



Interviews

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A MEMBER SHARES...

Step Seven is a Conclusion

My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen. —Seventh Step Prayer

There was true humility and deep surrender by asking God to *take all of me*—both the “good” and the “bad.” This was an admission that I could not trust myself to differentiate between the two.

I almost drank after five months of sobriety before going into the 12-Step process with my sponsor. He wisely pointed out the obvious fact that my mind lied to me. It was not to be trusted! I needed a Higher Power (God) to see the truth about myself. What an ego-shattering revelation! Yet, it was necessary to give up on myself and trust God to take over my recovery.

It is said that, “*Self cannot rid self of self with self.*”

In Step Three, I had asked God to remove the “*bondage of self*” with only a scant idea of what that was. But Steps Four and Five provided a better view of my defects of character and shortcomings. (Bill W. stated these words were to be used simultaneously or in the same context—please note Step Seven on page 59 in the Big Book uses the word “shortcomings” rather than “defects of character,” as in the prayer above).

It is important to notice that the Seventh Step prayer ends with the word “*Amen.*” Meaning *so be it*, this indicates a conclusion. However, there is no “*Amen*” following the Third Step Prayer, or those in Steps Four, Five and Six! Why?



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A MEMBER SHARES...

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I think it's because Step Seven concludes a process: In Step Three we ask to be relieved of the bondage of self, but we don't know what that is until we do Steps Four and Five. By Step Seven we know more precisely what we are asking God to remove from us as we go out to do His bidding. The process has been concluded; however, more will be revealed.

—Bob S., Cleveland area



A.A's In The Know

Is it a “meeting” or a “group”?

A.A. groups are defined in the long form of our Third Tradition. However, some A.A. members hold A.A. “meetings,” which differ from the common understanding of what a “group” is. These members simply gather at a set time and place for a meeting for convenience or some special situation. The main difference between meetings and groups is that A.A. groups continue to exist outside the prescribed meeting hour, ready to provide Twelfth Step help when needed.

Also, A.A. Groups are registered with the General Service Office in New York as well as their local Intergroup, District, and Area.

—The A.A. Group pamphlet, p. 12-13

Step SEVEN

Humbly asked Him to
remove our shortcomings.



Although Steps 6 & 7 are the shortest Steps in terms of wording in our Big Book, they are probably the most potent of all twelve. As we mentioned in Step 6, they **ARE** the meat & substance of our program of recovery. They embody the miracle of transformation as we turn over our broken, defective personalities for God to transform them into healthy, effective instruments of God's will.

One of the first and most important things we need to learn about our defects is that we can't be relieved of them without some level of humility. Alcoholics are victims of pride and selfishness. In the past when we felt pain and suffering (*generally as a result of said pride & selfishness*), we masked it with alcohol. Before coming to A.A., we used self-reliance to deal with it. Today, we can acknowledge the limits of human power in addressing these character defects. We cannot do it on our own. We cannot do it by sheer willpower. We cannot do it by our own intellect and reasoning.

Myths About This Step

1. **Humility isn't necessary for recovery.** You can't see your shortcomings without stripping yourself of your ego and pride. This unfiltered look into yourself allows you to develop a humble attitude and correct your moral defects.
2. **Step 7 means we will not have any defects once God removes them.** Self-centered fear will still trigger our defects. The difference is that we now have a choice to follow our lust, for example, or not. We will be given a divine nudge at the onset of our defects to pray to God to change us, and God will, whereas, before Steps 6 & 7 we had no choice over our defects and were obsessed by them.
3. **We have the ability to remove our defects ourselves.** This sort of thing is WAY above our pay grade. We simply don't have the built-in skill sets to become less prideful, angry, greedy, gluttonous, lustful, envious, slothful or fearful on our own.

—Breakdown provided by: TakeThe12.com at <https://takethe12.org/s7/>

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Concept VII (Long Form)

The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

In Other Words:

The Board can override the Conference when necessary.

The charter and bylaws of the General Service Board (GSB) ARE legal documents. The charter of the General Service Conference (GSC) IS NOT. Period!

Because of that, there may be times where the Conference has, shall we say, gone off the deep end, and the Trustees (legally or otherwise) need to reel them back in through the vetoing of a Conference action.

The Trustees have “legal authority,” where the Conference only has “moral authority”.

—Breakdown provided by: TakeThe12 at <https://takethe12.org/c7/>



TRADITION Seven (Long Form)

“The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.” Note: Read the history of Washingtonians, an early, vital group successful in getting many people sober and why they eventually failed!

Twelfth Step work is the lifeblood of Alcoholics Anonymous — carrying the message to the next suffering alcoholic. Without it, the Fellowship would wither and die. Yet, even at its simplest level this vital contact between one alcoholic and another involves an investment of time and money. The paradox of A.A. is that financial independence and the support of our Fellowship by alcoholics and alcoholics alone not only enhances A.A.’s importance to each of us, but stimulates our engagement in our own recovery.

