



Step 11 Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

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Concept 11 While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

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On awakening let us think about the twenty-four hours ahead. We consider our plans for the day. Before we begin, we ask God to direct our thinking, especially asking that it be divorced from self-pity, dishonest or self-seeking motives. Under these conditions we can employ our mental faculties with assurance, for after all God gave us brains to use. Our thought-life will be placed on a much higher plane when our thinking is cleared of wrong motives.

-Big Book, p. 86



NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 9:00 am - 10:30 am District 24 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm District 22
2	6:45 - 7:45 pm Treatment Committee 8:00 - 9:00 pm District 21 Committee 3	6:45 - 7:45 pm Memphis Area Correctional Committee 4	5	6	7	8
11:00 am - 12:00 pm District 23 9	10	6:00 - 7:00 pm Memphis Area Grapevine Committee 11	6:00 - 7:00 pm District 25 12	13	Area 64 Assembly 14	Area 64 Assembly 15
Area 64 Assembly 16	6:45 pm - 7:45 pm CPC/PI Committee 17	18	19	20	6:45 - 7:45 pm Memphis Area Accessibility Committee 21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
3:45 - 5:00 pm Memphis Area Archives Committee 30	1	2	3	4	5	6

DISTRICT & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

November 1 @ 9:00 am - 10:30 am
District 24-Hybrid ID#86700041
Highland Heights Presbyterian Church
2855 Morning Sun Road
Lakeland, 38016

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

November 3 @ 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm
Memphis Treatment
Committee
Came to Believe
2865 Walnut Grove
Memphis, TN 38111

November 3 @ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
District 21 Committee
Meeting
Crosstown Concourse
1350 Concourse Ave #1072
Memphis, TN 38104

November 4 @ 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm
Memphis Area Correctional Committee
Came to Believe
2865 Walnut Grove
Memphis, TN 38111

November 9 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
District 23
Zoom password 847990

November 11 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Memphis Area
Grapevine Committee
White Station Church of Christ
1106 Colonial Rd

November 12 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
District 25
Germantown United Methodist Church
2324 Germantown Road
Germantown, TN 38138

November 14-16
Area 64 Assembly
Manchester Convention Center
111 Hospitality Blvd
Memphis, TN 37355

November 17 @ 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm
CPC/PI Committee
Shady Grove Presbyterian
5530 Shady Grove Rd.
Memphis, TN 38120

November 21 @ 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm
Accessibility Committee
2865 Walnut Grove
Memphis, TN 38111

November 30 @ 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Memphis Area Archives Committee
Shady Grove Presbyterian Church
5530 Shady Grove Rd.



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Monday/Friday: 8 am - 4 pm
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The MAIA Intergroup Representatives business meeting is held on the second Sunday of every month at 1:00 p.m. Please join us on November 9, 2025 at Leawood Baptist Church, 3638 Macon Road, Memphis, TN 38122, or join on online platform ID# 835 975 026 08. Please call or email the office for passcode.

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 acknowledgment 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.

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.



CENTRAL GARDENS

Ruth M. 38yrs
Laura L. 33yrs
Mary J. 31yrs

HOLLYWOOD

Luke N. 37yrs
Anthony J. 36yrs
Luresia S. 3yrs

SERIOUSLY SOBER

John T. 8yrs

UNITY

Rufes J. 34yrs
Sally I. 27yrs
Rachel B. 20yrs
Jill D. 10yrs
Laura V. 4yrs
Jenny S. 4yrs
Alyssa H. 2yrs
Michael A. 1yr
Telitha "Shay" 1yr

WINCHESTER

Melisa 13yrs

EVERYDAY PEOPLE (OCTOBER)

Madeline E. 37yrs

Living Life

BY: MARIA R. | HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY

This “winter Texan” is hitting the road with her husband and finding meetings everywhere they go

I got sober in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. I got a very solid foundation in AA, thanks to my crew at our local sober clubhouse. The fellowship there is unparalleled. And with the love and support of my friends, my sponsor, the program of AA and, most of all, my Higher Power, I’ve not had to drink since October 4, 2011.

