



# Interviews August 2023



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### A MEMBER SHARES...

### Encounters With Step Eight

The first time I read this step, I said to myself, “What an order!” I thought there was no hope for me. How could I possibly repair the damage I had done to my family and friends, or to the other people, places and things, too numerous to mention. Just saying I was sorry would not cut it. But after looking at Step Eight for the umpteenth time, I thought, “Maybe I can do this after all.”



Before, I had thought that I was the one who had been harmed when I was drinking, never considering it was I who was doing the harming. As a result, I did not care what happened to the people in my life and I would run roughshod over anybody who got in my way when I was trying to get what I wanted. This attitude had a tendency to put me in places where I should not be, doing things I should not do, and with people I did not really know. I would wake up in the mornings wondering “What did I do this time?” One morning I woke up with big bruises on both of my arms. Later I found out that I got them when I had attempted to walk through a glass door and had to be restrained.

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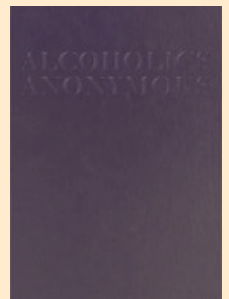


### Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

A.A. World Services is delighted to announce that a new “soft

touch velvet” cover treatment is now being used on our softcover Big Books. This cover treatment makes use of the one of the most commonly used cover finishes available—that will eliminate the need for the special order of high-cost materials, which also have come to be accompanied by long lead times resulting in backorders.

Often used on classic editions, the “soft touch velvet” finish is well known among readers everywhere for its high-quality look and feel—and its durability. Copies of our softcovers with this new cover treatment will be in circulation beginning this month!



## Why Service?

What's in it for me? ~ I'm selfish and self-centered.  
(You will GROW.)  
How much time is involved?  
(That depends.)  
I don't know how to do this!  
(You will LEARN.)  
I don't know anyone!  
(You will meet them.)  
What if I make a mistake?  
(You can't break A.A.!)



## NOMINATIONS FOR SEPIA'S STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE 2023-2024 TERM ARE NOW BEING SOUGHT

### HELP WANTED

#### Does this sound like you?

Looking to step up your level of recovery? Need to do more service? Bored with the home group service? Southeastern PA Intergroup Association (SEPIA) is looking for serious responsible, service-oriented individuals to step up in service for the coming change of the guard at SEPIA. In October, we will be having elections for the upcoming Steering Committee for the year 2023-2024. There are quite a few openings for Assistants to the Directors. The Committees are many. A new Vice Chair is needed and Assistants are needed for the Treasurer, Secretary, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Interphones, Prisons, Treatment, & Unity,

#### Your Intergroup needs your help!!

For more information feel free to call the office for more information, or go to the SEPIA website [asepia.org/news/nomination/](http://asepia.org/news/nomination/) and that will take you to the job descriptions and nomination forms. Nominate yourself or someone you think would be a great candidate.

*Deadline for nominations is August 11, 2022*

It's not what I **know** in recovery that keeps me sober.  
It's what I **do** that keeps me sober.

**I am Responsible . . .**

**When anyone, anywhere  
reaches out for help**

**I want the hand of AA to be there,**

**And for that,**

**. . . I Am Responsible**

AA is no success story in the ordinary sense of the word. It is a story of suffering transmuted, under grace, into spiritual progress.

Bill W.

## A MEMBER SHARES...

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This is the kind of person I was, the kind of person I am when I drink alcohol in any form. I marvel to this day that I am still in one piece when I think of all the insane things I did. My ego would justify these things by telling me “You are not such a bad guy. There are people who do things that are a lot worse.”

The fact that I am not six feet under tells me that my Higher Power has some use for me. The newcomer needs me to set an example of where to go next on his or her journey of recovery, and to do that I cannot have my past cluttering up my present. I have turned the energy I devoted to drinking into discovering what people I had hurt during my drinking and becoming willing to make amends to them.



Today I work Step Eight on a daily basis in my personal life by minding my tongue and thinking before I open my big mouth to say something hurtful out of anger at a situation or a person. That way, I won't have any emotional damage to me or the other person that I would have to go back and repair. I will continue to make mistakes, though, and realize I will have to make amends. I can do Step Eight with a right heart, a clean spirit and proper motives.

I do this to continue to grow in my recovery and look in the mirror and not cringe at what I see. I continue my journey with my home group, my sponsor, and all the gifts I have been given by my Higher Power.

—Greg M., Hopkins, MN. Thanks to MIRUS, the newsletter of the Minnesota Intergroup of A.A.

### Step Eight

**Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.**

**An apology is quite different from an amends.** One dictionary defines an apology as: “an admission of error or discourtesy accompanied by an expression of regret,” and it defines amends as: “reparation or compensation for a loss, damage, or injury of any kind.” I offer you an apology when I accidentally step on your toe. I offer you an amends when I have caused you hurt or harm in some way. (More on this will be discussed in Step 9.)

On page 77 of the Twelve & Twelve it states, “Steps Eight and Nine are concerned with personal relations. First, we take a look backward and try to discover where we have been at fault; next we make a vigorous attempt to repair the damage we have done; and third, having thus cleaned away the debris of the past, we consider how, with our newfound knowledge of ourselves, we may develop the best possible relations with every human being we know.”

### The One Thing I Need To Know About Step 8: An apology is NOT the same thing as an amends

As we continue this journey of being of maximum usefulness, when preparing to make our amends it is helpful to remember to not minimize our faults and failures by focusing on the faults of others, and to realize that we hurt others as well as ourselves with our drinking. In looking beyond our obvious defects and in doing a thorough examination of our flaws, we must avoid judgments of others. It's OUR inventory that uncovered harm done – not theirs.



