

The MESSAGE

June 2025

Power Zone

By Anonymous

I am often reminded of a simple conversation with my sponsor where he describes "Yesterday" and "Tomorrow" as "Godless Zones."

"It's not that they're bad," he said simply and smilingly. It's just that there's no power in either of them, and if there is no power there, then there's no God in a place where there is no Power."

"God is only available in the present," he continued, "so I choose to live there."

When I can remember the simplicity of this, moment by moment, hour by hour, I remember to apply the paintbrushes I have to whatever palate of paint I am gifted with each day, I can make each day my masterpiece. The only way to affect the future is by what I do today.

Self-Forgiveness

Much has been written about forgiveness – its quintessential nature, its necessity for success, healing, among a myriad of other human ends and strivings. The subject fills the self-help sections of book stores, internet blog posts and TED talk lectures.

Forgiveness of others and forgiveness of self is a well sought but often poorly practiced and misunderstood topic, especially when it comes to forgiveness of one's self. In all my deep diving in attempting to wrap my head around the subject, I believe none says it better than a simple poem recited by John Wooden during a talk to which he attributed to Vivian Lairmore:

I've shut the door on Yesterday, Its sorrows and mistakes; I've locked within its gloomy walls Past failures and mistakes.

And now I throw the key away, And seek another room, And furnish it with hope and smiles And every springtime bloom.

No thought shall enter this abode That bears a mark of pain, And envy, malice, and distrust Shall never entrance gain.

I've shut the door on Yesterday And thrown the key away Tomorrow holds no fear for me, Since I have found Today.

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AA Central Office of Shreveport

24 Hr. Hotline (318) 865-2172

office@aa-shreveport.org www.aa-shreveport.org Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Weds, & Fri 10am- 4pm Thurs 10am- 5pm

Groups Responsible for

HOTLINE June 2025

Lunch Bunch June 2-8
Five-Thirty June 9-15
On The Way Home June 16-22
Maverick June 23-29
It Is What It Is June 30-July 6

This is a great service that you do for the person that is still suffering!!!

THE **HOTLINE**OUR MISSION:

"When anyone anywhere reaches out I want the hand of A.A. to be there. For that I am responsible." BW

If your group is not currently taking the hot line at least one week a year, please call us to add your group!

Call the Central Office for the schedule!

We need the help of your group and individuals to keep the 24 hour

Hotline open for the still suffering alcoholic!

We need YOU!

Understanding Steps Six and Seven

By Rick R.

Since the day I entered the program, I have had an insatiable appetite for learning all I could about the disease of alcoholism and having completed a very thorough fourth and fifth steps, and examining my motives for everything I did, in steps sixth and seven, It occurred to me that most of my problems in life involved my interfacing with, "Those Other People."

As I got further into the steps and started to process each and every one of these inter actions, it became apparent to me that the basic cause of my discontent was, *low self esteem* and that, until I resolved that, there would be very little *peace of mind*. I had to get right with everyone.

They say that *understanding* is the key to right living, and I read just about anything I can get my hands on, about these issues, that reinforce the principles we learn in the A.A. program such as; Emmet Fox's Sermon on The Mount, and others including, Scott Peck's, The Road Less Traveled, The Spirituality of Imperfection, Desiderata, (the poem) and the like. This kind of reference material helps me to get a better perspective on how to reduce the obstacles that stand in the way of my ability to solve these problems.

I have to be willing to get right with "every human being I know" as suggested in step eight. (12X12) Scott Peck describes the word *Love* as: *Caring for and nurturing another person's soul*. I now look at Love as a verb and not a noun. You can love someone that doesn't love you back when you use this definition and as the result, I truly wish the best for every human being I know and offer help and guidance when I can. I become their best advocate.

If I want to heal, I must look deeper and try to *understand that other person* and be strong enough to, first, *reign in my ego*, then to realize that the other person may be reacting to *my adversarial position*. Finding ways of removing my own judgmental attitudes opens the door to love and compassion. Today, I can love everyone by simply giving them the respect and acceptance that I would want for myself

After doing my best to adopt this plan of action over the years, I can only say that nothing that I have ever done, with respect to *Those Other People*, has been more rewarding than this approach. I have, to the best of my understanding, stopped judging others by their outside behavior and *have the strength to look deeper*. When I do that, I usually find a person, not to different from myself, trying to protect himself from his fears, and I just can't bring myself to pile on and compound his pain. My heart goes out to him and I don't have to deal with regrets later on. My ego is neutralized as I come to understand his troubles.

