



Interviews September 2023



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A MEMBER SHARES...

It Was a Miracle

I think I was predestined to become an alcoholic. I say this in hindsight. Here is why.

The first time I got sick drinking I was five or six. The men were drinking beer and playing cards at the dining room table. As they deposited the bottles into the case I picked them up and drained them. Somebody put a cigarette butt in one. Oh yeah, I downed it. I got very sick. It didn't stop me from drinking and smoking.

The first resentment I had about being cut off from a drink was in 7th grade. Grandad was giving us full glasses of homemade wine with a little 7-Up. I couldn't have a second one because one of the cousins got drunk on the first! I was not happy.

In 8th grade I went out with the guys, four or five of us, with a gallon of wine. I couldn't understand how the others were getting drunk. I wasn't. In high school Freshman year I began drinking every Friday and Saturday. I was drinking almost every day by the time I graduated. I had a lot of blackouts. I thought everyone did. Most of my friends got hangovers. I did not.

In college mini-fridge held about 16 quarts of beer and that would hold me until Friday afternoon. I would drink and pass out two or three times on Fridays and Saturdays. I became associated with many of the antics at the school—even some I had nothing to do with. I wasn't allowed to return the second semester.

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The SEPIA office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, September 5th at 10:00 am.

If you need immediate help, call the 24-hour hotline at 215-923-7900 to speak to a sober volunteer.



2023 - 2024 ELECTIONS

Calling all Intergroup Reps (IGRs), Alternate Intergroup Reps, and Nominees for the Steering Committee:

Mark your calendars for Monday, October 9th at 7:00 PM.

SEPIA will be holding a vote for the new Steering Committee 2022-2033.

Candidates must be present at a Zone meeting to be voted in.

All IGRs should attend, or have your Alternates attend in your place.

Each group gets one vote.

Questions? Contact chair@aasepia.org, vicechair@aasepia.org or the SEPIA office at 215-923-7900.

Concept VIII (Long Form)

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In other words: We lead to serve rather than leading to govern.

As we study the Concepts, the ninth change that is taking place in us is that we understand we must become selfless leaders.

What are the changes that need to take place in our lives in the Ninth Concept in order to serve as good leaders? We need to surrender old ideas about leadership and be willing to put aside any personal ambitions, feuds, and controversies that prevent us from offering effective leadership.

We need to become a spiritual example, someone who can personally put principles, plans, and policies into such dedicated and effective action that others want to back us up and help us with our job.

—Breakdown provided by Takethe12.org.



CONCEPTS CHECKLIST

1. Do we discuss how we can best strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants?
2. Do we recognize the need for group officers? What is our criteria for election?
3. Do we sometimes give a position to someone "because it would be good for them"?
4. Do I set a positive leadership example?

—Service Material from the General Service Office (SMF-91)

A MEMBER SHARES...

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So I started Junior College. I was living at home. I began closing bars, and going to all-night bars before I was even of legal age to drink. It wasn't uncommon for me to miss a class or work because I was still passed out. That night I would be fit enough to do it again

I started trying to manage my drinking in my twenties. No hard liquor, only wine after work, trying different brands. I left school and went to work in the family business. This was great for me. I could drink during the day, shower, then go out after work and drink some more. I was having fun. I met my first wife then. She had concerns about my drinking. I adjusted it and hid it. I must have done a good job because we were married in '73. I was back to myself in short order. Th drinking progressed. I had more and longer blackouts. In one blackout I fired my entire company, over twenty people. I found out the next day when nobody showed up for work! I stayed successful in my business, however, because I was buffered behind some really good employees. In fact, my business flourished. So did my drinking.

All this "greatness" lead me to continually think about ending it all. The thought was there to just vanish to skid row and drink cheap wine. I wondered how long I could last with a set amount of money. But I had no thought about stopping my drinking.

My last drunk lasted about nine months as best as I can piece tougher. I was in a blackout for most of it. I can remember bits and pieces during that time without much continuity. There were car wrecks, arguments, fights, sordid events, all of it. Wanting to die daily, only to wake up the next day wondering what happened, and disappointed to be waking up. The last day I drank was on a Sunday. I left for a pack of cigarettes around noon. Don't know what time I returned. The house was dark and all were asleep. The next morning found me remorseful and confused. What was I to do? Who could help me? I had no idea! But I told my wife not to worry.