—Breakdown provided by Takethe12.org

## Concept VIII (Long Form)

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

Trustee Oversight Has Two Primary Parts

1. They plan, manage and execute large matters of overall policy and finance, and...

2. They oversee both of our corporations: A.A. World Services, Inc. (which includes the General Service Office) & A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

Trustees have the responsibility of ensuring good conduct of all our world service affairs. Their attitude is one of custodial oversight instead of executive order. They are guarantors of good management as opposed to micro-managers. The in's and out's of day-to-day operations are not for them. They leave that up to those they elect to run the organization. Their broad brush strokes strategically guide the entities they oversee.

—Breakdown provided by *Takethe12.org*.



## **TRADITION EIGHT (Long Form)**

**Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. 12th-Step work is never to be paid for.**

The Eighth Tradition makes it clear that A.A. may employ professional secretaries and other professional staff members. Their job is not to DO Twelve-Step work; but to make Twelve Step work possible. "Our Twelfth Step is never paid for, but those who labor in service for us are worthy of their hire." (Twelve & Twelve, Page 171)

We must always remember that we cannot do the work of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic if we don't have people in our various service centers assisting us in the logistics of US carrying out our primary purpose. We see that our few paid workers are performing only those service tasks that our volunteers cannot consistently handle. Primarily these folks are not doing Twelfth Step work. They are just making more and better Twelfth Step work possible.

—Breakdown provided by *Takethe12.org*.



**Co-founder Bill W. wrote that carrying the message “is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence.”**

***How are you carrying the message?***

**Intergroup meetings are being held online and/or in-person in August, 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, AUGUST 14 AT 7:00 PM**

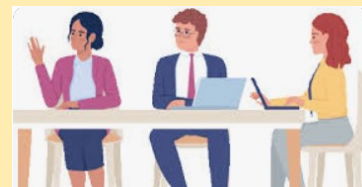
**Bucks County Zone** meets in person:  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
877 Street Road (at Churchville Road)  
Southampton 18966

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

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

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

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



**WHAT IS AN IGR?** The Intergroup Representative (IGR) is your home group’s voice for making sure that Intergroup Office continues to function and to carry out our primary purpose. An IGR serves as a liaison between the groups, its members, and our Intergroup Office.

**Serving as an IGR offers you a rewarding opportunity to share in Alcoholics Anonymous’ Third Legacy—Service.** The purpose of the IGR is to be a link in the chain connecting the individual member of an A.A. group to those who are elected and hired to maintain the operation of Intergroup Office. This allows the intergroup to better service its members. An Intergroup office provides vital local services and Twelfth-Step opportunities. It functions independently and handles local A.A. services. Most groups elect an IGR and an Alternate IGR who usually serve a two-year term. It is suggested that representatives have a year or more of continuous sobriety. Each group gets one vote, regardless of the numbers of IGR’s in attendance.

**Does your home group have an IGR?** There is a monthly Intergroup business meeting held the second Monday of each month at 7 pm at the five different zones. For more information or to get your group connected to all of the A.A. business, events, and conversations happening throughout our five-county area, call or email: **SEPIA (Southeastern PA Intergroup Assoc): 215-923-7900 or [manager@aasepia.org](mailto:manager@aasepia.org).**

## MEETING CHANGES

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

**Until It's Over (Online) needs support:** Open Step Meeting Sundays at **7:30 am** via Zoom: ID 817 9517 1078 (no passcode required).

**Germantown Agape (Online) needs support:** Rotating Format Wednesdays at **7:30 pm** via Zoom ID 872 6242 5438 (no passcode required): Step/Big Book/*A.A. Comes of Age*/Tradition/*AA Comes of Age*. Note: Almost finished reading *A.A. Comes of Age*. Next up: *Dr Bob and the Good Old-Timers*.

## EVENTS WITHIN THE FIVE-COUNTY AREA

**Saturday, August 19-District 30 Summer Picnic—11:30 am -2:00 pm.** St Peter's Catholic Church, 2835 Manor Road Coatesville 19320. BBQ, speakers, music, and more! All are Welcome! Rain or Shine.

**Saturday, September 16—Unity Five-Zone Fun Shop (workshop) 12 Noon –4:00 pm.** Good Samaritan Church 212 W. Lancaster Ave (Ashton Room North) Paoli, PA 19301.

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

**Sunday, October 1—SEPIA GRATITUDE BREAKFAST** Cannstatter Volksfest, 1930 Academy Rd, Philadelphia, 19114. \$30. **9 am—12 pm**. Tickets will be available via the website at [www.aasepia.org](http://www.aasepia.org) or by calling 215-923-7900.

## OUT OF AREA EVENTS

**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](http://www.nai-aa.com). All are welcome!

**Friday thru Sunday September 1-3: CONVENCION HISPANA DE AA** de Estates 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>.

## AREA 59 EVENTS

**BRIDGING THE GAP MONTHLY FORUM--**Connecting A.A. members inside our area's institutions with the 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](mailto: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/>.

# August Literature Spotlight



## F-6—Your A.A. General Service Office

Learn about how G.S.O. began and what today's G.S.O. does for alcoholics all over the globe. **FREE!**

## P-19—G.S.R. General Service Representative

What it means to be a G.S.R., and what to do if you are elected to represent your home group in this position. \$

**HAPPY 85th  
Anniversary, GSO!**

## What is G.S.O.?

The General Service Office (G.S.O.) serves as a hub of communication for A.A. groups in the U.S. and Canada, and as an exchange point for A.A. experience accumulated over the years. GSO staff coordinate a wide array of activities and services. Also located at GSO is Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., which oversees the publication, translation and distribution of A.A. literature worldwide.



