A Dream Come True
by Nachelle W. - Collingwood, Ontario, Canada

This sober high-flying pilot has found a loving fellowship in AA meetings all over the world.

Before I came into AA in 2002, I had been to three countries. As of today, I've been to 64. This is a dream come true for me. While I was a slave to alcohol, I spoke of traveling the world and living an adventurous life. Of course, none of those dreams materialized as I was too busy drinking and caught up in the insanity that goes with it. I hit my bottom and was emotionally, mentally and spiritually bankrupt when I came into the rooms of AA. I surrendered and started doing what was suggested.

My recovery included lots of meetings, working with a sponsor, getting into the Steps, being of service and praying. Slowly, as I got healthier in recovery and the fog lifted, my dreams came back to me.

I'm a professional pilot and so grateful I did not lose my career to drinking. Once I had some sober time under my belt, I was fortunate to spend three summers in Northern Canada working in forest-fire suppression. Up to that point I had been used to living in a large metropolis with multiple AA meetings each day. My home group was an Eleventh Step meeting where we would quietly meditate together as a group. But Northern Canada meetings had a different flavor to them. I loved learning about the spirituality of the local First Nations community.

I was also fortunate to have an opportunity to fly throughout Africa for five years in sobriety and two years in Afghanistan. I always took Grapevines with me and left them scattered throughout the world! Throughout my time in Africa, I was not able to attend face-to-face meetings. I'm so grateful to the many online meetings through AA Intergroup. Whether we shared via email or video, those meetings were a lifeline.

I've also traveled a lot on my time off. I loved going to meetings in other countries, especially in India, where I experienced a mix of locals and travelers with many diverse spiritual beliefs.

I was fortunate when I was based in Kandahar, Afghanistan. We had three meetings a week at the “Sober in the Sand” group. All Twelve Step groups were welcomed there. The population at these meetings ranged anywhere from two civilian people to 13 combined military and civilians. It was my job in Afghanistan to get our coins engraved. I picked up my eight and nine-year coins there. I was fortunate in my travels to celebrate two years of sobriety in Costa Rica. The group there sent around a little clay frog for me and shared their blessings.

In 2014 I moved back to Canada and became an airline pilot. I love going to AA meetings all over the world on layovers. I have been to meetings in English, French and Spanish. I barely speak Spanish, but I understand the language of the heart. Some meetings can be unique. Some end with the Lord's Prayer, some with the Responsibility Declaration or the Serenity Prayer. Some read “How It Works”; some simply read the Steps and Traditions.

What is always a constant no matter where I go in AA, is that whenever I walk in a room, I can deeply exhale. I know I'm safe and in a spiritual place. I have seen people of every race, religion, social class recover. Alcoholism does not discriminate and therefore neither can AA. We are united in our recovery.

I'm so grateful that in early sobriety I read in the Big Book the idea that we can go anywhere if “we are spiritually fit.” I'm thankful that my dreams of traveling the world have come true, and going to AA meetings is a huge part of that. I always introduce myself when the chair asks if somebody is visiting from out of town. It provides instant connection and support.

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Emotional Sobriety
This month’s feature section is “Emotional Sobriety.” Members share hopeful stories about how much better their lives are now that they have lived in the AA program for a while.

https://www.aagrapevine.org/

Just a Jot
What if today was the day you went out of your way— not a lot, just a jot— a small little thing, let a stranger cut in when you’re late for work on the highway?

A kind little word instead of the bird when some fool makes a mule of themselves, blaming you for some mess that nevertheless was only their own to confess?

And what if just two started to do something kind for a stranger today? And what if those two inspired a few, and those few inspired some more? Can you imagine all over the place, folks far and wide, taking a moment, going out of their way— not a lot, just a jot— practicing kindness a little each day?

And what if it started with you?

Pete S., Marshall, NC

After-hours Phone Volunteers Needed
Central Office is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from 1:30pm in the afternoon until 9:30am the next morning. Most nights don’t see more than a call or two, rarely after 10 or 11pm. Most callers are interested in meeting information so volunteers should have the internet at hand to access the meeting guide.

One year of sobriety is required.

Information can be found at: https://aancmco.org/index.php/about-ncmco/service/ (scroll down to “After-hours Phone Volunteer”)

Or call Central Office at 828-254-8539.