Breakdown provided by: TakeThe12.com at <https://takethe12.org/t7/>



As active alcoholics we were always looking for a handout - in one way or another...



Part of our personal recovery came in making ourselves into responsible human beings





7th Tradition ~ F.A.Q.'s

Bank Accounts and Tax ID Numbers

Question: Our group needs to open a bank account and was asked for an "I.D. number". How do we obtain an I.D. number for our group checking account? Can we use SEPIA's?

Answer: More and more frequently, A.A. groups in the U.S. are being asked to supply an I.D. number to a bank when opening a checking or savings account, whether or not it is interest-bearing.

All local entities, which includes A.A. groups, must obtain their own Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS. You cannot use any one else's.

To get this number, fill out IRS Form SS-4, *Application for Employer Identification Number*, available at www.irs.gov. This number applies even though the group is not an employer.

Look for the section about obtaining an EIN for banking purposes only. The form asks if there is one group exemption number that applies to all—there is not.

Intergroup (IGR) Meetings are being held online and/or in-person in July, depending on the county.

—Become an Intergroup Rep (IGR)!—

Contact your Zone Liaison or the SEPIA Office for info.

MONTHLY ZONE MEETINGS

WILL BE HELD MONDAY, JULY 10 AT 7:00 PM

Bucks County Zone meets in person:
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
877 Street Road (at Churchville Road)
Southampton 18966

Chester County Zone meets online:
Zoom 892 2781 6366 password 266565

Delaware County Zone meets in person:
HMB Ukrainian Church
900 Fairview Road
Swarthmore 19081

Montgomery County Zone meets in person:
Sanctuary United Methodist Church
1346 East Prospect Ave
North Wales 18966

Philadelphia County Zone meets in person:
Philadelphia Kroc Center Salvation Army
4200 Wissahickon Ave
Philadelphia 19129



from the (e)mailbag



The 4021 Clubhouse, the second oldest A.A. club in Philadelphia (located at 4021 Walnut Street) held a fundraiser at Swan Caterers on Water Street in Philadelphia at the end of April. Fellowship was at the peak of all that was shared, and very excellent food was served. Huge thanks to the organizers, members, and guests who participated!

Approximately 70 people attended the event from many places around the five counties, representing many local neighborhoods, as well as from New York, Washington DC, Maryland, and New Jersey, to break bread in style and enjoy a tasteful A.A. historical presentation. Ah, sweet A.A!

The Al-anon speaker was a long-timer based on her presence in the countdown. She gave a particularly emotional talk about her home group, Al-anon Monday Night, which meets on Monday nights at 4021. The group recently lost its second co-founder when Mary R. passed away this year.

Recently the 4021 University group celebrated their anniversary. The Young Peoples' group has a rich history available at SEPIA archives, being, as far as we know, the first young peoples' meeting and convention. *Note: The Young People's Group is having an Alka-thon on July 4th; please see the flyer attached to this **Interviews** newsletter.*

The 4021 Club itself has a rich history which began in 1946. Conor F., who was the founder of A.A. in Ireland, was one of the 17 people who donated \$100 each to the mortgage for this property. Conor was a Philadelphian, who when newly sober, took a vacation in Dublin, taking his wife, his Big Book, and "can-openers" (A.A. pamphlets) with him. Desperate for fellowship while there, he searched for a drunk to help until he located one, and so A.A. in Ireland began.

Remember when you knew you wanted sobriety and you found that it was available to you? Perhaps you had fun at the Saturday night dances, found inspiration at the Sunday Morning groups, or learned more at the Bookers meetings with Chester County's Red Fox group. If you can give back to ensure that others have the same opportunities, there is no better time!

—A Grateful Member

OUT OF AREA EVENTS

Thursday thru Sunday July 27-30: FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO (In-Person) A.A. and Al-Anon speakers every meeting. Info at: <https://www.fots.com/>.

Friday thru Sunday August 11-13: SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT CONFERENCE Wyndham Garden York Hotel, York PA. For more info & to register: <https://www.sunlightyork.org/>.

Thursday thru Sunday August 31-September 3: 33rd ANNUAL NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN A.A. CONVENTION Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Northeast Oklahoma City, OK 73112. Info at: www.nai-aa.com. All are welcome!

Friday thru Sunday September 1-3: CONVENCION HISPANA DE AA de Estados Unidos y Canad y ciudad sede Seattle, WA of AA. AA 50 Anos pasando el mensaje. See attached flyer.

Friday thru Sunday September 8-10: National AA Technology Workshop (NAATW) Shenandoah University Winchester, VA. Visit <https://naatw.org> for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION: July 3-6, 2025 in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Vancouver will welcome 48,000 A.A. members from around the world! Info at: <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>.