The greatest gift I receive from all of this is that, as I apply this to all of *Those Other People*, I seem to allow myself the same latitude without even expecting it since at one time, I was *That Other Person*. *Self forgiveness and peace of mind* seems to be the natural result of my efforts. I can accept everyone just as they are and not mess with God's work.

STEP SIX: "Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions pg. 63

<u>TRADITION SIX:</u> "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."

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions pg. 155
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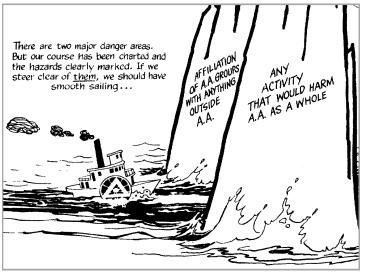
Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

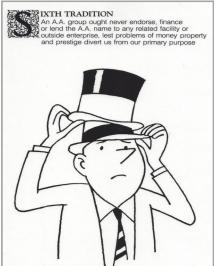
Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A. such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But for hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supportised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.

The A.A. Group...Where it all Began Pg 44

TRADITION SIX: Check List

- 1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
- 2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the *limitations* of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
- 3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow Alcoholic?
- 4. Am I willing to twelve-step the newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
- 5. Do I help my group in every way to fulfill our primary purpose?
- 6. Do I remember that AA Old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?







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<u>CONCEPT SIX:</u> "On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Twelve Concepts for World Services, pg. 26
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TRADITION SIX

By Rick R.

"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, power and prestige divert us from our primary purpose." The program of Alcoholics Anonymous has been working for over eighty years and over those years there have been a number of other programs that have tried, and I won't go into the names of those programs since A. A. doesn't compete with any of them. As I have observed these attempts to create something that could compete with A.A. they usually simulate some of the ideas that the program suggests and that seems to appeal to some people who would like to solve their dinking problem without having the Alcoholics Anonymous label.

As we all know, there are many rehabilitation organizations that have sprung up after the acceptance of the idea that alcoholism is a disease, and hospitals and institutions do have an important place in the recovery of many of the current members of A.A. There is awareness in the community about this disease and, as a result of that awareness, many alcoholics that were in denial about their problem are intervened upon and educated about what they are up against and ultimately required to attend so many A.A. meetings and once the cat is out of the bag it can never be put back in again. This has increased the number of people that attend meetings, but this is just an introduction to the A.A. program and not a solution to the problem. A good percentage of them do embrace the program and find the answers.

The co-founders and early members of the program explored the ideas about starting to establish A.A. hospitals, public education on alcoholism, and writing books and manuals and other things to promote and solve alcoholism in the community but as they pursued these ventures they discovered that they were way overshooting the mark and after a variety of trials and errors, cooler minds prevailed and they realized that they should stick to the one thing that they knew worked, and they got it right. They concluded that mixing A.A. with outside affiliations would tear A.A. apart. They abandoned all those altruistic dreams and focused on what they could do best.

One of the main challenges of this tradition came in the late 1970s and early 1080s when Narcotics Anonymous was taking hold due to the sixty's generation drug addiction problems and eventually starting to overflow into the A.A. meetings at the time and A.A. Central Office in New York was trying to find a way to maintain the integrity of the A.A. program without alienating the members with drug problems. At that time, I was a secretary of a closed step study meeting, so I brought it up to the group that I didn't want to turn A.A. into a hardline approach to this dilemma so I offered this addendum to the meeting format i.e.: This is a closed meeting for alcoholics only, addicts may participate, however, all members are encouraged to share in the spirit of Alcoholics Anonymous." It was voted in and it seemed to soften the transition as we moved forward. Shortly thereafter Central Office in New York came out with their singleness of purpose suggestion. Through all these tests of the integrity of the A.A. program, we are still solid, and we have the hard-working members that oversee these traditions of the policies that keep us strong.