My husband and I have been RVers for many years and we always dreamed of traveling in a recreational vehicle full-time when we retired. I’m 64, and now was the perfect time. We have been doing it now for a little more than a year. We have two children who have families of their own—one in Kentucky and one in Texas. So like many other retired RVers, we decided to become “snowbirds,” or, in our case, “winter Texans.”

This is my second go at AA. This time, I have worked the program like I was instructed. Not like I wanted to, as I did the first time. I have a sponsor in Hopkinsville with whom I meet once a week in person or by phone call, depending on our travel schedules. I attend several AA meetings each week and, until a couple of months ago, I worked with several sponsees. My sobriety and recovery mean everything to me. I don’t want to do anything to jeopardize either.

I’m the trip-planner and whenever my husband and I stop somewhere for more than a couple of days, I always look for nearby AA meetings. The internet and a GPS make it so easy. One of the many things I love about the AA Fellowship is that I no longer feel like asquare peg trying to desperately fit into a round hole. I have been warmly welcomed everywhere I’ve attended a meeting, and I’ve never felt out of place.

On our most recent trip from Kentucky to Texas, I was able to go to meetings in Springfield, Missouri and in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where I got to go to a women’s meeting. The meeting in Springfield was a meditation meeting, the first such meeting I’ve ever attended. Before opening up the meeting for discussion, someone read the Eleventh Step “When we retire at night” passage out of the Big Book, followed by another member who recited the Prayer of St. Francis. Each line of the prayer was said three times, slowly, and somehow this put a unique and powerful spin on the prayer that made me think of it in an entirely new way. Ever since attending that meeting, I’ve integrated those three things into my morning meditation, and it’s enhanced my time with my High Power immeasurably.

This is our second winter in Bandera, a small town in the Texas Hill Country about an hour northwest of San Antonio. The RV park we’re staying at is only three blocks away from a building where AA meetings are held and I am so grateful for its proximity.

I felt at home here immediately. Everyone is so kind. I’ve made friends with a few of the women here and we’ve begun going together to the Saturday morning women’s meeting in Boerne, about 25 miles away. There we’ve met many more new friends. The fellowship in AA is amazing.

Just last week a woman asked me to sponsor her. She knows I will only be here until April but she’s willing to work together every week until then. God has a plan, and I just focus on doing the next right thing. Living the dream. It’s the best way to live life.

The Quiet Kind of Light

When I first came into AA, I was so relieved to find people who spoke my language that I wanted to tell the whole world. For the first time in years, I wasn't hiding. I'd found a way to live that didn't involve a bottle, and I wanted everyone, especially the ones who had watched me fall, to see that I was finally "fixed."

I remember posting something online the week I picked up my 30-day chip. I took a picture of it, put a long caption about gratitude, and hit "share." I told myself it was about honesty and accountability, but deep down, I wanted applause. I wanted people to see that I had changed.

A few days later, an old-timer named Tom pulled me aside after a meeting. He didn't lecture me. He just said, "Be careful, kid. Our public relations policy is attraction, not promotion. Tradition Eleven. Look it up."

I did. And at first, I thought it was old-fashioned, out of touch with modern life. But the longer I stayed sober, the more sense it made. The tradition wasn't about shame or secrecy; it was about humility. It protected something sacred, the quiet dignity of anonymity.

What Tom helped me see was that AA works best when no one tries to be the face of it. I didn't get sober because someone advertised recovery to me; I got sober because I met people whose serenity made me want what they had. Nobody told me I *had* to join. They just kept showing up, week after week, and somehow, that was enough.

Over time, I noticed how AA carries itself in small, unseen ways. The greeter at the door who remembered my name after one meeting. The oldtimer who slipped me a phone number after I shared something painful. The man who quietly made the coffee every week without ever raising his hand to share. These were the people who held the group together, nameless and steady. They didn't promote anything, they *embodied* it.

I started to think about how many lives are saved by people who never get credit. No slogans, no press releases, no fame; just one alcoholic talking to another.

That's the beauty of it.