She glared at me with fire in her eyes. "What are you going to do?"

Instantly I replied, "I am going to call A.A."

She became silent as did I. Where in the world did that come from? Later in the day, I called A.A. I knew they had meetings about not drinking. A member named "Drill Sergeant" Harry called me back. I argued with him about picking me up because I didn't want to drive—I was afraid my truck might automatically pull into one of the many bars *en route*. Harry gave me the address to someone's home. I showed up! I understand now that an "Act of Providence" was already working in my life. I got socially active with the clubhouse in our area. I sat on my hands for months and watched others go back to drinking and never have the ability to return. With quiet desperation I kept going to meetings. I wondered when it would be my turn.

I really worked Step Three when I went on a retreat. I was there to complete Step Four and I could not list anything of value. I turned it over and asked Him for help. Oh, did I write! My sponsor was to hear my Fifth Step there. He did not show. I did my Fifth with another member of my Thursday night group. I fired my sponsor and chose another. The man I chose to be my sponsor lived the Big Book. I am grateful to him and the old-timers! My sponsor took me through the rest of the Steps. He did much more than that, too. The list that I created earlier has had all amends completed except for a few life-long that will be in process until I pass. When I do recognize those I tend to them as soon as possible. Continued reflection on my life has helped me to grow. I can look around today, at the past, and where I intend to go in the future.

I feel the great testimony to any of our lives is not in what we do. It is in who we become and who we help because of who we are today. May the Spirit of the Universe guide and protect you from the very moment you believe you can use the help of Alcoholics Anonymous. That's what happened to me. —Pez



Step Nine

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible except when to do so would injure them or others.

Step Nine is about taking action and making amends through first identifying hurt or harm caused and then finding out how we can make it right to those we've have harmed with our drinking and our thinking.

Remember: It's not about saying "I'm sorry."

This step will provide us with peace of mind, relief, and liberation from the chains of regret. *"The readiness to take the full consequences of our past acts, and to take responsibility for the well-being of others at the same time, is the very spirit of Step Nine."* (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions., p. 87).

That said, it also says on the top of page 77 in the Big Book that **the "real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us."**

The choice is ours... Do we want more of what brought us to A.A.? *"We were having trouble with personal relationships, we couldn't control our emotional natures, we were a prey to misery and depression, we couldn't make a living, we had a feeling of uselessness, we were full of fear, we were unhappy, we couldn't seem to be of real help to other people..."* (Big Book, p.52). **OR** do we want freedom from the bondage of the flaws in our character that caused our failures in the first place?

—Breakdown provided by Takethe12.org



TRADITION NINE (Long Form)

Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

**Overriding Idea of T9:
Organization and Service Aren't Mutually Exclusive**

In the beginning, our founders really felt like we didn't need much organization and structure in the Fellowship, and then they went and created a bunch of it.

One of the best examples of this is if you reach out to the General Service Office (GSO) for their ideas on a specific issue that your group, District or Area may be having, you can be relatively sure that the response will start off with something like, "That's a great question. Our shared experience in A.A. is...." Then they will offer suggestions of solutions from those that have gone before us to help you with your concern. They cannot tell us what to do, but they can help us.

The organization of our Fellowship is crucial to our being able to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, but that structure is not there to govern, but to serve.

—Breakdown provided by Takethe12.org

Intergroup meetings are being held online and/or in-person in September, 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, SEPTEMBER 11 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



AREA 59 EVENTS

ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK-September 9, Districts 29/54/55 11AM at Ridley Creek State Park
Glen Mills/Media 19073 Pavilion 11-A

PICNIC EXTRAVAGANZA-DISTRICT 51-September 9-Core Creek Park , 901 Bridgetown Pike
Langhorne, Pavilion 4, 19047

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.

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

ESPGA Needs Volunteers! Can you volunteer an hour of your time on Friday or Saturday to help out? See attached flyer!! Email:alt-delegate@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/>.

MEETING CHANGES

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

Old School Speakers is re-opening and moving to a new day on Thursday, September 7th! St Michael Lutheran Church 109 E Doe Run Road, Kennett Square 19348 Thursdays **6:30 pm**. Speaker meeting for those who have a problem with alcohol only

EVENTS WITHIN THE FIVE-COUNTY AREA

Saturday, September 9—District 51 Lower Bucks County Presents: Picnic Extravaganza 12 pm to 4 pm Open Speaker Meeting 2:30 pm Core Creek Park Pavilion 4 901 Bridgetown Pike Langhorne 19047

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.