# THIS MONTH IN A.A. HISTORY

\*\*\* AUGUST \*\*\*

August 1934—Ebby T., Bill W.'s boyhood friend & sponsor, sobered up in the Oxford Group for two years.

**August 1938—1st meeting of the Alcoholic Foundation (which later became GSO)\*.**

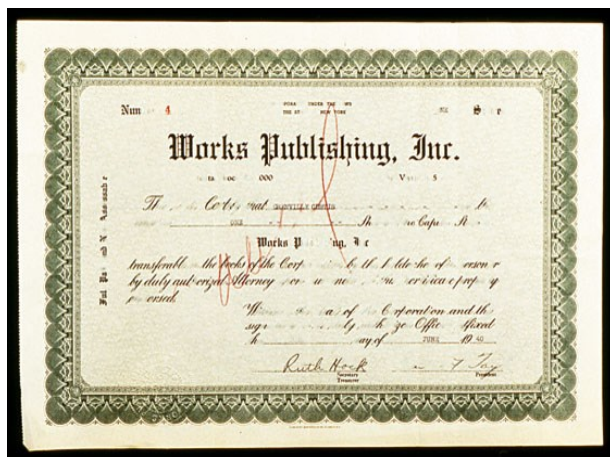
August 1949—International Doctors in A.A. was founded in the garage of Dr. Clarence P. in Clayton, New York, with ten doctors (including 3 Canadians & a psychologist) in attendance.

August 1981—Sales of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, then in the Third Edition, passed three million.

August 3, 1954—An A.A. member named Brinkley S. got sober for good at Towns Hospital after his 50th detox, proving that no one's situation is hopeless.

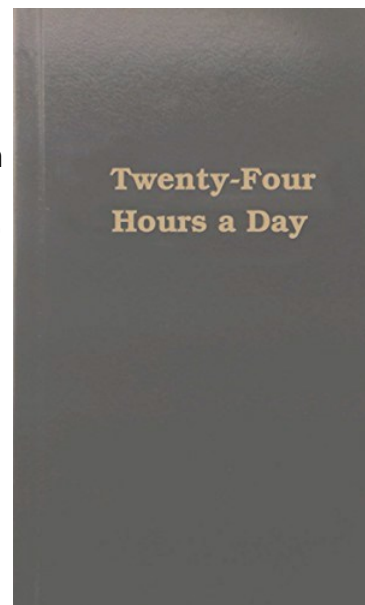
August 11, 1938—Members of the first two A.A. groups in Akron, Ohio and New York, New York begin writing out their personal stories for the first edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

August 16, 1939—Dr. Bob and Sister Ignatia officially admit the first alcoholic to St Thomas Hospital in Akron, Ohio. (Prior to this, the hospital had refused to treat them.) The pair will go on to treat more than 5,000 drunks over the next ten years.



August 26, 1941—Bill lets Dr. Bob know that Works Publishing has been incorporated in order to finance the writing and publication of the Big Book. Shares in the upcoming book sold for \$25, or \$569 today!

August 28, 1954—*24 Hours a Day* is published by Richmond W. It contains daily thoughts, meditations, and prayers for living a clean and sober life. (Available from Hazelden publications.)



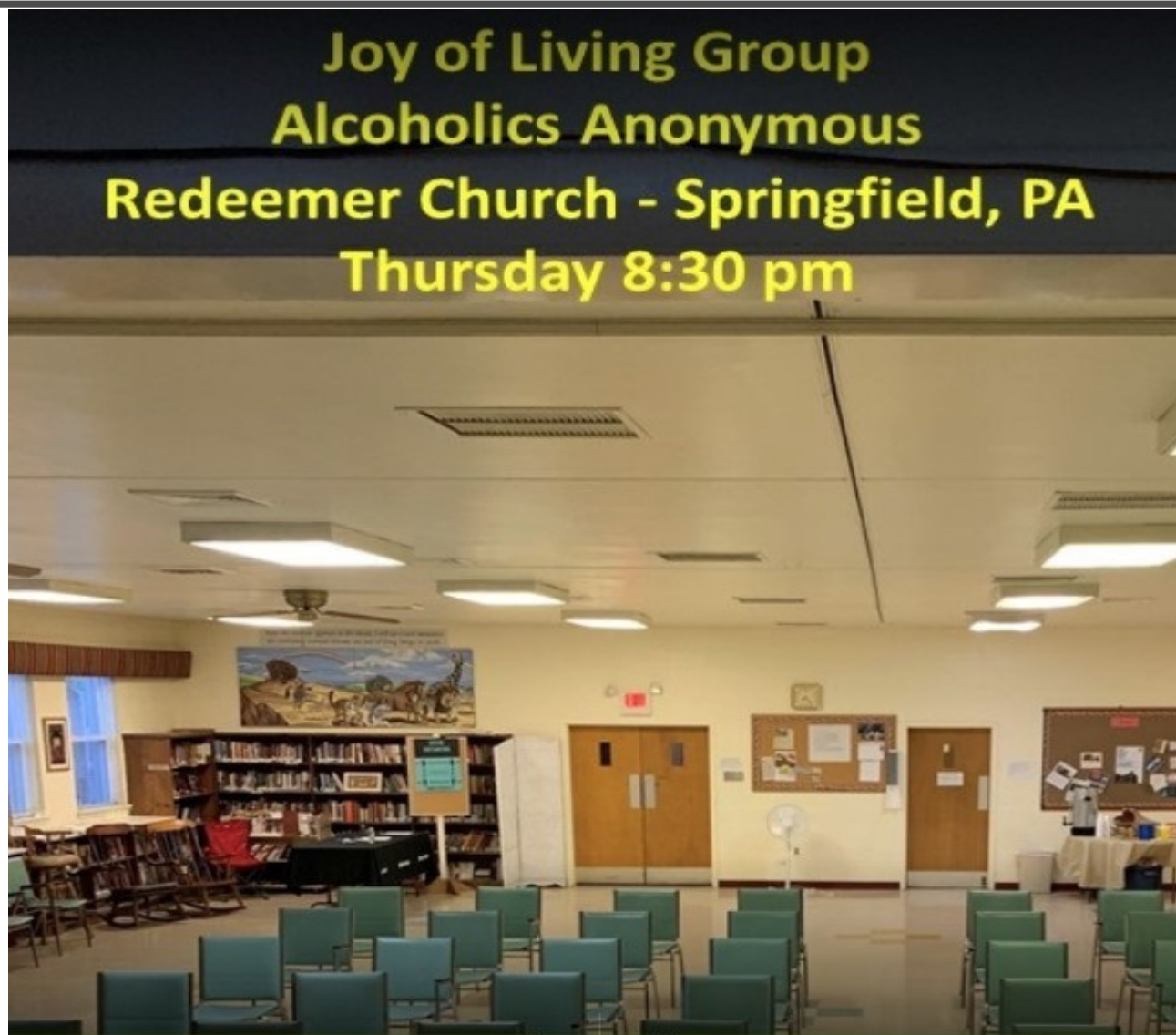
**\*See "Literature Spotlight" for more information on GSO and the GSR role, p. 7.**



