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Step 6: "Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

Tradition 6: "An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."



**June
2025**

COR Meeting

June 15th, 2025

Turning Point, 210 8th Street

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Acadiana Area Central Office is looking for volunteers to answer the "AA Hotline" phone after hours and on weekends.

Call 337-991-0830 to sign up.

Meeting Guide App:



Scan to install!

Literature and more available at Acadiana Area Central Office:

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| • Big Books (all formats!) | • <u>¡También disponible!</u> | • AA Service Manual |
| • 12 Steps & 12 Traditions | • Alcohólicos Anónimos | • AA Pamphlets |
| • As Bill Sees It | • "Libro Grande" | • Newcomer Packets |
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| • Came To Believe | • Big Book Dictionary | • A New Pair Of Glasses |
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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the goal of your Central Office Steering Committee to monitor and improve upon the quality of services provided by the office and its workers. The Steering Committee meets regularly to review Policies and Operations in order to improve its services to our A.A. Community.

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Email the Central Office at: centraloffice@aa-acadiana.org

Transaction Report

Acadiana Area Central Office Inc.

May 2025

	Transaction type	Name	Full name	Amount
Donations (Not Taxable)				
Group Donations				
	Sales Receipt	Reflections Group	Donations (Not Taxable):Group Donations	596
	Sales Receipt	Sun Up Group	Donations (Not Taxable):Group Donations	384.64
	Sales Receipt	Primary Purpose Group	Donations (Not Taxable):Group Donations	295.13
	Invoice	Primary Purpose Group	Donations (Not Taxable):Group Donations	1
	Sales Receipt	Keys to the Kingdom	Donations (Not Taxable):Group Donations	177
Total for Group Donations				1453.77
Anonymous Donations				
	Deposit		Donations (Not Taxable):Anonymous Donations	19.11
	Sales Receipt	James Murrell	Donations (Not Taxable):Anonymous Donations	3.46
	Deposit	Pay Pal	Donations (Not Taxable):Anonymous Donations	40.67
Total for Anonymous Donations				63.24
Total for Donations (Not Taxable) with sub-accounts				1517.01
				1517.01

Drinking problem?

Call 337-991-0830 24/7

DONATE

Español 337-298-9762



Acadiana Central Office

Alcoholics Anonymous in the Acadiana Area

You can now donate to the Central Office via PayPal.
Any donations *from AA members* will be appreciated.
If donating for a group, please include group name in memo.

Events



Future Events- Flyers can be accessed on the Central Office Website:

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I Want What She Has

By: Terri T. | Billings, Montana

The joy outside volunteers brought in and the support her sober roommate got was the thing that got her attention

I returned to prison for the third time in March of 2011. I never was very good at learning my lessons the first time. I was 43 years old and had been serving time either locked up in women's prison, in community corrections or on state supervision since I was 21. Every time I got released from a facility I would go back to the bottle. My return to institutions came faster each time. I had been lying about my drinking and using for so long that even I believed the lie that I didn't have a problem. Oblivious to the consequences my drinking caused, I thought I was just unlucky and claimed I was being targeted by the Department of Corrections.

Alcohol was the only solution I had to living then. I couldn't imagine what life would be like without the ease and comfort I found in a bottle. I spent so much time and energy hiding my drinking because it seemed the only way to survive. When I did get locked up I would turn to a concoction of psychiatric medications to alter how I felt. I really thought I couldn't live life sober. I had to alter my perception and fill that giant hole in my heart. I was fueled with fear and anger.

But this time when I got locked up, something was different. I knew in the core of my being that if I didn't do something, if I didn't change, I was going to die. I got on my knees and asked God for help. However, going to prison again was not exactly the help I had in mind.

Luckily, at this women's prison there was an in-house AA meeting on Monday nights. At my first meeting there I watched these outside women volunteers as they arrived and walked into our dayroom. They appeared to be so happy. Their cheerfulness didn't seem forced or fake. It was one of the first real things I can remember that night. I did not want to participate in the meeting because that would mean I had to admit I had a problem and then that would mean I wouldn't be able to drink when I got out. So I just watched. And I continued watching these AA women every week for 18 months.