Call & Visitor Log
November 2023
12 Step Calls – 13
General Info – 0
Family Help – 2
Meeting Info – 23
Central Office Business – 46
Medical/Detox – 2
After-hours calls – 37
Visitors – 56

Visits to aancmco.org/ website:
Unique Visitors – 5,328
Total Visits – 9,746; Visits/Visitor – 1.83
Total Pages – 87,685; Pages/Visit – 9.00
COR/Board meetings are held the second Thursday of odd-numbered months. All A.A. members are welcome to attend but only CORs may vote so we encourage your group to elect a COR. Your input is important to us! The next COR/Board meeting will be **Thursday, January 11, 6:00pm**, via Zoom: Meeting ID: 757 855 2319   Passcode: 000000

We will be selecting a new 12th Step Call Volunteer Coordinator (a Board-appointed position) and electing a new Alternate Chairperson (for the second year of the 2023 term) and a new Secretary (for a 2-year term that begins January 2024.) See page 5 for details of qualifications and duties.

If you are interested in being of service, please attend the next COR/Board meeting. Contact Central Office with any questions: (828) 254-8539; info@ncmco.net

For updated meeting information and Zoom link, check the website: [https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/](https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/)

### Profit & Loss YTD

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Where to Find Meetings

Printable In-person Meeting Guide

Meetings in all 3 Districts

Meetings in District 70

Meetings in District 71

Meetings in District 80

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Cash on Hand as of 11/30/2023

- Prudent Reserve: $16,134.44
- Operating Account: $14,470.08
- Rent Deposit - $400.00
- Petty Cash - $50.00

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COR/Board Meeting Guide

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Suggestions & Addresses for sending Donations to the A.A. Service Structure*
Revised for 2023

* From the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix.” Recommendations for other percentages are also in the pamphlet.

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Asheville, NC 28801

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New York, NY 10116-2407

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District 71 Treasurer
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District 80 Treasurer
22 Whisper River Ct.
Sapphire, NC 28774

NCGSC – Area 51 Treasurer
PO Box 17271
Raleigh, NC 27619
Central Office Board Positions Open

Central Office is looking to fill three Board positions: Alternate Chair (now open since John D, the previous Alternate Chair, stepped up to take over the Chair position starting in January 2024. Thank you, John!), Secretary, and 12th Step Call Volunteer Coordinator. Below are the responsibilities and requirements for each position. If you are interested, please attend the next COR/Board meeting. **Thursday, January 11, 6:00pm**, via zoom. For updated meeting information and Zoom link, check the website: https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/

**Alternate Chair (second year of the 2023 term)**
1. Shall perform the duties of the Chairperson when requested by the Chairperson or in the case of their absence or inability to act, and shall preferably be interested in rotating to the Chairperson position if it becomes vacant.
2. Shall perform other duties as occasionally assigned.
3. Shall have at least five years' continuous sobriety at the time of taking office.
4. Shall attend Central Office Board and General Committee meetings.

**Secretary (2-year term that begins January 2024)**
1. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and others as assigned.
2. Shall attend and take minutes of all COR General Committee and Central Office Board meetings and have copies available at the Central Office's customary place of business within 14 days after the meeting.
3. Shall follow the Alternate Chair in line of succession to the Chair at board meetings.
4. Shall have at least five years’ continuous sobriety at the time of taking office.

**12th Step Call Volunteer Coordinator (a Board-appointed position)**
1. Has responsibility for maintaining the 12th Step Call Volunteer List.
2. Recruits new volunteers.
3. Works with the office manager to keep the 12th Step Call Volunteer List information current.
4. Attends Board and General Committee meetings as a voting member.
5. Shall have at least three years of continuous sobriety.
6. The suggested term will be three years.

Contact Central Office with any questions: 828-254-8539; info@ncmco.net

A Dream Come True (continued from page 1)

We are so fortunate to be part of such a wonderful worldwide Fellowship. When I first started coming to AA they told me, “You are no longer alone.” I had no idea how many years later that would still ring true.

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The Service Express

District 70

GSR Business Meeting – held the 2nd Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 14, 2:30pm, via Zoom - Meeting ID: 933 8500 3069; Passcode: 672458. For updates go to the District website: https://ashevilleaa.org/calendar/

District Service Committees. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee, please attend the next GSR Business Meeting. There are several positions that still need to be filled.

Accessibilities Committee – Chairperson is Scott S. Want to make sure your A.A. group is accessible to all who want to attend? Contact Scott at access@ashevilleaa.org for an Accessibilities Checklist.

