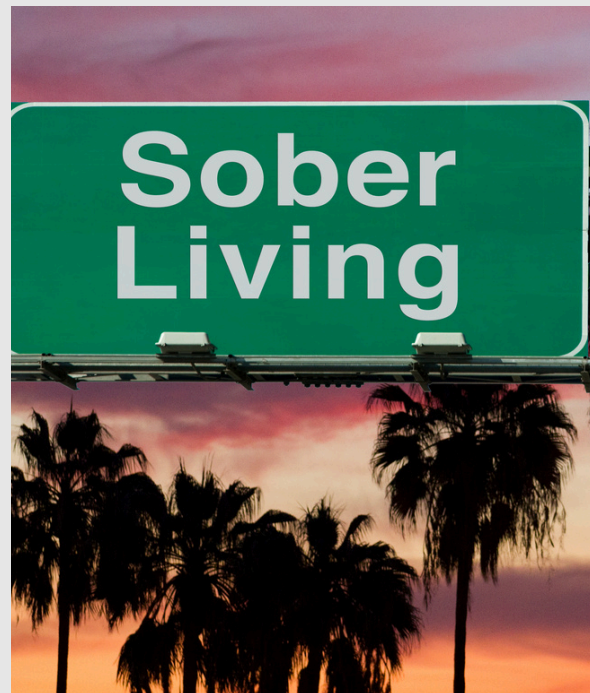




**“I KEEP  
GOING TO  
AA BECAUSE  
IT KEEPS  
WORKING”**

-unknown

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## STEP TWO

*By Barry B.  
Las Vegas, NV*



Step Two says, **“Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity”**

### **Part 1: “Came to believe...”**

The steps are in an order for a reason. We aren't expected to grasp it all at once. This is why the first step focuses solely on admitting the problem and not drinking, one day at a time.

When the head clears, we start to see that the program is working for millions and begin to have faith in the process.

### **Part 2: “that a power greater than ourselves...”**

For people of faith, this can be a rewarding chance to develop their spiritual source. Others find the concept of God a struggle, but this isn't a barrier to finding that outside power to inspire and guide. It can be as simple as the support of the people in the rooms. We aren't alone in this work. We need each other and we're stronger together with the combined wisdom we share.

### **Part 3: “could restore us to sanity.”**

An active alcoholic lives a physically and mentally destructive life. Insane may seem harsh, but repeating the behavior and expecting different results makes it a good definition. Even when functioning, we're living the lie that “this time I can manage it” and it ends in failure. We get drunk again.

Relieving ourselves of this bondage allows the mind to be free for growth. Think of all the energy and time we spent craving the drink, finding the drink, and being incapacitated by the drink.

My message is this. I came into the rooms a desperate person. I couldn't imagine life without alcohol, but I couldn't function with it. The people in the rooms had achieved it. They became my source of power, my support. I couldn't have done it without them.



## Tradition Two BY: Betty H.

When I came to Alcoholics Anonymous in 1983, I wondered, sometimes aloud, why didn't someone "take over." The process of group conscience seemed ponderous, and some members seemed not astute enough to make the "right" decisions. I was told by my sponsor that in the group conscience our ultimate authority, God, speaks and that we trust that that loving God's Will takes us in the right direction. Needless to say, I was sure she didn't mean what she said. I was sure that secretly the "wise" and "educated" members met and took the group where it needed to go. I was wrong.

In group conscience we listen to the least educated with as much attention as we do to the most educated. We weigh the opinion of the youngest member with as much regard as we do the longest sober member. We consider the opinion of the minority view and many times we change the direction of the group because we had never considered the merits of the obscure view having been expressed by the only "nay" when given the opportunity to tell us why she voted "nay."

Tradition Two leads me to "trust God" in all things undertaken by the Fellowship. Many times, over the past twenty-eight years, I've questioned "group conscience" only to find that in the end the decision made was the best direction for all. That is the beauty of "group conscience," it is God's voice telling us what is best for all of us, not just some of us.

Each group is a fellowship of equals. No matter what an individual member's background, education or professional expertise, no member has authority over the group. In this way, the Fellowship reaches out to all who would seek its comfort and provides the atmosphere of a sense of belonging to all members.