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Central Office Steering Committee & COIs Meet



Tuesday, June 3, 2025 @ 6:00pm

6:00 pm— Steering Committee Meeting 6:40 pm— COIs & Steering Committee

@ Central Office, 2800 Youree Dr., Ste 362A, Shreveport 71104

Central Office Intergroup

First Saturday of Month

(Generally) Even numbered Months: **Highland Club** 1711 Tulane Ave., S'Port 71103& Odd numbered Months: **Koala Club** 4809 Shed Rd., Bossier City 71111

District 1 Area 27

Third Tuesday of Month 6:00pm at@ Highland Club

Next Meeting June 17

DCM - Jane Rowell
(318) 564-9043
janeerowell1@gmail.com

Treatment & Corrections

Second Tuesday of Month 6:00pm @ Central Office

Next Meeting June 10

CHAIR: Melanie Fields (757) 788-4733

Tri-State Convention Committee

Second Sunday of Month 2:00pm @ Central Office

Next Meeting June 8

CHAIR: Jennifer Cypher (318) 286-1107

PI/CPC

Second Monday of Month 6:00pm @ Central Office

Next Meeting **June 9**

CHAIR: Neal Lathem (901) 230-1796

Thanks to all the **Central Office Backers** contributions for the month of **April 2025**. If you would like to be a Central Office Backer (COB) just give us a call (318-865-2172) and we will happily email or mail the application to you.

April 2025...\$88.79

Thanks for all the Group Contributions...April 2025...\$769.06

COI Meeting...\$17.00 Tulane...\$31.00

Grace...\$63.50 Twin City...\$10.00

Primary Purpose...\$100.00 Other...\$200.00

Bill W. said "I am responsible. When anyone reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. to always to be there. And for that I am responsible."

Thanks for helping your Central Office be responsible!!!

Addresses for Group Contributions for 2025:

Central Office of Shreveport

2800 Youree Dr., #362A, Shreveport, LA 71104 (50%)

District 1, Area 27

P. O. Box 3924, Shreveport, LA 71133 (10%)

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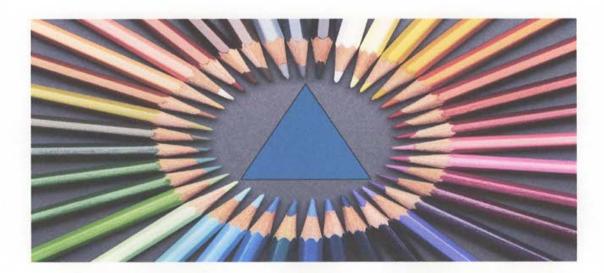
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General Service Office

P. O. Box 2407, James A. Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407 (30%)

(Percentages are suggested based on support of four service entities)
(Use your group conscience)

DISTRICT ONE



MONTHLY MEETING 3RD TUESDAY @ THE HIGHLAND CLUB 6:00 pm

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Relationships and Forgiving Others

I can only connect with others at the depth I have reached within myself. My capacity to meet anyone with understanding, compassion or vulnerability is limited to the level of the inner work I dared to have undertaken within my own soul, and the same is true of the other person with whom I seek relationship. If I have not yet plunged into the deep lagoon where my buried shadows lurk in desperation gasping for air, I can only meet another at the surface, where we both tread water in a fruitless tiresome effort to stay afloat. The depth of my connection with another human soul is not only about what we each might offer in terms of worldly criteria but is essentially dependent on how deeply we have each explored and confronted the limits within our own hearts. This is the essence of a true and meaningful intimacy. I am served to remember that while I might strive for connection with another, I can only offer what I have found within myself, and that any other can only offer what he has found within himself. Not resisting, but allowing this can bring peace accompanying the realization that everyone's journey is their own and sometimes the unrequited connection sought simply means they haven't gone deep enough to meet you where you stand.

Borrowed from Ventura County Central Service Office Newsletter, The Tradition, April 2025



Tulane TUESDAY SPEAKER Meetings



June 2025

June 3 Paul M.