Archives Committee needs you! Chairperson is Dennis H. The Archives Committee wants A.A. members to help compile a complete list of group histories, record interviews with old-timers, and collect classic A.A. literature. It’s fun AND it’s service work! For more information, contact Dennis at archives@ashevilleaa.org

CPC/PI Committee – Chairperson is George M; Tom W is Co-chair. These are two separate service committees – “Cooperation with the Professional Community” and “Public Information”. The CPC Committee visits schools, businesses, and community meetings to speak about A.A. Volunteers for area events are needed for health clinics and DUI classes to name a few. The PI Committee provides accurate A.A. information to the public and media when requested. For more information, contact George or Tom at cpc-pi@ashevilleaa.org.

Corrections Committee – In District 70, A.A. meetings are being taken into Buncombe County (Asheville), Yancey County (Burnsville), Western Correctional Center for Women (Black Mountain), Craggy (Asheville), Marion (Marion), Avery-Mitchell (Spruce Pine), and Mountain View (Spruce Pine). If you would like to be of service in corrections, contact Tammy Z, the Women’s Corrections Chair at corrections_women@ashevilleaa.org. District 70 is in need of a Men’s Corrections Chair. If you are interested in this service position, please attend the next GSR meeting. In the interim both women and men can contact Tammy Z.

Literature and Grapevine Committee – Chair position is open. The focus of the committee is to ensure that A.A. literature and Grapevines are available to all groups, service meetings, and other A.A. events. Through displays, supplies of A.A. catalogs and order forms, and A.A. workshops, these volunteers help A.A. members and other committees to carry the A.A. message through our literature. If you are interested in volunteering, please attend the next GSR meeting.

Treatment Facilities Committee – Chairperson is Mike. He can be reached at treatment@ashevilleaa.org. It’s all about bringing the message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities and to set up means of “bridging the gap” from the facility to an A.A. group. For more information, please attend the next GSR Meeting.

“Bridging the Gap” (with treatment facilities) – This is a Temporary Contact Program, which is designed to help the alcoholic in a treatment facility make that transition from “inside” the program to life on the “outside”. They particularly need women volunteers and still need a Bridging the Gap Co-Chair. If you are interested in volunteering, please attend the next GSR meeting. To connect with Avery L, the Bridging the Gap Chair, email him at bridgingthegap@ashevilleaa.org. For more information on Bridging the Gap and upcoming events, visit the website: www.btgww.org.

District 71

GSR Business Meeting – held on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The next meeting will be Saturday, January 13; NOTE new time: 9:30am, at the Hendersonville Group building, 1624 Willow Rd, Hendersonville, NC 28739. All A.A. members are welcome! Check their website for meeting updates and links: https://www.nc71.org/

There are numerous service opportunities with Bridging the Gap and Treatment, and they need more volunteers for the jails. The following positions are still open: Alt. DCM, and Chairs for CPC/PI, Bridging the Gap and Grapevine. See website for information on these positions. If you have any questions, contact Alan, the new DCM, through the District website: https://www.nc71.org/contact. They will also be having a safety workshop on January 27. See flyer for details.

District 80

GSR Business Meeting – held quarterly. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 14, 1:00pm. This will be a hybrid meeting with zoom capability as well as an in-person meeting. The in-person location will be on the WCU Campus at 245 Memorial Dr, Room 336 (Cherokee Rm). They will be using the WCU zoom system; sign-on information will be emailed to participants 30 minutes before meeting.

The proposal to divide District 80 into four sub-districts and be represented by an LCM (Local Committee Member) did not have substantial unanimity at the October meeting and was tabled. Further discussion and consideration will take place at the January meeting. All GSRs are encouraged to bring this matter before their groups and carry their “Informed Group Conscience” to the next District Meeting. For more information go to the District 80 Website: http://aawnc80.com/events

The Tri-District planning committee has set the date of May 4 for the Spring “Service Rally”. Complete details and service opportunities will be announced in the near future.

Appalachian Community Services Center located at 91 Timberlane Rd, Balsam, has A.A. meetings every Monday and Wednesday at 6:00pm and every other Saturday at 5:30pm, with one volunteer allowed in per meeting. If you would like more information about volunteering, call or email Central Office: 828-254-8539; info@ncmco.net

The Murphy Intergroup has closed and a new Intergroup serving much of Southwestern North Carolina and North Georgia has opened in Blairsville, GA, under the name AA Mountain Intergroup. For more information and upcoming events see their website: https://aamountainintergroup.org/

Does Your Group Have a New GSR or Alternate GSR?