My sponsor gave me a copy of a series of articles on the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous that appeared in the Grapevine in 1969. The questions were intended for the individual's use. Many groups, however, use them as a basis for their discussion topic as they study the Traditions. My sponsor gave them to me in an effort to help me find enough humility to be of service to our group. Some of the questions pertaining to Tradition Two are:

1. Do I criticize, or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, Newcomers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

I am constantly amazed that the lessons of early sobriety and the direction of a sponsor who did not seem wise at the time, still serve as the basis of a happy, joyous and free sober life.






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## SOBRIETY + TIME

Sheldon F.

### **What is your sobriety date?**

July 17, 1996

### **Do you have a home group? Where and when does it meet? Why is this important to you?**

Common Solution Group, it meets three times a week. Tuesday night which is actually in my home. Thursday and Sunday night at the meeting space 7pm. It is important to me because it gives me a place I've been wanting within the greater Alcoholics Anonymous community. You know we are a massive worldwide group where it's everywhere and that's beautiful. But then I need a sense of belonging and a sense of community and being a member of a home group gives me that. It gives me a place to feel like I belong in my home group. I like my home group because you know one of the best examples, I heard about a home group is that when I was drinking, I would go to bars. I was a huge bar drinker. I like rock 'n' roll bars with pool tables, and you know not super fancy bars, not dive bars, but not the super fancy kind of bars. That was the kind of place I would gravitate to. If there was none of those, I would drink at a country bar or if there were none of those I would drink at a hip hop bar. I would drink anywhere. But there was a feeling in those rock 'n' roll bars that made me feel comfortable in that. I like my home group because that's what my home group brings me. It makes me feel like this is where I belong, so I need a place to belong which is why I need a home group. I chose my home group because I feel like I belong in that place.



### **Do you have a sponsor? Tell us the best and/or worst thing they ever told you.**

I do have a sponsor. My sponsor just directs me to act as if there's a God in the universe that's on my side. I think the best and worst thing he ever told me is probably the same thing. I was in a lot of trouble at one point. Medical problems, financial problems, relationship problems just everything seemed to be burning around me and I called him with one more thing that was going wrong. He said to me and I quote, "That's fantastic!" I said how could that be fantastic? What are you talking about? It's terrible. He said it's fantastic. I said why is it fantastic? He said I don't know but I do know God's on your side so whatever happens has to be fantastic.



**Tell us something about your experience sponsoring others?**

Something about my experience sponsoring others. I have sponsored so many people over the years with so many different experiences. I think the best thing about sponsoring people is that they have the same resistance that I have had. The same emotions that I have had. When I'm not in the middle of their situation, I can see a clear answer when somebody comes to me with a problem. The spiritual answer seems to be so basic, so simple, and so clear. But I can't see it in my own life. But often while I'm giving them advice, I'm thinking to myself wouldn't it be great if I took that advice. It helps me to have some clarity in my own lie of my own behavior because I'm not defending myself against their situation. It allows me to see the world from a non-defensive position.

**Favorite service position?**

Greeter.

**Most important lesson learned in sobriety?**

Don't drink.

**Favorite line or reading from the big book? Why?**

It's in The Doctors Opinion, "On the other hand— and strange as this may seem to those who do not understand — once a psychic change has occurred, the very same person who seemed doomed, who had so many problems he despaired of every solving them, suddenly finds himself easily able to control his desire for alcohol, the only effort necessary being that required to follow a few simple rules."

**Best piece of advice from an old timer?**

Don't drink.

**Best and/or worst thing heard at a meeting?**

Don't drink. It is the best thing I've ever heard and the worst thing I've ever heard.

**Which step do you find yourself coming back to regularly? Why?**

I think that everything we do in Alcoholics Anonymous comes down to our sixth step experience. Every other step is designed to drive us into a place where we make the decision that were willing to have God remove our defects of character, which allows to connect with them more. So everything I do is designed to generate a deeper understanding of the sixth step.

**Which tradition means the most to you?**

Tradition one.

**Best advice to a newcomer?**

Don't drink.