Friday-Sunday September 29th to October 1st—BUCKYPAA V Presents No Middle of the Road Solution Fellowship for an entire weekend in the wilderness! Meditations, meetings and more! Lake Towhee Park 808 Old Bethlehem Road Quakertown PA 18951. See buckypaa.org for more details and registration info.

Wednesday, September 27—West Oak Lane Presents: An Old-Timers Panel 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm Reformation Lutheran Church 1215 E Vernon Road Philadelphia 19150 or via Zoom: ID 683 571 0660.

Saturday October 7—YPAA Committees, District 58 (Spanish-Speaking Groups) & Area 59 presents SHARE-A-DAY: Welcoming Young People in A.A. Have fun and get involved! **3 pm to 6 pm** The 307 Club 704 W Niels Street West Chester 19382. Contact Officer-at-Large@Area59aaorg for more info.

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.

Saturday October 28th—District 38 and 5th Chapter Group Present: Service Isn't Scary! An educational opportunity to learn about the "inverted triangle" of A.A. and how you can be a part **10 am to 3 pm** **St Titus R.C. Church 3006 Keenwood Road East Norriton 19403.** Light breakfast & lunch, door prizes, & prizes for best costumed attendee.

OUT OF AREA EVENTS

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>.

September Literature Spotlight



MAKING AMENDS
Finding a new freedom

Making Amends: Finding A New Freedom

Making Amends features 55 candid, firsthand stories from the *AA Grapevine* magazine of members' experiences with Step Nine. It includes chapters on making amends to parents, children, family members, exes, financial institutions, friends, and coworkers. These compelling stories illustrate how practicing this step can help us, as co-founder Bill W. wrote: "Know a new freedom and a new happiness."

Sample chapters:

- *Offering Our Amends to the Children We Love*
- *Exes: Finally Divorced from the Pain*
- *Where the Guilt Runs Deep, So Can the Peace*
- *Active Alcoholism and Money: An Amends Waiting to Happen*

GV-36 \$11.50



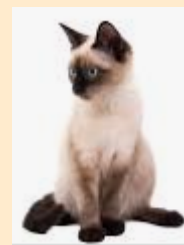
FORMING TRUE PARTNERSHIPS
How AA members use the program to improve relationships

Forming True Partnerships: How AA members use the program to improve relationships.

This collection of Grapevine stories show the many ways members use the Twelve Steps, sponsorship, and the tools of the program to improve and repair relationships, old and new. When we were drinking, many of us had, as the Step Four chapter in the 12 & 12 put it, "a total inability to form a true partnership with another human being." With candid and colorful stories on families, friendships, marriage, divorce, dating, romance, coworkers, sponsorship and even pets, this book covers a wide range of experience from sober alcoholics on how we form true partnerships with others.

Includes: *A Canine Step Nine* and *Ala-cat*, stories of making amends to pets!

GV-34 \$11.50



Step Nine Prayer: God, with regard to this amend, please remove my fear and give me strength, courage, and direction to do the right thing, no matter what the personal consequence may be. —Alcoholics Anonymous p.79 (paraphrased)

THIS MONTH IN A.A. HISTORY

*** SEPTEMBER ***

- September 13, 1937—Florence R., the first female member of A.A. in New York, get sober. *Read more about her below.*
- September 17, 1954—Bill D. (a.k.a “A.A. #3”), who was the first person to successfully get sober after hearing the message carried by Bill W. and Dr. Bob, dies in Akron, Ohio. He had 19 years of continuous sobriety.
- September 21, 1938—Bill W. & Hank P. form Works Publishing Company in order to raise money to finance writing and printing the Big Book.
- September 24, 1940—Bill W. twelve-steps Bobbie B., the “forgotten fantastic communicator”, who would replace Ruth Hock as National Secretary of A.A. HQ. (Later A.A. World Services).
- September 28, 2001—The Ground Zero Group, which formed across the street from the fallen towers of the World Trade Center, opened to firefighters, police, steelworkers, medics, and others clearing the debris from the site. The room was open around the clock, and many of its visitors were from out of town. It closed its doors at the end of November, 2001.
- Unknown date in September, 1930: Bill W. wrote his fourth (and last) promise in his family Bible to quit drinking. He would proceed to drink for four more years until his fateful trip to Towns Hospital in December, 1934 where he would have a spiritual awakening and finally stay sober.