About a year into sobriety, I got a message from an old friend. He'd seen me online, not the posts about AA (I had taken those down by then), but just me living differently. I wasn't ranting anymore, or showing up hungover, or ghosting people. I was working, painting again, paying bills, showing up to life.

He said, "Man, you seem... peaceful. What happened?"

I told him the truth: "I got sober through AA." I didn't give details or meeting names. I just said, "It saved my life. If you ever need help, I'll take you."

A month later, he called. I picked him up and took him to a meeting. I introduced him to a few people, and when he started crying halfway through the meeting, nobody rushed to fix him. They just let him cry. That was attraction, not promotion; love without fanfare.

Tradition Eleven reminds me that recovery isn't a brand. It's a light we pass from one person to another, quietly. It doesn't need headlines or hashtags. The people who truly understand it don't need to announce it; they live it.

I still talk about recovery, but differently now. I share hope, not headlines. I carry the message, not the spotlight. I remember that AA has survived this long because it belongs to everyone and no one at the same time.

When I walk into a meeting and see the circle forming, I know that what happens in that room doesn't need to be broadcast to have power. The real work happens in whispers and coffee cups, in rides home and late-night phone calls, in one hand reaching out to another.

Tradition Eleven taught me that sometimes the best way to shine is to stay anonymous: to let the light, not the name, do the talking.

by Jake R.

Concept 11

Trusted Servants, Trusted Voices

“While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.’s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore, the composition of these committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of rotation, the care of their personnel, and the rights and duties of our executives and staff members, are matters for serious care and concern.”

— The Twelve Concepts for World Service,
Concept XI

What It Means

Concept Eleven is about trust, structure, and stewardship. It recognizes that while A.A. is guided by spiritual principles, it still needs competent, dedicated people to carry out its practical affairs. Just as a home group relies on trusted servants — secretaries, treasurers, and chairpersons — A.A. as a whole depends on qualified individuals to keep our world services running smoothly.

At every level of service, Concept Eleven reminds us that good intentions aren’t enough. We must also value skill, accountability, and a willingness to serve humbly, always remembering that these workers and committees serve the Fellowship, not rule it.

The Spirit Behind the Concept

This Concept balances spiritual responsibility with practical administration. Bill W. knew that A.A. could not grow without structure, yet that structure must always reflect our Traditions, especially humility and rotation.

The idea is simple:

Leadership is service-based, not authority-based.
Competence and integrity matter as much as devotion.
Rotation prevents power from becoming entrenched.

When these principles are honored, A.A. remains flexible, transparent, and true to its primary purpose: to help the next alcoholic.

In Practice

At the General Service Office in New York, professional staff and volunteers work together to handle correspondence, publish literature, manage finances, and maintain communication with groups around the world. These are not faceless bureaucrats; they are trusted servants performing a vital function that allows A.A. to stay self-supporting and connected.

In our own groups, Concept Eleven reminds us to seek out the best possible help when we need it, whether that means asking a member with accounting experience to serve as treasurer or inviting someone with design skills to help with flyers. Service is not about prestige; it’s about matching willingness with ability.

A Modern Reflection

Concept Eleven calls on us to practice responsible trust. In an age where transparency and accountability are often lacking, A.A. continues to model what honest service looks like: no profit motive, no hierarchy, just spiritual principles applied to practical work.

When we place our trust wisely, A.A. thrives. When we rotate out gracefully, A.A. stays healthy. And when we remember that every position is a form of service, whether it’s setting up chairs or managing world services, we stay right-sized in spirit.

A Thought to Close

“Trusted servants don’t govern, they serve. But to serve well, they must be chosen with care, guided with trust, and supported with love.”

And Away We Go

By: K. B. | Littleton, Colorado

About five years ago, I decided it would be an interesting challenge to try to attend AA meetings in all fifty states. At that time I had attended meetings in only a dozen states during my nine years of sobriety, but my job allowed a lot of travel and that would simplify the venture. One night last December at a meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas, the goal was reached—all fifty states.