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## THE LATEST FROM ACCESSIBILITIES

Accessibility is about helping all alcoholics participate in the full range of benefits of AA membership, serving those who encounter barriers to accessing the AA message, and extending a helping hand to communities that are difficult to reach because of geography, language, culture, or living conditions.

The ability to connect and interact virtually has tremendous benefits. As many of us have become comfortable with virtual access, we may have forgotten that not everyone has a computer, knows how to use technology, or has access to WiFi. We may be losing people to provide in-person options. **Meetings to Go/Reuniones Para Llevar** is our subcommittee that delivers in-person AA meetings to members who are confined, homebound, or in long-term care. We help the Elder community, those with language barriers, and caregivers of children, aging parents, or ailing spouses.

You can also find contact information for this service on the AA Member Resource Finder.

[AA Member Resource Finder](#)

### Special Forum for Deaf

#### Alcoholic Anonymous Members

This General Service Office event will be held online and facilitated by Deaf A.A. members.

It is a Language and Cultural Special Forum for Deaf A.A. Members who use American Sign Language (ASL), Langue des Signes Québécoise (LSQ) & Lengua de Señas Mexicana (LSM).

Save the date: January 17, 2026

Find an accessible Deaf or ASL Interpreted AA meeting: <http://deafaa.org>

[Save the Date](#)

[Reserva la Fecha](#)



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# THE LATEST FROM CENTRAL OFFICE



## Literature

The Plain Language Big Book and the 2024-2026 AA Service Manuals are in stock and available for purchase.

Plain Lang BB = \$12.50

AA Service Manual 2024-2026 = \$5.50

## Hotline (In-office)

We currently have openings for Hotline Volunteers: Monday and Friday Afternoons: 12 PM - 4 PM

We also have a temporary opening Thursday Morning 8 AM - 12 PM (available until May 8)

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please reach out to Eileen.

To be in compliance with our Guidelines, we have implemented a new procedure to track the number and types of calls received on the hotline. A comprehensive report will be presented at our next Intergroup meeting covering this data.



Our **Meeting Schedule and Meeting Guide** app listings are missing important accessibility information. We are asking all groups to complete an [Accessibilities Checklist](#) and return it to Central Office. This initiative is crucial for helping those who often find it so very difficult to locate meetings they can attend.





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## THE LATEST FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS TREASURER



I'm happy with the January 2025 financial report. Our individual contributions were at 266% of the anticipated budget amount. Our group contributions were at 234% of the anticipated budget amount. And our meeting room use contributions were at 115% of the anticipated budget amount. We thank our groups and members for their generosity and their timely contributions.

A 2025 budget has been submitted to the Board. We used very conservative and actual 2024 figures for anticipated revenue, along with actual 2024 and anticipated 2025 figures for expenses. The budget submitted to the Board anticipates an \$845 operating net income. The Board unanimously approved the budget.

Currently, our Prudent Reserves stand at 65% of the suggested Guidelines amount. Considering that twelve (12) months ago, we were at 34%, indicates that your Board and the Office are doing everything we can to monitor and maintain our spending within the approved budgetary amounts.

Thank you.  
-Mike S.

View the [January 2025 Financial Report](#)





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## THE LATEST FROM HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

Its time for Hospitals and Institutions quarterly workshop. It will be held on March 15 at 130pm. The GVG club will be hosting the workshop event.

GVG Club

1481 West Warm Springs Rd. #13  
Henderson, NV. 89014

BBQ will be served. Come to see how you can get involved in carrying the message of Hope to those people who cant get out to meetings because they are in treatment centers or jails. Please look for the flyers at your local meeting locations.

Due to printing deadline for the Slvrstrk and the fact that all minutes and treasury reports must be approved by H&I committee there will be a 2 month difference from the current date of the Slvrstrk and what is submitted from H&I. If there is any questions or concerns all are welcomed to attend the business meeting held at central office on the 3rd Tuesday at 6pm of every month where we will be more than happy to answer any questions.

Thank you all for your service and thank you for allowing me to serve.