The Janes Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 47 E. Haines Street Philadelphia 19144 (Germantown area) has space available for A.A. and/or Al-anon and Alateen meetings. If your group is looking to move, or you are looking to start a new meeting, contact Pastor Stacy Jones-Anderson at [revsja2016@gmail.com](mailto:revsja2016@gmail.com) or at (215) 844-9564.



## Show Us Your Meeting Room!



Send pictures of your meeting room (no people in the photos, please!) to: [manager@aasepia.org](mailto: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.



# AAGRAPEVINE


The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

We'd love to see your most striking photographs (higher 300 dpi) that reflect the joy of living, serenity and other sobriety themes. For more details visit: [www.aagrapevine.org/photocontest](http://www.aagrapevine.org/photocontest)



**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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Interested in buying AA Literature? Visit [SEPIA's Online Store](#). Feel free to call the office if you need assistance: **215-923-7900**

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 all interested A.A. Members!

## Get involved and make a difference!



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

<p><b>Archives</b></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 – August 8 at 7 pm</p> <p>Saturday – August 19 at 9 am for Preservation Work</p>
<p><b>Cooperation With The Professional Community (CPC)</b></p> <p>Helps police, medical, and other professionals understand what A.A. is and how it can help their clients.</p>	<p>Monday – August 7 at 7 pm</p>
<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>Makes recommendations to the Steering Committee and SEPIA office how best to spend Seventh Tradition donations.</p>	<p>Thursday – August 17 at 7 pm</p>
<p><b>Interphones and Helping Unite the Sick, Shut-in, Hospitalized and Homebound (HUSHH) (Meets even months only)</b></p> <p>Interphones ensures that A.A. is always there by taking calls when the office is closed. HUSHH takes meetings to those unable to attend them.</p>	<p>Wednesday – August 30 at 7 pm</p> <p>(Meets last Wednesday of even months at 7 pm)</p>
<p><b>Prisons and Temporary Contact</b></p> <p>Members take A.A. meetings behind the walls to inmates. Temporary Contact introduces new A.A.'s coming out of prison to our program and escorts them to meetings.</p>	<p>Thursday – August 3 6 pm</p>
<p><b>Public Information (PI)</b></p> <p>Conveys information about A.A. to the general public through flyers, mailings, radio spots, health fairs, etc.</p>	<p>Wednesday – August 16 7 pm</p>
<p><b>Special Events</b></p> <p>Plans the annual spring Round-Up, the Share-A-Day event, Breakfasts and more.</p>	<p>Monday – August 28 7 pm</p>
<p><b>Treatment Facilities (TF) and Bridging the Gap</b></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 – August 21 7 pm</p>
<p><b>Unity</b></p> <p>Provides information about service opportunities outside the homegroup to groups when invited; plans summer picnic and fall workshop.</p>	<p>Tuesday – August 15 7 pm</p>
<p><b>Web/Tech Ad Hoc Committee</b></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 – August 9 5:30 pm</p>