My roommate's name was Kacy, and she was a member of the group. She had been going to AA meetings on the outside before she was sentenced and her sponsor wrote her letters and visited the prison once a week. I was lucky to get mail once a month, while Kacy had an entire AA community supporting her. I found myself longing to be part of what she had, but my fear and pride wouldn't let me ask her how she did it because I was afraid what she did wouldn't work for me. I was not willing to let my deepest, darkest secret out. I still couldn't fathom a life without drinking.

Kacy never preached to me or thumped her Big Book at me. She just walked around every day with a dignity and grace I had a hard time understanding. She told me many stories about herself and what had happened to her. She told me she was free on the inside, even here in prison. I watched her and her sponsor going through the Big Book in the chapel. I found myself feeling jealous over the joy she had. She had something I wanted so deeply, but I was so afraid to ask for it.

Not long after that, I was moved to a community corrections program, and luckily a few months later, Kacy was transferred to the same facility. A few days later I met Moe, who would become my first real sponsor. When Moe sat down across the table from me and started telling me about her drinking and her thinking, I was able to completely relate for one of the first times in my life. I now knew I was an alcoholic and was convinced there was hope for me. Moe's life sounded better than mine did. She had the things I silently dreamed about. Her relationship with her kids had been restored, she had worked at the same job for a couple of years, her bills were paid, and she was content with her life. I had never felt content with anything. I was willing to do anything Moe suggested.

Soon my life started to get better. I began to find hope. The secrets that I had buried deep inside were no longer wounds to drink over, but became stepping stones to healing. I would have never received the miracle of AA if it had been forced upon me. Stubborn defiance would have kept me out of the rooms. It was attraction, not promotion, that worked for me.

I'm so grateful for the women who led me to AA, to the women who came before me and to the women I now get to help



Riding Shotgun With God

By: Rose B. | Kyle, Texas

I began my journey in sobriety in 1997 after several false starts. I had been blaming my drug addiction for my problems. Every time I drank I broke out in cocaine and handcuffs. I had resisted the idea of being an alcoholic. But I finally accepted that I was allergic to alcohol and that it was my primary drug of choice.

This time was different. For the first time I felt that bottomless pit of hopelessness and surrender in the center of my heart. My eyes began to open and focus. I believe my first 90 days really began the night I got on my knees crying my heart out, confessing defeat, asking God to please not let me drink. I do believe I had taken Steps One, Two, and Three that night.

But even still, the next morning I found myself back at war and once again hauled off to county jail. In lockup I began doing morning and evening prayers, readings, and going to AA meetings. I believed in God, but I never sat still enough to experience, internalize and absorb that still, quiet voice of the universe that the birds, bees and trees rely on. Even when I did ask God for help, I only trusted in myself, because I wouldn't give up control. I didn't know how to identify or access that power I saw others rely on. I thought God was just a sidekick. I knew nothing about the process of turning my thoughts and actions over to something I couldn't see. Now I spend time with God.

I feel like a miracle happened when I was sentenced to nine months instead of several years in prison. I begged to enroll in treatment. An old AA friend from my last treatment was with an AA group who brought a meeting into the unit. She began to write me through the Bridging the Gap program. Just seeing her sobriety gave me hope. I learned so much about my behaviors in treatment. I now live by the "Acceptance" page, and the Serenity and Third Step Prayers.

When I was released from jail I was so afraid of relapse that I requested to attend aftercare. This time after going home I chose to be self-supporting, declining my mother's car until I could pay my own insurance and maintenance. I also got a full-time job. I finally became willing to accept suggestions as a tool and not a weapon of criticism, and I got a sponsor to help me. I learned to take the Steps off the wall and put them into my life. I even got to take AA meetings to that jail in the very same room where my mother would come visit me on her walker. I now suit up and show up even when it's uncomfortable. And I insist on experiencing a happy, joyous and free life in recovery. Today I'm riding shotgun with God.