EVENTS WITHIN THE FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Visit our website for the most up-to-date information: <https://aasepia.org/news/event-flyers/>

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday October 1—SEPIA GRATITUDE BREAKFAST Cannstatter Volksfest, 1930 Academy Rd, Philadelphia, 19114. \$30. 9am—12pm. More information to come!

NEW MEETING: THE 4TH DIMENSION (A Women's Big Book Meeting.) Livengrin, 9140 Academy Rd, Philadelphia 19136. Bring a Big Book!! **Sundays 9:00 am.**

Saturday July 1—MONTCO BID FOR PENNSCYPAA PRESENTS: THE SOBER GAMES Evansburg State Park Pavilion, 851 May Hall Road, Colledgeville, 19426. Food, games, water ice! **12 pm to 5 pm** meeting at **12:30 pm.** \$15 or \$10 for under one year sober.

Monday July 3— COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY HYBRID WORKSHOP! Features speaker Nancy McCarthy, a former Class A (Non-alcoholic) Trustee sharing her experience as it pertains to CPC, followed by discussion. In-person at **7 pm** at 1903 S Broad St Philadelphia 19148 or **Zoom:** Meeting ID: 86967334672 Password: **SEPIA1903**

Saturday July 8—562 GROUP PRESENTS AN ANONYMITY WORKSHOP Online. 10 am to 11 am. Discuss matters of anonymity in the digital age, at & below the level of public media. Two speakers with Q&A. Zoom ID: 81345979939 PW: 087859.

Sunday July 14 to 16—PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN A.A. (PENNSCYPAA) IS COMING TO BUCKS COUNTY! Sheraton Bucks County Langhorne, 400 Oxford Valley Rd, Langhorne, 19047. See <https://buckypaa.wixsite.com/buckypaa>.

Friday July 21—Bus Trip to GSO—See how your GSO & Grapevine dollars carry the message! Leaving **7:30 am** from Springfield Mall, 1250 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, 19064. \$55. Bring mask & I.D. Reservations: Howard S. 610-909-2317 or Candy S. 215-224-7530 (no texts please).

Thursday October 12—DAY TO DAY 50th ANNIVERSARY! Old timers (OG's) and Newcomer (Young Bucks) speakers. Holy Trinity Bethlehem Presbyterian Church 1100 W. Rockland St Philadelphia 19141. Starts at **7 pm.**

AREA 59 EVENTS

BRIDGING THE GAP MONTHLY FORUM--Connecting A.A. members inside our area's institutions to our outside A.A. community. **Every 4th Thursday of the month from 7:30-8:30 pm.** On Zoom: Mtg ID 81332780231 PW: BTGS59. All are welcome. Questions? Email Jim L. at btg@area59aa.org.

SAVE THE DATE: THE NEXT EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL SERVICE CONVENTION & ASSEMBLY (EPGSA) will be held November 10-12. Info at: <https://area59aa.org/>.

SAVE THE DATE: THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL A.A. SERVICE ASSEMBLY (NERAASA) is coming to Area 59 in 2024! February 22-25, 2024 in Hershey, PA. Info at: <https://www.neraasa.org/>.

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Literature Spotlight



OUR TWELVE TRADITIONS

AA members share their own stories of experience

Excerpts on the Seventh Tradition from *Our Twelve Traditions*:

“AA not only saved my life, but changed it for the better. My sobriety is worth more than I can pay. When the basket comes around, do I give generously or do I find reasons to hold back? When I came to AA, I attended 10 meetings a week for the first year. That meant I was contributing at least \$10 a week. Now I may attend two to three meetings a week, but instead of just two to three dollars a week, I should still be putting in at least \$10, if not more.

So when someone says the coffee is free, think about what that statement means, and think about what sobriety is worth to you.”

—Ed M., Shawnee, KS

“I am probably not the only “alkie” to come to the Fellowship with a protective coat of cynicism, particularly regarding money. When I heard the Traditions and the words from the Preamble about being “self-supporting through our own contributions,” I thought, “Yeah right.”

That attitude was erased when I heard my first treasurer’s report. (I’d become teachable in the intervening months.) It was delivered by a gravel-voiced man named L.A. He got right to the point: “We had more than \$75, so we gave the rest away.” I didn’t hear another word of his report. My head was racing with the thought, Now here’s a group of 30 or 35 people, pretty much all of whom donate a dollar each week. And when they get more than \$75, they give the rest away! And this guy sounds like he’s proud of it! I didn’t need to hear any more; I’d gotten the message I needed: Nobody’s in this thing for the money.”

—Mike H., Ventura, CA

GV-35 \$11.50

Available at **SEPIA**

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or

store.aasepia.org

YOUNG PEOPLES VIDEO PROJECT

We want video submissions from A.A. members. WHY? To carry A.A.’s message to young people in high school and college settings.

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE!

Submissions should be 2-3 minutes in length and reflect and adhere to the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, especially A.A.’s anonymity traditions. When filming A.A. members make sure no one is identifiable.