District Registrars keep GSO informed of group changes. Contact your group’s District Registrar by email or through the District website:

District 70: Email: registrar@ashevilleaa.org
District 71: Use the form at: https://www.nc71.org/meeting-change-form
District 80: Email: webmaster@aawnc80.com
For many years, A.A. members have celebrated their sobriety by sending a contribution to the General Service Office. Your birthday (or anniversary) money helps to support G.S.O.’s services to members and groups throughout Canada and the U.S., to ensure that the A.A. message is carried around the world. The services that G.S.O. provides the A.A. groups cost more than $6 per member per year. Members customarily contribute $1, $2 or even $5 a year for each year of sobriety— others may give a penny or a nickel a day for each day of their sobriety. You may request these Birthday Contribution Envelopes (FR-5) from G.S.O., for yourself or for your group, at no charge.

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Birthday Contribution Envelopes from G.S.O. are available for free at Central Office.

Need to update your Group's anniversary list? Call Central Office: 828-254-8539 or send a new list to: info@ncmco.net

The February newsletter deadline for sending in anniversaries and announcements is January 15.

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### 3 Legacies Group
- Gus G. 1-17-2010 14 yrs

### Acceptance Group
- Chris F. 1-06-1986 38 yrs
- Tom G. 1-22-2002 22 yrs
- Suzanne B. 1-24-1975 49 yrs
- David B. 1-26-2004 20 yrs

### Back to Basics Group - Weaverville
- John G. 1-09-1993 31 yrs
- Zak H. 1-09-2014 10 yrs

### Black Mountain Group
- Warren T. 1-06-2011 13 yrs
- Jeannette C. 1-19-2020 4 yrs
- Yvonne W. 1-20-2006 18 yrs

### Bryson City Group
- Kyle C. 1-14-2014 10 yrs

### Burnsville Group
- Marco 1-19-1991 33 yrs

### Conscious Contact
- Jess B. 1-16-2022 2 yrs
- J.T.E. 1-21-2021 3 yrs

### Cumberland Group
- Jill K. 1-18-2012 12 yrs
- Judy M. 1-19-1982 42 yrs

### Daily Decisions Group
- Mike M. 1-01-1985 39 yrs
- Walter B. 1-05-2019 5 yrs
- John G. 1-10-1989 35 yrs
- Don H. 1-28-2020 4 yrs
- Johnel V. 1-29-2001 23 yrs

### Fellowship Group
- Chris C. 1-10-1989 35 yrs
- Ed C. 1-10-2021 3 yrs
- Julia R. 1-17-2001 23 yrs
- Jill K. 1-18-2012 12 yrs
- Wesley A. 1-18-2012 12 yrs
- Jennifer H. 1-18-2019 5 yrs
- Annie V. 1-27-2019 5 yrs

### Good Livers
- Joellen W. 1-02-2008 16 yrs
- Ken B. 1-02-2019 5 yrs
- Nancy D. 1-06-1988 38 yrs
- Bibi L. 1-09-1983 41 yrs
- Christy H. 1-15-2020 4 yrs

### Grace Group
- Dan A. 1-01-2018 6 yrs
- Tianna S. 1-01-2018 6 yrs
- Frank D. 1-01-2020 4 yrs
- Doug M. 1-04-1985 39 yrs
- Eli J. 1-07-2019 5 yrs
- Vandy B. 1-10-2022 2 yrs
- Andi K. 1-14-1999 25 yrs
- Tiffany C. 1-18-2008 16 yrs
- Carla S. 1-21-2019 5 yrs
- Ryan J. 1-24-2005 19 yrs
- Judah L. 1-24-2019 5 yrs
- Amie S. 1-25-2009 15 yrs
- Heather W. 1-31-2021 3 yrs
- Dylan T. 1-31-2022 2 yrs

### Hendersonville Group
- Mike B. 1-02-2017 7 yrs
- Brad V. 1-02-2023 1 yr
- Hub vB. 1-17-2015 9 yrs
- Timothy D.S. 1-26-2021 3 yrs

### Hendersonville Men's Group
- Chad B. 1-01-2020 4 yrs
- Wharton D. 1-13-1982 42 yrs
- Travis V. 1-25-2022 2 yrs
- Mark S. 1-28-2020 4 yrs