June 2025 BIRTHDAYS



NAME	BIRTHDAY	HOME GROUP	YEARS	NAME	BIRTHDAY	HOME GROUP	YEARS
Nicole J.	6/29/2019	A Vision for You	6	Dan B.	6/9/2017	Primary Purpose	8
Troy G.	6/23/2022	Abbeville Area	3	Mark W.	6/26/2017	Primary Purpose	8
Will G.	6/14/1981	Back to Basics NI	44	Nick J.	6/28/2017	Primary Purpose	8
BO-BOY	6/22/2001	Back to Basics NI	24	Sharon O.	6/10/2017	Primary Purpose	8
Debbie O.	6/21/2002	Back to Basics NI	23	Nancy O.	6/12/2018	Primary Purpose	7
Nick S.	6/28/2010	Back to Basics NI	15	Todd B.	6/3/2018	Primary Purpose	7
Jared L.	6/15/2016	Back to Basics NI	9	John C.	6/29/2021	Primary Purpose	4
Emilie	6/23/2017	Back to Basics NI	8	Jim B.	6/30/1989	Scott Group	36
Abby K.	6/1/2018	Candlelight Group	7	Debi V.	6/13/2015	Sisters in Sobriety	10
Rex L.	6/21/2018	Candlelight Group	7	Kelly Y.	6/20/2018	Sisters in Sobriety	7
Tanner T.	6/4/2018	Candlelight Group	7	Pat A.	6/1/1983	Sun Up	42
Pam B.	6/25/2000	Circle & Triangle	25	John H.	6/1/1986	Sun Up	39
Jeff B.	6/11/2001	Circle & Triangle	24	Al L.	6/2/1990	Sun Up	35
Ronnie L.	6/13/2008	Dry Dock	17	Clay A.	6/8/1997	Sun Up	28
Joseph R.	6/28/2015	Dry Dock	10	Jon N.	6/15/2006	Sun Up	19
Casey S.	6/29/2016	Dry Dock	9	Kirk W.	6/6/2007	Sun Up	18
Dave B.	6/21/2018	Dry Dock	7	Robin N.	6/1/2007	Sun Up	18
Herman J.	6/17/2015	Freedom's Choice	10	Warren B.	6/13/2011	Sun Up	14
Curtis H.	6/1/1980	Keys to the Kingdom	45	Erica R.	6/28/2012	Sun Up	13
Francis L.	6/3/2008	New Way Group	17	Scotty R.	6/4/2013	Sun Up	12
Iris V.	6/2/1983	Primary Purpose	42	Jacqueline S.	6/2/2014	Sun Up	11
Sue McD.	6/23/1986	Primary Purpose	39	Derek D.	6/1/2016	Sun Up	9
Vinny B.	6/27/1988	Primary Purpose	38	Felix E.	6/13/2016	Sun Up	9
Kay F.	6/25/2000	Primary Purpose	25	Coy D.	6/24/2017	Sun Up	8
Marcelle T.	6/3/2001	Primary Purpose	24	CJ O.	6/14/2018	Sun Up	7
Jacqueline S.	6/2/2014	Primary Purpose	11	Jan S.	6/16/2018	Sun Up	7
Donna L.	6/16/2015	Primary Purpose	10	Kimmy B.	6/2/2018	Sun Up	7
Dale S.	6/6/2016	Primary Purpose	9	Mitch B.	6/2/2018	Sun Up	7
Jeff L.	6/6/2016	Primary Purpose	9	Larry W.	6/15/2019	Sun Up	6
Mark W.	6/6/2016	Primary Purpose	9	Jeanette	6/11/2020	Sun Up	5

949 YEARS!

Don't see your name?

Go to aa-acadiana.org and complete the "Sobriety Date Submittal" form!