My quest also provided some interesting side trips: to Bill's early home and his and Lois' graves in Vermont; in Akron, Dr. Bob's home and grave and attending the King School Group; and the International AA Convention in Seattle in 1990. I will always have fond memories of these experiences.

No matter where I went, the AA message never varied. The only differences noticed in meetings across the country were minor and primarily related to meeting formats and local customs. Groups were friendly and I always felt welcome. But I especially remember the hospitality of groups in Wheeling, West Virginia, and a meeting in an upstairs clubhouse in Garden City, Kansas. I thank all of you.

OVERHEARD IN A MEETING

"God doesn't do our dishes — but He'll hand us the sponge."

"My best thinking got me a seat in a church basement."

"I came here for my drinking problem and stayed for my thinking problem."

"If it's not your circus, stop feeding the monkeys."

"An alcoholic alone is in bad company."

"Expectations are just premeditated resentments."

"When I stopped trying to run the show, the show got a lot better."

"I didn't find God at the bottom of a bottle — but He was the first one I met when I climbed out."

"Easy does it, but do it."

"You can't save your face and your behind at the same time."

"I didn't know how sick I was until I started getting better."

	TOTAL		
	OCT 2025	OCT 2024 (PY)	JAN - OCT, 2025 (YTD)
Any Length Group	0.00	0.00	190.00
Bluff City Group	0.00	200.00	228.05
Came to Believe Group	0.00	0.00	300.00
Central Gardens Group	150.00	50.00	550.00
Cherokee Group	0.00	0.00	100.00
Collierville Group	546.78	430.29	2,453.20
Downtown Nooners N/S	0.00	0.00	100.00
Downtown Thursday Night Group	63.55	89.99	666.66
Earlybird	489.00	0.00	1,869.00
Friends of Bill W	0.00	0.00	650.00
Germantown Happy	0.00	0.00	2,975.00
Germantown Noon	0.00	111.00	1,380.05
Grace in the Grove	0.00	0.00	403.87
Horn Lake	0.00	5.00	5.00
ICU-	0.00	0.00	450.00
Lakeland	183.38	617.19	183.38
Men of Recovery	1.59	0.00	4.94
Millington	50.00	0.00	50.00
Morning Glories	0.00	0.00	50.83
New Start	25.00	0.00	225.00
Oakland Always Open	0.00	0.00	250.00
Out-of-Towners Fellowship Group	0.00	0.00	135.00
Pleasant Hill	365.10	0.00	1,244.14
Pride and Principles	0.00	0.00	258.00
Primary Purpose	50.00	0.00	50.00
Queer Bees and Wanna Bes	0.00	0.00	281.00
Rule-62	200.00	0.00	300.00
S.O.S.	0.00	38.71	100.00
Second Chance	0.00	50.00	300.00
Serenity	300.00	0.00	847.32
Seriously Sober	0.00	0.00	1,293.11
Shady Ladies	0.00	0.00	2,100.00
Sober Journey	0.00	0.00	563.00
Solutions Group	0.00	0.00	840.00
South Memphis	0.00	20.00	191.35
The Nooner	508.25	363.00	2,457.59
The Wynne Group	0.00	0.00	5.74
Traditions	50.00	0.00	450.00
Triangle Group - Somerville	0.00	0.00	220.00
Two Doors Down	300.00	300.00	4,700.00
Unity Group	0.00	461.04	981.95
WAAGL	75.00	100.00	600.00
West Memphis Group	0.00	40.00	150.62

	TOTAL		
	OCT 2025	OCT 2024 (PY)	JAN - OCT, 2025 (YTD)
Whitehaven Morning Sunrisers-	0.00	0.00	50.00
Winchester	0.00	0.00	387.06
TOTAL	\$3,357.65	\$2,876.22	\$31,590.86

Area 64 Assembly
4th Quarter 2025
November 14 - 16, 2025
Hosted by District 11 & 12



Manchester Conference Center

Holiday Inn: \$110
ph# 931-728-9383
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Area 64

Confort Inn: \$110
ph# 931-228-8393
Group Code
Area 64

LaQuinta Inn: \$110
ph# 931-450-4005
Group Code
Area 64



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