# Your 2022-2023 Steering Committee Contact List

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## 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	8-7-2023	7:00 PM	869 6733 4672 (Zoom)	SEPIA1903	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967334672?pwd=ZkwvOHYvZ3M3a2NoaHMrsGNGK1duZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967334672?pwd=ZkwvOHYvZ3M3a2NoaHMrsGNGK1duZz09</a>	646-558-8656
WEB/TECH COMMITTEE (Hybrid)	Wednesday	8-9-2023	5:30 PM	215 1234 215	580960	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84021793007?pwd=SGdERXBndTlzVkhpTitEVzRqVEVrdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84021793007?pwd=SGdERXBndTlzVkhpTitEVzRqVEVrdz09</a>	646-558-8656
PRISON COMMITTEE (Hybrid)	Thursday	8-3-2023	6:00 PM	897 4545 6774 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745456774?pwd=MEVuVzRiRiR1SmxLMIF3a2FLa3VuUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745456774?pwd=MEVuVzRiRiR1SmxLMIF3a2FLa3VuUT09</a>	646-558-8656
BUCKS COUNTY ZONE	Monday	8-14-2023	7:00 PM	In Person		<b>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 877 Street Rd (&amp; Churchville/Knowles), Southampton 18966</b>	
CHESTER COUNTY ZONE	Monday	8-14-2023	7:00 PM	892 2781 6366 (Zoom)	266565	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89227816366?pwd=SzBhR0pZUJjVekIzT21HZDRKRkhnZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89227816366?pwd=SzBhR0pZUJjVekIzT21HZDRKRkhnZz09</a>	646-558-8656
DELAWARE COUNTY	Monday	8-14-2023	7:00 PM	In Person		<b>Hmb Ukranian Church, 900 Fairview Rd, Swarthmore, 19081</b>	
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	Monday	8-14-2023	7:00 PM	In Person		<b>Sanctuary United Methodist Church, 1346 East Prospect Ave, North Wales 19454</b>	
PHILADELPHIA ZONE	Monday	8-14-2023	7:00 PM	In Person		<b>Philadelphia Kroc Center Salvation Army 4200 Wissahickon Ave Philadelphia 19129</b>	
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE (Hybrid)	Tuesday	8-8-2023	7:00 PM	832 4414 8913 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83244148913?pwd=b2JqbmlzQ0dBOVJURjILMDNRYy9lQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83244148913?pwd=b2JqbmlzQ0dBOVJURjILMDNRYy9lQT09</a>	646-558-8656
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE	Saturday	8-19-2023	9:00am	In Person		<b>SEPIA Office 1903 South Broad Street 2nd Floor Philadelphia 19148</b>	
INTERPHONES	Wednesday	8-30-2023	7:00 PM	822 1987 3872 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82219873872?pwd=UG5VR0lvMHJTRXAvUm5OQXE4Q0tNQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82219873872?pwd=UG5VR0lvMHJTRXAvUm5OQXE4Q0tNQT09</a>	646-558-8656
PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)	Wednesday	8-16-2023	7:00 PM	882 5844 9206 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206?pwd=cWIPd2ZSUllvWHcvbndyeXA4SFAwUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206?pwd=cWIPd2ZSUllvWHcvbndyeXA4SFAwUT09</a>	646-558-8656
TREATMENT FACILITIES (Hybrid)	Monday	8-21-2023	7:00 PM	881 4239 6509 (Zoom)	805478	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88142396509?pwd=ZU00WmFMWnRiSWt5VXJUU3NBdExtZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88142396509?pwd=ZU00WmFMWnRiSWt5VXJUU3NBdExtZz09</a>	646-558-8656
UNITY COMMITTEE	Tuesday	8-15-2023	7:00 PM	896 4619 2235 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89646192235?pwd=VTRHdXRnNjNKZmxHZXJPeTltaGZNUU09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89646192235?pwd=VTRHdXRnNjNKZmxHZXJPeTltaGZNUU09</a>	646-558-8656
FINANCE	Thursday	8-17-2023	7:00 PM	842 4075 5543 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84240755543?pwd=ejJlZEFMTjllEjNDR6cHUxVmF1ci9DZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84240755543?pwd=ejJlZEFMTjllEjNDR6cHUxVmF1ci9DZz09</a>	646-558-8656
SPECIAL EVENTS	Monday	8-28-2023	7:00 PM	834 2923 8954 (Zoom)	797795	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429238954?pwd=c2l2N05jbGFGMFpXQTl5TTdjU0FMUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429238954?pwd=c2l2N05jbGFGMFpXQTl5TTdjU0FMUT09</a>	646-558-8656

# August 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
		1	2	3 Temporary Contact & Prison Committee 6 PM	4 SEPIA Noon Meeting 12 PM	5
6	7 CPC Committee 7 PM	8 Archives Committee 7 PM	9 Website Tech 5:30 PM Steering 7 PM (closed)	10	11 SEPIA Noon Meeting 12 PM	12
13	14 All Five County Zone Meetings 7 PM (see bottom for locations)	15 Unity Committee 7 PM	16 PI Committee 7 PM	17 Finance Committee 7 PM	18 SEPIA Noon Meeting 12 PM	19 Archives Preservation 9 AM
20	21 Treatment & Bridging The Gap Committee 7 PM	22	23	24	25 SEPIA Noon Meeting 12 PM	26
27	28 Special Events Committee 7 PM	29	30 Interphones & HUSSH Committees 7 PM	31		

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

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## SEPIA Group Donations for Prior Month

