



**MAIA**

# TIPPLER

**JUNE 2026**

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“If we can answer to our satisfaction, we then look at Step Six. We have emphasized willingness as being indispensable. Are we now ready to let God remove from us all the things which we have admitted are objectionable? Can He now take them all—every one?

If we still cling to something we will not let go, we ask God to help us be willing.”

-AA Big Book, p.76

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# JUNE 2026

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

31	6:45 - 7:45 pm Treatment Committee 8:00 - 9:00 pm District 21 Committee	6:45 - 7:45 pm Memphis Area Correctional Committee	3	4	5	6 9:00 am - 10:30 am District 24 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm District 22
7	8	6:00 - 7:00 pm Memphis Area Grapevine Committee	6:00 - 7:00 pm District 25	11	12	13 Founder's Day 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
11:00 am - 12:00 pm District 23	15 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm CPC/PI Committee	16	17	18	6:45 - 7:45 pm Memphis Area Accessibility Committee	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
3:45 - 5:00 pm Memphis Area Archives Committee	29	30	1	2	3	4

## DISTRICT & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

June 1 @ 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm  
Memphis Treatment  
Committee  
Came to Believe  
2865 Walnut Grove  
Memphis, TN 38111

June 1 @ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
District 21 Committee  
Meeting  
Crosstown Concourse  
1350 Concourse Ave #1072  
Memphis, TN 38104

June 2 @ 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm  
Memphis Area Correctional Committee  
Came to Believe  
2865 Walnut Grove  
Memphis, TN 38111

June 6 @ 9:00 am - 10:30 am District  
24-Hybrid #ID86700041  
Highland Heights Presbyterian Church  
2855 Morning Sun Road  
Lakeland, 38016

June 6 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
District 22  
Olympia Steak House  
85 Wilkinsville Rd  
Millington, TN 38053

June 9 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Memphis Area  
Grapevine Committee  
White Station Church of Christ  
1106 Colonial Rd

June 10 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
District 25  
Germantown United Methodist Church  
2324 Germantown Road  
Germantown, TN 38138

June 13 @ 11:30 am - 3:30 pm  
MAIA Annual Founder's Day  
White Station Church of Christ  
1106 Colonial Rd

June 14 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
District 23  
Zoom password 847990

June 15 @ 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm  
CPC/PI Committee  
Shady Grove Presbyterian  
5530 Shady Grove  
Memphis, TN 38120

June 19 @ 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm  
Accessibility Committee  
2865 Walnut Grove  
Memphis, TN 38111

June 28 @ 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm  
Memphis Area Archives Committee  
Shady Grove Presbyterian  
5530 Shady Grove Road  
Memphis, TN 38120



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Monday/Friday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Closed daily from 1 pm - 2 pm

The MAIA Intergroup Representatives business meeting is held on the second Sunday of every month at 1:00 p.m. Please join us on July 12, 2026 at Leawood Baptist Church, 3638 Macon Road, Memphis, TN 38122, or join online. Please call or email the office for the meeting passcode meeting #ID835 975 02 608.

## BECOME A HIGH FIVER!

Memphis Area Intergroup has been the link between the A.A. recovery community and the newcomer and, even as importantly, with one another since 1960. Many of us are grateful to the office for its helping hand, but have either not known that Intergroup needs our support, or our contributions have been put off due to our new busy and happy lives. "High Fivers" is a way we have found to allow members to show their gratitude by making sure the services provided by the office continues. High Fivers is a program of commitment; we commit to a \$5.00 contribution per month, either monthly, quarterly, or annually. Contact our office with details on the ways with which you can submit your monetary contributions. Intergroup, in return, will send an acknowledgement for your contributions at the end of each calendar year. These contributions are tax deductible. As an expression of gratitude, you will receive a hard copy of this newsletter in the mail each month.