June 10 Randy T.

June 17 Todd R.

June 24 Joey T.

7:00pm

Highland Club

1700 Tulane Ave. Shreveport 71103



HOSTED BY THE 5:30 GROUP INTERGROUP EVENING

JUNE 7, 2025

JOIN US FOR:

- Chili-dogs with all the fixin's
- Baked Beans
- Potato Salad
 + MUCH MORE



Please bring your favorite dessert to share and add your sweet touch to the evening.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:



CHERYL S.

Sobriety Date: 11-29-89 EAT 6:00PM, SPEAKER 7:00PM

FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

57TH ANNUAL BIG DEEP SOUTH CONVENTION JUNE 6-8, 2025

HILTON NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT HOTEL | 901 AIRLINE DR, KENNER, LA 70062

PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 15, 2025 \$45 | AFTER MAY 15/DOOR REGISTRATION \$55

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potatoes, crawfish portobello cream sauce and a seasonal veggie; served with chicken andouille gumbo Option 3: Rotisserie Airline Chicken with roasted potatoes, Cajun butter sauce and a seasonal veggie;			JOIN US FOR Speakers* Workshops				

HOTEL INFO

served with chicken andouille gumbo

ROOM BLOCK CODE: BDS25 ROOM BLOCK RATE: \$146.00 HOTEL PHONE#: 504-469-5000

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

\$

GRAND TOTAL SUBMITTED FOR BIG DEEP SOUTH CONVENTION 2025

Paid via: (Circle One)

Cash Check Credit/Debit Card

Workshops
Silent Auction
Banquet Dinner
Raffle
Bingo
50/50
Guided Meditations
Speed Friending
Marathon Meetings
Hospitality Room
(*see website for updates)

DISABILITY INFORMATION

If you require accommodations due to a disability, please check here: _____

MAILING AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Return this registration form in person or mail in to:

638 Papworth Ave, Ste. A, Metairie, LA 70005

Register online at: https://www.bigdeepsouth.org

The Bridge House 2nd Saturday Speaker Meeting



426 Stoner Ave., Shreveport 71101

Saturday, June 14, 2025

6:00 pm- Finger Foods & Fellowship

7:00 pm-Bonnie C.

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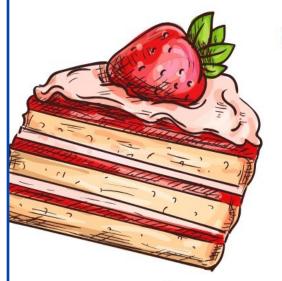
MEETING

JUNE 17TH--6:00 PM FOOD 7:00 PM SPEAKER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Come Celebrate AA's 90th Birthday

Saturday, June 21

SUGAR & SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE

SWEET TOOTH AUCTION

FUNDRAISER FOR THE 78TH TRI-STATE CONVENTION 2025

Taco Bar Dinner 5:30pm Auction 6:30pm Speaker @ 7:00pm

Tree S.- DOS 5/15/85



4809 Shed Road Bossier City, LA 71111

HOW SWEET IT IS TO BE SOBER!!!

LAST SATURDAY SPEAKER MEETING

SHAYLA F.

SATURDAY JUNE 28, 2025

Oakwood

1700 Highland Ave Shreveport, LA 71101

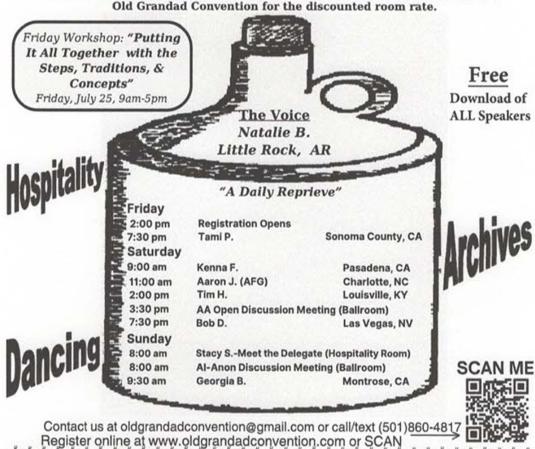
Doors open at 6:00 pm Food @ 6/ Speaker @ 7

Arkansas State AA Convention

Oldest AA Convention West of the Mississippi 85th "Old Grandad"

July 25-27, 2025 **Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa** Hot Springs, Arkansas

Contact the hotel directly for room reservations: 501-623-7771 Mention the Old Grandad Convention for the discounted room rate.