Female Pioneers of A.A.

Florence R. was the first woman to get sober in A.A. Her journey started in March of 1937 when Lois W., wife of Bill W., came to visit her at the hospital at the request of a mutual friend. Lois told her about A.A., which was less than two years old at the time. At the time, alcoholism was thought as something that only affected men, and as bad the stigma against male alcoholics was in the 30's, it was even worse for women. Admitting that she had a problem with alcohol could ruin a woman's reputation for life. It must have taken great courage—or great desperation—for Florence to walk into that first meeting where the only other women around were the wives of alcoholics.

At first Florence experienced several “slips”, as they called them then, but was sober over a year when she wrote her story for the first edition of the Big Book: *A Feminine Victory*. She prayed for the inspiration to tell her story in such a manner that would give other women courage to seek the help that she had been given. Florence's membership in A.A. was the reason the suggested title *100 Men* for the Big Book, which was published in 1939, was rejected. She moved to Washington, D.C. and helped start A.A. there. She married an alcoholic who unfortunately did not get sober. Eventually, Florence started drinking again as well, and disappeared from history. Despite her relapse and eventual death from alcoholism, Florence's early presence in A.A. helped pave the way for the many women that followed.

In *A Feminine Victory*, Florence wrote: *Coming to the grim fact of alcoholism, I wish I could present the awful reality of its insidiousness in such a way that no one could ever again fail to recognize the comfortable, easy steps that lead down to the edge of the precipice, and show how those steps suddenly disappeared when the great gulf yawned before me. I couldn't possibly turn and get back to solid earth again that way.*

—Florence R., *A Feminine Victory, Experience, Strength & Hope*, p.17.

Show Us Your Meeting Room!



VERNON PARK

Morris Estate Rec Center
1610 W. Cheltenham Avenue
Philadelphia 19126

Weekdays (Mon-Fri)
4 pm



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.



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**



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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- Search Tips

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 September 2023 are
in-person and/or online depending on the group conscience of the committee.**

<p>Archives 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 – September 12 at 7 pm Saturday – September 16 at 9 am for Preservation Work</p>
<p>Cooperation With The Professional Community (CPC) Helps police, medical, and other professionals understand what A.A. is and how it can help their clients.</p>	<p>Monday – September 4 at 7 pm</p>
<p>Finance Makes recommendations to the Steering Committee and SEPIA office how best to spend Seventh Tradition donations.</p>	<p>Thursday – September 21 at 7 pm</p>
<p>Interphones and Helping Unite the Sick, Shut-in, Hospitalized and Homebound (HUSSHH) (Meets even months only) 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>Wednesday – October 25 at 7 pm (Meets last Wednesday of even months at 7 pm)</p>
<p>Prisons and Temporary Contact 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 – September 7 7 pm (note new time!)</p>
<p>Public Information (PI) Conveys information about A.A. to the general public through flyers, mailings, radio spots, health fairs, etc.</p>	<p>Wednesday – September 20 7 pm</p>
<p>Special Events Plans the annual spring Round-Up, the Share-A-Day event, Breakfasts and more.</p>	<p>Monday – September 25 7 pm</p>
<p>Treatment Facilities (TF) and Bridging the Gap 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 – September 18 7 pm</p>
<p>Unity Provides information about service opportunities outside the homegroup to groups when invited; plans summer picnic and fall workshop.</p>	<p>Tuesday – September 19 7 pm</p>
<p>Web/Tech Ad Hoc Committee 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 – September 6 5:30 pm</p>