### Hey Girl, Surrender Group
- Page M. 1-02-2020 4 yrs
- Derry O. 1-13-2018 6 yrs

### Lambda Group
- Evan L. 1-13-2021 3 yrs
- Alle K. 1-16-2017 7 yrs

### Mars Hill Group
- Jaime O. 1-03-2023 1 yr

### Mission Group
- Herb W. 1-22-1990 34 yrs

### Motley Crew/Columbus
- Betty B. 1-16-1973 51 yrs
- Frank M. 1-17-1987 37 yrs
- Linda S. 1-30-1990 34 yrs

### Noontime Big Book Study Group
- Jeannine R. 1-01-1991 33 yrs
- Suzanne T. 1-01-1992 32 yrs

### One Day At A Time Group/Rutherford
- Chris 1-01-2015 9 yrs
- Mary E. 1-28-2023 1 yr

### Out to Lunch Bunch
- Schepp 1-06-1974 50 yrs
- Rene B. 1-29-1984 40 yrs

### Phoenix Group
- Paul R. 1-06-2015 9 yrs
- Liz M. 1-24-2009 15 yrs

### Serenity Seekers - Marion
- Mitzi G. 1-01-2020 4 yrs
- Lori H. 1-13-1997 27 yrs

### Sober Sisters Group - Burnsville
- Debbie M. 1-05-1997 27 yrs
- Erica M. 1-22-2017 7 yrs

### Sylva Group
- Tony C. 1-04-2021 3 yrs

### Total Surrender Group
- Kenny S. 1-05-2022 2 yrs

### Waynesville Grace Group
- Robbie B. 1-21-2019 5 yrs
- Paula E. 1-28-1987 37 yrs
- Dan D. 1-29-1999 25 yrs

### West Asheville Group
- Danny J. 1-12-2021 3 yrs

### Women of Courage
- Colleen B. 1-02-2023 1 yr
- Lorette P. 1-06-1989 35 yrs
- Barbara N. 1-06-2009 15 yrs
- Scout F. 1-14-2023 1 yr
- Lee W. 1-07-2019 5 yrs
- Miranda W. 1-22-2023 1 yr
- Marianna K. 1-27-2023 1 yr

### Young Peoples Group
- Josh H. 1-07-2021 3 yrs
- Sam S. 1-08-2017 7 yrs
Bowling
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Does your group have a COR?

(Central Office Representative)

What are Central Office Representatives? What are their duties?

Central Office Reps (CORs) and their relationship with Central Office are similar to General Service Reps (GSRs) and their relationship to A.A. General Service Districts. CORs are responsible for voting their group’s conscience at COR/Board meetings and for bringing to the NCMCO Board any concerns of their home group.

In addition to this, CORs keep their groups informed about what Central Office is doing. They participate in the bimonthly COR/Board meetings on the 2nd Thursday of odd-numbered months (January, March, May, July, September, December) where they share their home group’s experiences in carrying the A.A. message and express how they feel NCMCO might better serve the A.A. community in Western North Carolina.

The NCMCO Board is interested in your feedback. Take our inventory!
- What are we doing well? What can we improve upon?
- How can we serve Districts 70, 71 and 80 more effectively?
- What might we do to draw more participation from groups?

Please send your feedback to: info@ncmco.net

Better yet, attend the next bimonthly COR/Board meeting on Zoom. See the Central Office website for details: https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/
Area 51 Delegate’s Beaming Beacon

Information to Share

- Opening for 2 Appointed Committee Members (ACMs) with relevant military experience to help with the Military Outreach Project. Resumes due Jan 15th Letter
- How Should We Treat A.A. Founders’ Writings? This topic will be discussed at our Pre-Conference events. I have provided a Form for those who cannot attend. I do encourage attendance to hear all points of view. Google Form

A 2024 New Year’s Greeting from your Delegate

Dear Friends and Fellow Trusted Servants,

As we start a new year and another General Service Conference approaches, newly rotated-in trusted servants join our ranks. It is the time of year where I reflect on the past year and look forward to the upcoming year of service. I will admit that the past year was a bumpy ride for this new Delegate! But I look back fondly on the work, interactions, and new enthusiasm for General Service. Sometimes it felt like I was riding on the shoulders of our groups and sometimes the weight of our groups laid heavy on my shoulders.