**MAY:**

**Two Doors Down**

Joe M.	52 yrs
Millie K.	42 yrs
Paul S.	27 yrs
Debbie B.	25 yrs
Stephen B.	17 yrs
Marvin D.	17 yrs
John R.	8 yrs
Eric Y.	7 yrs
Tommy VB.	4 yrs
Chris H.	3 yrs

**Seriously Sober**

David C.	35 yrs
Rod A.	19 yrs

**Three Legged Stool**

Judy W.	44 yrs
Patrick S.	19 yrs
Sandra W.	8 yrs
Lori S.	8 yrs
Lisa L.	1 yr
Dalton S.	1 yr

**JUNE:**

**Central Gardens**

Brenda W.	41 yrs
Jana P.	32 yrs
Gary R.	17 yrs
Frances N.	5 yrs
Mark H.	4 yrs

**Winchester**

Brenda B.	34 yrs
Melanie F.	12 yrs

**Early Birds**

Judy W.	44 yrs
Lee V.	25 yrs
Chuck B.	21 yrs
Bob L.	9 yrs
Bill T.	9 yrs
Lori S.	8 yrs
Rob R.	6 yrs
Battie	5 yrs
Zach F.	4 yrs
Necie N.	4 yrs
Anthony G.	4 yrs

**Unity**

Sharon R.	35 yrs
Lillian G.	33 yrs
Phillip G.	31 yrs
Lee V.	25 yrs
Debbie C.	22 yrs
Jennifer Y.	15 yrs
Lisa R.	12 yrs
Tommie J.	11 yrs
Kate P.	10 yrs
Taylor C.	8 yrs
Elizabeth L.	5 yrs
Allison B.	2 yrs
Lucia G.	2 yrs
Shelby E.	2 yrs

### SCAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO MAIA

The Seventh Tradition states: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the Seventh Tradition is essential at every level of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. In keeping with A.A.'s Seventh Tradition of self-support, we accept contributions only from A.A. members.



## LIFELINE



### SOUND FAMILIAR?

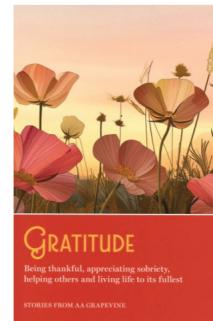
“The year was 1994, the month was September—just 2 short months since my official sobriety date of 7/13/1994. It was a normal flight like any other. I was visiting a friend in San Francisco and excited to see my friend on my annual trip to the wine country and her home. Newly sober, I thought no problem; drug of choice—fine red wines, crush time ... and all. I should be fine, I remember thinking. Well, stepping off that plane, directly in front of me was an elaborate airport bar; bottles stacked up and announcing, ‘Welcome to Wine Country’ and ‘It’s Crush Season.’ I stopped dead in my tracks and stared at this option. Who would know if I drank, I’m alone? I’ll just taste one sample. I literally could not move. Just next to where I was frozen was a pay phone. I knew I was in trouble and had to call someone. Did I have my meeting lists? No, I didn’t. I picked up that 1000-pound phone, still thinking of the red wine on my tongue and relaxing with it, and dialed the operator and asked to be connected to A.A. or given the number. I called San Francisco A.A. and was directed to the famous club, The Dry Dock, even though I’d never heard of it. The person said they have meetings 24/7, so just to show up. Back before Uber, I stepped outside and hailed a cab to take me there, not trusting driving in SF in and out of streets, as The Club was located directly on Fisherman’s Wharf. I had a car rental to head me up HW 1 and the Pacific Coast Highway, but that would have to wait. I showed up for an A.A. meeting and was it ever a unique place: basically almost underground it seemed, dark, everything on the walls you could imagine, dyed wall hangings. My senses were taking it all in. And I shyly and with some fear came all the way in and sat all the way down and shared at my turn, thanked God to be shown the hand of A.A. that day and the 31 years of continuous sobriety after that. It works!”

~ Christine L.

## \*\*NEW\*\* BOOK OF THE MONTH

### GRATITUDE

Being thankful,  
appreciating sobriety,  
helping others and  
living life to its fullest.



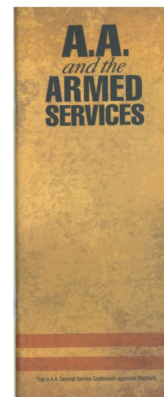
Stories from  
AA Grapevine

## PAMPHLETS OF THE MONTH

### Circles of Love and Service

*How A.A.s work together to help the alcoholic who still suffers*

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### A.A. and the ARMED SERVICES

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“Us military A.A.s are a fellowship inside a fraternity...” *U.S. Navy*  
“Pray, read, and most important, keep those lines of communication open with other alcoholics. Without each other, we are surely lost...” *U.S. Army*

“I was deployed twice to Afghanistan while sober and successful with the help my home group, online meetings, the Big Book and the Grapevine; one day at a time...” *U.S. Marine Corps*

“...know that the military does not require drinking as a prerequisite; there are many of us who enjoy sobriety and careers who will be grateful for the opportunity to help...”