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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	9-4-2023	7:00 PM	869 6733 4672 (Zoom)	SEPIA1903	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967334672?pwd=ZkwvOHYvZ3M3a2NoaHMrsGNGK1duZz09	646-558-8656
WEB/TECH COMMITTEE (Hybrid)	Wednesday	9-6-2023	5:30 PM	215 1234 215	580960	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84021793007?pwd=SGdERXBndTlzVkhpTitEVzRqVEVrdz09	646-558-8656
PRISON COMMITTEE (Hybrid)	Thursday	9-7-2023	7:00 PM	897 4545 6774 (Zoom)	SEPIA	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745456774?pwd=MEVuvZrIRIR1SmxLMIF3a2FLa3VuUT09	646-558-8656
BUCKS COUNTY ZONE	Monday	9-11-2023	7:00 PM	In Person		Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 877 Street Rd (& Churchville/Knowles), Southampton 18966	
CHESTER COUNTY ZONE	Monday	9-11-2023	7:00 PM	892 2781 6366 (Zoom)	266565	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89227816366?pwd=SzBhR0pZUJjVekIzT21HZDRKRkhnZz09	646-558-8656
DELAWARE COUNTY	Monday	9-11-2023	7:00 PM	In Person		Hmb Ukranian Church, 900 Fairview Rd, Swarthmore, 19081	
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	Monday	9-11-2023	7:00 PM	In Person		Sanctuary United Methodist Church, 1346 East Prospect Ave, North Wales 19454	
PHILADELPHIA ZONE	Monday	9-11-2023	7:00 PM	In Person		Philadelphia Kroc Center Salvation Army 4200 Wissahickon Ave Philadelphia 19129	
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE (Hybrid)	Tuesday	9-12-2023	7:00 PM	832 4414 8913 (Zoom)	SEPIA	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83244148913?pwd=b2JqbmlzQ0dBOVJURjILMDNRYy9lQT09	646-558-8656
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE	Saturday	9-16-2023	9:00am	In Person		SEPIA Office 1903 South Broad Street 2nd Floor Philadelphia 19148	
INTERPHONES	Wednesday	10-27-2023	7:00 PM	822 1987 3872 (Zoom)	SEPIA	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82219873872?pwd=UG5VR0lvMHJTRXAvUm5OQXE4Q0tNQT09	646-558-8656
PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)	Wednesday	9-20-2023	7:00 PM	882 5844 9206 (Zoom)	SEPIA	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206?pwd=cWIPd2ZSUllvWHcvbndyeXA4SFAwUT09	646-558-8656
TREATMENT FACILITIES (Hybrid)	Monday	9-18-2023	7:00 PM	881 4239 6509 (Zoom)	805478	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88142396509?pwd=ZU00WmFMWnRiSWt5VXJUU3NBdExtZz09	646-558-8656
UNITY COMMITTEE	Tuesday	9-19-2023	7:00 PM	896 4619 2235 (Zoom)	SEPIA	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89646192235?pwd=VTRHdXRnNjNKZmxHZXJPeTltaGZNUt09	646-558-8656
FINANCE	Thursday	9-21-2023	7:00 PM	842 4075 5543 (Zoom)	SEPIA	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84240755543?pwd=ejJlZEFMTjllEjNDR6cHUxVmF1ci9DZz09	646-558-8656
SPECIAL EVENTS	Monday	9-25-2023	7:00 PM	834 2923 8954 (Zoom)	797795	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429238954?pwd=c2l2N05jbGFGMFPxQTl5TTdjU0FMUT09	646-558-8656

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

Bucks County: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 877 Street Rd (& Churchville/Knowles), Southampton, PA 19454

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 19454

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

SEPIA
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2023

	Jul 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Interest Income	412.27	0.00	412.27	100.0%
Breakfasts/Dinner Dance/Comedy				
Breakfast-Philadelphia County				
Tickets	840.00			
Total Breakfast-Philadelphia County	840.00			
Total Breakfasts/Dinner Dance/Comedy	840.00	0.00	840.00	100.0%
RU Income				
RU Tees	-16.00	250.00	-266.00	-6.4%
RU Hoodies	-30.00	250.00	-280.00	-12.0%
RU Donation	153.00	0.00	153.00	100.0%
Total RU Income	107.00	500.00	-393.00	21.4%
Contributions				
Merchant fees - indiv contr	-17.91			
Merchant fees - group contr	-57.26			
Group Contributions	14,558.79	17,100.00	-2,541.21	85.1%
Individual Contributions	1,128.02	1,665.00	-536.98	67.7%
Other Contributions	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
Total Contributions	15,611.64	18,965.00	-3,353.36	82.3%
Literature				
Service fees	-1.00			
Shipping charged to customers	399.58			
Literature - Other	6,527.61	8,335.00	-1,807.39	78.3%
Total Literature	6,926.19	8,335.00	-1,408.81	83.1%
Miscellaneous Income				
Other Revenue	243.00			
Miscellaneous Income - Other	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
Total Miscellaneous Income	243.00	200.00	43.00	121.5%
Total Income	24,140.10	28,000.00	-3,859.90	86.2%
Cost of Goods Sold				
Special Events costs				
Merchant Services Fees	3.76	15.00	-11.24	25.1%
Total Special Events costs	3.76	15.00	-11.24	25.1%
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold				
Discounts & Allowances	0.00	230.00	-230.00	0.0%
Inventory Adjustment	-100.00	0.00	-100.00	100.0%
Literature Expenses				
Merchant fees	98.48	250.00	-151.52	39.4%
AAWS and GPV	-551.68	0.00	-551.68	100.0%
Postage for Literature	652.39	375.00	277.39	174.0%
Total Literature Expenses	199.19	625.00	-425.81	31.9%
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	4,434.98	6,666.00	-2,231.02	66.5%
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	4,534.17	7,521.00	-2,986.83	60.3%
Total COGS	4,537.93	7,536.00	-2,998.07	60.2%
Gross Profit	19,602.17	20,464.00	-861.83	95.8%