Focus on the experience of getting sober young and reflect the diversity of the Fellowship. Use members stories to help alcoholics identify.

Share experiences that would relate to the “young” alcoholic who has yet to come to A.A.

BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN!

Individuals submitting videos must be at least 18 years of age and must reside within the boundaries of the U.S. and Canada A.A. General Service Structure. Submissions should be in English, Spanish or French.

For more information, contact the Public Information Coordinator at publicinfo@aa.org.

www.aa.org

THIS MONTH IN A.A. HISTORY

*** JULY ***

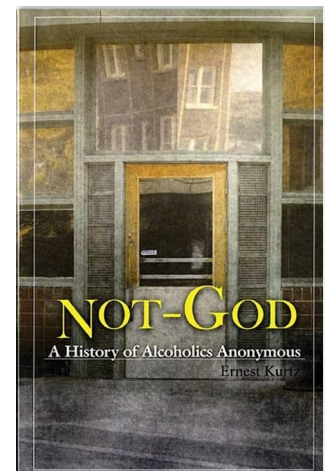
- ♦ July, 1962—"Victor E." cartoon first appeared in the *AA Grapevine*.
- ♦ July 2, 1960—Father Ed Dowling, Jesuit priest and spiritual advisor to Bill W., died. After seeking out Bill W. in early 1940 because he had noticed similarities in the Twelve Steps to the *Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola*, a friendship was born. Dowling directed many alcoholics to A.A., and by the summer of 1940, Dowling's native St. Louis had its own A.A. chapter.
- ♦ July 2, 2000: 20 millionth copy of the Big Book was given to Al-anon in Minneapolis, MN.



Victor E.



- ♦ July 2-4, 1965—Ten thousand people attended the 30th Anniversary of A.A., held in Toronto. The Responsibility Declaration, which begins "I am Responsible", was adopted.
- ♦ July 4, 1940—Bill D. (A.A. #3) checked out of City Hospital in Akron, OH after hearing the message from Bill W. and Dr. Bob. With the addition of Bill D., A.A.'s first group was formed. Bill D. never drank again.
- ♦ July 7, 1940—Bill W. attended the first summer session at School of Alcohol Studies at Yale University.
- ♦ July 14, 1939—Blythewood Sanitarium (Greenwich, CT): Dr. Harry Tiebout gave a Big Book to Marty M., who promptly threw it back at him. Eventually she read it and took its suggestions to heart, becoming one of the first women to get sober in A.A. She would go on to found the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency (NCADD) to educate others on alcoholism.
- ♦ July 14, 1979—Dr. Ernest Kurtz publishes *Not God*, a history of early A.A. which also probed the philosophical and theological ideas behind the movement. The book is still in print today.
- ♦ July 22, 1877—Willian Duncan "Silkie" Silkworth, Bill W.'s doctor and author of *The Doctor's Opinion*, was born in Brooklyn, NY.
- ♦ July 22, 1980—Marty M. one of the first women in A.A. (see above), died.
- ♦ July 23, 1940—Philadelphia A.A.'s sent 10% of their collections to the Alcoholic Foundation (later to become A.A. World Services), setting a precedent.
- ♦ July 28-30, 1950—The first A.A. International Convention was held in Cleveland, OH. The Twelve Traditions were adopted. Dr. Bob made his last appearance at a large A.A. gathering there.
- ♦ July 31, 1972—Rollie H., former baseball player and one of the first A.A.'s to break anonymity at a public level (radio), leading to a renewed emphasis on the importance of anonymity, died sober in Washington D.C.



Show Us Your Meeting Room!



Send pictures of your meeting room (no people in the photos, please!) to: manager@aasepia.org. Your home group's room might be featured in a future issue of *Interviews*!

Write for the Intergroup Newsletter

Share Your Experience Strength and Hope: Write For Us

We would love to get some local stories!! Write your story, or write about your favorite Tradition, Step or a spiritual experience you have had.

ELECTIONS for STEERING COMMITTEE 2023-24

Yes, it's that time of year when the Steering Committee is looking for new Assistants for our Twelve-Step Committee Directors for the up-coming 2023-2024 year. Step up your sobriety by getting involved at a higher level of service. Meet new friends, give back, and learn more about the program that saved your life! We are needing Assistants for the Chair (Vice-Chair), Treasurer, and the Secretary; plus Assistant Directors for the Cooperation with the Professional Community, Interphones, Prisons, Public Information, Treatment, Unity, and Archives Committees; as well as Assistants to all five Zone Coordinators! To find out more about the committees call the office or go online www.aasepia.org to the Service Teams tab to read about the responsibilities and requirements. Nominate a friend or yourself. Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter and can also be filled out on the website. Thank you for your consideration!