Dave Stoner

Las Vegas H&I Chair

Click [here](#) to view December Meeting Minutes

Click [here](#) to view December Financials



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## THE LATEST FROM LVYPAA

southwestern area conference of young people in alcoholics anonymous



**July 17-20, 2025**  
**Loews Ventana Canyon**  
**Tucson, Arizona**

 **\$30** 

**registration** **hotel**

The complex block is a promotional poster for a conference. It features a central logo with a banner that reads 'SWACYPAA XI' and another banner below it that says 'AIN'T IT GRAND'. The logo is surrounded by decorative elements like leaves and a flower. Below the logo, the dates 'July 17-20, 2025' and the location 'Loews Ventana Canyon Tucson, Arizona' are listed. At the bottom, there are two QR codes: one for registration and one for hotel, with a price of '\$30' in the center.

[Printable Version](#)




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## THE LATEST FROM GENERAL SERVICE LIAISON

The Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC) will be meeting here at Central Office on Sunday, March 23rd @ 1pm. This will be our pre-conference Roundtable meeting where we get into what we're going to be working on at the Spring Assembly in April up in beautiful Tonopah, NV. I'm looking forward to this Assembly as I'll get the opportunity to let the whole Area know how awesome we are down here in the Southern Area. Committee chairs - please feel free to reach out my way if there is anything in particular, you'd like communicated to the Assembly and we'll see what's up.

It's early but please begin reflecting on if you'd like to be a part of our Annual Service Festival. I'll be putting a committee together soon to begin the planning and figuring all that out so if you have experience with this sort of thing or want to gain experience in this sort of thing, let's do it! Planting the seed now. Please give my sponsees a break as they're already being volunteered for so many other things...

If anyone is interested in any particular information pertaining to our Area, please reach out to me. If I don't know the answer, I will find it out, and we can learn together.

### UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

**PRAASA 2025** (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly)

The next PRAASA will be held in Anchorage, AK on March 6-8, 2025. You can register for this event and get more information at [www.praasa.org](http://www.praasa.org).

### 2025 SPRING AREA ASSEMBLY

The next Area Assembly will be held in Tonopah on April 4-6, 2025.

### 2025 AA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Every five years, the International Convention happens, and this next one will be in Vancouver, BC, Canada, on July 2-6, 2025. For more information see <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>

-Shaun F



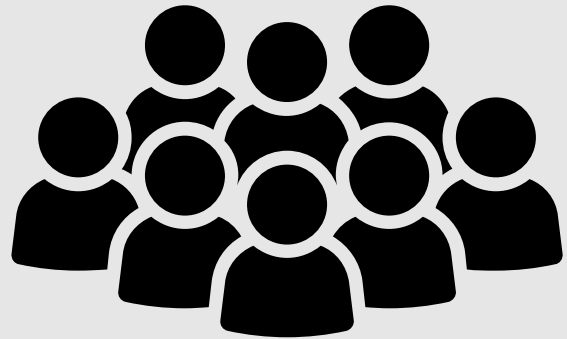
## PUBLIC INFORMATION

Some Highlights from our orientation meeting:

- Future meetings will be the fourth Wednesday of the month from 5:00-6:00 pm. They will be hybrid meetings with the location of the in-person meeting to be at Central Office.
- New Google Drive, WhatsApp, and Pumble presences are running now. Based on usage, we will determine a preferred method of collaboration and communication.
- We reviewed the framework of a Strategic Plan related to goals, budgets, and resource requirements and will have a working session at the next meeting on February 26th.
- We have opportunities available related to Media Public Service Announcements, Literature/Books Distribution, Events and Outreach Sub-Committees, liaison to the Online Monthly Working Group, Content Manager and Designers, and email manager.
- I've also asked the new DCMs to please consider adding a PI rep to the committee – some have already done so. This will ensure that we have geographical coverage, and it will better meet the needs of each district.

For any suggestions or to volunteer, please contact me at 770-630-9956. Thank you for my life.