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2023

	Jul 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Expense				
Comittees & Zones				
Bucks County Zone	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Chester County Zone	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Montgomery County Zone	0.00	167.50	-167.50	0.0%
Philadelphia County Zone	330.00	366.66	-36.66	90.0%
Archives Committee	212.29	104.17	108.12	203.8%
Cooperation with Professionals	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.0%
Interphones Committee	329.85	450.00	-120.15	73.3%
Prisons Committee	0.00	800.00	-800.00	0.0%
Public Information Committee	1,841.22	150.00	1,691.22	1,227.5%
Treatment Facilities Committee	0.00	312.50	-312.50	0.0%
Total Comittees & Zones	2,713.36	2,525.83	187.53	107.4%
Travel & Training				
NAAAW Archives	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Total Travel & Training	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Office Expenses				
Office Improvements	143.09			
Office Manager Cell Phone	0.00	73.00	-73.00	0.0%
Cleaning	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%
Computer Consultant	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
Copier Lease Service Supplies	703.61	763.00	-59.39	92.2%
CPA/Professional Services	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Office Rent	2,500.00	2,562.50	-62.50	97.6%
Office Supplies	557.40	540.00	17.40	103.2%
Parking & Transportation	143.00	225.00	-82.00	63.6%
PayPal Fee	0.00	280.00	-280.00	0.0%
66000 - Payroll Service Fee	130.00	65.00	65.00	200.0%
Telephone/Internet	205.17	225.00	-19.83	91.2%
Web Hosting/Storage	23.33	55.00	-31.67	42.4%
Total Office Expenses	4,705.60	6,338.50	-1,632.90	74.2%
Salary and Benefits				
Compensation	7,111.72	12,123.00	-5,011.28	58.7%
Employee Benefits	704.85	800.00	-95.15	88.1%
Employer Taxes	2,509.86	1,031.00	1,478.86	243.4%
Total Salary and Benefits	10,326.43	13,954.00	-3,627.57	74.0%
Total Expense	17,745.39	23,818.33	-6,072.94	74.5%
Net Ordinary Income	1,856.78	-3,354.33	5,211.11	-55.4%
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SEPIA
Group Donations for Prior Month
August 1 - 23, 2023