*Canadian Armed Forces*  
A.A. Pamphlet P-50

“**Victor E.** The creation of Jack M., a *Grapevine* editor. **Victor E.** made his debut in July 1962 *Grapevine*.” *Guide to the Grapevine*

Victor is seen tempted at those swinging barroom doors, but he is always “restored to his right mind” by various distractions resulting in happy outcomes. He could be anyone in A.A.’s Twelve-Step Program facing life’s tribulations and concerns, who decides to use the Program for solutions rather than revert to the “stinking thinking” of the past. Alcoholism is a “cunning, baffling, powerful” disease; when you least expect it—expect it! Working the Twelve Steps, attending regular A.A. meetings, calling our sponsors, performing service work, etc., are “distractions” resulting in happy outcomes.

### VICTOR E.



# Largest Crowd of AA's Gathered to Date

In June 1945, a historic gathering took place in Cleveland, Ohio. It commemorated A.A.'s tenth anniversary.

Over 2,500 members of Alcoholics Anonymous attended the two-day event. Members came from 36 states, two Canadian provinces, and Mexico.

Celebrations kicked off on Saturday, June 9th. Two regular A.A. meetings and two "open house" meetings held in different parts of Cleveland. On June 10th, co-founders Bill W. and Dr. Bob spoke to a crowd of 1,000 at the Music Hall in downtown Cleveland.

In his talk, Bill spoke about the growth of A.A., briefly retelling his own story and about the writing of the Big Book. Bill concluded his talk by stating that "A.A. is much bigger than any of us." He joked that Dr. Bob and himself were "a couple of old, cracked antiques who have had a little more experience than others."

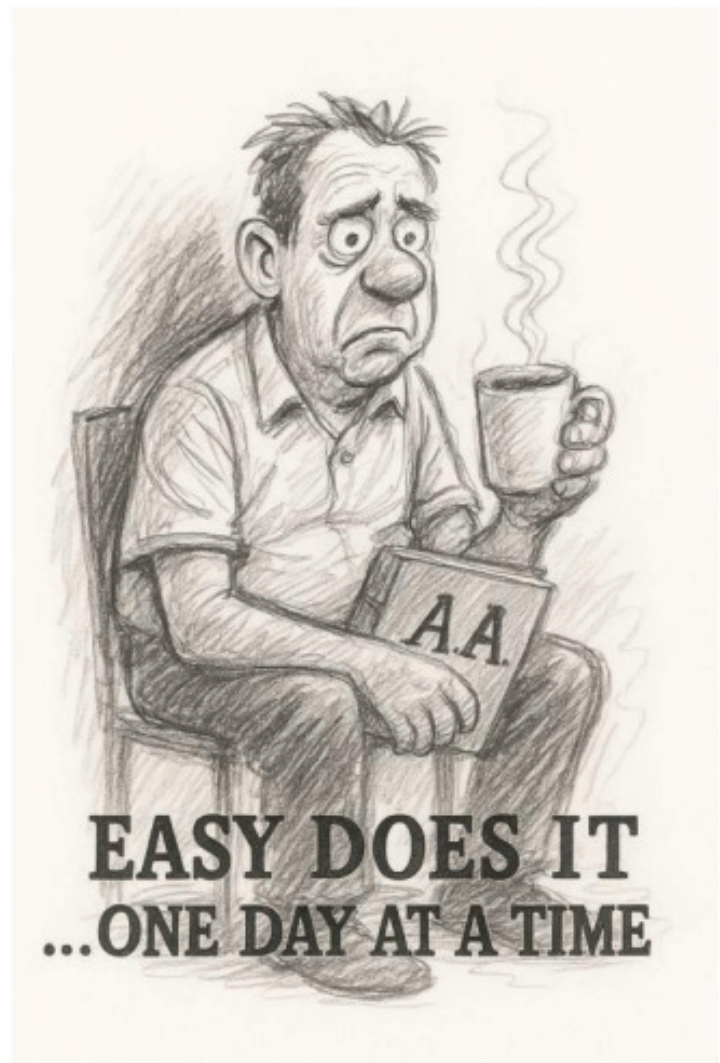
Following Bill, Dr. Bob spoke briefly about the development of A.A. in Akron, Ohio. He concluded by saying, "Our program must be followed by each individual. And each individual is the only one who can do it for himself."