Respectfully submitted, John - SAGSC Public Information Chair



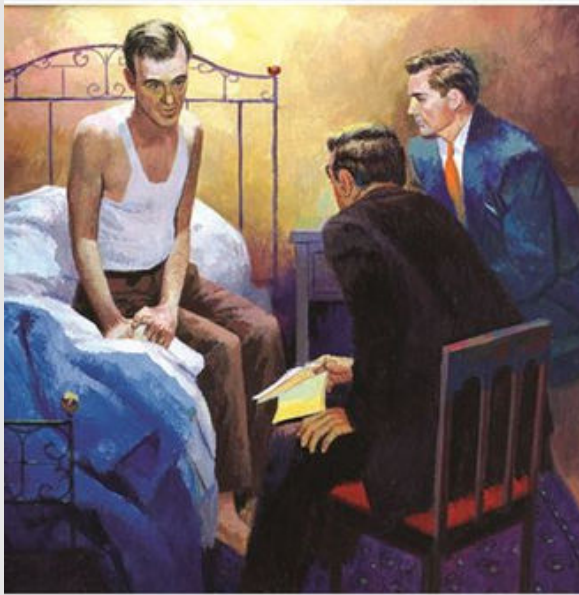
## GROUP RELATIONS

The Group Relations Committee was created to assist AA groups to better understand how to help the newcomer and the still suffering alcoholic. There is a huge amount of widely varied resources available to individual groups and Districts.

Our committee is happy to explain how the group's 7th Tradition can be distributed at a local and national level and what the benefits of contributing to AA can be. We would also like the opportunity to explain how the voice of the group (GSR) can make an impact at every level and how, by active involvement in our Southern Area (Intergroup) we can bring more awareness to all the local events and activities here in the Las Vegas valley. There is a "Group Resource" sheet available through Central Office that is intended to help groups understand the many opportunities available. If anyone would like to reach out to me or the committee, please feel free to fill this out and return it to Central Office, where it will be forwarded to me.

-Bryan F





"The Man on the Bed". This oil painting was created by Robert M. for the AA Grapevine and was reproduced as the center spread in the December, 1955 issue.

## FOUNDER'S DAY

Our Founder's Day event this year will be held on Sunday, June 8th at Central Office. We will have a cook-out, history presentation, speaker, and drawings. We will begin discussing and organizing at our first committee meeting on Sunday, Feb 23rd at 4pm at Central Office. Please attend, we could use the support! I have been the chairperson for 3 years, if someone is interested in taking over as chairperson, feel free to reach out to me.

-John H

## ARCHIVES

- The first SAGSC Archives meeting of 2025 was held on January 30th. We discussed, "How can we best organize incoming items, misplaced things, and/or random items?" We made a list of a few supplies we would need (containers, gloves, folders).
- We look forward to digitizing (cassette to MP3) some of the hundreds of speakers tapes that currently exist in the archives.
- We will be reaching out to DCMs to encourage the role of a 'District Archives Liaison' for each district. A couple districts have already selected theirs.
- Monthly Meetings will be held at Central Office, the last Thursday of each month.

Questions can be directed to my email:

[happyjoyousfree7@gmail.com](mailto:happyjoyousfree7@gmail.com)



-Heather L



The Las Vegas Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous approved revised guidelines on February 10th, 2025

Read the full document here:  
[GUIDELINES FOR THE LAS VEGAS INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SOUTHERN NEVADA](#)



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In keeping with the Seventh Tradition, Las Vegas Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous (LVIAA) limits contributions to two sources: A.A. groups, and individual A.A. members. We ask that group treasurers include Group Name (as it appears in the meeting schedule) and District for contributions to the Central Office so we can maintain our records properly. While there is no limitation on the amount an A.A. group may contribute to LVIAA, in keeping with the Seventh Tradition, individual A.A. members may not give more than seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7,500.) per year to LVIAA.

Online: <https://lvcentraloffice.org/contribute/>  
 Zelle: [LVAALVCentralOffice.org](mailto:LVAALVCentralOffice.org)

Mail or in person: 1515 E. Tropicana Ave., Ste. 710, Las Vegas, NV 89119



# COMING SOON

Floating Big Book Quarterly Breakfast

03/08/2025

[Flyer](#)

A Day with Katie P

03/22/2025

[Flyer](#)

District 19 Campnic

07/18-07/20/2025

[Flyer](#)