Date	Name	Amount
08/08/2023	707 Literature	750.00
08/15/2023	8744 United We Stand	60.00
08/21/2023	A New Dawn	300.00
08/07/2023	A New Freedom	437.76
08/08/2023	Anonymous	5.00
08/03/2023	Carl L	0.25
08/14/2023	Carter L	2.00
08/07/2023	Conscious Contact	100.00
08/18/2023	Daylesford	150.00
08/07/2023	Diane M	30.00
08/07/2023	Eye Openers	825.00
08/21/2023	Feelings	250.00
08/15/2023	First Call Group	300.00
08/15/2023	Foglifters	400.00
08/04/2023	Frederick W	1.00
08/12/2023	Frederick W	1.00
08/17/2023	Hair of the Dog	500.00
08/15/2023	Highland Park Sunday Morning	100.00
08/07/2023	It Works It Really Does	250.00
08/11/2023	Jean T	5.00
08/11/2023	John J	50.00
08/15/2023	Keep It Simple	50.00
08/15/2023	Key of Willingness	50.00
08/15/2023	Key of Willingness	10.00
08/15/2023	Key of Willingness	10.00
08/21/2023	King of Prussia-1	500.00
08/02/2023	Langhome Sunrisers	129.50
08/21/2023	Langhome Sunrisers	160.00
08/17/2023	Life Line	178.45
08/02/2023	Manor of Living	50.00
08/13/2023	Martha P	10.00
08/15/2023	Matthew O	60.00
08/12/2023	Media First Things First	210.60
08/21/2023	Mid Day Miracles-V	351.48
08/02/2023	Miracle	20.00
08/07/2023	Monday's Message	500.00
08/15/2023	Mumbaeuersville Big Book	100.00
08/03/2023	N.O.W. (No Other Way)	77.00
08/02/2023	New Beginnings-1	10.00
08/02/2023	Newtown Group	880.00
08/03/2023	Pass It On	180.00
08/07/2023	Pass It On Speakers Group	125.00
08/15/2023	Pottstown Group	100.00
08/02/2023	Richard M	29.00
08/07/2023	Robert S	20.00
08/07/2023	Safe Harbor	250.00
08/03/2023	Set Aside	100.00
08/18/2023	Sober at 6	800.00
08/18/2023	Sobriety at Seven	500.00
08/08/2023	South Broad Street	400.00
08/17/2023	Step Up Group	50.00
08/08/2023	Sunday Night Media Men	90.00
08/07/2023	Swarthmore Big Book	100.00
08/02/2023	Swarthmore Group	125.00
08/17/2023	Teresa K	200.00
08/10/2023	Thomas F	25.00
08/02/2023	Top of the Hill	384.39
08/21/2023	Weekenders	400.00
08/21/2023	Women's Honesty	273.75
08/15/2023	Women's Steps For Change	150.00
08/21/2023	Wrightstown High Steppers	325.00
08/08/2023	Yardley Early Birds	1,500.00
TOTAL		14,001.18

CHESTER COUNTY COMMITTEE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Positions Needed

- Chair / Co-Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Outreach
- Service
- Events
- Fellowship
- District / Zone Leaders
- Members - At - Large

ELECTION CONVENTION

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 17TH - 2023

10AM ON ZOOM

MEETING ID - 824 3170 8670

PASSCODE - 043348



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Annual Camping Trips
2023

September 29th-October 1st

Food included

Fellowship for an entire weekend in the wilderness!
Meditations, Meetings and MORE!

Weekend Pass

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Day Pass

\$25/person

Price increases September 24th-30th

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Lake Towhee Park
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DISTRICT 27 PRESENTS

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A BARBECUE CELEBRATING FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

SUN 17 SEPT

11AM - 3PM

Join us for a potluck style barbecue with a panel discussion of how how a General Service Representative connects the group and AA as a whole.

FDR Park

1500 Pattison Avenue, Philadelphia

Picnic Site B





You are cordially invited to the Annual

Old Timers Panel

of the

WEST OAK LANE GROUP OF A.A.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 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

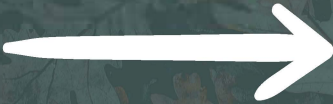
All are welcome!

SHARE-A-DAY

OCTOBER 7, 2023 | 3-6 PM

THE 307 CLUB | 704 W NIELDS STREET
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For more information contact:
Officer-at-Large@Area59aa.org



Volunteers are needed at EPGSA

We need your help to make this year's Eastern PA General Service Assembly a fun and rewarding time for all. Give us an hour of your time as a greeter, registration aid or hospitality helper. Be a vital part in our service assembly at the Lancaster Wyndham. Let us know if you are available Friday or Saturday, November 10 and 11 by contacting our Alternate Delegate at:

alt-delegate@area59aa.org



Continuing Service Commitments in AA Alcoholics Anonymous District 38 Workshop



**"SERVICE ISN'T
SCARY!"**

**Come and
join us!**

An educational opportunity to learn about the inverted triangle of AA and how you can be a part of those service commitments.

Light breakfast, lunch, coffee & drinks provided
DOOR PRIZES -
Literature & Grapevine Subscriptions

SATURDAY OCT 28TH 10:00AM - 3:00 PM

**ST. TITUS R.C. CHURCH 3006 KEENWOOD ROAD EAST NORRITON, PA 19403
(HOME GROUP - 5TH CHAPTER HOSTING)**

****PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMED ATTENDEE****

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

Mike Q – unityasstdirector@aasepia.org

• **FOOD**

• **FUN**

• **FELLOWSHIP**

• **GAMES**

• **DOOR
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**



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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 to order online
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