June through July 2023

Date	Name	Balance	Date	Name	Balance
06/28/2023	Good A.A.	150.00	07/10/2023	Friday Night Steppin Out	200.00
07/13/2023	307 Big Book Study	150.00	07/24/2023	Gerald S	10.00
06/12/2023	562 Group	979.79	07/28/2023	Glenside Luncheon	200.00
07/11/2023	562 Group	25.00	07/28/2023	Gloria C	50.00
07/11/2023	8 O'clock at Wayne	500.00	06/05/2023	God As I Understand Him	500.00
07/18/2023	8 O'clock at Wayne	850.00	07/18/2023	GOYA	150.00
07/10/2023	Alive & Kicking	157.50	07/30/2023	H.O.W. Group	500.00
06/28/2023	Ambler Group	150.00	07/10/2023	Hair of the Dog-Online	942.49
07/18/2023	Anna S	90.00	06/30/2023	Harleysville Happy Hour	250.00
07/14/2023	Barbara Y	45.00	07/10/2023	Hartsville Courtyard Group	1,000.00
06/05/2023	Bernie's Big Book	150.00	07/26/2023	Hatboro Big Book	100.00
06/05/2023	Bill's Wisdom	60.00	06/12/2023	HOD club	500.00
06/09/2023	Black Horse Group	100.00	07/11/2023	Honey Brook BB	200.00
06/16/2023	Bonnie B	117.00	06/30/2023	Hope Group Bucks	75.00
06/08/2023	Book Um	150.00	07/12/2023	It's The Frist Step	100.00
06/28/2023	Broad Highway	75.00	06/05/2023	It Works It Really Does	250.00
06/02/2023	Brookhaven	350.00	07/10/2023	It Works It Really Does	250.00
06/12/2023	Butterfly	313.20	07/19/2023	Jared S	100.02
07/26/2023	Charles D	30.00	06/03/2023	Jennifer S	30.00
06/02/2023	Charles E	43.00	07/09/2023	Jennifer S	30.00
06/23/2023	Chestnut Hill Local	231.00	06/12/2023	Jillee R	50.00
07/10/2023	Christina R	175.00	07/01/2023	Jon H	25.00
07/28/2023	Clarissa K	50.00	07/31/2023	Kate T	25.00
07/09/2023	Colleen M	25.00	06/12/2023	Katherine P	150.00
06/12/2023	Collegeville Limerick	172.00	06/02/2023	Keep It Simple	25.00
06/09/2023	Conscious Contact	12.00	07/11/2023	Keep It Simple	25.00
06/08/2023	Daily Progress	300.00	06/12/2023	Langhorne Action	204.25
06/23/2023	Daily Reflections	20.00	07/26/2023	Langhorne Action	200.00
07/19/2023	Day By Day	40.00	06/12/2023	Langhorne Sunrisers	112.00
06/21/2023	Devon Sat Morning	350.48	07/26/2023	Language of the Heart / Doylestown	67.50
07/02/2023	Downingtown BBSS	207.91	06/30/2023	Last Stop	25.00
07/10/2023	Doylestown Monday Noon	234.45	07/13/2023	Lee W	50.00
07/10/2023	East Falls Big Book	747.58	06/09/2023	Living Sober Bucks County	200.00
07/28/2023	Every Night is Friday Night	50.00	07/12/2023	Lost & Found-Thorndale	150.00
06/05/2023	Fairview Village Big Book	35.00	07/18/2023	Lucas M	1.00
06/23/2023	Feasterville Group	193.00	07/25/2023	Malvern Center	20.00
07/26/2023	Follow the Path	100.00	07/13/2023	Malvern Center Wake Up	413.00
06/12/2023	Ford Currie	101.50	06/29/2023	Malvern Men's	100.00
06/12/2023	Fox Chase	80.00	06/05/2023	Manoa Group	50.00
06/28/2023	Franklintown	200.00	06/13/2023	Manoa Group	100.00
07/30/2023	Franklintown	200.00	06/12/2023	Mary D	100.00
06/16/2023	Friday Night Early Birds	200.00	06/23/2023	Mary W	100.00
06/09/2023	Friday Night Fortunates	75.00	06/12/2023	Megan T	375.21

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June through July 2023

Date	Name	Balance	Date	Name	Balance
06/12/2023	Michael Padover	145.00	07/18/2023	Secane Group	124.00
06/12/2023	Mid Day Miracles-V	177.99	06/30/2023	Sober at Six	250.00
07/11/2023	Mid Day Miracles-V	168.98	06/08/2023	Sobriety at Seven	350.00
07/25/2023	Mid Week Serenity	240.00	06/10/2023	Solution Seekers	237.09
06/12/2023	Mike White	250.00	07/13/2023	Spiritual Kindergarten	100.00
06/12/2023	Miranda J	291.00	06/16/2023	Step Forward Group	251.00
06/01/2023	Monday Night Beginners	225.00	06/05/2023	Steps to Freedom	245.00
06/12/2023	Monday night lgbt	502.10	06/06/2023	Sunday Night Men's	300.00
06/14/2023	Morning Miracles	269.50	06/09/2023	Sunday Women's	150.00
06/12/2023	Morrell Park Miracles	200.00	07/19/2023	Teresa M	25.00
06/08/2023	Morton Group	150.00	07/11/2023	This is Not a Dress Rehearsal	166.00
07/10/2023	Narberth Middy	1,400.00	07/26/2023	Thomas B	20.00
06/21/2023	Never Give Up	200.00	06/12/2023	Thomas C	150.00
07/10/2023	New Life - Sellerville	195.00	07/18/2023	Thomas C	344.00
07/19/2023	New Life Group	50.00	06/12/2023	Thomas Sunday	30.00
06/12/2023	Newtown Gratitude	310.00	07/28/2023	Timothy Mc	5.00
06/28/2023	Now Group	254.00	07/25/2023	Tina Saunders	25.00
06/28/2023	Now Group	166.00	07/10/2023	Top of the Hill	380.39
06/29/2023	Oakmont	50.00	06/20/2023	Twelve Rewards	150.00
07/10/2023	On Awakening	650.00	06/02/2023	Understanding Fellowship	500.00
06/05/2023	One Day At A Time (Westchester)	50.00	06/12/2023	Vlad Storchevoy	250.00
06/30/2023	Oreland Beginners	240.00	06/16/2023	WAAL	250.00
06/29/2023	Parkside	67.00	07/13/2023	Warrington Monday Night	200.00
07/10/2023	Penndel Serenity	160.00	06/23/2023	We Are Not Saints	600.00
07/12/2023	Philadelphia Zone	187.00	07/06/2023	Wednesday Winners	150.00
07/25/2023	Philip N	33.00	06/30/2023	Wednesday Women Beginners	100.00
06/05/2023	Pottstown Group	100.00	07/10/2023	West Oak Lane	642.00
06/21/2023	Pottstown Group	100.00	06/12/2023	Westtown Zoom	300.00
07/12/2023	Primary Purpose Yardley	400.00	07/10/2023	Wister Group	100.00
07/14/2023	Queer & Trans	150.99	06/12/2023	Women in Friendship	321.60
06/29/2023	Radnor Sunday Night Step	350.00	07/18/2023	Women In Recovery Doylestown	100.00
06/05/2023	Red Fox Sunday Night	105.00	06/02/2023	Women in Sobriety	124.83
06/05/2023	Renew U	200.00	07/26/2023	Women of Grace	230.00
07/14/2023	Ricardo B	10.00	07/26/2023	Yardley Men's Step	216.00
06/02/2023	Riverside Group	200.00	07/18/2023	Yardley Noon Step	180.00
07/11/2023	Riverside Group	400.00	06/22/2023	Yeadon Monday Night	200.00
07/10/2023	Rolling Hills Sobriety	350.00	07/09/2023	Young Men's Northeast	100.00
07/10/2023	Royersford Big Book Step Study	125.00	07/09/2023	Young Men's Northeast	25.00
06/05/2023	Sanctuary Group	114.00			
06/12/2023	Sandra R	25.00			
06/12/2023	Sara F	25.00			
06/02/2023	Saturday Morning Group	60.00			
06/23/2023	Saturday Step	50.00			
			<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>30,218.17</b>