July 2025 BIRTHDAYS



NAME	BIRTHDAY	HOME GROUP	YEARS	NAME	BIRTHDAY	HOME GROUP	YEARS
Brad I.	7/11/2014	A Vision for You	11	Megan M.	7/25/2011	Primary Purpose	14
Coby P.	7/10/2017	A Vision for You	8	Toby P.	7/26/2015	Primary Purpose	10
Jason M.	7/9/2019	A Vision for You	6	Anthony D.	7/2/2016	Primary Purpose	9
Charles M.	7/16/1988	Abbeville Area	37	Will T.	7/12/2016	Primary Purpose	9
Larry L.	7/23/1989	Abbeville Area	36	Ben H.	7/28/2017	Primary Purpose	8
Brandon M.	7/11/2018	Abbeville Area	7	Debbie C.	7/10/2017	Primary Purpose	8
Charleen	7/15/1984	Back to Basics NI	41	Bryan E.	7/22/2018	Primary Purpose	7
Doody D.	7/15/1984	Back to Basics NI	41	Cindy C.	7/18/2018	Primary Purpose	7
Malcomn	7/7/1989	Back to Basics NI	36	Jamie C.	7/10/2018	Primary Purpose	7
Christine K.	7/26/2007	Back to Basics NI	18	Jeff K.	7/13/2018	Primary Purpose	7
Sara B.	7/9/2008	Back to Basics NI	17	Jill Y.	7/4/2018	Primary Purpose	7
Fred H.	7/15/2009	Back to Basics NI	16	Kenneth G.	7/10/2018	Primary Purpose	7
Jaimie	7/25/2009	Back to Basics NI	16	Mira L.	7/12/2018	Primary Purpose	7
Joey S.	7/11/2013	Back to Basics NI	12	Travis M.	7/16/2018	Primary Purpose	7
Douglas F.	7/23/2015	Back to Basics NI	10	Will C.	7/17/2018	Primary Purpose	7
Nick M.	7/27/2015	Back to Basics NI	10	Lea Ann B.	7/14/2020	Primary Purpose	5
Claire S.	7/3/2018	Back to Basics NI	7	Brett D.	7/13/2021	Primary Purpose	4
Tim L.	7/7/2018	Candlelight Group	7	Emily M.	7/16/2012	Rayne Group	13
Bill S.	7/7/1989	Dry Dock	36	Tony M.	7/16/2012	Rayne Group	13
Chip W.	7/21/1995	Dry Dock	30	Crosby R.	7/5/2016	Scott Group	9
Lee P.	7/3/2018	Faith Group	7	Erika R.	7/30/2008	Sisters in Sobriety	17
Kurt L.	7/10/1991	Franklin Goup	34	Malcolm G.	7/15/1975	Sun Up	50
Greg T.	7/14/2014	Kitchen Table Group	11	Vince N.	7/4/1985	Sun Up	40
Gwen B.	7/18/1970	Morgan Ave. Group	55	Martha D.	7/17/2006	Sun Up	19
Paul L.	7/4/2009	New Way Group	16	Mark R.	7/22/2009	Sun Up	16
Beau B.	7/16/2016	New Way Group	9	Jeremy H.	7/16/2016	Sun Up	9
Jared G.	7/3/2017	New Way Group	8	John O.	7/22/2016	Sun Up	9
Lisa O.	7/19/2018	New Way Group	7	Shaun H.	7/8/2016	Sun Up	9
James M.	7/11/1981	Primary Purpose	44	Jamie C.	7/8/2017	Sun Up	8
Virginia R.	7/4/1984	Primary Purpose	41	Reid S.	7/7/2017	Sun Up	8
Susan S.	7/27/1986	Primary Purpose	39	Matt L.	7/27/2018	Sun Up	7
Malcolm G.	7/19/1987	Primary Purpose	38	Rickey D.	7/8/2018	Sun Up	7
Shanda H.	7/25/1990	Primary Purpose	35	Tom H.	7/21/2018	Sun Up	7
Katona B.	7/4/1994	Primary Purpose	31	Virginia S.	7/28/2018	Sun Up	7
John P. S.	7/4/1997	Primary Purpose	28	Chris B.	7/24/2019	Sun Up	6
Carol Bl.	7/18/2005	Primary Purpose	20	Doug A.	7/4/2008	There is a Solution	17
Michael H.	7/21/2010	Primary Purpose	15				



1205 YEARS

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Acadiana Area Service/Committee Meetings

Fellowship of the Spirit South Committee Meeting

1st Sunday — 4:00 pm
210 8th St. (Turning Point)

Central Office Steering Committee Meeting

2nd Sunday — 4:00 pm
115 Leonie St. (Central Office)

District 13E Meeting (GSRs)

2nd Wednesday — 6:00 pm
300 E Martial Ave (Covenant United Methodist Church)
Zoom ID: 828 6914 4187 Password: District13

Cajun Country Conference Committee Meeting

3rd Sunday — 3:00 pm
210 8th St. (Turning Point)

Central Office Representatives (COR) Meeting

3rd Sunday — 4:00 pm
210 8th St. (Turning Point)

LASCYPAA Committee Meeting

4th Sunday — 9:00 am
924 Kaliste Saloom Rd. (The DOC)

Louisiana State Convention Committee Meeting

4th Sunday — 3:00 pm
Baton Rouge Central Office
10319 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA

Louisiana (Area 27) Assembly

Nov 9-10, 2024
Holiday Inn Baton Rouge
9990 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA

Update COR contact info at:

aa-acadiana.org/cor

Update GSR contact info at:

district13e.org/gsr