Bill stated that June 10th was "a day for congratulations, for thanksgiving and for celebration," and that A.A. "could not have been but for others."

Dr. Bob thanked all that "were a source of help and inspiration in [his] trouble." This included his wife, Anne, A.A. members of Cleveland, the members of the Alcoholic Foundation, and everyone in attendance at the Music Hall.

Also on the evening of June 10th, 400 A.A. members attended a Founders Day dinner in Akron, Ohio. Bill and Dr. Bob attended the dinner after they spoke in Cleveland. Speaking about Akron, Bill said "It was here that the miracle really happened. This is the hill where the A.A. beacon was lit 10 years ago."

Five years after this special event, A.A. held its first international convention in June 1950.



## STEP SIX

"God will not do for me, what I can do for myself. And what I can do for myself is find out the opposite of that character defect, and then with God's help and all the willpower I can muster, in every situation it comes up, try to practice the opposite."

Cause you see God can't take away my selfishness and leave another whole in my head. It's going to have to be replaced with the opposite, which is unselfishness. And when I first got here my mind was a set of mental habits ingrained in 38, 39, 40 years of living. The habitual thing for me was to react selfishly."

Joe and Charlie: The Big Book Comes Alive. Kindle Edition. Joe and Charlie, Big Book Study

## SPOTLIGHT ON TRADITION SIX: Our Singular Mission

“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.”  
— Tradition Six, Alcoholics Anonymous

At first glance, Tradition Six may seem like a warning against entanglements—but in truth, it is a profound statement about focus, clarity, and purpose. While AA groups often work alongside treatment centers, hospitals, churches, and community organizations, this Tradition keeps us grounded in the simple mission that has saved countless lives: to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

In the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, the authors recount real scenarios where well-intentioned A.A. members considered investing in hospitals, treatment centers, and even political efforts to reform alcoholism laws. While such causes may have merit, Tradition Six reminds us that once we link AA’s name to outside ventures, we risk distraction, division, and dilution of our purpose.

AA’s success is rooted in its singleness of purpose. By avoiding endorsements and entanglements, we prevent controversies over politics, medicine, or religion from fracturing our unity. We avoid the temptation to profit from AA’s good name or confuse newcomers about what we offer: a path to recovery through the Twelve Steps.

This Tradition also protects our groups from the burdens of money, property, and public influence. AA does not own treatment centers, publish outside literature, or sponsor sober living homes. While we cooperate with professionals and institutions (see Tradition Six’s companion in Tradition Eight), we do not affiliate with them. This preserves AA’s independence, neutrality, and credibility in a world filled with causes, campaigns, and commercial interests.

For groups, this Tradition is a practical guidepost. Are we promoting outside literature in meetings? Are we hosting events or fundraisers that blur the line between AA and another cause? Are we clear in our announcements that AA has no opinion on outside issues? These are the kinds of questions that help us walk wisely within the spirit of Tradition Six.

Ultimately, this Tradition serves not to isolate us, but to liberate us—to let us focus without distraction on the sacred task of helping one alcoholic find sobriety, one day at a time.

Matt B.

## Navigating Step Six

After we’ve taken stock of ourselves in Step Four and shared honestly in Step Five, Step Six asks us to stand still and examine our readiness—are we truly prepared to let go of the old patterns and character flaws that have driven our lives?

The wording of this Step is precise: “entirely ready.” It does not ask us to remove our defects—that is God’s work. It asks if we are willing to let them go.

Many of us struggle with this. Certain defects feel ingrained or even useful—sarcasm, manipulation, pride, control. They were our survival tools. But in recovery, they’ve become stumbling blocks. And now we face the hard truth: if we want to grow, we must be ready to let them be taken.

## Tradition Six Checklist

1. Why is it important that we not get involved in outside enterprises?
2. Is it ever wise for a group to lease a small building or endorse an outside event?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local clubhouse familiar with “Guidelines on Clubs,” which is available free from GSO?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Our group’s landlord is raising money to pay for a new roof on the building. Should the group make a contribution? What if the landlord specifically asks the group to make a contribution?

## Spotlight on Concept 6

“Within Alcoholics Anonymous, service roles are guided by principles that ensure clarity, accountability, and effectiveness. The Sixth Concept of Service highlights the importance of clearly defining roles and responsibilities.”