HELP US HELP THE NEXT SUFFERING ALCOHOLIC

We need your help to keep our directory up to date! Please take a moment to check your group's information on our website, and contact us with any updates or corrections. We want to be sure that newcomers are getting accurate meeting information! Even if you have updated your information with your DCM or Registrar, PLEASE double-check it on our website, as this is what is reflected in the Meeting Guide App!



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SEPIA needs office volunteers! Call 215-923-7900 to learn more | SEPIA office hours: Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Looking for info about an event? Check our [Event Flyers](#) to see what's happening in AA throughout the 5-County Area of SEPIA

Help keep our meeting information accurate: submissions through the [Meeting Form](#) will be published on the SEPIA website and Meeting Guide app promptly.

*Use this Meeting Form when updating or creating a new group form.
If updating please tell us what is changing.*

SEPIA's Committee Meetings are open to IGR's and all interested A.A. Members! Get involved and make a difference!



Committee Meetings for the month of July 2023 are in-person and/or online depending on the group conscience of the committee.

<p>Archives</p> <p>Archives preserves documents, assembles group histories, tapes the stories of members with 20+ years, and makes presentations to groups about the history of A.A. in Philadelphia.</p>	<p>Tuesday – July 11 at 7 pm Saturday – July 22 at 9 am for Preservation Work</p>
<p>Cooperation With The Professional Community (CPC)</p> <p>Helps police, medical, and other professionals understand what A.A. is and how it can help their clients.</p>	<p>Monday – July 3 at 7 pm</p>
<p>Finance</p> <p>Makes recommendations to the Steering Committee and SEPIA office how best to spend Seventh Tradition donations.</p>	<p>Thursday – July 20 at 7 pm</p>
<p>Interphones and Helping Unite the Sick, Shut-in, Hospitalized and Homebound (HUSSHH) -Meets even months only</p> <p>Interphones ensures that A.A. is always there by taking calls when the office is closed. HUSSHH takes meetings to those unable to attend them.</p>	<p>No meeting this month (Meets last Wednesday of even months at 7 pm)</p>
<p>Prisons and Temporary Contact</p> <p>Members take A.A. meetings to prisoners behind the walls. Temporary Contact introduces new A.A.'s coming out of prison to our program and escorts them to meetings.</p>	<p>Thursday – July 6 6 pm</p>
<p>Public Information (PI)</p> <p>Conveys information about A.A. to the general public through flyers, mailings, radio spots, health fairs, etc.</p>	<p>Wednesday – July 19 7 pm</p>
<p>Special Events</p> <p>Plans the annual spring Round-Up, the Share-A-Day event, Breakfasts and more.</p>	<p>Monday – July 31 7 pm</p>
<p>Treatment Facilities (TF) and Bridging the Gap</p> <p>Treatment committee members establish and oversee A.A. meetings at detoxes and rehabs. Bridging the Gap connects members leaving facilities to meetings in their area.</p>	<p>Monday – July 17 7 pm</p>
<p>Unity</p> <p>Provides information about service opportunities outside the homegroup to groups when invited; plans summer picnic and fall workshop.</p>	<p>Tuesday – July 18 7 pm</p>
<p>Web/Tech Ad Hoc Committee</p> <p>An offshoot of Public Information (PI), Web/Tech programs and manages the website, and provides tech advice and IT support for the SEPIA office.</p>	<p>Wednesday – July 5 5:30 pm</p>

July 2023



All A.A. members are encouraged to join a committee and help carry the A.A. message.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 CPC Committee 7 PM	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 Website Tech 5:30 PM Steering 7 PM (closed)	6 Temporary Contact & Prison Committee 6 PM	7 SEPIA Noon Meeting 12 PM	8
9	10 All Five County Zone Meetings 7 PM	11 Archives Committee 7 PM	12	13	14 SEPIA Noon Meeting 12 PM	15 Archives Preservation 9 AM
16	17 Treatment & Bridging The Gap Committees 7 PM	18 Unity Committee 7 PM	19 PI Committee 7 PM	20 Finance Committee 7 PM	21 SEPIA Noon Meeting 12 PM	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 SEPIA Noon Meeting 12 PM	29
30	31 Special Events Committee 7 PM					

Bucks County: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 877 Street Rd (& Churchville/Knowles), Southampton, PA 18966

Chester County: Online currently. - ID: 89227816366 - PW: 266565

Delaware County: HMB Ukranian Church 900 Fairview Rd, Swarthmore Pa 19081

Montgomery County: Sanctuary United Methodist Church , 1346 East Prospect Ave., North Wales 18966

Philadelphia County: Phila Kroc Center Salvation Army—4200 Wissahickon Ave Philadelphia, PA 19129