\$30 Pre-Registration if received BEFORE July 11, 2025 OR \$35 Registration At The Door

First Name & Last Initial on Badge	Home Group	AA	Al-Anon / Alateen	Other	Amount	
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CONVENTION TREASURER P.O. Box 1821 Bentonville, AR 72712





SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER AA PRESENTS... 78TH ANNUAL TRI-STATE CONVENTION

"A VISION FOR YOU"



October 31 - November 2, 2025 LeBossier Hotel & Event Center, Bossier City, LA

May God bless you and keep you -until then.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

GUEST SPEAKERS - PANEL DISCUSSIONS - MEETINGS - FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER - AA LITERATURE/GIFTS OLD TIMERS LUNCHEON (20+ YEARS SOBRIETY) - SOCIALS - RAFFLE - SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN

GUEST SPEAKERS

Friday 8:00 PM- AA, Glenda R. / New Braunfels, TX Saturday 11:00 AM - Sammy F. / San Marcos, TX Saturday 2:30 PM - Al-Anon, Deirdre M. / Converse, LA Saturday 8:00 PM - AA, Candice M. Los Angeles, CA Sunday 11:00 AM - AA, Arisa B. / Boston, MA

REGISTER EARLY

Save \$10
Entered in Friday night drawing
for a set of convention tapes or
Tri-State t-shirt and mug

Convention recording by G & L Tapes



SCAN TO REGISTER

HOTEL INFORMATION

LeBossier Hotel & Event Center 4000 Industrial Drive Bossier City, LA 71112

FOR ROOM RESERVATION CALL:

(318) 747-0711

(Reference Tri-State Convention for room rate of \$94)

PRE-ORDER T-SHIRTS

Pre-Order Deadline October 17

Purple or Green Short Sleeve \$25 Long Sleeve \$30 Add \$5 for 2XL - 4XL

*Shirts available for pickup at convention



For more details and online registration: https://aa-shreveport.org/convention/



For additional information please contact:

Convention Chair: Jennifer C. (318) 286-1107

Registration: Amy D. (318) 464-9821 or tristate.aaconvention@gmail.com

— REGISTRATION FORM =

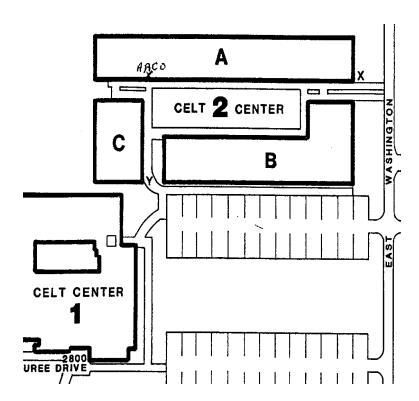
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SCHOLARSHIPS: Help those who	o are unable to pay the registration fee.
requires a significant amount of money to be supporting and paid for through registration	ot a regular AA meeting but a special event that be successful . The Tri-State Convention is self- in fees plus voluntary contributions from individual at the convention, and attendance is of course always pay our way.
Registration Use Only: Pmt received by:	Method of Payment:

ITEM	COST		QTY		AMOUNT
• PRE-REGISTER (by Oct. 17)	\$25	Х		=	\$
• REGISTER (after Oct. 17)	\$35	х		=	\$
 SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUT 	ION			=	\$
 ADDITIONAL DONATION 				=	\$
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(Pre-order deadline Oct. 17)					
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Central Office

Please come by to check out our selection of approved AA World Services Books, Step workbooks, daily meditations, Bill W.'s Autobiography, Al-Anon books and workbooks and more. Colorful tri-plate medallions, recovery jewelry and greeting cards that make *our anniversaries memorable*.

If you don't see what you are looking for we will order it for you upon availability.



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