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**SEPIA**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2023

	<u>Jun 30, 23</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Frankln Mint	244,519.99
Petty Cash	315.00
PNC-General Checking	32,140.19
PNC-Money Market	39,999.67
PPayPal	797.89
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>317,772.74</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	279.94
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>279.94</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Accounts Receivable Offset	13.38
Prepaid Insurance	373.90
12100 · Inventory Asset	63,000.95
12000 · Undeposited Funds	173.50
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>63,561.73</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>381,614.41</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Accumulated Depreciation	-11,065.87
Computer Upgrades - 2012	11,065.87
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Accumulated Depreciation	-15,505.00
Office Equipment	15,505.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>0.00</u>
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>381,614.41</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	-1,452.56
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<u>-1,452.56</u>

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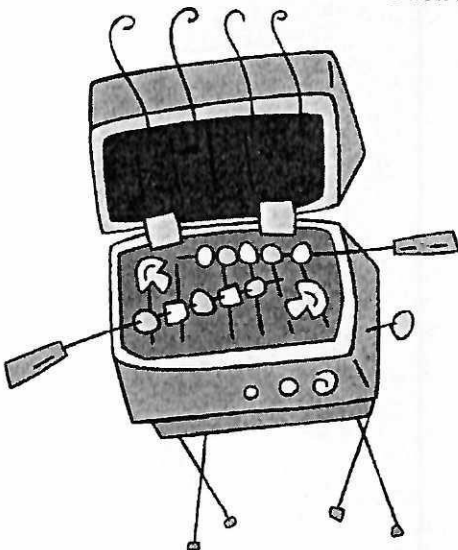
	<u>Jun 30, 23</u>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
25500 · Sales Tax Payable	-22.77
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	-22.77
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	-1,475.33
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	-1,475.33
<b>Equity</b>	
30000 · Opening Bal Equity	795.75
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	376,648.50
Net Income	5,645.49
<b>Total Equity</b>	383,089.74
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>381,614.41</b>

# District 30 Summer Picnic

*All Are Welcome*

*Saturday, August 19, 2023  
11:30am - 2:00pm*

*Fellowship, speakers, Music & food  
Barbecue grill & warming oven on site  
Hamburgers & Hotdogs provided  
\*\*Bring a dish to share!\*\**



St. Peter's Catholic Church  
2835 Manor Road  
Coatesville, PA 19320  
(Community Room & Outside)

Rain or Shine



*You are cordially invited to the Annual*

# *Old Timers Panel*

*of the*

## **WEST OAK LANE GROUP OF A.A.**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM**

**Reformation Lutheran Church  
1215 E Vernon Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19150**

**Or**

**Join via Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 683 571 0660 – No password required**

*All are welcome!*

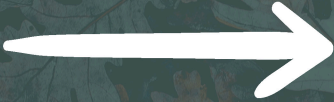
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# SHARE-A-DAY

OCTOBER 7, 2023 | 3-6 PM

THE 307 CLUB | 704 W NIELDS STREET  
WEST CHESTER, PA 19382

FEATURING



ALL ARE WELCOME!

FOOD AND  
FELLOWSHIP!