Our Fellowship is built on 3 legacies, the 3-legged stool of Recovery, Unity, and Service. It is indeed an exciting time to be a part of the Service Structure. There has been pain and discomfort, but that is the touchstone to growth. What I marvel at is that most of the fellowship can disagree and still maintain unity. Nothing is more pleasing than to see two opposing sides go to the microphone to make their statements and then meet up for ice cream afterward. I wish for all of you to experience these relationships. That is the trust in our work, the love for one another, and the willingness to speak even when it is uncomfortable. As I venture into the 2nd (and last) year of my term, I hope to encourage everyone into the 3rd leg of that stool, be a part of the group conscience, respect the group conscience because it is the work of our Higher Power through all of us. AA is constantly growing and when you look back through our history, it is full of experiments, oopsies, and corrections. That is how we grow, that is why AA is strong. We stick together because we cannot stand alone even when “we” or “they” are wrong. A.A.’s Legacy of Service pamphlet has a great summation of our AA history of growth.

Please reach out if you need anything. No question or comment is ignored by the Double “Ds”. I look forward to talking with all of you at our preconference events. Though I am ‘half-way through’ I am committed to fulfilling the role that you all so graciously elected me to do and to representing Area 51 with the respect and. 

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Inside the Delegate’s Rocket Ship

- Dec 31st Concepts and Coffee Talk Road Show 12&12&12 at the Raleigh Camel Club
- Jan 4th NH Concepts Study – Concept 1 Flyer
- Jan 4th First Meeting of the Grapevine Conference Committee
- Jan 8th @ Gratitude Study Raleigh
- Jan 14th Area 06 Information Session: Plain language Big Book Flyer
- Jan 18th-21st – Tarheel Mid-Winter Conference Link
- Jan 19th 2024 Conference Committee Chairs Orientation
- Jan 28th Triangle Intergroup Inventory
- Join me at the First Tuesday Service Manual Study at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Email me for the passcode

Contacts:
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- Meet the 4 new Class B Trustees
- Inside AA Finances: The Reserve Fund
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Monday Meetings
12:00  2:00  4:00  6:00

Join us for snacks and fellowship!
**Holiday ALCATHON**

Meetings at the first hour then Fellowship
Penland Senior Center, Murphy, NC

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Bring a friend and a treat to share
### Southern States Women's Conference

**January 26-28, 2024**

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16th ANNUAL
SPRING FLING CONVENTION
“Easy Does It”
April 19 - 21, 2024

Friday 6:00 p.m. BBQ & Washers
Friday 8:00 p.m. AA Speaker
   Jennifer K. – Plano, TX
Friday 10:00 p.m. YP Speaker
Saturday 8:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting
Saturday 10:00 a.m.
   Workshop
Saturday 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Lunch
Saturday 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon Speaker
   Catherine T. – Dallas, TX
Saturday 3:00 p.m. Speaker Panel
Saturday 4:30 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
Saturday 6:30 p.m. BANQUET
Saturday 8:00 p.m.
   Jason J. – Oregon City, OR
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
   Deb H. – Akron, OH

ACTIVITIES
FRIDAY
   BBQ & Washer Games
   Young People’s Meeting
   Ice Cream Social
   Games w/prizes
SATURDAY
   Banquet
   Table Trivia
   Speaker Panel
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CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and mail to Spring Fling Convention, PO Box 22002, St. Louis, MO 63126
Complete a separate form for each additional registration, which is REQUIRED FOR ADMITTANCE.
Make checks/money orders payable to Spring Fling Convention
To sit together, please submit together – 10 people per table

Name:__________________________
Phone:__________________________
   AA [ ] Al-Anon [ ]

Pre-Registration $20
Door Registration $25
Friday Night BBQ $15
Friday Night Ice Cream Social $7
Al-Anon Luncheon Saturday $25
Banquet Saturday Night $40
Sunday Breakfast Buffet $15
Hospitality / Scholarship Donation
Total Amount to be Paid _____________________________

Entering information below gives permission to receive mailings and/or newsletters from the Spring Fling Only.

Email:__________________________
Address:__________________________
   City ____________________________ State ______ Zip ______

Please list any special needs here:_________________________________________
Cut-off for mail-in registration is April 12, 2024
Flyer revised 10-27-23
STORY SOLICITATION

“Do You Think You're Different?” Pamphlet Update
Deadline for submissions: April 30, 2024

https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/5a77c27d179d4856b32eed86b01e3426

The trustees Literature Committee is seeking stories from AA members with diverse backgrounds. This is in response to the 2022 Conference Advisory Action that the trustees’ Literature Committee revise the pamphlet “Do You Think You're Different?” to update the stories to represent greater diversity.