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Simply put, this concept ensures that while the broader Fellowship—represented by the General Service Conference—holds ultimate authority, the day-to-day operational responsibilities are entrusted to the trustees and service boards. This clear delineation allows trusted servants to act swiftly and decisively within established guidelines, maintaining efficiency and accountability.

Practically, this concept emphasizes trust and clarity. It means clearly defining who is responsible for specific actions and decisions, allowing groups, districts, and boards to carry out their duties effectively. Clear boundaries between the roles of the General Service Conference and the General Service Board foster harmony, trust, and smooth operation within our service structure.

Ultimately, the Sixth Concept strengthens our Fellowship by balancing authority with accountability. It ensures that while the Conference retains ultimate responsibility, our trustees and service boards can manage affairs with the flexibility needed for practical, effective service. In practicing this concept, we continue to safeguard the unity and integrity of Alcoholics Anonymous.

## Some Suggestions for Meeting Topics:

- Letting Go of Resentments
- Practicing Patience in Sobriety
- Finding Humility
- Importance of Sponsorship
- Living the Serenity Prayer
- Balancing Sobriety, Family, and Work
- Dealing with Fear and Anxiety
- Gratitude in Daily Life
- Listening for God’s Will

## Gratitude

Gratitude, I have often heard, is the most important word in the AA lexicon. Without gratitude we cannot hope either to give or receive the healing love without which we alcoholics cannot live. As a woman who had lived a long time without either, this fact was so evident in the early days of my AA indoctrination that I took its presence for granted as just one of the many miraculous gifts I knew I had not earned. I assumed also that, like these other glories, my gratitude had become a permanent part of my equipment and that, like breath, I would never lose it or fail to use it while I lived. It never occurred to me that of all gifts I had been given, this one--the most precious of all--was the most illusive, the least understood and the easiest lost.

DECEMBER 1961  
THE BEST OF ALL MY GIFTS  
BY: R. T. | CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
AA GRAPEVINE

**MAY 2026  
Group Contributions**

	TOTAL		
	MAY 2026	MAY 2025 (PY)	JAN - MAY, 2026 (YTD)
26-On Awakening	660.00	0.00	660.00
Any Length Group	40.00	40.00	115.80
Came to Believe Group	0.00	0.00	300.00
Central Gardens Group	150.00	100.00	250.00
Collierville Group	0.00	615.42	797.26
Downtown Nooners N/S	50.00	0.00	50.00
Downtown Thursday Night Group	0.00	0.00	1,016.68
Earlybird	0.00	0.00	771.88
Germantown Happy	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Germantown Noon	525.00	455.00	1,650.00
Holly Springs Group	0.00	0.00	300.00
How It Works	0.00	0.00	0.05
Lakeland	0.00	0.00	141.23
Men of Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.05
Mustard Seed	0.00	0.00	20.00
New Start	0.00	0.00	75.00
Oakland Always Open	0.00	0.00	95.00
Out-of-Towners Fellowship Group	0.00	0.00	0.08
Pleasant Hill	504.04	0.00	863.32
Primary Purpose	0.00	0.00	50.00
Queer Bees and Wanna Bes	0.00	0.00	85.00
Rule-62	0.00	0.00	100.00
Second Chance	0.00	50.00	0.00
Serenity	0.00	0.00	150.00
Shady Ladies	0.00	0.00	500.00
Shipwreck	50.00	0.00	50.00
Sober Journey	200.00	100.00	400.00
Solutions Group	0.00	0.00	840.38
South Memphis	0.00	20.00	40.00
Straight Outta Bondage	0.00	0.00	300.00
The Nooner	304.65	219.25	1,214.45
Traditions	50.00	50.00	50.00
Triangle Group - Somerville	0.00	0.00	61.50
Two Doors Down	300.00	300.00	1,200.00
Unity Group	143.49	154.40	871.42
WAAGL	75.00	50.00	300.00
West Memphis Group	20.00	0.00	20.00
Whitehaven Morning Sunrisers-	0.00	0.00	200.00
Winchester	0.00	0.00	350.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,272.18</b>	<b>\$2,154.07</b>	<b>\$15,089.10</b>

# FOUNDERS DAY 2026

THERE IS A SOLUTION



**SPEAKER: MORRIS R.**  
BACK ROOM GROUP, MURFREESBORO, TN

Recovery Repertory Theatre/ Live Cake  
Auction, Silent Art & Basket Auction

Fun, Food, & Fellowship/  
Suggested Donation \$10



**SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 11:30-3:30**

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