SEPIA Online Committee and Zone Meetings - November 1, 2022 - October 31, 2023

Committee Name	Day	Date	Time	Meeting ID	Passcode	Link	Dial-In #
CPC COMMITTEE (Hybrid)	Monday	7-3-2023	7:00 PM	869 6733 4672 (Zoom)	SEPIA1903	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967334672?pwd=ZkwvOHYvZ3M3a2NoaHMrsGNGK1duZz09	646-558-8656
WEB/TECH COMMITTEE (Hybrid)	Wednesday	7-5-2023	5:30 PM	215 1234 215	580960	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84021793007?pwd=SGdERXBndTlzVkhpTitEVzRqVEVrdz09	646-558-8656
PRISON COMMITTEE (Hybrid)	Thursday	7-6-2023	6:00 PM	897 4545 6774 (Zoom)	SEPIA	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745456774?pwd=MEVuVzRiRiR1SmxLMIF3a2FLa3VuUT09	646-558-8656
BUCKS COUNTY ZONE	Monday	7-10-2023	7:00 PM	In Person		Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 877 Street Rd (& Churchville/Knowles), Southampton 18966	
CHESTER COUNTY ZONE	Monday	7-10-2023	7:00 PM	892 2781 6366 (Zoom)	266565	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89227816366?pwd=SzBhR0pZUJjVekIzT21HZDRKRkhnZz09	646-558-8656
DELAWARE COUNTY	Monday	7-10-2023	7:00 PM	In Person		Hmb Ukranian Church, 900 Fairview Rd, Swarthmore, 19081	
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	Monday	7-10-2023	7:00 PM	In Person		Sanctuary United Methodist Church, 1346 East Prospect Ave, North Wales 19454	
PHILADELPHIA ZONE	Monday	7-10-2023	7:00 PM	In Person		Philadelphia Kroc Center Salvation Army 4200 Wissahickon Ave Philadelphia 19129	
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE (Hybrid)	Tuesday	7-11-2023	7:00 PM	832 4414 8913 (Zoom)	SEPIA	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83244148913?pwd=b2JqbmlzQ0dBOVJURjILMDNRYy9lQT09	646-558-8656
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE	Saturday	7-15-2023	9:00am	In Person		SEPIA Office 1903 South Broad Street 2nd Floor Philadelphia 19148	
INTERPHONES	Wednesday	8-30-2023	7:00 PM	822 1987 3872 (Zoom)	SEPIA	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82219873872?pwd=UG5VR0lvMHJTRXAvUm5OQXE4Q0tNQT09	646-558-8656
PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)	Wednesday	7-19-2023	7:00 PM	882 5844 9206 (Zoom)	SEPIA	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206?pwd=cWIPd2ZSUllvWHcvbndyeXA4SFAwUT09	646-558-8656
TREATMENT FACILITIES (Hybrid)	Monday	7-17-2023	7:00 PM	881 4239 6509 (Zoom)	805478	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88142396509?pwd=ZU00WmFMWnRiSWt5VXJUU3NBdExtZz09	646-558-8656
UNITY COMMITTEE	Tuesday	7-18-2023	7:00 PM	896 4619 2235 (Zoom)	SEPIA	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89646192235?pwd=VTRHdXRnNjNKZmxHZXJPeTltaGZNUt09	646-558-8656
FINANCE	Thursday	7-20-2023	7:00 PM	842 4075 5543 (Zoom)	SEPIA	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84240755543?pwd=ejJlZEFMTjllEjNDR6cHUxVmF1ci9DZz09	646-558-8656
SPECIAL EVENTS	Monday	7-31-2023	7:00 PM	834 2923 8954 (Zoom)	797795	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429238954?pwd=c2l2N05jbGFGMFPxQTl5TTdjU0FMUT09	646-558-8656