**Y P A A**  
**COMMITTEES**

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**YOUNG PEOPLE  
IN ALCOHOLICS  
ANONYMOUS**

**SPANISH-  
SPEAKING  
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**DISTRICT 68**

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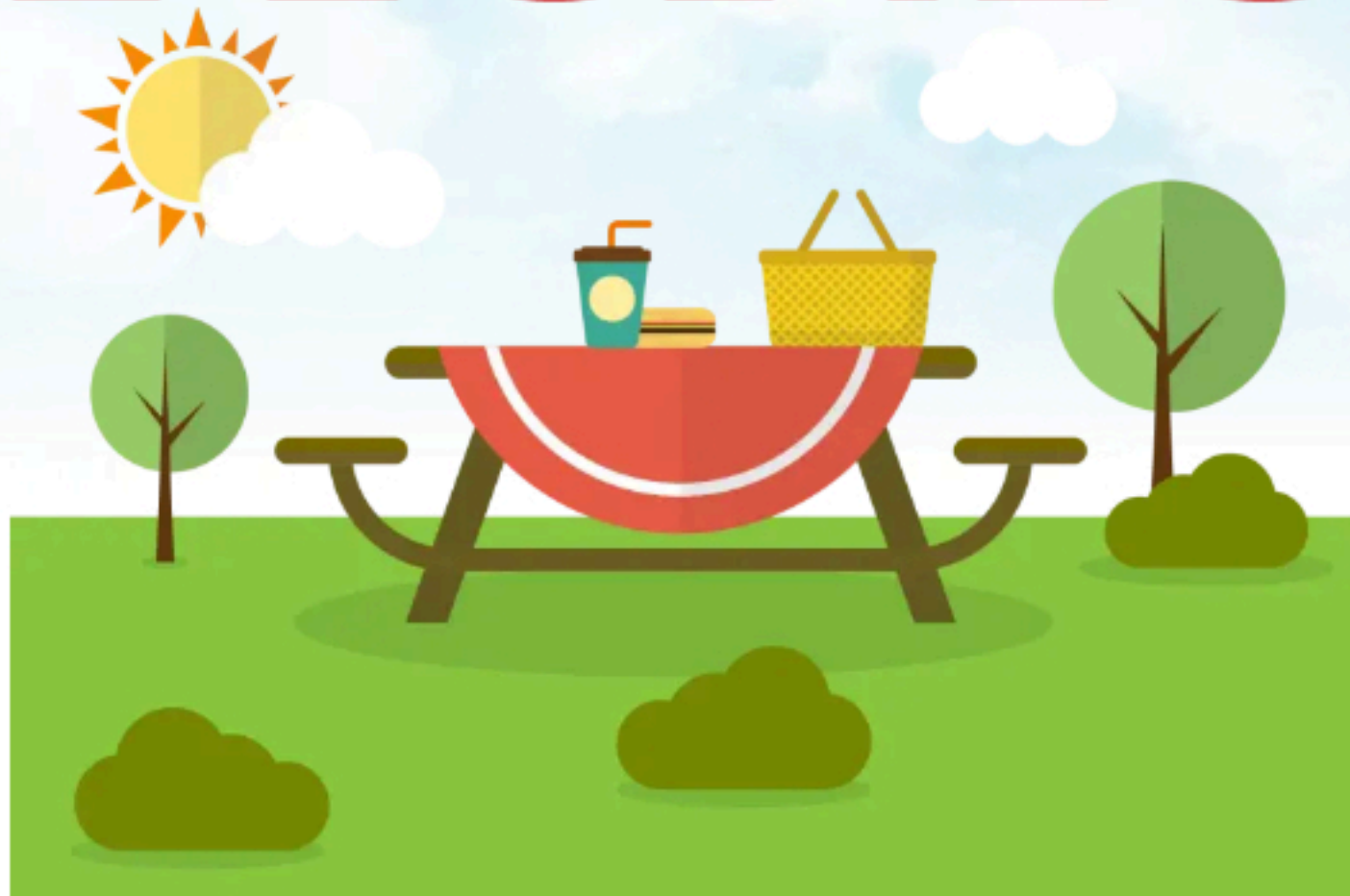
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EASTERN  
PENNSYLVANIA**

**WELCOMING  
YOUNG PEOPLE**  
**HAVING FUN &  
GETTING INVOLVED**

For more information contact:  
[Officer-at-Large@Area59aa.org](mailto:Officer-at-Large@Area59aa.org)

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# PICNIC



Food ☉ Fun ☉ Fellowship



**9** SEPT.  
@ 11AM

Please bring a dish to share!

**Ridley Creek St. Park**

Pavilion 11-A

# Unity Day Five Zone Fun-Shop (AKA Workshop)

**Date:** Saturday, September 16 2023

**Time :** 12:00 noon – 4:00 PM

**Location:** Good Samaritan Church  
212 W Lancaster Avenue  
(Ashton Room North)  
Paoli, PA 19301

**For more info contact:**

Tiara T – [unitydirector@aasepia.org](mailto:unitydirector@aasepia.org)

Mike Q – [unityasstdirector@aasepia.org](mailto:unityasstdirector@aasepia.org)

•FOOD

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•GAMES

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PRIZES

## SEPIA SERVICE COMMITTEES:

- Archives
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
- Finance
- Interphones
  - HUSSHH
- Prisons
  - Temporary Contact
  - Pen Pal
- Public Information (PI)
- Special Events
- Treatment Facilities (TF)
  - Bridging the Gap
- Unity
- Steering

BUCKS, CHESTER, DELAWARE,  
MONTGOMERY, AND PHILADELPHIA



**SEPIA**  
South Eastern Pennsylvania Intergroup  
Association of Alcoholics Anonymous

**14th ANNUAL**

# Gratitude Breakfast

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023**  
**9 AM - 12 PM**

**The Canstatter V.V.**

9130 Academy Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19114

**\$30 per ticket**



To purchase tickets: **scan qr code** or  
**go to [store.aasepia.org](https://store.aasepia.org)** to order online  
or **call 215-923-7900**

**50/50!**  
**Speaker!**  
**Great Food!**  
**Raffle Baskets!**  
**Sobriety Countdown!**