The Trustees’ Literature Committee requested that consideration be given to stories from multicultural populations, stories from A.A. members whose experience reflects multiple factors, and from diverse populations not addressed in other current A.A. literature.

Please encourage members in your area to write their personal stories for possible inclusion in the revised pamphlet “Do You Think You’re Different.” Stories should reflect “in a general way what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now.”

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages.

Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of your manuscript. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files.

The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not.

Instructions for submitting your manuscript:

**Deadline:** Please submit on or before April 30, 2024

Submit your story by following this link:
https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/5a77c27d179d4856b32eed86b01e3426

Additional ways of sending your story:
Email: pamphletstories@aa.org
Subject Line: "Do You Think You're Different?"

Postal Mail: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

On the envelope: The word "Pamphlet" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

Thank you for your participation in the process!
Tri-District Service Rally

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY MAY 4TH, 9am-3pm
Hosted by NCMCO and Districts 70, 71 & 80

Covenant Community Church
11 Rocket Dr.
Asheville, NC

A day of fellowship and fun. Food, panels, speakers, entertainment, inspiration, education, and service opportunities galore!

Please Contact Joe @ technology@ashevilleaa.org or NCMCO (828) 254-8539
FIRESIDE SOBRIETY

STRENGTH

KINDNESS

HONESTY

SHARING

CIRCLE

May 9-12, 2024

YOGI in the SMOKIES CAMPGROUND

BIG COVE ROAD, CHEROKEE, NC (828) 482-4212

Bring your CHAIRS, CAMPING GEAR, WARM CLOTHES & BLANKETS, and your POW WOW Regalia!

Contact: Herb W. at 828-506-8563 or firesidesobriety@gmail.com

Registration begins Thursday at Noon

NO PETS in Food Serving/Eating, PowWow, under big tent, or Sacred Fire Areas!

NO PETS AT TENT SITES

~NA/AA/Al-Anon Speakers~
~Talking Circles~
~Meetings~
~T-shirts & Sweatshirts~
~SOBRIETY Pow Wow~
~Sobriety Countdown~
“MUCH MORE”

PRE-REGISTRATION: $55/PERSON (kids 10 and under are FREE, 11-17 $20). Price includes breakfast and dinner and tent/camper site for three (3) nights $60 at the Gate EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS May 3

NAME(S): ________________________________

ADDRESS: ______________________________________

EMAIL(S): ________________________________ / ________________________________

PHONE #: H) ___________________ (C) ___________________ (C) ___________________

# In Party: ___________ Amount Enclosed: ___________

Cut & Mail Registration Form by May 3
With Checks Made Payable to: Fireside Spring 2024

FIRESIDE SOBRIETY CIRCLE
C/O Herb Wachacha
PO Box 2015
Cherokee, NC 28719
Area 51 Spring Committee & Assembly Meeting
May 17-19, 2024

LAKE JUNALUSKA CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER
91 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

ADVANCE HOTEL INFORMATION

Deadline for Reservations: Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Group Name: NCGSCAA Assembly Meeting
Link: https://tinyurl.com/2tjuajbr
Terrace Hotel Room Rates: $152.00 Single/Double, $172.00 Triple, $192.00 Quad
Lambuth Inn Room Rates: $132.00 Single/Double, $147.00 Triple, $162.00 Quad
11% room tax will be added.

PLEASE SEE THE BACK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AND THE MEAL PLAN

Phone: 800-222-4930, ext. 1
Website: www.lakejunaluska.com

For Best Results:
- PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!!
- Call as soon as possible but before the deadline. It’s easier to cancel a reservation than to get one at the last minute!
- Please note, once the rooms in our block sell out, it’s unlikely there will be other rooms left in the hotel.
- Specify the group name “NCGSCAA Assembly Meeting.”
- Be sure to get a confirmation number.
- If you have ANY trouble with Room Rate or Availability, please contact Greg K., the Area Chairperson, at chair@aanorthcarolina.org.

Thank you for your service and support of Area 51. See you at the Spring Committee and Assembly Meeting!
Additional Information for our stay at Lake Junaluska:

- The Terrace Hotel is across the street from our meeting venue in the Harrell Center; the Lambuth Inn is farther away. It is a 10- to 15-minute walk between Lambuth and Harrell, involving a long hill. There is a trolley and a mini shuttle.