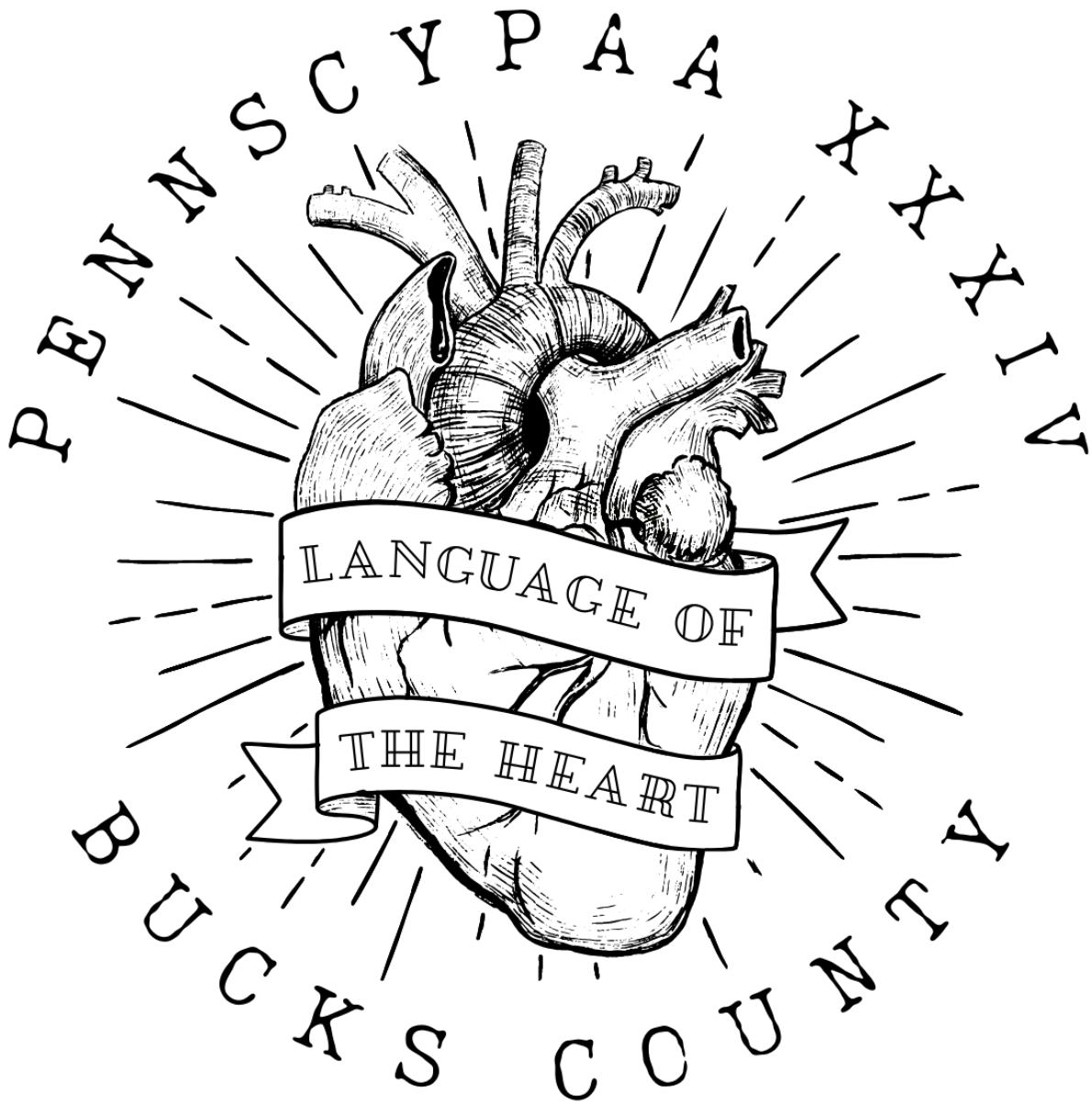
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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 November 1, 2022 through June 29, 2023

	Nov 1, '22 - Jun 29...	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Interest Income	568.81	1,226.00	-657.19	46.4%
Service Fee (events)	-15.30	0.00	-15.30	100.0%
Venmo	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
AT00001 · Shipping income	-30.69	0.00	-30.69	100.0%
Breakfasts/Dinner Dance/Comedy	0.00	10,875.00	-10,875.00	0.0%
RU Income	81,230.59	76,266.66	4,963.93	106.5%
Contributions	154,391.02	151,087.83	3,303.19	102.2%
Literature	80,281.79	66,402.17	13,879.62	120.9%
Miscellaneous Income	13.61	1,593.33	-1,579.72	0.9%
Total Income	316,439.83	307,450.99	8,988.84	102.9%
Cost of Goods Sold				
Special Events costs	58,955.97	52,785.50	6,170.47	111.7%
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	73,186.21	59,917.30	13,268.91	122.1%
Purchase Discounts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total COGS	132,142.18	112,702.80	19,439.38	117.2%
Gross Profit	184,297.65	194,748.19	-10,450.54	94.6%
Expense				
Stripe Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
69800 · Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Dinner Dance/Comedy Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Share-A-Day	1,236.08	2,000.00	-763.92	61.8%
Comittees & Zones	19,442.42	23,990.15	-4,547.73	81.0%
Deposit to Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
New Penn Driver Tip	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Notary Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Travel & Training	646.29	2,000.00	-1,353.71	32.3%
Miscellaneous	-630.33	0.00	-630.33	100.0%
Office Expenses	53,800.89	65,134.06	-11,333.17	82.6%
Salary and Benefits	97,359.30	111,166.86	-13,807.56	87.6%
Total Expense	171,854.65	204,291.07	-32,436.42	84.1%
Net Ordinary Income	12,443.00	-9,542.88	21,985.88	-130.4%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Other Income - PY Adjs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Sales Tax Discount	9.12	0.00	9.12	100.0%
Total Other Income	9.12	0.00	9.12	100.0%
Other Expense				
PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	9.12	0.00	9.12	100.0%
Net Income	12,452.12	-9,542.88	21,995.00	-130.5%

