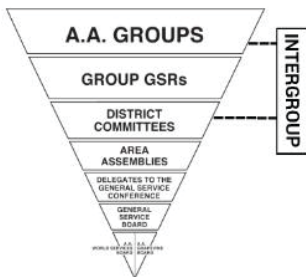
Groups and individual AA member contributions to Intergroup are always welcome, appreciated, and needed! The services provided by Central Connecticut Intergroup are paid for by these contributions. Intergroup's treasury report is available to all. We encourage all to be informed on GSO's, Area, District and Intergroups treasury. If you need any reach out and we will get them to you.

If you would like to learn more about Intergroup, please send a representative from your group to the Intergroup meeting, which is held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the **Chauncey building at Gaylord Hospital**.

If you would like to contribute you can via Venmo: @CentralCTintergroup or PO Box 494 Wallingford, CT 06492. We're also willing to come to your group.

Intergroup thanks all the groups and members that continue to support the services Intergroups provides to the groups/districts and the still sick and suffering. Without your contributions in money and time we wouldn't be able to provide these services.

THANK YOU!!!



Member's Sharing

"I'm very grateful for the fellowship and connecting with people like me, and I'm grateful to have a space to share my troubles and experiences in meetings." - Emily

"I'm grateful I know there is a place I can find likeminded people, even if I don't always want to talk to likeminded people." - Paul

There is no chapter called Gratitude in the Big Book, but if an alcoholic wants to live a happy sober life it's essential. And if you've ever been in a meeting with enough old timers present, you're guaranteed to have heard the phrase "grateful alcoholic." This sentiment could have multiple meanings, in that the alcoholic practices gratitude in their daily life, but also could mean that they are thankful that they have this disease. For many alcoholic individuals, discovering they were an alcoholic is the first time they've ever felt understood. It's hard to understand why someone would want to have a disease.

But that very dependence is the ticket to finding a family in AA. Alcoholism is more than just the need for a beverage - it's a way of thinking and a feeling of being utterly alone. The slow (or rapid, for the disease is a malleable one) decline from a passingly 'normal' human into an empty shell awaiting a sip is a lonely road. Nights that start out social lead to nights of loneliness, and the alcoholic drinker feels they have no one. Many become so broken and twisted by the drink that no one will have them as they are - until they find their people in AA. AA is the group that welcomes the alcoholic, understands the nonsensical ways of thinking, and offers a pathway back to happiness.

An AA Intergroup is a service office that involves partnership among AA groups in a community. The Intergroup exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers. It is a source for resource materials that facilitates the operations of AA groups.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

Intergroup is not a part of the general service structure (the service triangle) they operate outside the triangle with one purpose to carry AAs message to the still sick and suffering and to supply the groups with people and materials to do the same.

Intergroups started in AA long before the General Service structure. The first forerunner to today's Intergroup/Central Offices, the Central Committee, was established in Cleveland Ohio in October 1939, four years after AA's co-founders Bill W. and Dr. Bob met. At that time a committee of seven – five men and two women – began meeting in Cleveland once a month. In addition to being the first Central Committee, this is said to be the first example of rotation in AA since one man and one woman dropped off each month to be replaced by the next in line according to seniority.

<https://www.aa.org/self-support-where-money-and-spirituality-mix>

[BM-31 - The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service - by Bill W. \(aa.org\)](#)

[MG-02 - Central or Intergroup Offices \(aa.org\)](#)
intergroup guidelines

[The A.A. Group...Where It All Begins | Alcoholics Anonymous \(aa.org\) page 22](#)

Central Connecticut Intergroup practices Gratitude this season

G - gets the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to people who need to hear it.

R - reaches out to groups in the area to offer assistance to help groups carry their message.

A - asks what services our community of alcoholics needs and seeks to assist.

T - tells the public what Alcoholics Anonymous is about and share the messages of hope.

I - interviews members of AA for TV and podcasts, so that other alcoholics can find their way.

T - takes resources where they're needed, whether that be a handful of pamphlets or a human connection.

U - understands that service and sobriety go hand in hand.

D - delivers newsletters, literature, and meeting information to those who need it.

E - entertains volunteers every first Tuesday evening of the month, so come out and take part!

Bill W. helped write an Intergroup pamphlet, which was published by the Intergroup Committee of New Jersey in March 1949. On the back page of the pamphlet, Bill wrote: "The Intergroup associations are the best insurance we can have that our lifelines to the hundreds of thousands yet to come will never break or tangle. Let us always be generous. Let us warmly support Intergroup." A.A co-founder Bill W., 1949

Area 11 and regional events

Area 11 event

CSCP YAA Convention

November 24 @ 8:00 am - November 26 @ 5:00 pm

CSCP YAA 38 "The Key to the Future" Sheraton

Hartford Hotel at Bradley Airport Bradley

International Airport, Windsor, CT, United States

CSCP YAA 38 "The Key to the Future" November 24-

26, 2023 Website: cscypaa.org Online

Registration: cscypaaereg.org Email: cscypaa@ct-aa.org

Regional Event

January 5, 2024 @ 12:00 am - January 7, 2024 @ 12:00 am

NECYPAA Conference

DoubleTree Hotel 50 Ferncroft Rd, Danvers, MA, United

States We are also having a pre-registration contest so the

home group or AA service committee with the most pre-

registrations will win priority seating or outreach table at

the event! Pre-Register online at necypaa.org



Tri-City Alkathon
A.A. Christmas & New Years Cheshire Grange • 44 Wallingford Rd, Cheshire

Christmas: 12/24 1200-2400 12/25 0800-1200
New Years: 12/31 1200-2400 1/1 0800-1200

Open meetings on the **Even Hours** (starting at Noon)

For Volunteer & Committee Info: Contact: Cat at (203) 427-1623
Event Setup & Decorations: 4:30 pm on 12/23 at the Grange
Donations: PO Box 414, Cheshire CT 06410. Make checks payable to Nathan R. or Tri-City Alkathon

Map showing routes to Cheshire Grange from W. Wallingford, E. Wallingford, Cornwall Ave, and S. to Hamden.

RAFFLE

50/50

ALKATHON

Connecticut's oldest

Keynote

Speaker 8 PM

Sunday, Dec. 24th ~

Monday, Dec. 25th

10am ~ 10am

Italian American Club ~
40 Hamre Lane, Branford, CT

You are not alone.....

24 hours of Meetings ~ Coffee & Desserts

FELLOWSHIP

All are welcome!

Area event



Area 11 Fall Assembly

November 5th (Sunday): 9:00am to approx 3pm

Attend In Person: Pitkin Center (30 Greenfield St, Wethersfield)

NOTE: Bring your own lunch

Or Attend Online: Zoom ID: 892 0500 8562

Password: 138599

2023 (Panel 73) General Service Conference Theme:

**A.A.'s Three Legacies –
Our Common Solution**

Who should come?

GSR's (General Service Representatives), DCMs (District Committee Members), District and Area Service Committee Chairpersons, District Officers, Area Officers, and all interested A.A. members within Area 11 (CT)

What will be discussed?

The Assembly is the heart of Area 11; it's a vital part of the communication process. We will have a report from our Delegate, Speakers, Panels, the 2024 Budget Presentation and more!

Please contact your local DCM if you have any questions. If you are unable to reach your DCM, please email al-delegate@ct-aa.org.

GROUPS

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the triangle.

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encourages all
groups to send
reps to

district/area and
intergroup