- **Optional Meal Plan:** If you would like to eat on site, there is a meal plan available. The options are: 3 meals for $49.50 + tax/service fees (Sat Lunch, Sat Dinner; Sun Breakfast) or 5 meals for $82.50 + tax/service fees (Fri Dinner; Sat Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner; Sunday Breakfast). You will need to order the meal plan when you make your reservation. There will not be tickets available onsite the weekend we are there.

- **Check in/Check out:** Check in will be available at 4:00 PM on the arrival day at the [Bethea Welcome Center located at 91 N Lakeshore Drive](http://www.lakeshoredrives.com) (first building on your left as you enter from Highway 19); check out will be at 11:00 AM on the departure day.

- The discounted room rates are available for two days pre and post our event, based on availability, if you would like to plan a long weekend in the mountains.

- **Commuters:** For people attending our meeting, but not staying at Lake Junaluska, there is a $5.00 per person per day commuter fee.

- **Cancellations:** There will be a $15.00 per person charge for cancellations occurring more than 15 days prior to arrival. No refunds will be given for cancellations occurring within 15 days of arrival.

Why staying at our host hotel is important:

The hotels that host Area 51 events typically charge for meeting space based on how many guest rooms our attendees occupy. For every Assembly, Committee Meeting, and Convention, Area 51 has a contract that specifies the number of guest rooms the hotel will “block” for our use. If we fill at least 80% of our room block, our meeting space is discounted about 70%. Otherwise, the Area will be charged for rooms until we reach the 80% threshold. Free meeting space is what Area 51 budgets and what we usually achieve. However, more than once we have come up short and paid a steep price.

Area 51 makes every effort to negotiate the most favorable room rates possible. But budget hotels don’t have the kind of meeting space we require, and space in larger venues is expensive. The willingness of individuals to attend Area events and to book their rooms at our host hotel is essential in making Area events affordable at all. So please attend the Area events if you can and stay at the host hotel using the group code and name whenever possible. If there is an extra cost, please consider it as a contribution to Area 51—a small sacrifice for our “common welfare,” so we can continue meeting and working together to fulfill our Primary Purpose as an Area.

“I am responsible...When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”

Thank you for your service in Area 51!
October 20, 2023

Dear A.A Friends,

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, it presented numerous challenges to our fellowship. As groups and members were finding new ways to meet and interact, the General Service Office (GSO) quickly moved to a virtual environment. This transition came with some challenges, especially since GSO had recently adopted a new automation system. While transitioning to new systems is never easy, the move to a virtual office made things even more challenging. Nonetheless, we have made great strides in working through these challenges.

One of the challenges was the suspension of printing the AAWS Highlights newsletter. However, we are excited to announce that the AAWS Highlights are back in production and in a better and enhanced format! This new enhanced format supports consistent communication between the General Service Board and the Fellowship.

As the chair of the AAWS Board and the General Manager of GSO, we have collaborated closely to refine our reporting process to the General Service Board. The chair report covers the "Business of the Board," including details from the various committees of AAWS. The General Manager report covers "What's Happening at GSO," summarizing the information provided by the department reports to the Board in a clear and concise manner. The exact reporting format and content that we report to the General Service Board will be the same as the Highlights.

We will be distributing the Highlights after each meeting to keep the fellowship informed of the latest developments and decisions of the AAWS Board and General Service Office. The process for the first release took some time as we crafted it to ensure its quality and relevance. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work towards providing you with the best possible updates.

We appreciate your trust in us and are grateful for the valuable service you provide.

In loving fellowship,

Cathi Clark
AAWS Board Chair

Bob Wilcox
General Manager, GSO
March 15, 2023

TO: Members of the General Service Conference; Intergroups and Central Offices, U.S./Canada

FROM: Sandra W., 2025 International Convention Interim Coordinator
Email: 2025ic@aa.org

Warm greetings from the General Service Office in New York!

This is a friendly reminder regarding setting up future local events for 2025, the year that the 2025 International Convention will be held in Vancouver, BC, Canada, July 3-6, 2025.

"Reflecting guidance from the Additional Consideration of the 1999 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums, the trustees’ Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums suggested that the area/state/provincial committees be made aware that experience has shown that planning a local A.A. event such as a convention, too near the dates of an International Convention may result in a smaller attendance at the local event; this notice to be sent out annually starting three years prior to each International Convention."

Once again, if you would pass this information on to any local or regional planning committees who may be setting up future events for 2025, we would appreciate your cooperation.