SEPIA
Balance Sheet
As of June 29, 2023

	Jun 29, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Frankln Mint	244,439.77
Petty Cash	315.00
PNC-General Checking	35,028.28
PNC-Money Market	40,000.00
PPayPal	5,376.34
Total Checking/Savings	325,159.39
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	-84.66
Total Accounts Receivable	-84.66
Other Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable Offset	13.38
Prepaid Insurance	373.90
12100 · Inventory Asset	62,516.24
12000 · Undeposited Funds	1,098.21
Total Other Current Assets	64,001.73
Total Current Assets	389,076.46
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	-11,065.87
Computer Upgrades - 2012	11,065.87
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	-15,505.00
Office Equipment	15,505.00
Total Fixed Assets	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	389,076.46
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	472.22
Total Accounts Payable	472.22
Other Current Liabilities	
25500 · Sales Tax Payable	-830.38
Total Other Current Liabilities	-830.38
Total Current Liabilities	-358.16
Total Liabilities	-358.16
Equity	
30000 · Opening Bal Equity	795.75
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	376,648.50
Net Income	11,990.37
Total Equity	389,434.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	389,076.46

The Pennsylvania State Conference of
Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous



July 14-16, 2023
Langhorne, PA
buckypaa.org

Cooperation with The Professional Community

Hybrid Workshop Jul 3, 2023@ 7PM



Former Class A Trustee Nancy McCarthy shares her experience as it pertains to the CPC followed by an open discussion. Attend in-person at the SEPIA Office:

1903 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19148 - 2nd floor

Or join on zoom:

Meeting ID: 869 6733 4672

Password: SEPIA1903



Join us for this one hour workshop
for AA members discussing matters
of anonymity in the digital age, at,
and below, the level of public media.

Two speakers + Q&A

Saturday July 8 2023
10AM - 11AM (ET)

Zoom Meeting ID: **813 4597 9939**
Passcode: **087859**

"I deeply believe that the
principle of anonymity must
remain our primary and
enduring safeguard."

- Bill W.

Welcome
to
The Saturday Morning Group's 49th



Anniversary Celebration
AA, Ala-non & Ala-teen Speakers
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM - 12Noon

Where: Connelly House 1212 Ludlow St., Phila., PA 19107

Face to Face & Zoom 821-9399-0282 Pw: 813636

Dial in 929-205-6099, 821-9399-0282

Pw: 813-636

Friends, Fun & Fellowship



Vernon Park Group

Celebrating 40 Years of Service

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

4:00PM - 6:00PM

MORRIS ESTATE CULTURAL CENTER

1610 W. CHELTEN AVE, PHILA 19126

FOOD, SPEAKER, COUNTDOWN, FELLOWSHIP



ALL ARE WELCOME!

THE ONLY REQUIREMENT
GROUP

11TH ANNIVERSARY
MEETING

SATURDAY AUGUST
19TH

POTLUCK AT 5PM

MEETING AT 6:30PM

KENNETT FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

125 W. SICKLE ST.

KENNETT SQUARE, PA

Nominating Committee looking for Steering Committee Members

The nominating committee will soon be in session. We are looking for active and service-oriented AA members who are willing to be members of the SEPIA Steering Committee for the next two years beginning November 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2024. The positions that we are looking for are:

- Vice Chairperson
- Assistant Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer
- Assistant Director of CPC
- Assistant Director of Interphones
- Assistant Director of Prisons
- Assistant Director of Public Information
- Assistant Director of Unity
- Assistant Director of Treatment Facilities
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These positions involve attending a minimum of three meetings a month:

- The Steering Committee meeting which is held on the Wednesday after the first Monday of every month,
- A zone meeting in one of the five counties which is held on the Second Monday of every month at five different locations and
- Attend the monthly meeting of your committee – as well as
- Attend and support the Special Events committee and its yearly events of the Share-A-Day (usually a Sunday in February), the annual Round Up (usually a weekend in April in Cape May) and the breakfasts or dinner dances (held in the spring and fall each year).

If you or someone you know, would like to serve on one of these committees, please feel free to send an email indicating your interest along with your phone number and email address and send to manager@aasepia.org and someone will contact you. We must have all nominations to us no later than August 9th, 2023. Slate will be voted on at the last August nominating committee meeting to be presented to the fellowship at the September Intergroup Rep Zone meetings.

2023 Nominations for the Nov 2023/Oct 2024 Steering Committee

Position Desired (Please check):

- () Vice Chairperson ----- () Assistant Secretary
- () Assistant Treasurer ----- () Assistant Director of CPC
- () Assistant Director of Interphones----- () Assistant Director of Prisons
- () Assistant Director of Public Information ----- () Assistant Director of Unity
- () Assistant Director of Treatment Facilities

Candidate Full Name: _____

Sobriety Date: _____ Home Group: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email Address: _____

Service Positions held previously:

Why would you like to serve on the SEPIA Steering Committee?

